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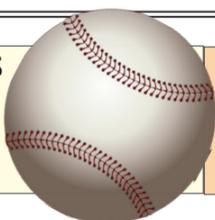
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Sue Quigley

Agog for Winston at the Oscars

It's Oscar time again. It's when the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences nominates various movies to compete for its most prestigious award of Best Picture.

It's also the time when all film celebrities, young and old, parade down the red carpet in their designer garb and ridiculously expensive jewelry (usually hired from Harry Winston) in a horribly long television program. Yawn, yawn.

I'm not agog for "Harry Winston," Jeweler to the Stars, even though there was plenty of Winston diamonds dripping from the necks, ears and arms of celebrities at the 90th annual Academy Awards ceremony this weekend — more than \$30 million worth of diamonds, according to Forbes Magazine.

My Winston is Winston Churchill. He was a British statesman, army officer, and writer, who served as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

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Local aspiring marine biologist to participate in 'Think Tank'

BY SARAH NACHIN
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

Like many young men his age, Nate Toler enjoys the outdoors. He likes kayaking, fishing and snorkeling. But for him these are not just enjoyable pastimes; they are the means to pursue a career in the marine science field.

The Springstead High School junior recently won an essay contest in which he described his future education and career plans in a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) related field. Nate

detailed his goal to become an aquaculturist - a Marine Biologist specializing in coral regrowth and transplant methods. His efforts garnered him a spot as Hernando County's delegate to the 2017-2018 Sunshine State Scholars program taking place in Orlando in May. Here he will be working with a select group of just one hundred students from across the state as part of a "think tank" addressing Florida's tough environmental challenges.

Nate took his first steps on See **THINK TANK**, page 7



Nate Toler with his "crabby" find.



Chaplin Vince Helverson plays the trumpet during the ceremony.

Four Chaplains

Community members remember the selfless acts of the chaplains lost aboard the USS Dorchester in 1943 in a Remembrance Service at Nativity Lutheran Church.

BY LISA MACNEIL
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

On Feb. 3, 1943, 676 souls were lost aboard the USS Dorchester. Among the perished were four chaplains, of four different faiths, who provided prayer and comfort to the men who would die at sea with them.

This past Sunday, a remembrance ceremony was held at the Nativity Lutheran Church in Weeki Wachee, led by members of the VFW Post 10209 Color Guard, American Legion Post 186, Central High School JROTC, and Hernando County Veterans' Services. Veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan were among community members attending to remember the lost chaplains.

Spiritual leaders representing each faith of the fallen chaplains told their individual stories.

Father Robert Swick told the story of the USS Dorchester, which was on its way to Iceland from Newfoundland. At some point, the vessel

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2016 Past Commander American Legion Post 186 Don Malin thanks Hernando County Community Chairperson Fran Finley for organizing The Four Chaplains Memorial Service held at Nativity Lutheran Church.



Front row left to right Dr. Sheldon Alter-Temple Beth David, Rev. Giuseppe Matti-Nativity Lutheran Church, Tony Graham-Hernando County Veteran's Service Representative, Don Malin-2016 Past Commander American Legion Post 186. Second row left to right: Rev. Greg Freeze-First United Methodist Church, Pastor Fr. Robert B. Swick-St. Francis of Assisi Mission, Chaplain Vince Helverson, Ed Sweeney-St. Vincent De Paul.



Left: Each Wooden Cross with a candle represents each of the Four Chaplains. The candle in the middle represents the 672 men who perished with them on Feb. 3, 1943.



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220 -acre brush fire deemed suspicious

By HERNANDO SUN STAFF

On the afternoon of March 2, 2018, around 2:30PM Hernando County Fire Rescue received reports of a brush fire in the area Kingbird Rd, a rural residential area of Hernando County. Two homes were already on fire and others were threatened. In addition to HCFR, the Florida Forest Service and Citrus County Fire Rescue responded to the scene to mitigate the 220 acre brush fire. Per the HCFR update at 9:30PM, the Kingbird fire was 100% contained, but was deemed suspicious in nature.

HCFR provided the following statement, "As a result of observations by HCFR crews who responded, the fire is deemed suspicious in origin. The fire is now currently under investigation by the Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement. The Kingbird Fire began in the area of Kingbird Rd. and Thrasher Ave. at approximately 2:30 p.m."

Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the identification and arrest of the unknown suspect(s) involved in this case. Anyone with any information regarding the identity of the suspect(s) and who wants to be eligible for a cash reward is asked to call the Hernando County Crime Stoppers at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477), report anonymously online by clicking here or send a mobile tip using the P3 Tips Mobile application, which is a free download for iPhones and Droids. Crime Stoppers must be contacted first in order to be eligible for a cash reward.



City council votes to pursue HCSO interlocal agreement for law enforcement

BY LISA MACNEIL
HERNANDO SUN STAFF
WRITER

Several Brooksville residents spoke before the agenda item was addressed at the March 5, 2018 meeting, urging the City Council to keep the Brooksville Police Department (BPD), rather than enter into an interlocal agreement with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) to provide law enforcement services.

The subject has been discussed at length recently, due to Brooksville's budget problems.

The official discussion was kicked off by Council Member Natalie Kahler at the Monday night meeting, who recounted the Feb. 28 events when staff at the Brooksville Engineering Science and Technology (BEST) Academy reported hearing gunshots. The BEST academy is in the county's jurisdiction, located near "some of our most dangerous streets," Kahler said.

Reading from the 911 transcript, Kahler reported that the call came in from BEST at 11:44 AM. At 12:01 PM, according to the dispatch report, the call was "stacked," meaning that a deputy was on a call, and needed to finish before responding to the school.

"For a school shooting, the average response time is twelve minutes," Kahler said. "We're already at fifteen. The officer has been assigned the call, but cannot come." The HCSO deputy arrived 33 minutes after the initial call to 911. At 12:22 PM, BPD was contacted to assist HCSO, and was on the scene in 76 seconds. Because Brooksville does not have a Mutual Aid Agreement, BPD cannot respond until requested by HCSO. According to BPD Captain Rick Hankins, because all law enforcement units knew of the 911 call, BPD officers drove to, and waited on Martin Luther King Drive, to await formal dispatch.

"I am not trying to create an emotional environ-

ment," Kahler said, "This is about facts, and what we're doing is choosing a level of service that we are OK with."

At 3:18 the same day, another 911 call was placed, reporting five gunshots. HCSO arrived in seven minutes, BPD arriving four minutes after they were dispatched.

Nothing in the report indicated that bullets were fired into the school, or that any students were harmed.

The next Council Member to speak on the issue was Joe Bernardini, who began by addressing the recent subject of ending the city's charter if the police department is disbanded. "I don't believe that. There are cities that don't have police departments, that don't have fire departments, that are still viable cities." Bernardini went on to say that the subject of disbanding the city has not been considered by the council, and has only been mentioned during citizen's comments. "I would never vote to disband the city."

It's been eight months since Brooksville's budget issues became a frequent meeting topic. In the beginning, Kahler suggested three remedies; raise taxes and/or fees (or create new ones), cut services, or be creative in how services are offered. Bernardini recounted the three possibilities, acknowledging that ad-valorem taxes have been raised. Fire assessments have also been increased. Increasing water and sewer rates will be up for a vote in the near future.

"Getting creative ... is where we're at now," said Bernardini. "I can't tell you I'd vote for a contract with the sheriff's department until I see the final contract." He went on to say he would not vote for a contract that did not protect current BPD employees, with the exception of command staff, who would be redundant at HCSO.

Mayor Betty Erhard told the community in attendance that their input and opinions are valued. "I agree with councilwoman Kahler, I never want to compromise public safety. However, as council people, we have a fiduciary responsibility to 8,000 citizens ... and 700 businesses, that we also have to look out for."

Erhard also reviewed her recommendations to restructure BPD in the last eight months, which included saving approximately \$58,000 by eliminating accreditation. Eliminating uniform allowances, and not filling vacancies were also among Erhard's suggestions to trim the BPD budget. She reported that BPD Chief George Turner was directed to "propose a savings ... for the Feb. 26 Workshop." Turner, however, was not present at the meeting.

City Manager Mark Kutney and Mayor Erhard took a look at the city of Bushnell, who disbanded their police department in 2012. According to Kutney, Bushnell's Financial Director and Interim City Manager Jodi Young reports that the city is thriving and is seeing more revenue. Kutney also said that there were also resident concerns (in 2012) about the change, but to date, no significant problems were reported. Jodi Young is a Brooksville resident.

Also addressing the "are we still a city" issue, Vice Mayor Robert Battista spoke about his visit with officials from Inverness and Crystal River. "They don't hang their head in shame," Battista said, of the two cities, who have not had their own police departments for at least ten years. In considering an interlocal agreement with HCSO, Battista said, "The process that we'd be willing to go along with, would be one that provides the same level of service, i.e. 'response times' that we

get from Brooksville PD inside the city limits."

Social media has been mentioned by more than one of the council members in the past few months, particularly regarding this subject. Battista said, "Social media has not been fair in this issue to all concerned." Battista reported that he's received several communications that "show that people are not being told the truth somewhere. It's either social media, or on the street," and encouraged the public to watch the recorded meetings online.

"We've gone through all the levels that we can to produce revenues, so we can take a good look at the future, and where we're going to be." Battista went on to say that according to correspondence so far, most BPD officers could be hired by HCSO, and Brooksville could see a savings of \$1.7 million. According to Battista, "Those monies could in reality lower our millage down below 5 ... and still have almost a million dollars for projects. That's very significant for this little city."

Council Member William Kemerer stated he is also not in the group who believes the city will be or should be dissolved, and believes it is indicative of the "frustration level of some citizens over how their tax dollars are being used."

A little over three hours into the four-hour meeting, the vote to pursue an interlocal agreement with HCSO passed 4-1, with Kahler being the dissenting vote. The Hernando Sun will continue to follow developments.

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Florida House debates amendments to school safety bill

BY BRENDAN FARRINGTON, TERRY SPENCER AND GARY FINEOUT, ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A proposal to arm some teachers and school employees proved particularly contentious Tuesday as Florida representatives debated amendments to a school safety bill.

House members spent nearly three hours asking questions about the legislation, which would put some restrictions on rifle sales, provide new mental health programs from schools and improve communication between school districts, law enforcement and state agencies.

The Feb. 14 massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Broward County left 17 dead. Students' anger at the availability of guns, access to weapons by the mentally ill and school safety spurred lawmakers to act.

The House spent more than five hours considering more than three-dozen Democratic filed amendments, all of which failed. The first would have stripped language from the bill that would

create a program to arm some teachers and school employees who have undergone law enforcement training. Several Democrats said they wouldn't vote for the bill if it included the so-called guardian program, which would put more guns in schools.

The amendment to strip out guardian language failed on 42-71 vote after more than an hour of a debate.

Rep. Carlos Guillermo Smith said polls show there's little support for arming teachers, yet overwhelming support for an assault rifle ban.

"So what do we have before us today? A proposal that arms teachers and does not ban military-style assault weapons," Smith said. "This is why people are so fed up with politics."

Several black lawmakers expressed concern that African-American students would be more likely to be accidentally shot by a school employee.

"This is a dangerous bill for people of color, particularly, I believe, young black and brown boys, young black and brown girls, black and brown teachers,

males and females. I think there will be some unintended consequences that are deadly and dangerous," Democratic Rep. Cynthia Stafford said.

Republican Rep. Elizabeth Porter lashed back at that idea.

"I've heard that all of a sudden the folks that have been proponents of teachers all these years are saying that teachers are now incompetent ... they're racist, they're bigoted, they're going to target black boys and brown boys. I don't think that's our teachers at all," Porter said.

Porter also criticized her colleagues who've said that lawmakers should listen to the Stoneman Douglas students who took buses to Tallahassee and lobbied for gun safety legislation.

"We've been told that we need to listen to the children and do what the children ask. Are there any children on this floor? Are there any children making laws? Do we allow the children to tell us that we should pass a law that says no homework?" Porter said. "No. The adults make the laws."

Families of the 17 people who

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HCSO ARREST SUMMARIES

The data provided is only arrest information. This data does not reflect charging decisions made by the State Attorney's Office or the outcome of criminal trials.

Rifling Through Her Mom's Room Trying to Locate Personal Papers when Confronted Started Throwing Things



PROBUS, SERINA MARIS
YOB: 1999
PIERCINGS: SEVEN PIERCINGS IN BOTH EARS
CHARGES: DOMESTIC BATTERY
Arrested on 02/28/2018 11:56 XXXX PEACH BLOOM RD, BROOKSVILLE
Arrest Summary: "On 02/28/2018, the defendant, Serina Maris Probus entered the victim, her mother, Adriana's bedroom in an attempt to locate personal papers which she believed to be in the room. Upon seeing the defendant in her room, the victim confronted her and a verbal argument ensued. The defendant then began to throw items at the victim and physically push the victim as well. The incident was witnessed by the defendant's sister, Alysa. When questioned in reference to the incident, the defendant denied ever throwing anything or pushing the victim. Based on the victim and witness statements being consistent, the defendant was taken into custody and charged with Domestic Battery, and transported to the Hernando County Jail where she was held on no bond. The defendant was given a court date of 03/21/2018 at 0900 hours in Courtroom B."



Called Ex Threatening To Break Into His House From His House
SCOTT, SUMMER ROSE
FRANCES
YOB: 1995
TATTOO: SUMMER
CHARGES: INJUNCTION/COURT ORDER VIOLATION
Arrested on 02/28/2018 17:19 XXXX COBBLESTONE DR, SPRING HILL
Arrest Summary: "On 02/28/2018, I responded to 3036 Dumas Avenue in reference to a violation of domestic violence order of protection. Upon arrival, contact was made with Anthony Cordaro, who advised on 02/27/2018, he received numerous texts from his ex and defendant, Summer Scott saying she was at this residence and going to break in. I did observe these text messages. It was confirmed the defendant is the respondent to said protection order 2017-1006DR, which was served on 06/06/2017, which states the defendant is to have no contact by any means with Anthony or come near his residence. Anthony stated his neighbor observed the defendant at his residence. I made contact with Floyd W, who provided a Sworn, Written Statement, saying he observed the defendant on Anthony's property and coming out from inside the residence while Anthony was not home. I made contact with the defendant, Summer S, who denied every being at Anthony's residence, nor did she provide a statement in this matter. I placed the defendant into custody and transported her to the Hernando County De-

and then choked her with both hands causing her to lose the ability to breath. The defendant also advised the victim elbowed her in her left eye. Fire Rescue responded and advised the defendant she appeared fine and did not need immediate medical treatment. I did not observe any marks or bruising to the defendants face, eyes, or neck. The defendant did have a small scratch the her left arm but could not remember how she got the injury. The victims injuries and the scene inside the living room are consistent with the statement he provided. While being taken into custody, the defendant turned to the victim and said, "I'm sorry." The victim and defendant have a child together and are currently residing together as a family unit making this



charge of battery domestic in nature. The defendant was placed under arrest and transported to the Hernando County Jail without incident and held on no bond. The defendant was provided a misdemeanor court date of 03/21/18 at 0900 hours, in courtroom B."

"Insisting for guests who were entering the Racetrac to take his money."

KIPPS, JACKIE EUGENE
YOB: 1963
CHARGES: DISORDERLY INTOXICATION, PROVIDING FALSE NAME/INFO TO LAW ENFORCEMENT
Arrested on 03/03/2018 21:56 9410 CORTEZ BLVD, SPRING HILL
Arrest Summary: "On 03/03/2018 at approximately 2121 hours, I responded to Racetrac located at 9410 Cortez Boulevard in Brooksville in reference to an intoxicated person. Upon arrival, contact was established with Jackie Eugene Kipps, the defendant. Upon contact with the defendant, I immediately smelled a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the defendant's breath. It should be noted that I also observed the defendant having difficulty walking and standing; the defendant also had slurred speech. The defendant admitted that he had been drinking. As I was standing with the defendant, the defendant yelled something unintelligible. I subsequently established contact with an employee at the Racetrac, who advised that the defendant, prior to law enforcement arrival, was screaming loudly at a customer. The witness advised that "he attracted the attention of other guests" and was insisting for guests who were entering the Racetrac to take his money. The defendant was subsequently arrested. The defendant then refused to provide his accurate address, stating that his address is "911". The defendant also provided a false social security number, which he advised is " ". Search incident to arrest, a half-empty bottle of whisky and another bottle of vodka was recovered from the defendant's backpack. The defendant was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center without further incident. The defendant shall be issued a \$1,000.00 bond for the charge of Providing False Name or Identification (F.S.S. 901.36(1)) and a \$500.00 bond for the charge



tion Center where she is being held on a no bond status for violation of domestic violence injunction."

After Being Accused of Cheating She Punched Him in the Face

SMITH, DANIELLE
STARSHA
YOB: 1990
CHARGES: DOMESTIC BATTERY
Arrested on 03/01/2018 05:30 xxxxx SATIN LEAF RUN, BROOKSVILLE
Arrest Summary: "The victim and the defendant were in a verbal altercation inside their residence located at xxxxx Satin Leaf Run, Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida. The victim accused the defendant of cheating which caused the defendant to get upset. The defendant punched a wall in the living room leaving an indentation. The defendant then knocked over a rack of DVDs. The defendant continued to get more upset and threatened to punch the victim. The victim said, "go ahead and punch me." The defendant then punched the victim in the face. I observed the victim to have a laceration to the right of his mouth. There was blood smeared from the laceration across the right side of the victims face to the bottom of his right ear. I also observed a small cut to the right side of the victims neck. The victim also had a scratch to the inside of his right arm he believes he obtained while putting his arms out to stop the defendant from striking him further. I observed the DVD rack in the living room to be knocked over. I also observed an indentation in the wall where the defendant admitted to punching it. The defendant alleges the victim became angered when she knocked over the DVD rack and then grabbed her, threw her onto the couch,



of Disorderly Intoxication (F.S.S. 877.03), in accordance with the bond schedule. The defendant's total bond shall be \$1,500.00. The defendant has been issued a misdemeanor court

date of 03/21/2018 at 0900 hours at the Hernando County Courthouse in Courtroom B."

"I don't remember how I got here," as well as "I drank 6-7 beers at a friend's house."

HAYES, BEAU AUSTIN
YOB: 1995
CHARGE: DUI .15 OR HIGHER OR WITH PERSON UNDER 18
Arrested on 03/04/2018 01:49 TREIMAN BLVD & ROUSSEAU ST, WEBSTER
Arrest Summary: "On March 4, 2018, while on routine patrol I located a gold Chevrolet truck on Rousseau St. stopped in the wrong lane of travel at Treiman Blvd. Upon approaching the vehicle I located the defendant (Beau Hayes) asleep in the driver's seat with the truck in "drive," his foot on the brake, and an open beer in the cup holder. I then opened the driver's door of the vehicle, reached inside, and placed the vehicle in the park position. This was done while the defendant continued to sleep. Once the vehicle was safely in park, I had to shake the defendant's shoulder and talk loudly to awaken him. Once awake the defendant stated, "I don't remember how I got here," as well as "I drank 6-7 beers at a friend's house." While speaking to the defendant he had a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his breath, he was unsteady on his feet, and he had bloodshot and watery eyes. Just before conducting field sobriety exercises the defendant stated that he was not sure if he could complete them and admitted to being too intoxicated to drive. A battery of field sobriety exercises was conducted on the defendant, which also



indicated impairment. Later two samples of the defendant's breath were taken and resulted in a B.A.C. of 0.150 and 0.158. The defendant was then placed under arrest for DUI and was transported to the Hernando County Jail without incident. The defendant was issued Florida DUI uniform traffic citation #1182XBC and was provided with a court date of 3/21/201 at 0900 hours in Courtroom B."

Spontaneously uttered; that he possessed multiple needles on his person that he utilizes for meth

KOWALSKI, JOSEPH
DAVID
YOB: 1980
TATTOO: STOMACH
CHARGE: POSS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, POSSESSION DRUG PARAPHERNALIA
Arrested on 03/05/2018 01:55 CALIFORNIA ST & NARROW ST, BROOKSVILLE
Arrest Summary: "On 03/05/2018 during proactive patrol in the area of California St in Hernando County, Florida. I observed a dark maroon in color Dodge Stratus bearing Florida tag: N004JJ, traveling south bound on California St, I observed the vehicle to have an inoperable rear license plate light making the tag ineligible from the required distance in violation of Florida State Statute 316.221. I continued to conduct a traffic stop on said vehicle at the intersection of California St and Narrow St. Contact was made with the driver of the vehicle. While interviewing the driver of the vehicle, the driver granted and expressed consent to a search of his person and the vehicle he was operating. I then asked the front seat passenger of the vehicle (defendant) to exit the vehicle due to conducting a vehicle search. The defendant expressed and granted consent to a search of his person, during the search the defendant spontaneously uttered; that he possessed multiple needles on his person that he utilizes for meth, at which time I

asked if he would retrieve said needles out of his pocket, the defendant then reached into his right pants pocket and retrieved a hypodermic needle which consisted of a clear substance residue consistent with Methamphetamine residue. During the search another hypodermic needle was also located along with a blue straw with a crystal like substance residue also consistent with Methamphetamine, a silver spoon which contained crystal like substance residue was also discovered at this time. As I continued to search the defendant I discovered a clear plastic baggie which contained a crystal like substance consistent with Methamphetamine inside of his carton of "305" cigarettes which were located in his left pants pocket. A field test via NARCO KIT 923 revealed the 1.4 grams of the crystal like substance inside of the clear plastic baggie to have positive results for Methamphetamine content. (Said substance was weighed using OHAUS scale, model: C305-S serial no. 47871) The aforementioned contraband was also field tested using NARCO KIT 923, which re-



vealed the two needles, silver spoon and blue plastic straw to have positive results for Methamphetamine content. Post Miranda the defendant advised the crystal like substance was Methamphetamine and stated all the aforementioned objects that were on his person pertained to him. The defendant placed into custody and transported to the Hernando County Jail and charged accordingly. The defendant is being held on a \$3,000 bond per the bond schedule."

Sent a picture of Missing Glasses to Victim, But Refused to Return Them

COOK, JESSICA LEA
YOB: 1990
CHARGE: GRAND THEFT
Arrested on 03/05/2018 13:26 XXXX WEST ST, BROOKSVILLE
Arrest Summary: "On 03/05/2018, in Hernando County, Florida, the defendant did: Unlawfully and knowingly obtain, use or endeavor to obtain or use the property of Kelly P. to-wit: prescription glasses, of the value of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or more, but less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00), with the intent to either temporarily or permanently deprive the victim of a right to the property or a benefit thereof, or did appropriate the said property to her own use or the use of any person not entitled thereto, in violation of Florida Statutes 812.014(1) and 812.014(2)(c)1; Kelly advised that she left her \$800 black prescription glasses at 9708 West St Brooksville, FL. Kelly advised that she dropped her niece off at this location last night and forgot her glasses. Kelly

advised she made contact with the defendant, Jessica Cook, who sent her a picture of her glasses but advised that she was not going to give them back. Kelly then called law enforcement to help retrieve her glasses. Contact was made with the defendant who advised that she did not have the glasses and the glasses that she sent a picture of were her friend's glasses. The defendant would not disclose the friend's name to law enforcement. Due to the photo taken and sent to Kelly in which she could positively identify, the defendant was taken into custody and read Miranda, to which she understood and waived in an effort to help the investigation. The defendant advised that she had a photo on her phone that she took that would show that she did not have the glasses at the residence. Upon showing the photo on her phone it was determined that the photo was taken a few minutes before the call to law enforcement was originated. Once in my patrol vehicle I advised the defendant that the charge for her alleged crime was a felony. The defendant then stated that she did have the glasses and she had put them in a nearby trash can. In an effort to return the glasses, the defendant directed me to the trash can to where she advised she placed the glasses. A search of the trash can yielded negative results for Kelly's glasses. Due to the photo image sent by the defendant to Kelly and the omission from the defendant that she had the glasses, the defendant was taken in to custody for one count of Grand Theft. The defendant was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center without incident. The defendant was given a court date of 04/13/2018 at 0900 hours, and is being held on a \$2,000 bond."

Beating on the window of Checkers, asking them to call 911 because her boyfriend was "abusing" her

LEWIS, JOEL SCOTT
YOB: 1980
TATTOO: GIANT DIAMOND TATTOO BETWEEN EYES
CHARGE: DOMESTIC BATTERY
Arrested on 03/02/2018 01:55 4232 COMMERCIAL WAY, SPRING HILL
Arrest Summary: "On 03/02/2018, I responded to Checkers located at 4232 Commercial Way in Spring Hill, Hernando County, Florida in reference to a physical disturbance, later reclassified to a battery. Upon arrival, contact was made with the defendant, Joel Lewis, and the victim, Christina D. The defendant advised "nothing happened" and the victim advised that they were just arguing and the defendant "tried to get me into the car." The victim refused to give any more information. Contact was also made with two witnesses, Tyla J and Vickie W. Both of the witnesses advised that the victim was beating on the window of Checkers, asking them to call 911 because her boyfriend was "abusing" her. Both witnesses advised they then observed the defendant grab on to the victim's shirt collar and pulled

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FLORIDA MAN

Police: Florida man pointed 2 guns during road rage incident

BUTLER BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Authorities say a Florida restaurant manager has been arrested after pointing two guns at a man in apparent road rage incident. WJXT-TV cites a St. Johns County Sheriff's Office arrest report saying 56-year-old Britt Meyer got into an argument Friday afternoon in the restaurant's parking lot. Katelin Daugherty says Meyer pointed a pistol and an AR-15 at her husband, Jamie, after she and her family pulled into the lot to make a U-turn. Daugherty says their children were in the car. Deputies say they found the loaded rifle inside the restaurant with 30 rounds in the magazine. Meyer was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill. He was released from jail after posting \$5,000 bond. It is unclear if he has a lawyer.

Information from: WJXT-TV, <http://www.news-4jax.com/index.html>

Lawmakers will need overtime on budget

By Christine Sexton, Lloyd Dunkelberger

NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE --- Florida lawmakers will need to go into overtime because of an impasse about hospital spending in final negotiations over a new state budget.

House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, told House members Tuesday night that lawmakers will have to extend the session, scheduled to end Friday, or hold a special session.

"Make preparations because that's kind of where we are headed," Corcoran said after a day of behind-the-scenes negotiations with the Senate.

Corcoran said a "best-case scenario" would be finishing the session Saturday. But he also said it was possible the session would be extended to Monday or that Gov. Rick Scott could call a special session that might start as soon as Monday.

It will mark the second year in a row that the Legislature was unable to complete its annual session in the allotted 60 days.

Last year, lawmakers extended the session for three days to vote on the budget and then had to return for a special session after Scott vetoed the public-school portion of the budget, which he deemed inadequate.

Corcoran did not detail the reasons for being unable to reach agreement.

But earlier, Senate Appropriations Chairman Rob Bradley, R-Fleming Island, said the House and Senate were continuing to negotiate payments to Florida's hospitals.

At least part of the issue involves whether to scrap a long-standing payment

system for a new system that would increase base Medicaid rates paid to every hospital, regardless of Medicaid patient load.

Late Tuesday morning, Bradley said it was "too early to tell" whether lawmakers would be able to reach agreement on an \$87 billion-plus spending plan by midnight. Meeting the deadline would have given lawmakers enough time to adhere to a mandated 72-hour cooling-off period before a final budget vote on Friday, the last scheduled day of the 2018 session.

But when Corcoran spoke to House members about 8:15 p.m., he made clear the budget wouldn't be done in time.

The House's proposed spending plan for hospitals in the upcoming year is essentially a continuation of the current year's budget. But the Senate has proposed redistributing \$318 million in Medicaid "automatic rate enhancements" currently paid to 28 hospitals with large Medicaid caseloads and use it to increase the rates paid for all hospitals.

The Senate budget also includes \$50 million to offset the recurring effect of the current year's budget cuts on hospitals. The Senate plan has been endorsed by some rural hospitals that say the additional \$50 million in the Senate plan is what they need.

But the Senate proposal would reduce Medicaid payments to Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami by as much as \$58 million and Orlando Health by nearly \$9 million. House Appropriations Chairman Carlos Trujillo, R-Miami, said the House would not let safety-net facilities such as those face steep reductions.

HCA Healthcare, a for-profit chain that owns 43 facilities in the state,

could see nearly \$40.5 million in Medicaid increases under the Senate plan. Tenet, which owns nine hospitals in Florida, would see a nearly \$4 million increase in Medicaid payments under the Senate plan, and Community Health Systems, which owns 23 hospitals in Florida, would see as much as a \$7.7 million bump in Medicaid payments.

The Senate budget also includes an additional \$130 million increase in Medicaid payments for nursing homes that aren't included in the House budget.

Bradley said Tuesday that once the chambers agree on the hospital spending they will discuss nursing homes.

Negotiations have been completed on a \$21 billion public school budget and a \$7.9 billion budget for state universities and colleges, including financial aid, Bradley said. But as of Tuesday evening, lawmakers had not released the details of the agreement.

Based on earlier public negotiations, lawmakers will not increase state performance funding for universities and state colleges. That funding would remain at \$245 million for the universities and \$30 million for the 28 state colleges.

Senate President Joe Negron, R-Stuart, said Monday night he expects the university system to receive an additional \$20 million that would be shared by schools that have reached "pre-eminent" status, including the University of Florida and Florida State University. The University of South Florida is also expected to achieve that status in the coming year and would share those funds.

Negron also said he expects a \$20 million increase in the "world

class" program, which is money shared by all the universities to attract top-level professors and researchers. Another \$10 million increase would go to rewarding high-performing medical, law and professional schools.

In the public-school system, lawmakers have agreed to roughly a \$500 million increase in the funding formula for the 67 school districts, which should yield a per-student increase in the range of \$100 in the new academic year.

School funding was impacted by the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, with lawmakers agreeing to spend an additional \$400 million on school-safety and mental-health initiatives.

School-safety legislation (SB 7026) debated Tuesday in the House includes a \$97.5 million increase for the "safe schools" program in the funding formula. It would boost the program, which helps the 67 school districts hire school resources officers, to \$162 million in the 2018-2019 academic year.

The legislation also would provide \$67 million to the school districts in a new mental-health category in the funding formula.

But one of the impacts of shifting more state funding to school safety may be Gov. Rick Scott's call for an \$18 million increase in funding to help teachers buy classroom supplies. The increase sought by Scott would have boosted the annual support to \$350 for each teacher, although it appears the program is likely to remain at its current level of \$45.3 million, which provides \$250 a year.

2040 Comprehensive Plan transmitted to the state

By HERNANDO SUN STAFF

On Tuesday March 6, 2018 the Board of County Commissioners approved transmitting the draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan to the state and designated review agencies for comment. The Comprehensive Plan provides guidelines for how a county grows and develops over a number of years.

Commissioners had delayed sending the document to the state in order to give the Hernando County Business Alliance an opportunity to work with the county and school district on specific changes to some of the elements. They recommended quite a few changes to the public school facilities element, dealing with capacity determination.

Commissioner Allocco stated, "Thank you all for the way you've worked together and the input from all the rest of the board on this. Again it's not going to be perfect.

There's always going to be complaints and changes that will have to be made, but I appreciate you working with us, Ron (Assistant County Administrator Ron Pianta) and Omar (County Planner Omar De Pablo) and those of you who are regulars who have emailed and called... It's too big of a document for each one of us to have gotten through it on our own."

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Lawmakers pass controversial education changes

BY LLOYD DUNKELBERGER FLORIDA NEWS SERVICE

TALLAHASSEE --- More sweeping changes are headed toward Florida's public schools, including the use of sales-tax credits to help students attend private schools.

In a 20-17 vote Monday, the Senate backed a bill (HB 7055) that has been a top priority of House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, and includes dozens of changes for the state's 67 school districts. Hours later, the House gave final approval in a 74-39 vote, sending the measure to Gov. Rick Scott.

Corcoran came onto the House floor after the final vote, hugging some of his top lieutenants in celebration.

House leaders have pushed the bill to expand school choice, including the promotion of charter schools and the use of publicly funded vouchers to send students to private schools.

The most significant change may be the addition of two new voucher-like programs that would be funded by sales-tax credits. Previously, such programs relied on corporate income-tax credits and general revenue.

One measure would provide "hope scholarships," which would offer aid for public-school students who are bullied or otherwise face harassment to transfer to private schools. The program could provide up to \$40 million in scholarships annually. It would be funded by motorists who designate up to \$105 that they would otherwise pay in sales taxes on vehicle purchases.

Another new voucher program would bolster the existing Gardiner scholarships, which provide aid to disabled students, and could be used to expand the longstanding Florida Tax Credit Scholarship

Program.

The program would be funded by allowing businesses and others who lease commercial property to designate to the scholarship programs the sales taxes paid on the leases. It would be capped at \$57.5 million per year.

A third new voucher program would provide reading scholarships, which can be used for private services like tutoring, for struggling readers in the third through fifth grades. It would be funded with \$9.7 million in general revenue.

The voucher expansion drew strong opposition from Democrats, with 13 of the 15 Senate Democrats voting against the bill.

"Why are we expanding these vouchers, while we're starving our public schools? It's insanity. And it's patently unfair," said Sen. Gary Farmer, D-Fort Lauderdale.

Sen. Kathleen Passidomo, a Naples Republican who oversees public school funding in the Senate, rejected the argument that lawmakers were short-changing the public-system, noting lawmakers are moving toward agreement on a new state budget that would provide \$21 billion for the schools.

"That's a huge amount of dollars. We are not starving the schools. We are doing the best we can for our educational system," she said.

Passidomo also defended the new hope scholarships, saying the program would help students who are bullied in school.

"Why not let them move? Why not give them a fresh start?" she asked.

Sen. Tom Lee, R-Thonotosassa, renewed his opposition to a provision in the bill that could force teachers' unions to disband if their membership falls below 50 percent of the employees they represent in the collective-bargaining process.

He said the measure,

which is aimed specifically at "instructional personnel," would "slap the teachers of Florida in the face."

Lee, a former Senate president, also urged senators to "stand up for the sovereignty" of the Senate and reject the measure.

Sen. Kelli Stargel, R-Lakeland, rejected the notion that the bill was largely the work of House leaders, noting the numerous provisions from the Senate that would provide more educational "flexibility" to students and their families, including the hope scholarships.

"That's the core of educational choice," Stargel said. "This is not something that is being forced upon me. I don't in any way feel bullied by the House."

In the Senate, four Republicans, Lee, Dana Young of Tampa, Denise Grimsley of Sebring and Dorothy Hukill of Port Orange, joined 13 Democrats in opposing the bill.

Sen. Bill Montford, D-Tallahassee, joined 19 Republicans in supporting it.

Sen. Daphne Campbell, D-Miami, did not vote.

The bill had to go back to the House for a final vote because of some changes made by the Senate. But the Republican-dominated House approved it after rejecting two Democratic amendments.

Other provisions in the bill include:

--- Requiring schools to prominently display the state motto, "In God We Trust."

--- Overhauling rules governing charter schools, including raising evidentiary standards used by school boards in terminating charter contracts.

--- Allowing charter schools the same access to surplus property as traditional public schools.

--- Providing more flexibility in construction stan-

dards for school projects.

--- Lifting a requirement that home-school students provide their own instructional material when they participate in "dual enrollment" programs at state colleges or other institutions.

--- Exempting students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Broward County from taking statewide assessments this year and retaining the school's "A" rating. A mass shooting last month at the school killed 17 people.

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Commissioners send CEMEX comp plan amendment to state agencies

BY JULIE B. MAGLIO
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

The Board of County Commissioners heard a lengthy series of CEMEX expert witnesses in support of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment from a Residential and Regional Commercial Overlay to Mining and Commercial on a 730 acre tract of land across the street from Bayfront Hospital on Cortez Blvd in Brooksville. More specifically, a 573 acre portion of land is proposed for mining designation and a 156 acre tract along Cortez is proposed for commercial designation.

Along with expert testimony, there were letters from Bayfront Health CEO Kenneth Wicker and Gina Hall, President of the management group for the Historic Spring Hill cemetery, Spring Hill African American Cemetery Trust, Inc. In a nutshell both letters state that the vibrations would not be problematic for their operations and they will not be negatively affected if they are notified of upcoming blasts, which CEMEX has agreed to. Following the applicant's expert testimony, the Board heard rebuttal from attorney Jane West on behalf of the Nature Coast Conservation group. Following her presentation was citizen comment, in which many citizens expressed their disapproval of the comp plan amendment, while some spoke in favor of it. Commissioners decided to transmit the application to the state in a 5-0 vote to approve with 9 conditions set by staff.

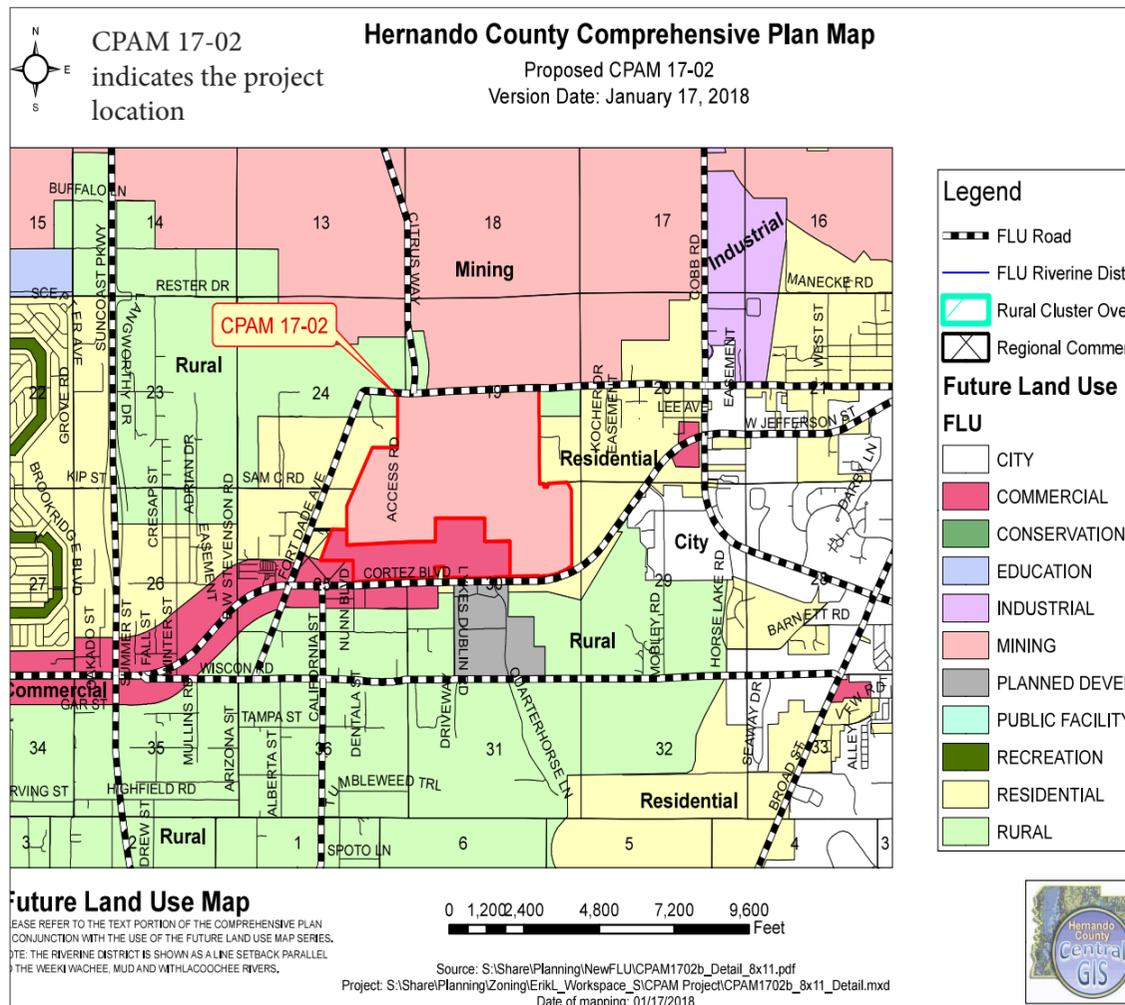
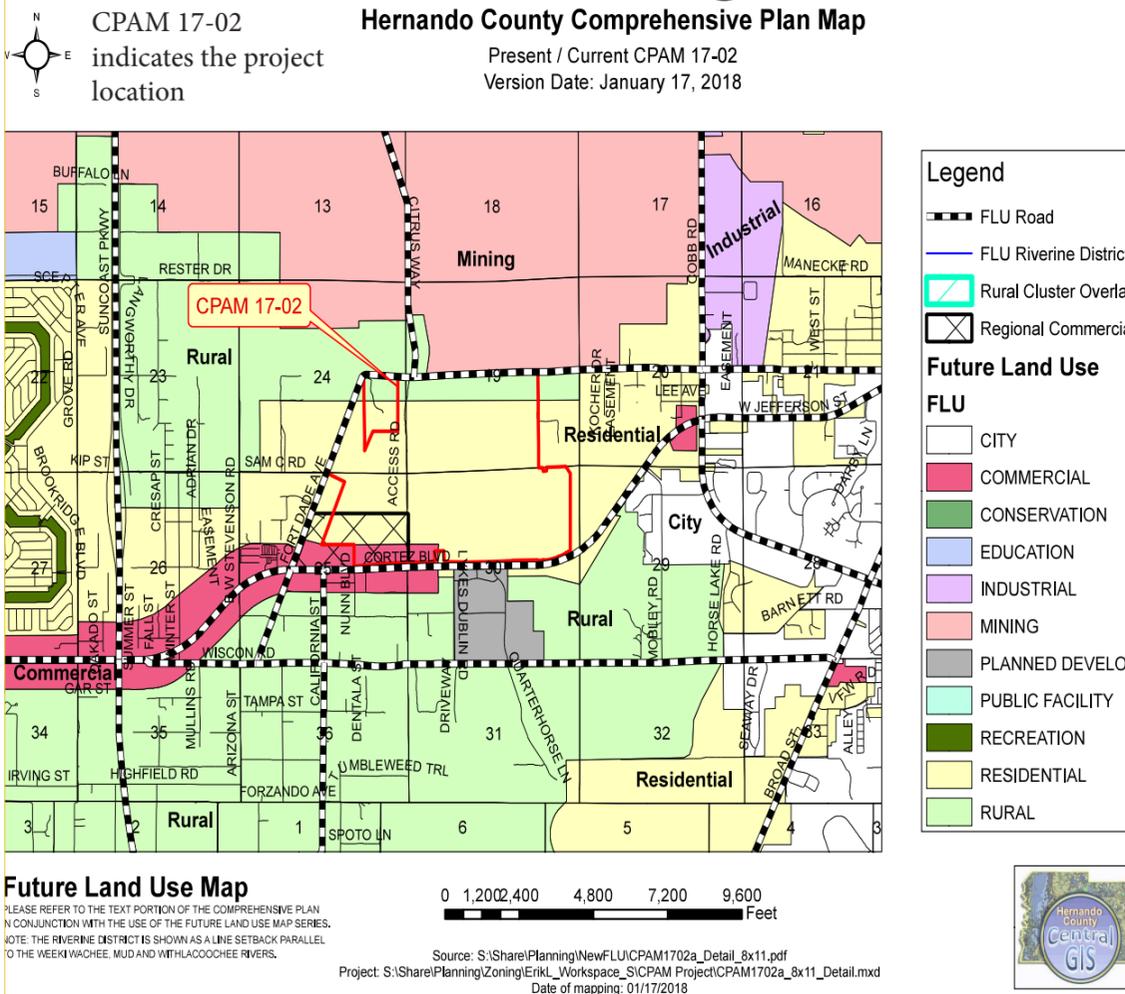
CEMEX is essentially back to where they were in December of 2014, but perhaps they are in a better position since the board is in general more favorable to the project. Now the Florida Department of Environmental Protection will evaluate the Comprehensive Plan Amendment along with other state agencies such as Southwest Florida Water Management District, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and the Florida Department of Transportation. The last time around, the state agencies did not turn up any major issues and the project returned to the commission where it rested on them for final approval under a certain

time limit. Ultimately CEMEX withdrew their application because they lacked a supermajority on the commission for approval. The current commission has removed the supermajority requirement for comprehensive plan amendments and with a unanimous vote to transmit the application to the state, the applicant is sitting pretty.

Mark Stephens of the Colinas Group, a licensed professional geologist and engineer with 40 plus years of experience, presented information in regards to likelihood of well water and groundwater depletion due to the mining activities. He explained that mining will be done at least 8 feet above groundwater level using track excavators. He pointed out that there is no dewatering in the operation. After mining, 8 feet of soil will be placed on mine floor. His presentation stated, "Rock has been excavated for nearly 100 years at the Brooksville Mine. Groundwater has been monitored for several decades. The data show the excavation activities will not impact groundwater levels or quality."

Jeffrey Straw Vice President Area Manager of GeoSonics spoke about the explosives which will be used to blast at the site. His expertise he said is in ground vibration measurement instrumentation analysis and he has been in the field for forty years. Referring to blasting, he stated, "It's necessary because of the nature of the rock," specifying rock hardness. He said that it isn't everywhere on the site but it will need to be broken. The controlled commercial explosives are placed into existing cracks for excavations. He remarked that in 2005-2006 CEMEX began using mechanical excavators to reduce blasting. He said that the blast detonates in a millisecond. New permitting will be required to blast and seismographs will be placed by an independent firm throughout the site to monitor and will send the data to the state fire marshal and the property owner.

Lee Walton with Flatwoods Consulting Group reviewed the endangered or threatened wildlife species found on the property which included a little



blue heron and 54 gopher tortoise burrows. In his presentation, he stated, "Prior to mining, CEMEX will obtain a Conservation Permit from the FWC and relocate gopher tortoises out of harm's way." In regards to the little blue heron, "The Bronson Extension lacks suitable nesting habitat and does not support a viable population of little blue herons. Little blue heron

will not be impacted by the proposed quarry and no permits are required by the FWC." Steve Schriever with Fishkind & Associates Inc. spoke on the economic impact of CEMEX on Hernando County and gave the following statistics: Fiscal & Economic Benefits of CEMEX to Hernando County

- \$38.0 million total fiscal benefit to Her-

nando County over 20 years.

- \$38.6 million in property tax payments to the Hernando County BOCC over the next 20 years.
- \$34.0 million in property taxes for schools over the next 20-years.
- CEMEX's direct economic output for Hernando County: - \$55.6 million per year with wages of \$11.3 million from 290 jobs.

- CEMEX's total economic output for Hernando County: - \$69.2 million per year with wages of \$14.6 million from 397 jobs.

Dr. Christopher Teaf a toxicologist with the University of Florida explained that two categories of small airborne particles have been studied (PM2.5 and PM10) at the three

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were killed called on the state's Legislature to pass a bill they believe will improve school security. The Senate narrowly passed the bill Monday. The House will vote on it Wednesday. The Legislature is scheduled to adjourn Friday.

Local sheriffs are warning that Florida legislators are not setting aside enough money to ensure every school will have its own resource officer.

The Florida Sheriffs Association sent a letter Tuesday to Gov. Rick Scott and legislative leaders that said setting aside enough money to pay for enough school resource officers is their "top priority."

Right now the Republican-controlled Legislature has crafted a bill that would set aside about

\$162 million to pay for school resource officers, a boost of \$97 million over current amounts. Their bill includes \$67 million to be used by sheriffs to set up a program to train and arm school employees. Scott last month recommended that legislators spend \$250 million.

Pinellas Sheriff Bob Gualtieri said that it costs about \$100,000 on average to hire and equip a law-enforcement officer, and Florida has about 3,800 schools.

"The reality is if we are going to put uniform law enforcement officer on every campus, it's got to be paid for," Gualtieri said. "I think there is clearly a citizen desire and expectation to do that. You can't meet that desire and expectation without the money to do it."

Meanwhile, prose-

cutors and lawyers for the victims are going to court to handle the aftermath of the Valentine's Day massacre.

Grand jurors met Tuesday and heard evidence against Nikolas Cruz, the 19-year-old former student who authorities say killed 17 people and injured more than a dozen others when he fired an AR-15 assault-style rifle inside the school.

And grievously injured student Anthony Borges, 15, and his family filed a letter of intent to sue the Broward County Sheriff's Office, the school resource officer, the school system and Marjory Stoneman Douglas' principal to help recover the costs of his recuperation.



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locations surrounding the quarry for the past 17 years. He explained the PM2.5 has always been at health based levels. He also stated that silica and asbestos do not pose health risks for this project.

Attorney Jane West on behalf of Nature Coast Conservation argued that the property provides an extremely valuable residential overlay that will be needed sooner than after the 20 year mining project is complete.

"Twenty years, that's an entire generation of where this land will not be able to be touched by a single young family that wants to move to this area and be right in the heart of it. This is going to be off the books," she said.

West presented an affidavit letter from Noah Kugler, a licensed pro-

fessional geologist of H2O GeoSolutions LLC stating that a decline in water levels in the mine area could lower levels in nearby wells and water quality south of the mine is likely to be impacted.

Commissioner Al-locco pointed out that the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) would have the ability to stop progress on this project if they felt it jeopardized water quality or quantity. Chairman Champion criticized the expert's affidavit as unprofessional and stated that the applicant's expert has 40 years of experience while Kugler only has what appears to be 10 years.

Attorney West stated that reclamation plans are required by county ordinance 78-6 along with surety bonds. "We don't have any evidence of surety bond being posted," she remarked.

Holcomb said that the county doesn't own the land, a group of citizens owns it. "We don't get to tell them you should do this or you should do that. It's their land."

To this West replied, "That is exactly what you're supposed to do as a government official. Your responsibility as uncomfortable as it may be is to plan for the future orderly growth of your county. And that was done very intelligently when there was a residential overlay put on this parcel. Let them do whatever they want to do within the confines of the FLUM designation and the zoning that exists on the parcel today."

In regards to the Private Property Rights Bert J. Harris Act, she stated, "I see with dismay commissioners being forced to vote out of fear of litigation for a property rights taking." She explained that the Harris Act only would

award money for a regulation that "unfairly affects real property." She said if the county was forcing the applicant to give up the residential entitlements and go back to mining then that may pose a risk for a Bert Harris claim.

"From a land use perspective, it is strong enough to constitute a determination that there is not competent and substantial evidence to show compatibility with surrounding land uses. And on that basis alone you can deny this transmittal," stated Attorney West.

Chairman Champion was impressed with the experience and thoroughness of the applicant's experts and felt that many of the arguments against the project did not contain enough data and was based on emotion. "I know from personal experience that they (CEMEX) are good stewards of the county.

They are good neighbors. They do provide great jobs."

Commissioners approved the transmittal to the state 5-0, with 9 criteria to be considered as part of the comprehensive plan summarized as follows:

- Blasting techniques to minimize impacts
- Good Neighbor Policy to address potential damage as a result of mining activities
- Provide a right of way to county for a California Street to Citrus Way corridor
- When mining ends, provide transportation corridor from Fort Dade Ave to SR 50.
- Minimum of 200

foot setback and buffer between mining property line and historic cemetery

• Minimum 400 foot setback to nearest mining area adjacent to SR 50.

• Protection of the Fort Dade tree canopy

• Conservation easement to compensate for loss of viable wildlife habitat

• The mining reclamation plan shall be designed in a manner that allows for the long-term end use and redevelopment of the property as a viable mixed-use community.

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Florida Folklife Program Seeks Master Artists and Apprentices

TALLAHASSEE—Secretary of State Ken Detzner announced today that the Florida Department of State is seeking applications for the 2018-2019 Florida Folklife Apprenticeship Program. Expert practitioners of traditional art forms and persons with a strong commitment to learning and preserving folk and traditional arts are encouraged to apply.

"For generations, traditional arts have been shared through one-on-one apprenticeship," said Secretary Detzner. "The Florida Folklife Apprenticeship Program fosters that traditional process of learning that is vital to ensuring the preservation of Florida's dynamic cultural heritage."

The Florida Folklife Apprenticeship Program creates opportunities for qualified apprentices to study traditional arts with recognized master artists. Traditional arts are expressions of shared community identity that reflect the values and aesthetics of the groups that practice them. Since 1984, the program has supported over 185 apprenticeships in a variety

of Florida living traditions including performing arts like Irish fiddling and Spanish flamenco, crafts such as Seminole patchwork and Hungarian embroidery, occupational arts such as surfboard making and cow-whip making, and ceremonial arts such as hymn lining and Afro-Cuban batá drumming.

The application deadline is May 15, 2018. Interested masters and apprentices must apply as a team by submitting the joint application to the Florida Folklife Program. The Florida Folklife Council will review applications and recommend apprenticeship teams to the Secretary of State for approval. Final decisions will be announced by August. The program provides a stipend and funds for supplies.

Interested applicants should contact State Folklorist Amanda Hardeman by calling 850.245.6427 or 800.847.PAST. Program guidelines and applications can be found at flheritage.com/preservation/folklife/apprenticeship.

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Master Norteño accordionist Tomas Granado with apprentice Javier Jimenez. Photo by Amanda Hardeman.

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3/13/2018 10AM - 12PM Registration is open Learn to save, organize, find, edit and delete your computer files.
Storytime - BV
3/13/2018 10:30 AM - 11AM Stories, songs, and more in a storytime program designed for children between 18 months - 5 years old.

March 13

Electronic Images from the Internet - WH
3/13/2018 12:15 - 1:15 PM Registration is open Getting images from the Internet is easy!
Library Advisory Committee - EH
3/13/2018 1:00 - 3 PM Mission Statement: The Hernando County Library Advisory Committee's Mission is to review and recommend policies, procedures, and initiatives of the Library Director and staff in order to promote and foster broad-based citizen use of library facilities, participation in library services and programs, and access to library materials. The Library Advisory Committee is the people's voice on matters pertaining to the Hernando County Public Library System. All meetings are open to the public and the people's input is welcomed.
Choose to Quit - SH
3/13/2018 2 PM - 4PM Get the tools you need to quit smoking now with this 2 hour tobacco cessation course. The course includes a one month supply of nicotine replacement patches, lozenges, or gum (participant's choice) absolutely free!
Essential Oils 101 - WH
3/13/2018 3 - 4PM Are you interested in essential oils but are not sure where to start? Please join us for this introductory class.
Score Workshop - How to Really Start Your Own Business - SH
3/13/2018 5 - 6:45 PM Intro-

duction and overview of key issues related to starting your own business. Start your business on the right foot. You will learn how to structure your business, develop a business plan, and understand how to manage cash flow. Walk away with a checklist for success.
Ukulele Beginner Strum and Sing - EH
3/13/2018 5 - 7 PM Join other beginning ukulele players for some laid-back strumming and singing. All ages and levels welcome.

March 14

Working with Computer Files - SH
3/14/2018 10AM - 12PM Registration is open Learn to save, organize, find, edit and delete your computer files.
Writing Your Life Stories - WH
3/14/2018 10:15 - 11:45 AM Registration is open "When writing the story of your life, never let anyone else hold the pen." Don't allow those irreplaceable personal & family stories to be lost. Come join us - for an informal, enjoyable experience! In Writing Your Life Stories, we provide you with the opportunity to get started right away on your writing, through the use of "writing prompts" & a short time to write, followed by sharing of our writing, if you choose to share. Each meeting, we provide helpful resources & tips for inspiration, and members discuss what is working for them.. Though we encourage writing by hand, you may bring a laptop if you prefer. Please ensure it is fully charged.
Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program - SH
3/14/2018 10:30 AM - 12PM Topic: You're in Florida Now, presented by Nila Gates
Storytime - EH
3/14/2018 10:30 - 11AM Stories, songs, and more in a

storytime program designed for children between 18 months - 5 years old.
Financial Management Series - EH
3/14/2018 2 - 4PM This month's topic: Credit Use
Coding for Kids - WH
3/14/2018 4:30 - 5:30 PM Registration is open Kids, come join us and learn how to program and code. Each month, we'll go over basic programming and coding skills and then put them to the test using Scratch. Whether you have experience or not, all kids are welcome!

March 15

Baby Storytime - BV
3/15/2018 10 - 11AM A storytime featuring stories, bounce rhymes, songs and more just for babies and their caregivers.
Working with Computer Files - EH
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Toddler Storytime - SH
3/15/2018 10:30 - 11 AM Storytime time for toddlers featuring stories, songs, and fingerplays.
Book Discussion Group - BV
3/15/2018 11AM - 12:30 PM March 15 - Year of Wonders: a Novel of the Plague by Geraldine Brooks
Preschool Storytime - SH
3/15/2018 11:15 AM - 12 PM Stories, songs, fingerplays, and much more designed for children between the ages of 3-5.
Book Discussion Group - WH
3/15/2018 2- 3:30 PM March 15—Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate
Girls Who Code - SH
3/15/2018 5 - 6PM Registration is open Girls! Come to the library to learn about the exciting world of computer coding. No experience necessary.

Ukulele Beginner Strum and Sing - WH
3/15/2018 5- 6:30 PM

March 16

Baby Storytime - WH
3/16/2018 10 - 10:30 AM Registration is open A Storytime featuring stories, bounce rhymes, songs, and more just for babies and their parents!
VITA - SH
3/16/2018 10 AM - 1PM Volunteer Income Tax Assistance - by appt. only
Toddler Storytime - WH
3/16/2018 10:30 - 11AM Storytime time for toddlers featuring stories, songs, and fingerplays.
Preschool Storytime - WH

3/16/2018 11:15 - 11:45 AM Stories, songs, fingerplays, and much more designed for children between the ages of 3-5.
SHINE - EH (individual counseling by appt. only)
3/16/2018 12 - 2 PM Free Medicare and Health Insurance Counseling and Information during open enrollment period. By appointment only. Call 352-593-0705 for more information.
Signing for Everyday Living - SH
3/16/2018 1 - 2:30 PM SEFL is a crash course in basic ASL for learners at any skill level.

CryptoQuote answer on page 15

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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THINK TANK
from front page

his career path when he was just a toddler. His mother Denise, a STEM teacher at Challenger K-8 school describes how this happened.

"We took him to see Finding Nemo when he was about 2½ and he immediately started asking if he could have a clownfish. I told him that he would have to learn about how to take care of them and everything."

As soon as Nate was old enough, he started reading and doing a lot of research about clownfish. Eventually his parents bought him a 12-gallon starter saltwater tank and several fish. In first grade, Nate's science project on how clownfish react to light earned him first prize in the school science fair. He went on to compete in science fairs each year and in seventh grade made it to the state level with his project on formulating a special type of fish food.

As he grew older, his mother and his father, Bill, who is a coach and teacher at Challenger K-8 school encouraged his passion. They even went so far as to drive him to Mote Marine Aquarium (two-hours away) every Saturday for a whole school year when he was fifteen so that he could volunteer there.

Nate explains enthusiastically why he is so passionate about this subject and why he wants to devote his life to marine biology.

"The ocean and nature,



Nate Toler with his father, Bill.

in general, is where I feel most myself, most at peace. To me, nature is art. The reason I find nature so peaceful stems from this idea that it isn't trying to impress me and yet it never fails to. Nature is poetry in motion, shaped by the laws of science and brought about by the pen strokes of probability. Sometimes, the closest one can be to regaining the harmony we once had with nature is immersing oneself in the ocean in an attempt to appreciate that everything going on around you does not owe you anything, so you just have to go with the flow... literally."

Nate's biggest love in Marine Biology is corals. His goal is to work on propagating coral reefs off the coast of Florida. After finishing his Bachelor's degree, he plans to earn a Masters at Duke Uni-

versity and ultimately secure a position at Mote Marine Laboratory's Elizabeth Moore International Center for Coral Reef Research and Restoration on Summerland Key in the Florida Keys.

Besides his parents who, in his words, "allowed me to set up fish tanks through the house," Nate credits quite a few teachers with encouraging him in his studies.

"I attribute my successes to the support of my middle school science teachers. Mrs. Dill and Mrs. Doulk pushed me beyond my comfort zone, challenged me beyond my current level of knowledge and supported me every step of the way in all of my scientific endeavors."

Two other teachers, Mrs. Andress and Mr. Shaw gave him the opportunity to stretch even further by creating an elective for him in eighth grade, during which he had the opportunity to teach alongside them and lead the sixth grade zoology/marine biology elective at Challenger K-8 School.

Nate concludes, "At Springstead, I have had Mrs. Sufficool for three years of environmental science. Her confidence and support further strengthens my conviction to enter the field of environmental and marine sciences."

A formula for success in life and in a chosen field of study: a spark ignited by something as insignificant as an animated film, a supportive family, creative teachers who encourage and inspire you, but most of all - hard work and dedication.



Nate Toler exploring tide pools.

All Scales Encouraged
Table Space: \$10 per table (Bring your own table & chair)
Set up time: 7:30 a.m.

DANA'S RAILROAD SUPPLY TRAIN SHOW & SWAP MEET
SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH
9:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.
OPEN HOUSE
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
4042 Deltona Blvd.
Spring Hill

(352) 684-2484

IN, OUT & ABOUT

Rivard: A Friendly Golf Course

Golf is a game in which you yell 'fore', shoot six and write down five."

— Paul Harvey

If you've never played golf before, Rivard is a great place to start. Although a standard length course, there are no sand traps and the greens are small and relatively flat. With plenty of trees and a few water hazards, regular and low-handicap players will still find Rivard to be a challenge. Above all, you'll find a friendly staff and pleasant golfers.

Rivard is a public golf course within the subdivision of the same name located between South Brooksville and Masaryktown. Recent improvements to the fairways and greens give the course a new vibrancy, and new gas-powered carts move you along at an energetic pace. The clubhouse has plenty of indoor and outdoor seating, and offers beer, wine and soft drinks, as well as hot dogs and other quick bites.

Rivard insignia hats and visors are available at the check-in area, however no other apparel or shoes are for sale. Necessities are available, such as tees, divot tools and experienced golf balls. Club rentals are also available.

ADDRESS: 18001 Rivard Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34604

HOURS: Open everyday 7AM-6PM

BELOW: The 18th Hole



Dip netting in the Gulf.

Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Celebrate the Irish With Shamrock Suncatchers

Think green, think spring, think Saint Patrick's Day coming up on March 17.

Kids enjoy learning about interesting people and places. As parents, we can be instrumental in helping our children discover the diverse cultures that make up our world and our national heritage.



That discovery is an important step in appreciating and respecting ethnic differences.

To get started, enjoy some family fun this month as many Irish Americans celebrate the "luck of the Irish."

Here are some ideas and a craft to help keep you thinking "green."

1. Go online or check out library books on Ireland. Learn the difference between Northern Ireland and The Republic of Ireland, and other interesting facts and curiosities about the

Emerald Isle. Talk to Irish-American neighbors and discover what their families do to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

2. List names and surnames that are typically Irish, such as Liam, Megan, Shannon and O'Brien. Do any of your kids' friends have Irish names? Any Irish ancestors in your family tree?

3. Make easy-to-create brilliant green shamrock suncatchers to hang in your window to welcome friends for a visit. Here's how:

SHAMROCK SHAPES

1. Ask your young kids to sort through crayon boxes, and look for "almost used up" shades of green crayons. Peel off the paper.

2. Make crayon shavings in piles, by shade, from the peeled crayons using a grater or a crayon sharpener.

3. Lay a sheet of wax paper, waxed side up, on a small stack of newspapers on an ironing board. Sprinkle the shavings evenly over the wax paper. Set a second sheet of wax paper on top, this time waxed side down. Cover with a lightweight cloth.

4. Using an iron set at Warm, an adult may iron over the cloth until the shavings melt. Remove the cloth.

5. Make cutout shamrock shapes from your "stained glass" sheets. Glue string or fishing line to the top of each shamrock and hang them by a window.

TIP: It's easy to make a shamrock pattern by arranging three paper heart shapes with the points touching.

Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit www.donnasday.com and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

IN, OUT & ABOUT

Upcoming events that will get you out and about...

Event Previews

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THE WILL MCLEAN MUSIC FESTIVAL WEEKEND, MARCH 10-11, 2018
SERTOMA RANCH, MYERS ROAD, BROOKSVILLE

The 29th annual Will McLean Music Festival gets underway today at the Sertoma Youth Ranch. The annual Will McLean celebration honors the work of Florida's Troubadour, who wrote songs, stories and poems about his native state. Although Will McLean died in 1990, his songs will live forever in the hearts of those who love this "blessed, bloodstained, flowered land." Music, crafts, food, Continuous music on 4 stages. Song contests, Banjo workshops, A special mention to honor Margaret Longhill, the matriarch of Florida Folk, who died March 1, 2018. Longhill launched the festival in 1990 in honor of Will McLean. Plans are being made to hold a tribute to Margaret on Sunday, March 11 during the festival. For more info, please visit <http://www.willmclean.com>. Contact: 352-465-2167



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FROM OUR TABLE TO YOURS
by Cheryl Clanton
Easy Poor Man's Stroganoff



Ingredients
 1 med onion
 1 c butter
 1 lb ground beef
 1 can cream of chicken soup
 1 garlic clove
 2 tbsp flour
 2 tsp salt
 1 tsp pepper
 1 tsp paprika
 1 3 oz can mushrooms
 1 cup sour cream

Directions
 saute onion in large frying pan over medium heat in butter.
 Add garlic and saute ground beef for about 5 minutes until brown stir in sour cream and cook until heated through

Hints: serve with mashed potatoes, noodles or rice



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY OF HERNANDO COUNTY WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018
7 PM TO 9 PM

The Hernando County Public Library invites the community to join us for a fun evening to benefit the Friends of the Library of Hernando County, Inc. The Wine Tasting Fundraiser will be held at the Strong Tower Winery, located at 17810 Forge Drive, Spring Hill, FL 34610 on Saturday, March 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. This fun evening will include music, wine tastings, appetizers, desserts, a 50/50 raffle, wine basket raffle and a Chinese Auction. The tickets have a cost of \$15 per person or \$25 per pair. Both event and raffle tickets can be purchased at all Hernando County Public Library branches, the Little Red Schoolhouse Bookstore (1208 Kenlake Avenue, Spring Hill), or at the door at the Strong Tower Winery. Wine will be available for purchase by the glass or bottle as well as soda and water. For additional information or reservations, contact: Regina at tokyovin@gmail.com or (727) 271-4163. Visit www.HernandoCountyLibrary.us for locations or more information and follow @HernandoPublicLibrary on Facebook for event updates.

THEATRE

ROCK OF AGES NOW UNTIL MARCH 18, 2018,

HAIR....It was all about the hair in the eighties. Well, that and the music. Oh....and dreams, and love, and hair. Welcome to the Bourbon Room. At one time it was the hottest joint on the Strip. Now, not so much. But dreams have a way coming true, even if they aren't the ones you started with. Book by Chris D'Arienzo. Adult - Center / \$25.00 Adult - Sides / \$19.00 Student - Center / \$20.00. Call or email to get your tickets today! 352 683-5113 / StageWest@att.net / <http://stagewestflorida.com/>

Stage West is located at 8390 Forest Oaks Blvd, Spring Hill, FL, 34606



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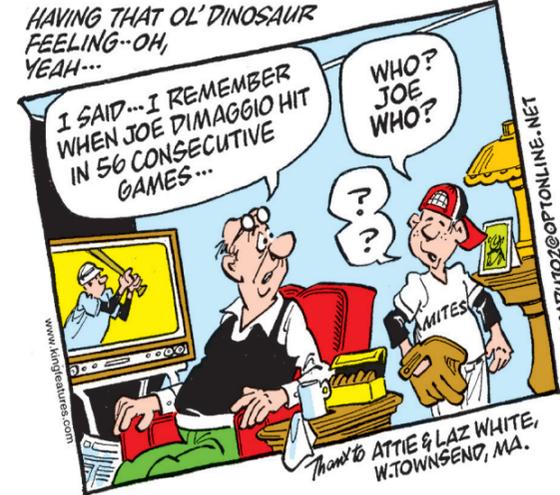
CREATE HAND ART MONDAY, MARCH 12, 10AM - 7PM

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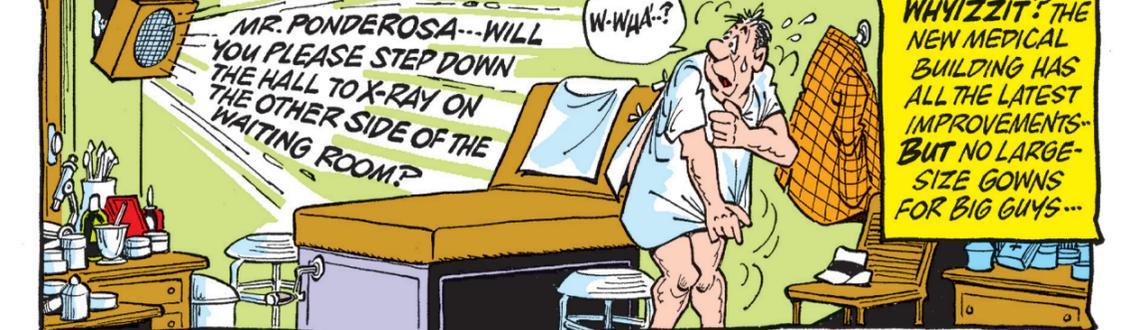
Hernando County Public Library System 238 Howell Ave, Brooksville, Florida 34601



THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME



BY AL SCADUTO



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Calendar of Events

March 9

Friday Night Live

WHEN: Friday, March 9, 2018 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
 WHERE: Downtown Brooksville
 Description: The first of the 'Friday Night Live' outdoor concert series in downtown Brooksville. Live bands, food trucks, full bar at each of these events. We'll keep you updated as new talent and food trucks are signed on. The 'Friday Night Live' series continues every 2nd Friday throughout the year. FREE admission.

Fantasy African Violet Club 24th Annual Show and Sale

WHEN: Friday & Saturday, March 9-10, 2018
 WHERE: Weeki Wachee Senior Citizens Club, 3357 Susan Dr. and corner of Toucan Trail.
 'Violets by the Shore' the Fantasy African Violet Club's 24th Annual Show will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, March 9, 2018 and Saturday, March 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. African violets and supplies will be available. Contact Thad Scaggs sat 352-345-5271, tas-caggs@gmail.com or Carol Chmiko - scootsno@yahoo.com or visit www.sceneonline.biz/group/FAVC
Swarms, Amphibians in Isolated Wetlands
 WHEN: Friday March 9, 2018 6:30pm - 8:30pm
 WHERE: 23212 Lake Lindsey Rd, Brooksville
 Description: Chinsegut educator Joe will guide a group to May's Prairie in hopes of collecting a number of different amphibians and their spawn. Come join the fun, bring a headlamp if you have one. This free program is limited to 15 participants ages 10+. Register online or by calling (352) 754-6722.

March 10

9TH annual Storybook Forest

WHEN: Saturday, March 10, 2018 11am - 2pm
 WHERE: Crews Lake Park at 16739 Crews Lake Drive
 Description: Join us as we turn Crews Lake Wilderness Park, 16739 Crews Lake Drive, into an enchanted forest, where stories will come alive. There is no onsite parking park at Crews Lake Middle School where a free shuttle will take you to Crews Lake Wilderness Park. Come out and see storytellers ignite guests' imaginations as they bring children's stories to life. Children will have the opportunity to participate in story themed crafts and meet some of their favorite literary characters. This is a FREE family event!. Visit <http://phelc.org/storybook-forest.php>

Photo-b blitz for Florida Nature Trackers

WHEN: Saturday, March 10, 10am - 3pm
 WHERE: 23212 Lake Lindsey Rd, Brooksville, FL 34601
 Description: Bring the camera or smartphone out to Chinsegut to help populate information on our iNaturalist page. iNaturalist allows the public to snap photos in a "project area" and upload them to the internet for ID. Learn about iNaturalist and Florida Nature Trackers and have some fun with the family seeing who can snap the rarest and unique photos of spiders, insects, pollinators, birds, and flowers. Free program for all ages, no need to register, Florida Nature Trackers - download required from FloridaNatureTrackers.com.

Art in the Park - Art, Crafts and Music Festival

WHEN: Saturday, March 10, 2018, 9AM - 5PM
 Sunday March 11, 9AM - 4PM
 WHERE: Tom Varn Park, 306 Darby Lane, Brooksville, Description: Over 115 artisans participate in the annual juried show featuring fine art, fine craft, and craft artist vendors, and live entertainment throughout the day. The Student Art Pavilion features a county-wide exhibit of student art and a Kid's Art Zone. You'll enjoy food, children's activities, an Art Boutique and more...all in the beautiful tree shaded Tom Varn Park in Brooksville. Special Concert: Saturday, 2:00pm - Hernando Symphony Orchestra in the Park. Admission is free; Parking, \$5.00. Contact Email Janknowlesfl@gmail.com / phone 352-279-5182 or visit hernandoarts.org

Train Show & Swap Meet

WHEN: Saturday, March 10, 2018, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Open House, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 WHERE: Dana's Railroad Supply, 4042 Deltona Blvd., Spring Hill, FL 34606
 Description: ALL SCALES ENCOURAGED. Table space \$10.00 per table. (Bring your own table and chair). Set up time 7:30 a.m. (352) 684-2484. www.danasrailroadsupply.com.

Pee-Wee Archery

WHEN: Saturday, March 10, 11am - 12pm
 WHERE: 23212 Lake Lindsey Rd, Brooksville
 Description: This is an opportunity for mom or dad to work alongside youngsters who are interested in learning archery. Ages 5-9 will have an opportunity to learn the basics of archery using our scaled-down equipment, one-on-one coaching, and help from mom or dad. Space is limited for this one-hour program. Register at (352) 754-6722.

March 11

Jazz Society to Perform

WHEN: Sunday, March 11, 2018 2 p.m.
 WHERE: The Wellington Clubhouse at 400 Wexford Blvd, Spring Hill.
 Description: Please join us for a fun afternoon listening and dancing to your favorite tunes as we "Swing into Spring". Sit-ins are welcome. Admission: HJS members Free, Singles \$10, Couples \$15. The Sioux City Grill be offering a cash bar and buffet for purchase. For more information call Ike Johnson at 352 263-8579. Volunteers Needed for Oyster Restoration 16110 Aviation Loop Drive PO Box 15427 Brooksville, FL 34604 352-754-4433

Volunteers are needed to assemble oyster bags

WHEN: March 11, 2018 Time: 10:00 am until 12:00 pm OR 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm Location: We will be filling the bags in the county lot next to th
 WHERE: Hernando Beach Water Tower. This is a dirt road off Shoal Line Blvd. Closest address to this tower is 4500 Shoal Line Blvd., Spring Hill, Florida
 Description: help assemble oyster bags for an upcoming restoration project. Opportunity is limited to the first 40 registrants. Please register for a time slot and one free t-shirt* through the following link: www.volunteersignup.org/KMKR8 What to expect: Each event will span for two hours. Volunteers will be using shovels to fill bags with recycled oyster shell. Bags will then be loaded for transport to holding site. What to wear: Volunteers must wear closed-toe shoes. Jeans recommended but not required. What to bring: Please bring a pair of heavy duty gloves - oyster shells are sharp! Water bottle, insect repellent, sunglasses, and sunscreen/protection are also recommended. For more details, contact Florida Sea Grant Agent Brittany Hall-Scharf: 352-754-4433 or bhallscharf@ufl.edu.

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March 15

Withlacoochee River Bluegrass Festival

WHEN: March 15 @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 WHERE: Withlacoochee River Bluegrass Festival, 19737 SE 127 Terrace, Dunnellon, FL 34431
 Description: Since 1980, Florida's historic Withlacoochee River Bluegrass Festival in Dunnellon is a 4-day festival featuring the brightest and best bluegrass entertainment. Come on out and camp alongside the river. Enjoy campground picking. Come for the day or the weekend. Thursday features a dinner special and open mic. Sunday Bluegrass Gospel and sing featuring Mike & Mary Robinson and Kevin Prater. Craft and food vendors. Concessions available on-site. Bathroom and showers on-site. Dump station on-site. Music by Special Consensus, Larry Stephenson, the U.S. Navy Bluegrass Band, Kevin Prater Band, The Farm Hands, The Baileys and the Kody Norris Show. Full four-day tickets only \$55 in advance/\$60 at the gate. Primitive camping \$15/night. Water/electric camping \$25/night, min. 2 nights. No pets. No alcohol. No coolers. No high back chairs in concert area.

March 17

Wine Tasting Fundraiser

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 WHERE: Strong Tower Winery, located at 17810 Forge Drive, Spring Hill, FL 34610

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March 18

Rock of Ages

WHEN: Sunday, March 18, 2:00pm - 4:30pm
 WHERE: 8390 FOREST OAKS BLVD, SPRING HILL,
 Description: HAIR...It was all about the hair in the eighties. Well, that and the music. Oh...and dreams, and love, and hair. Welcome to the Bourbon Room. At one time it was the hottest joint on the Strip. Now, not so much. But dreams have a way coming true, even if they aren't the ones you started with. Book by Chris D'Arienzo. Adult - Center / \$25.00 Adult - Sides / \$19.00 Student - Center / \$20.00. Call or email to get your tickets today! 352 683-5113 / StageWest@att.net / <http://stagerwest-florida.com/>

Hernando Youth Orchestra

WHEN: Sunday, March 18, 3:30pm - 5:00pm
 WHERE: Heather Community Center, 9100 Nakoma Way, Weeki Wachee.
 Description: Instruments to loan (and learn), and Music to share! Kids (ages 6-21): Want to play classical music, but lack an instrument? Need low-cost lessons? Check us out! HYO loans violins, cellos, trombones, and clarinets to our young musicians...and we give low-cost violin and guitar lessons, too! If you already know how to play—even better! Join us; we want you. Rehearsals: Sundays 3:30-5:00. Visit www.hernandoyouthorchestra.org

Pick Your Own Strawberries

WHEN: Now until they last 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 WHERE: JG Ranch, 17200 Wiscon Road, Brooksville, FL 34601
 Description: Farm operated by Jeff & Debrah Casey has over 50,000 plants of strawberries each season. Come pick fresh strawberries now. We have buckets that you can use for picking and bags to take your berries home. Dress appropriately for the current weather. Old shoes as it may be muddy. No sandals or flip-flops. Hats and sunscreen for protection from the sun. Picnic areas are available for guests to use. You may want to pack a lunch. Sunday picking by arrangement. Call 352.799.0556 for more information.

March 22

Hernando Audubon Society Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, March 22 @ 7 pm to 9 pm
 WHERE: 131 S. Main St., Brooksville
 Description: Research ecologist Dr. Ariam Jiminez will discuss collaborative research occurring in Cuba and Florida: "Birds Know No Borders, Neither Does (Nor Should) Research. The meeting will be held at Brooksville Women's Club, 131 S. Main St., Brooksville. All Hernando Audubon activities are free and open to the public.

March 23

Chuck-wills widow night hike

WHEN: Friday, March 23, 7pm - 9pm
 Description: Chuck-wills widow birds are more often heard than seen. This unusual looking night time flyer can often be heard at Chinsegut. This night hiking opportunity focuses on Chuck-wills widows and other night flyers. This program is open to ages 5+ and will include an approximately half mile hike in the dark. Limited to 20 participants, please register online or by calling (352) 754-6722. Program length: 1.5 -2 hours

March 24

Clean Air Bike Ride - Withlacoochee State Trail

WHEN: Saturday, March 24 7:00am - 3:00pm
 WHERE: Liberty Park, 268 N Apopka Ave, Inverness, FL 34450, USA
 Description: Rain or Shine. No Mass Start. Continental Breakfast for all Entrants. The ride begins at the Inverness Trail Head this year, with additional SAG stops at Ridge Manor, Istachatta, and Citrus Springs. This paved Withlacoochee State Trail winds through Pasco, Hernando and Citrus Counties in West Central Florida. The Trail Head is 2/10 mile north of the Old Historic Courthouse in downtown Inverness. Email: citruscountyevents@gmail.com

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Please confirm dates and times by calling the contact person provided for the listing. To provide changes for a listing, email suequigley@hernandosun.com

AARP Hernando County Driver Safety Programs

AARP Hernando County training in Hernando County. For more information, call Jeanne DelVecchio at (352) 754-4866. All of the groups are open to new members.

Bowling Buddies

Bowling Buddies is a singles bowling group that bowls for fun. For more information, call Nancy at (352) 688-4115.

British Car Club

Nature Coast English Car Club is open to all British car owners and enthusiasts. For more information, call Jay Gerdin at 352.398.9243.

Ladies of the British Commonwealth

Ladies of the British Commonwealth meets regularly at the Spring Hill Branch Public Library, 9220 Spring Hill Drive. This is a new group; all women of British lineage are welcome. For more information, call (352) 688-6503.

Brooksville Garden Club

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Brooksville Horseshoe Club

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Crescent Community Clinic

Crescent Community Clinic is a volunteer-run, nonprofit clinic that provides primary medical, dental and mental health services to uninsured adults ages 18 to 64 who meet federal poverty guidelines. To volunteer or sponsor future Friends of the Clinic functions, call (352) 610-9927.

Domino Club

Domino Club meets regularly for socials. Call Nancy, club secretary, at (352) 346-6337.

Elks Lodge 2582

The Elks Lodge 2582 located on County Line Road meets regularly. Members and guests are welcome. Other activities include bingo, dominoes, cards, billiards, music and a cash bar. Call 352.596.2582

Fantasy African Violet Club

The Fantasy African Violet Club meets the second Saturday monthly, except in December. Meeting starts at 1 p.m. The program Topic is African Violet Cousins/ Other Gesneriads. For more information, contact Thad Scaggs at 352-345-5271, tas-caggs@gmail.com or Carol Chmiko - scootsno@yahoo.com - Meetings are held at the Weeki Wachee Senior Citizens Club, 3357 Susan Dr. and corner of Toucan Trail

First Hernando Republican Club

First Hernando Republican Club meets regularly. Email chairman@hernandorepublicans.org or email refhrc@tampabay.rr.com.

Refrs Travel Club

Call (352) 684-7568 for more information or visit www.springhillregional.net for more information.

Genealogy Interest Group

Genealogy Interest Group meets regularly. For more in-

formation, call (352) 796-1623.

Grumman Retiree Club

Grumman Retiree Club, Midwest Florida Chapter, meets at 11:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month (except June, July and August) at Buffet City, 13235 Cortez Blvd. (State Road 50), Brooksville. All former Grumman and Northrop Grumman employees and their guests are invited to attend. For club information, call Bea Hall at (352) 686-9529 in Hernando County; or Gus Krayer at (352) 586-1558 in Citrus County.

H2U Partner's Club

Partner's Club features the following activities at the club located behind Oak Hill Hospital, 11375 Cortez Blvd., Spring Hill: Yoga, line dance, rug hooking, needlework and exercise. Membership is \$20 a year, which includes membership into the H2U program. For more information, call (352) 597-6383.

Hernando Audubon Society

Hernando Audubon Society will resume meetings and field hikes in September. For more information, call Linda Vanderveen at 352.428.2629 or email lindalark85@gmail.com Visit online at www.hernando-audubon.org

Hernando Beach Club

Meets at 3145 Flamingo Blvd. Friday dinners and events throughout the year. Visit hernandobeachclub.com or call 352.596.5878 for details.

Hernando Computer Club

At its March 26 general meeting, the Hernando Computer Club will host an "Art and Craft Exhibition" where club members and friends will showcase their creations. Photograph, painting, pottery, sewing,

embroidery and crafts will be on display. This will take place in the Fellowship Hall of Grace Presbyterian Church, 8375 Spring Hill Drive. Doors open at 6 p.m. Attendees will have an opportunity to purchase items donated by the artists in a Silent Auction. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.hcc.org or call 352-684-7171.

Hernando County Arts Council

would like to invite the public to our meetings on the 2nd. Thursday every month at Brooksville City Hall, 201 Howell Ave. Brooksville, FL 34601 in Council Chambers at 5:30 pm. Our mission is to encourage, support and promote all of the creative arts and assist in bringing these arts to the citizens. Visit website hernandoarts.org or e-mail hernandofinearts@gmail.com. Contact Jan Knowles 352.279.5182.

Hernando County Button Collectors Group

Join our monthly meetings for button history and button age and material identification. Meets 1-2:30 p.m. (usually the 3rd Monday of the month) at the Brooksville Main Library, 238 Howell Ave., Brooksville. For more info, visit our Facebook page or email holeybuttonsg@gmail.com.

Hernando County Kennel Club

meets at 8:00 PM on the third Thursday of the month at Hernando Council #1 Senior Citizens Center, 8187 Fort Dade Ave. Brooksville. Visit webmaster@hernandocountykennelclub.org

Hernando County Retired Educators Association

Please join us if you are a person formerly employed as an

educator or other school employee. We meet every other month at 10 a.m. at the Enrichment Center (next to Brooksville hospital) on Cortez Blvd. in Brooksville. Please visit the website www.freea.org. Merry 352-835-7210

Hernando Harmonizers

Hernando Harmonizers meet on Monday evenings. A fun and friendly group of men who enjoy singing barbershop harmony and other styles of music. Visit hernandoharmonizers.org/contact.html

Hernando Historical Museum Association

has three Museums open to the public, Tuesday thru Saturday 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. They are The May Stringer House, The 1885 Train Depot and The Countyman Family One Room Schoolhouse. We are always in need of volunteers in several different areas; Tour guides for adult and students; Museum greeters, Grounds Assistants & Special Events Assistants to name a few. For more about our Museums please visit our website hernandohistoricalmuseumassoc.com. For more information, call 352-515-3054 & please mention this ad!

Hernando Horseshoe Club

Meets every Thursday at Tom Varn Park in Brooksville at 9 a.m. New members welcome. Call Richard Watson at 352 584-4102 or email richardpwatson@bellsouth.net.

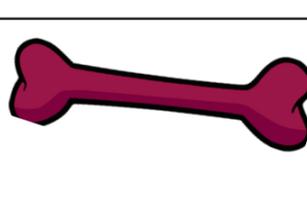
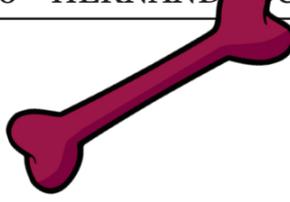
Hernando Jazz Society

meets regularly and conducts nine performances each year from September through May. For information call Bill McLoughlin 352-799-9690/visithernandojazzsociety.org

Hernando Porcelain Artists

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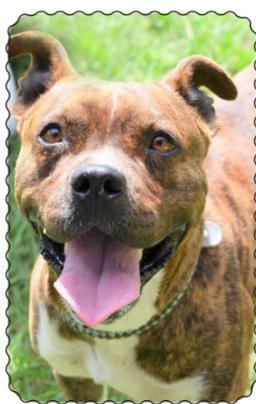
Adopt Me Today!!!



Beau deserves the the best family the world has to offer. He is loving, very handsome, fun, playful, very friendly and deserving of attention! He loves to have people around to engage with, roll on top of, give kisses and hugs to. He doesn't want to be just pushed aside and left alone he wants to bond. He wants to be a friend, family member and to be valued, just like everyone of us! He has proven to be dog of good character and is loved by his shelter family but this is no place for pups. He is a strong boy and needs a leader but he is easy to lead. He likes, daily hugs, sunshine and time to run and play, the shelter can not offer that daily unfortunately there is not the time or people. He is fixed, housebroken, utd on shots and vaccinations and ready to go home. We love this goofball and so will you!!!!

#1013147

RIGHT: Available for adoption now. Meet JT! 10314375 - Adult male boxer who seems to like other dogs and walks pretty well on leash. He's active but not too hyper. Very sweet and takes treats gently. Come meet this handsome guy at Hernando Animal Services, 19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, FL 352-796-5062



Deer humans,
wil yu pleez com to the sheltr and see us we wud lov yu to adopt us we want to brin' you joy. We now that every huoman needs a cuddly sol mat, so let us be the ons. Come and see us at 19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, Fl.



10314446 - Deacon is a young male Labrador mix. This pup seems to like other dogs and will sit pretty to have his picture taken. Laid back and very gentle. Come meet Deacon today! Hernando Animal Services, 19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, FL 352-796-5062



10313657 - Can't dispute the facts, this cat is GORGEOUS! Trinity is an adult female calico who is super affectionate and still looking for a home. Hernando Animal Services, 19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, FL 352-796-5062



10313846 - When I came to the shelter I was scared and didn't even want to come out of my kennel but this most amazing group of staff members and volunteers have shown me that people are good and the shelter keeps me safe and well cared for until that someone special comes along (hint hint...I'm talking to you!)



10314423 - This is Titus. He is an adult male American Bulldog mix who is playful but not hyper. He seems interested in other dogs, though a meet and greet is always suggested. Hernando Animal Services, 19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, FL 352-796-5062



Beautiful Samoyed in A18. She is soooo gentle and sweet. Also passed cat test! Please come out and meet this beautiful girl at Hernando Animal Services, 19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, FL 352-796-5062



10314467 - They list me as a senior male Labrador but I've got the moves of a youngster and if it squeaks or bounces, I'm playing with it! I am at Hernando County Animal Services! 19450 Oliver Street Brooksville Fl come and get me!

CLUBS from Page 9

meet regularly in Brooksville. The group welcomes new members interested in learning the art of painting china. Call 352.592.4814

Hernando Quilters Guild meet every Monday at 10 am in the Turning Point Church fellowship Hall, 19384 Ingram St. Brooksville. Contact Carol Meisberger at 352-796-6371.

Hernando Youth Orchestra Come share the music. Rehearsals Sundays at 3:30 p.m. at the Heather Community. For details, visit hernandoyouthorchestra.org.

High Point Community Ballroom Dance Classes The High Point Community holds ballroom dancing classes every Wednesday at the Community Center located on Clubhouse Drive, Brooksville. Call 352.683.3699 for more information.

Historic Brooksville Wood Turners meets every first Thursday of the month at the Brooksville Christian Church at 6197 Broad St. in Brooksville. Meeting begins at 7 p.m. prompt. Visit www.woodturner.org/members/?id=24458381

Humane Society of the Nature Coast holds adoption events throughout the year. Rescue groups will be on hand with dogs and cats available for adoption. Call (727) 842-9279 or visit www.humanerescue.org

Hungarian-American Club Hungarian-American Club holds monthly gatherings wherein authentic Hungarian meals are served, while listening to folk songs and dance tunes. New members welcome. For club information, visit the club's website at www.hunclub.org

Illinois Club of Spring Hill The club meets regularly. All welcome to join. Call 352.597-0346.

Keep It Local Keep It Local is a networking group that meets every Wednesday from 7:45 am to 9:15 am at the Spring Hill Diner, 3426 Deltona Blvd., Spring Hill. Meeting begins promptly at 8 am. Contact Melanie at 352.263.7749 or email her at melaniegrossi@tampabay.rr.com.

Kiwanis Club of Brooksville Ridge Kiwanis Club of Brooksville Ridge holds regular breakfast meetings. Contact Pierre Richard at 352.596.6632. kiwanisofthebrooksvil-leridge.com.

Kiwanis Club of Nature Coast Kiwanis Club of the Nature Coast meets regularly Spring Hill. For more information, visit www.kiwanisnaturecoast.org

Kiwanis Club of Spring Hill Meets weekly on Tuesday at noon at the Town Square Mall. For more information on the Club and Upcoming

Events please contact Godfrey Eason, Membership Chair geas46@bellsouth.net

Kiwanis Club of Weeki Wachee Meets 1st and 3rd Monday evenings of the month at 6 p.m. Visit weeki-wachee.kiwanisone.org

Long Island Club Long Island Club meets at 11 a.m. the third Wednesday of every month at St. Stephen's Church, 5326 Charles St., New Port Richey. Coffee and cake are served prior to the meeting. For more information, call (727) 861-0171.

Michigan Club Michigan Club welcomes back some Snowbirds. Contact Martha Wauters 352-835-7492 or Barb or Dave Selback 352-592-9663

Marine Corps League, Spring Hill Detachment 708: 8405 Sunshine Grove Road, west of Brooksville. Visit the website at mcl708.org. (352) 597-7979.

Monday Night Singles The group is for singles 50 and older. For more information, call Joanne at (352) 596-6969 or Phyllis at (352) 596-3125.

NARFE Chapter 1322 NARFE Chapter 1322 holds its monthly meetings at the Marine Corps League Detachment 708 at 8405 Sunshine Grove Rd. Brooksville, Florida. We meet the third Friday of every month at 1:00 P.M. except for June - August. As a group, NARFE supports legislation beneficial to current Federal employees and annuitants and opposes legislation contrary to their interests. We are prepared to assist you in any way we are able to. We are always looking for new members. Contact Dennis Foley at 352-754-6160 or e-mail peacock1973@att.net for information.

Nature Coast Art League: Members meet from 10 a.m. to Noon every Monday at the Spring Hill Community Center (The Lake House), 1202 Kenlake Avenue, Spring Hill. Shadow Chasers (plein air group) meet at 9 a.m. every Wednesday; call (787) 517-6455 for location. A general meeting is held from 1-3 p.m. on the third Monday of every month (September through May) at The Lake House. New members are welcome. Visit www.naturecoast-artleague.com For further info call (352) 556-5640 or (352) 610-4643.

Nature Coast Basket Guild We meet the second tuesday of the month . September thru April at the Enrichment Center at 800 John Gary Grubbs Blvd, Brooksville, Fl at 11 am. Learn how to weave a basket or just come join us. Contact: Arlene 256-599-1374

Nature Coast Bridge Club The Nature Coast Bridge Club offers games regularly. Games for all levels of players are offered, and beginners. Call 352.556.389

Nature Coast Gardens Meetings are

free and open to the public. Contact: 352-683-9933 or www.naturecoast-gardens.com.

Nature Coast Orators Toastmasters Club: Meets 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Bayfront Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Suite 120, Medical Arts Building, 17222

People Helping People in Hernando County A nonprofit, interfaith, all-volunteer organization dedicated to helping the needy and homeless. Call (352) 686-4466. www.phpinhc.org

Poor Rich's Chess Club Poor Rich's Chess Club meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Oak Hill Hospital, 11375 Cortez Blvd., Call 352.678.6987.

Rotary Club of Spring Hill Central Members of Rotary meets Thursday at 12:15 p.m. at Silverthorn Country Club, off Barclay Avenue in Spring Hill. Call 352-238-5389

Rotary Club of Brooksville Members of Rotary meets at noon Thursdays at Southern Hills Plantation Club, 19850 Southern Hills Blvd. Visit www.brooksvillerotary.org.

Rotary Club of Spring Hill meets Thursdays at 7:45 a.m. at the IHop Restaurant, US, 19, Commercial Way, Spring Hill. Guests are welcome. Visit www.shcrotary.org or call 352.666.4107.

Senior Citizens Club of Hernando County Senior Citizens Club of Hernando County, 7925 Rhanbuoy Road, Spring Hill, Call 352.596.1711.

SHARP Crime Watch SHARP Crime Watch meets at the Senior Citizens Club of Hernando County, 7925 Rhanbuoy Road, Spring Hill. Volunteer needed. Call (352) 683-5936 or email scrimewatch@tampabay.rr.com

Sons of Italy Friendship Lodge 2728 New members welcome. Call 352.688.9637

Sons of Italy Lodge 2502 Sons of Italy Nature Coast Lodge 2502. Call 727.862.3170

South Brooksville Neighborhood Watch is seeking volunteers. Meetings are held from 6 to 7 p.m. the second Monday of the month at 601 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Brooksville. Call (352) 397-1423.

Spring Hill AGLOW International Spring Hill Aglow International meets from 8:45 a.m. to noon the third Monday of each month at Evergreen Woods, 7030 Evergreen Woods Trail, Call Rachael at (352) 848-4182.

Spring Hill Bocce Club Spring Hill Bocce Club meets regularly every Tuesday and Friday at Delta Woods Park. New members welcome. Annual dues are \$5. Call 352.596.3503

Spring Hill Camera Club Spring Hill Camera Club meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Brooksville Enrichment

Center, Medical Arts Building, Suite 120, of the Brooksville Regional Hospital campus, 17222 Hospital Blvd., off State Road 50, Brooksville. Membership is open to all beginning and experienced film and digital photographers. Call Bill at (352) 556-3708 or visit its website at www.springhill-cameraclub.org

Spring Hill Domino Club meets regularly. Singles dance parties every Wednesday at its club on County Line Road. Free dance lessons offered. Call 352.346.6337.

Spring Hill Garden Club meets regularly. The nursery is open to the public from 9 a.m. to noon Mondays and Saturdays. Call 252.683.9933 for more information.

Subvets WWII Weeki Wachee meet regularly. All qualified discharged, retired or active members are welcome. Call Robbie Roberts at (352) 592-5161 or (352) 428-3964.

Suncoast Ship Model Society meets regularly at the Weeki Wachee Senior Citizens Club in Spring Hill. Open to all modelers. Call 352.592.6419

Suncoast Harmony Chorus, west-central Florida chapter of Sweet Adelines, International, Real women singing real harmony. We are looking for more singers. The ability to read music or prior vocal training is not a prerequisite. We meet every Tuesday 7 PM, Salishan Gracious Retirement Living, 191 Astaire Ln., Spring Hill 34609 Call Cindy at 352-597-4376, or visit www.suncoast-harmony.com.

TOPS Chapter 208 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Thursday, 6 p.m. at Gulf Ridge Park Baptist Church, 20200 Manecke Road, Brooksville. Call Linda 352-796-1236

USA Dance Club Adventure Coast Chapter 6090 Join us every 2nd Thursday of the month at the Lake House, 1202 Kenlake Ave, Spring Hill for an evening of dance with DJ Pete's fabulous music. All types of music and a free dance lesson included. Free snacks and coffee or BYO. Members \$6/Nonmembers \$8. Call 352.515.5008 or 631.220.7029

VFW Post 10209 Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10209 offers weekly activities at its Post located at 14736 Edward R. Noll Drive, off Anderson Snow Road, Spring Hill. Call (352) 796-0398.

VFW Post 1681 and Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 1681 and Ladies Auxiliary holds bar bingo every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. the second Sunday of every month in Brooksville. Call 352.796.4449

VFW Post 8681 Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8681 offers weekly activities at its Post located at 18940 Drayton St., off County Line Road, Spring Hill. Call (727) 856-1860.

VFW Post 8713 & Ladies Aux. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8713 & Ladies Auxiliary, 1681 E. Jefferson St., Brooksville, offers weekly activities. For more information, call (352) 796-4449.

VFW Post 9236 offers activities at the Post located at 3435 Shoal Line Boulevard. For more information, call the Post at (352) 596-9236.

Weeki Wachee Anglers, Inc. Membership in this fishing and social club is open to adults and children. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each on the first Wednesday of each month at Glen Lakes Country Club, 10485 Glen Lakes Boulevard. The banquet room is open 5-7 p.m. with food for purchase (debit/credit cards only); cash bar is available. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and is free/open to the public. Call Ron at 207-608-5442 or Anita at 317-966-0000 or visit www.weekiwacheeanglersinc.com.

Weeki Wachee Area Club Weeki Wachee Area Club holds bingo from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday at 7442 Shoal Line Blvd., Hernando Beach. For more information, call (352) 596-3316.

Weeki Wachee Arts and Crafts Group: meets every Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the Weeki Wachee Senior Citizens Club, 3357 Susan Drive (corner of Toucan Trail) in Weeki Wachee Acres, Spring Hill. Call Leslie Duncan, 352-428-7904 for further information.

Weeki Wachee Woodcarvers The Weeki Wachee Woodcarvers meet regularly at the Weeki Wachee Senior Center. New Members welcome. Call Mike Rice at 352.683.9087 for more information.

Wellington Democrats The Wellington Democrats meet regularly at the Wellington at Seven Hills Clubhouse, off Mariner Blvd., Spring Hill For more information, contact Gene Ehrich at WellingtonDemocrats@gmail.com

Withlacoochee Rockhounds Interested in Rocks, Fossils, Jewelry making? This is the club for you. Meets 7 pm, 2nd Wed. monthly at Weeki Wachee Senior Citizens Center, 3357 Susan Dr., Spring Hill. Are you an expert-we could use your help. If not, maybe we can help you. Visit website www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com or call Dorwin at 352-610-9422. Bring your minerals, fossils or jewelry to show or be identified.

Women's Army Corps, WAC Vets Hernando Chapter 97 meet regularly at American Legion Post 186 located at 12091 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville. The group does not meet in July or August. Call Barb Miles at (352) 556-3315.

Any changes, please contact Sue Quigley at suequigley@hernandosun.com or call 727.808.9587.

SPORTS

Start of baseball season preview

By ANDY VILLAMARZO
HERNANDO SUN STAFF
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CHERYL CLANTON

With basketball and soccer seasons both officially over in Hernando County, the focus now switches to the spring sports, which features baseball, softball and track/field. The county showcases some of the area's top baseball teams, with Central, Hernando, Nature Coast and Springstead all entering the 2018 campaign as viable district contenders. We take a closer look at each of the county's teams and preview Hernando County baseball 2018.

Central: The Bears will have their work cut out for them in a difficult Class 5A, District 7. Within their own district, Central will take in Hernando County clubs like Hernando and Nature Coast, along with Pasco County teams like Hudson and Fivay, who have improved. Central went 17-10 in 2017 and wasn't far off from being one of the two district teams to reach the postseason. The Bears have a good shot at competing for the district championship this spring and could make some noise in the playoffs. They are off to a 3 win to 1 loss start.

Hernando: It was another quality season for the Leopards in 2017, finishing at 15-13 on the year and finished out with a 4-1 regional quarterfinal loss to Orlando Bishop Moore. Now returning the bulk of its roster, Hernando remains high on its group of players this season and the Leopards should be in contention in Class 5A, District 7 with Nature Coast and Central. Carson Lashley returns to



NCT Coach Frank Vitale at home plate with No. 9 Zach Funkhouser and No. 10 Jonathan Gates, March 1, 2018 against Land O'Lakes.

the mound for Hernando and provides a solid arm for Hernando. Hernando is 4 and 1 so far.

Nature Coast: The Sharks are coming off a season in which they finished 19-10 and were able to reach the second round of the Class 5A playoffs before losing to Orlando Bishop Moore. Now with another talent-loaded roster, Nature Coast comes into 2018 with high expectations and have already rushed out to a quick 6-0 start to the season. Frank Vitale's club has already scored 60 runs on 48 hits through six games played.

Springstead: After what was a very impressive 24-3 season in 2017, the Eagles were quickly bounced out of the Class 6A region quarterfinals when they lost 2-0 to Belleview. Despite losing several key players from last year's bunch, a new crop has come into the fray and Springstead is once again expected to compete for not only a district championship, but

make a deep run into the Class 6A playoffs. Shawn Laferty and crew will have their work cut out for them, but have already started off 4-0 this season.

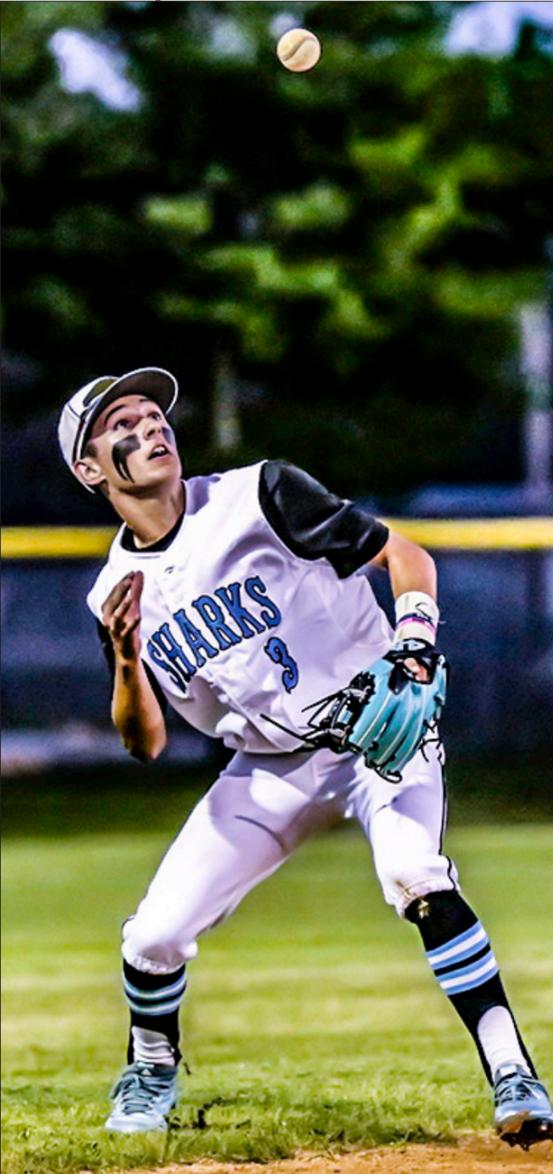
Weeki Wachee: Patrick McHugh's squad went 7-18 in 2017, and despite having several close calls against many of the county's top teams like Springstead and Hernando. Weeki Wachee plays in Class 6A, District 6

and will look to contend with the likes of Springstead, Inverness Citrus and Dunnellon. The Hornets are hoping that this season the program sees some strides made in the win column, as they'll have one of the more talented rosters they've had in a couple years. They have two wins under their belt so far, but have more work to overcome their 3 losses.



HHS Carson Lashley on the mound during the 2017 District Final matchup against NCT

High School Sports Schedules					
Week					
3/12/2018 thru 3/18/2018					
Central High School Bears					
THURS	03/15/18	V BASEBALL	WEEKI WACHEE	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
FRI	03/16/18	V BASEBALL	FIVAY	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
Hernando High School Leopards					
FRI	03/16/18	V SOFTBALL	RIDGEVIEW LEOPARD SLAM TOURNAMENT	HOME	09:00:00 AM
FRI	03/16/18	V SOFTBALL	BLOOMINGDALE LEOPARD SLAM TOURNAMENT	HOME	11:00:00 AM
SAT	03/17/18	V SOFTBALL	TBA LEOPARDS SLAM TOURNAMENT @ TOM VARN	AWAY	TBA
SAT	03/17/18	V SOFTBALL	TBA LEOPARDS SLAM TOURNAMENT @ TOM VARN	AWAY	TBA
Nature Coast Technical High School Sharks					
MON	03/12/18	JV BASEBALL	BISHOP McLAUGHLIN CATHOLIC	AWAY	06:00:00 PM
WEDS	03/14/18	V BASEBALL	SPRINGSTEAD	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
FRI	03/16/18	V SOFTBALL	SICKLES LEOPARDS SLAM TOURNAMENT @ TOM VARN	AWAY	09:00:00 AM
FRI	03/16/18	V SOFTBALL	SUNLAKE LEOPARDS SLAM TOURNAMENT @ TOM VARN	AWAY	11:00:00 AM
SAT	03/17/18	V SOFTBALL	TBA LEOPARDS SLAM TOURNAMENT @ TOM VARN	AWAY	TBA
SAT	03/17/18	V SOFTBALL	TBA LEOPARDS SLAM TOURNAMENT @ TOM VARN	AWAY	TBA
F. W. Springstead High School Eagles					
MON	03/12/18	VARSITY BASEBALL	SOUTH SUMTER	HOME	07:00:00 PM
WED	03/14/18	V BASEBALL	NATURE COAST	HOME	07:00:00 PM
FRI	03/16/18	V SOFTBALL	BLOOMINGDALE LEOPARDS SLAM TOURNAMENT @ TOM VARN	AWAY	03:00:00 PM
FRI	03/16/18	V SOFTBALL	TBA LEOPARDS SLAM TOURNAMENT @ TOM VARN	AWAY	05:00:00 PM
FRI	03/16/18	V SOFTBALL	DUNEDIN LEOPARDS SLAM TOURNAMENT @ TOM VARN	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
SAT	03/17/18	V SOFTBALL	TBA LEOPARDS SLAM TOURNAMENT @ TOM VARN	AWAY	TBA
SAT	03/17/18	V SOFTBALL	TBA LEOPARDS SLAM TOURNAMENT @ TOM VARN	AWAY	TBA
Weeki Wachee High School Hornets					
MON	03/12/18	V SOFTBALL	SEVEN RIVERS CHRISTIAN	AWAY	05:00:00 PM
TUES	03/13/18	V BASEBALL	SEVEN RIVERS CHRISTIAN	AWAY	05:00:00 PM
WED	03/14/18	JV BASEBALL	BISHOP McLAUGHLIN CATHOLIC	AWAY	06:00:00 PM
THURS	03/15/18	V BASEBALL	CENTRAL	HOME	07:00:00 PM
Hernando Christian Academy Lions					
TUES	03/13/18	V BASEBALL	REAL LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	AWAY	04:00:00 PM



NCT's Chase Davis throws pitches during March 1, 2018 game against Land O'Lakes.

Hernando Sportsmans Club Events Calendar

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March 9 - 16, 2018

Friday	Saturday
9 OR, TRAP, SKEET & FIVE STAND 9-2	10 OR, TRAP & SKEET 9-3
BOWLING PIN PRACTICE 50 YD 9-12	ACTION RIFLE N BAYS & 200 MTR 9AM
N BAYS & LONG BAY CLOSED	BOWLING PIN MATCH 50 YD 9AM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11 OR, TRAP & SKEET 9-3	12	13 OR, T, S & FIVE STAND 9-2	14 OR, TRAP & SKEET 9-2	15 OR, TRAP & SKEET 9-2	16 OR, TRAP, SKEET & FIVE STAND 9-2
USPSA N BAYS 9AM	RANGE CLOSED	BULLSEYE 50 YD 9AM	STEEL PRACTICE N BAYS 9AM	HI PWR & MOD F PRACTICE 200 MTR 9-1	N BAYS & LONG BAY CLOSED
NRA INSTRUCTOR BASIC PISTOL 8-6:30 50 YD		IDPA PRACTICE N BAYS 9-11 & 200 MTR 11-2		COWBOY N BAYS 9AM	200 MTR CLOSED
		COWBOY 9AM		NIGHT OR & TRAP 5-9PM	
		NIGHT OR & TRAP 5-9 PM		NRA INSTRCTR MTG 7PM	
		BRD MTG 7PM			

The Garden Bug Tool Prep

Get your tools ready for the coming year's work. Clean rust and stubborn dirt off all metal surfaces with a wire brush or steel wool. Wash items with warm soapy water, then rinse and dry completely. Recondition wooden handles by smoothing nicks and splinters with medium-grit sandpaper, and coat handles with boiled linseed oil to help prevent future splintering. - Brenda Weaver Source: www.hgtv.com

SPORTS

Softball season heating up

BY ANDY VILLAMARZO
HERNANDO SUN STAFF
PHOTOS BY
CHERYL CLANTON

With basketball and soccer seasons both officially over in Hernando County, the focus now switches over to the spring sports, which features baseball, softball and track/field. The county showcases some of the area's top softball teams, with Hernando, Nature Coast and Springstead all entering the 2018 campaign as viable district contenders. We take a closer look at each of the county's teams and preview Hernando County softball 2018.

Central: Nine games into the 2018 season and Central is already on pace to surpass its 3-game win total from a year ago. The Bears finished a disappointing 3-22 and despite the team being able to put runs up on the board, Central was also giving up points at a rapid pace. Central had 16 games in which they allowed 10 or more runs and they must

cut down on that total if they look to improve this spring campaign.

Hernando: Hernando might be in a back and forth battle with Nature Coast for seeding positioning in Class 5A, District 7 as the Leopards are currently 6-0 on the season. The Leopards closest, most competitive game to date was a narrow 1-0 victory over the Sharks, presenting what could be the eventual district championship matchup. Until then, Hernando will likely roll through its district slate and has a roster loaded with talent from last season's playoff team. Pitcher Ali Shenefield is back on the mound and currently boasts a 0.78 earned run average to go along with her 6-0 record.

Nature Coast: The other likely dominant Hernando County team within Class 5A, District 7 is Nature Coast, which has been the only team able to keep up with the Leopards the past couple of seasons. Will this



SHS #7 Madison Diconc caught the last 3 outs of the game against Crystal River on Feb. 23, 2018 to take the win.

be the year Nature Coast can topple Hernando from its pedestal? It'll be a tough hill to climb for the Sharks but they have plenty of talented players to make things interesting down the stretch, including sophomore Alyssa Kelly. Kelly is currently batting a stellar .478 at the plate and is 4-0 on the mound with a 1.40 earned run average.

Springstead: Class 6A, District 6 will run through 'The Stead', as Springstead has been the cream of the crop so far in the early going. The Eagles are currently an impressive 6-0 through six games and have shown no signs of slowing down from last year's solid campaign. Losing 2-0 to the eventual Class 6A state champion Land O' Lakes

was a tough pill to swallow, but Springstead will be right back in the thick of things come postseason time. The Eagles have many starters back, including senior pitcher Kayla Cruz (0.54 ERA, 4-0).

Weeki Wachee: The Hornets are going to be hell-bent to compete in a very tough Class 6A, District 6 and have a ways to go to compete with county rival Springstead. Weeki Wachee was 9-17 in 2017 and hopes to get over the .500 mark this time around behind a youthful, but talented roster. Leading the way for the Hornets is senior Abby Pons, who is currently batting over .300 and is the team's go-to-pitcher on the mound.

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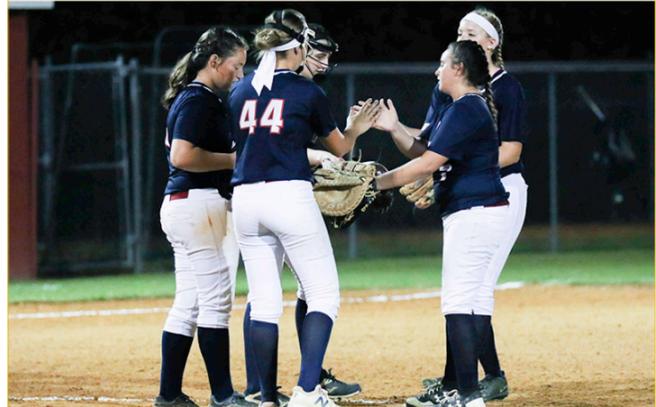
HHS Ali Shenefield pitches during the Regional semifinals against NCT last year.



NCT's Alyssa Kelly in a game against Springstead last season



SHS No. 26 Kayla Cruz hits a double during the match against Crystal River.



LEFT: SHS team spirit on the pitcher's mound during the game against Crystal River on Feb. 23

Solution to Crossword on page 15

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Chaps
- 4 Insane
- 7 Location
- 8 Skeptical sort
- 10 Original "Trivial Pursuit" edition
- 11 Traitor Benedict
- 13 Monopoly avenue neighboring "Go"
- 16 Winehouse or Poehler
- 17 Wooden strips
- 18 I love (Lat.)
- 19 Big party
- 20 Always
- 21 Fischer's game
- 23 Cloys
- 25 "Hey, sailor!"
- 26 Legend
- 27 — de Janeiro
- 28 Occurrence
- 30 Hot tub
- 33 1970s TV hospital drama
- 36 Ending that may be grand
- 37 Point-and-click device
- 38 Follow
- 39 Bridge, in Brest

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- 40 That woman
- 41 Powerful stick
- 8 — blanche head
- 9 Stick firmly
- 10 "Today Show" rival, for short
- 12 Knighted women
- 14 Chows down
- 15 Neither mate
- 19 "30 Rock" star
- 20 Biblical verb ending
- 21 Main
- 22 Sweatshirt that can cover your
- 23 Harmonization
- 24 Try
- 25 Upper limb
- 26 Brawl
- 28 PayPal currency
- 29 Worth
- 30 "Beat the Clock" challenge
- 31 Nuisance
- 32 Exist
- 34 Quaint stop-overs
- 35 Midday

Swamp Fest Weekend

The 25th annual Weeki Wachee Swamp Fest was held at Linda Pedersen Park and featured an incredible lineup of bands and entertainment along with vendors, contests

and food.

The Swamp Fest started as a fundraiser for the community in the wake of the No Name Storm in March of 1994. It was a neighborhood gathering

and fish fry where they served up swamp cabbage to raise money to repair the roof on the Weeki Wachee Area Club.



BUSINESS & COMMUNITY

BUSINESS / COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Purchasing and Contracts Department relocating

The Hernando County Purchasing and Contracts Department announces it will be relocating from the Government Center located at 20 North Main Street in Brooksville to the Building Department located at 1653 Blaise Drive in Brooksville. Beginning March 1, 2018 at noon, the Purchasing and Contracts Office will be closed and reopen with limited staff beginning March 5 and with all staff March 6. The Purchasing and Contracts Office phone (352) 754-4020 and fax (352) 754-4199 will remain the same.

Oak Hill Hospital to Host "Tools to Quit" Smoking Program

Oak Hill Hospital announces that it is partnering with AHEC to offer a FREE seminar to help tobacco users quit. "Tools to Quit" will be held on March 21, 2018, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Oak Hill Hospital GME Conference Center, Room C, 11307 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville, Florida 34613.

The single-session program will provide you with the valuable tools you need to help you quit tobacco. These include: how to prepare a plan that works for you, specific ways to deal with cravings, what physical and emotional symptoms to expect and how to cope with them effectively, as well as four FREE weeks of patches, gum or lozenges while supplies last. The program is sponsored by Tobacco Free Florida.

Space is limited and registration is required. Call 813-929-1000 to register.

The program is conducted by instructor Sheena Thompson, AA, CTTs, CLL, Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist.

For more information call Gulfcoast North Area Health Education Center (AHEC) toll free 877-848-6696 or locally at 813-929-1000 or visit tobaccofreeflorida.com/quityourway.

Tickets Are Now on Sale for Live Oak Theatre's ReUnKnighed

Tickets are now on sale for LOT's ReUnKnighed, a delightful original musical. (Join Sir Gareth and Sir Percival, as they hilariously attempt to rid their fair Queendoms from the vile Morgana in this Original Musical of Medieval Misadventure.) All seats are reserved.

ReUnKnighed will be performed on April 20-21, and 27-29, 2018 at Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 200 Mt. Fair Avenue, Brooksville, Florida 34601. Shows are 7:30 pm on Fridays and 2:30 and 7:30 pm on Saturdays. Sunday matinees are at 2:30. Doors open 30 minutes before show time.

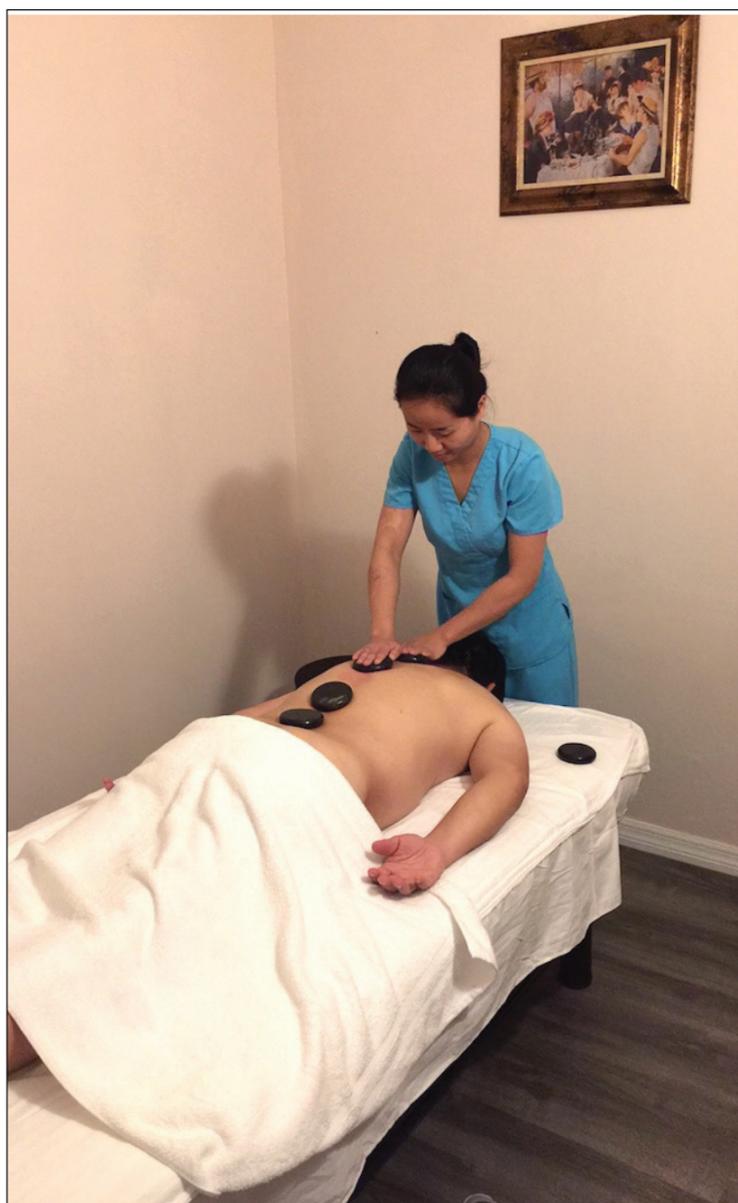
For more information, call 352-593-0027 www.LiveOakTheatre.org. Follow us on Facebook.

Type O blood donors needed now

LifeSouth is in critical need of type O blood donors. Trauma patients and patients in surgery have sharply increased the usage of type O blood, and supplies have hit a critically low level. Blood Drive schedule on page 17.



Foot massage and reflexology area. Reflexology is a system of massage used to relieve tension and treat illness, based on the theory that there are reflex points on the feet, hands, and head linked to every part of the body.



Hot stone massage is a specialty massage where the therapist uses smooth, heated stones as an extension of their own hands, or by placing them on the body. The heat can be both deeply relaxing and help warm up tight muscles.

A Hot New Trend

Melt your stress and tensions away with an infrared sauna and massage at the Orange Sauna Spa

By SUSANNAH QUIGLEY
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

Heat therapies have been around for hundreds, if not thousands, of years and go back to ancient China, Roman baths, Native American sweat lodges, Turkish baths and Finnish saunas.

It's all about sweating.

Sweating has long been valued as an effective way of cleansing and purging our bodies of a variety of toxins. But, while traditional sauna methods to induce sweating involve steam, the latest health trend to detox and de-stress ourselves are infrared saunas.

Not exactly a new technology, infrared heat has been used in hospitals and medical spas for decades to help premature babies, promote the care of the elderly and expedite the healing of athletic injuries.



The Orange Sauna Spa, located at the junction of US19 and Cortez Boulevard, has brought infrared technology to the county, along with Swedish, Thai, Shiatsu and deep-tissue massages, reflexology, aromatherapy, Chinese acupuncture and Hot Stone therapy all in a soothing, stress-reducing atmosphere.

Opened just one month ago, Orange Sauna Spa is beautifully equipped, has a relaxed, friendly atmosphere and all the spa therapists are fully qualified and licensed.

The spa has two steam rooms for male and female members. There are also two spacious

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Inside one of the infrared sauna rooms at the Orange Sauna Spa at Weeki Wachee.



Amee Zhang, left, and Jenny Teng, Jenny is the owner of the Orange Sauna Spa.

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BUSINESS & COMMUNITY

Learn about raising chickens at local animal rescue farm

by SARAH NACHIN
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

Driving down congested U.S. 19 or State Road 50 you wouldn't think that Hernando County was once predominantly agriculture or that family farms and ranches still thrive amongst the concrete and neon lights of fast food restaurants and shopping centers. One such family-owned operation is

Golden Rainbow Ranch on Snow Memorial Highway in Brooksville.

Ali and David Baylor have owned their 10-acre ranch since 2007. Ali credits it with literally saving David's life.

"My husband and I were school teachers in Pinellas County when David was diagnosed with a brain tumor and given fourteen months to live. We originally moved here because David was ill and we wanted to grow our own food and be as stress-free as possible. Amazingly, he is still here," Ali remarks.

The Bayers are now operating an animal rescue on their ranch. Their menagerie consists of alpacas, goats, ducks, a horse and a donkey. You can also spot dogs, a pig, a rabbit and geese on their property. Their turkey is safe from Thanksgiving dinner, but the Bayers do enjoy the fresh eggs from their numerous chickens.

In fact, Ali teaches a class called Chicken Raising 101 for would-be urbanite farmers. In the one-hour class, she covers everything from local zoning ordinances and making sure your neighbors don't complain to the proper feed to use and how to keep your flock healthy and safe from predators.

For people living in Spring Hill, zoning is much



Josie and Zane with Polish chickens

stricter than those who live in Brooksville or in more rural areas. In Spring Hill, you are limited in the number of chickens you can own, you must keep them in a coop in a fenced area so that they are not visible to your neighbors on all sides of you and you're not allowed to have any roosters. You must also get your neighbors' permission. If even one says, "No," then you can't have your chickens. Anyone residing

in Hernando County must also purchase a permit.

Ali and David have turned their ranch into a non-profit ecotherapy/environmental education center. They are also open to school children to learn about animals and to plant seeds in the garden they keep.

"Ecotherapy uses nature, animals and gardening to help people relieve stress and anxiety. I am a certified ecotherapist," Ali explains. Besides chicken raising, Ali teaches other classes to

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Ali Baylor on the swing under the "Tree of Life" (350 year-old oak)



Emma, Zane and Tobias enjoying feeding an alpaca



Home school kids "class picture" in front of the nature center. WELCA stands for Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. They gave Golden Rainbow a "love offering" grant for 2017-2018.

GREAT OUTDOORS

Some wingbone turkey call history

If you have spent any time around turkey hunting, you have probably heard of wingbone callers. They are turkey calls that are made from the actual bones found in a wild turkey's wing.

Historians and archaeologists say that wingbone turkey calls date back perhaps 6500 years. Native Americans made yelper calls from the three bones found in the wing of a turkey: the radius (the smallest bone), the ulna and the humerus (the biggest bone).

I wonder who was the first person to figure this out? How do you deduce that you can take the wing bones of something you just killed and fashion them into an apparatus



Capt. Francis Marion, the Swamp Fox borrowed from AlphaHistory.com

that you can use to call more of the same species within range? How intuitive and inventive is that?

I feel a wingbone call can help stack the odds in your favor while turkey hunting. Especially by mid-way through the season, most gobblers have "heard it all" from the mass-market callers and are becoming call shy.

However, few toms ever hear the realistic hen talk from a wingbone call. And I've used my wingbone callers several times to get hesitant or hung up gobblers into range when nothing else seemed to work.

It's no secret that I am a fan of the little wingbone yelpers for turkey hunting but also, I've always been intrigued by how they played a minor role during the Revolutionary War!

Known as the "Swamp Fox," Francis Marion spent the war showing the British just how uncomfortable he could make their time in the Colonies with nothing but a few dozen rifles and a refusal to "fight fair".

Like many leaders of the Revolution, Marion had spent time as a young man fighting during the French and Indian War and it taught Marion some important lessons.

You see, the Cherokee



Toby Benoit is a best selling novelist and professional outdoorsman with thirty-five years of experience guiding and outfitting for big game all across America. Toby is a renowned archer and turkey hunting expert who manufactures custom game calls and is a regular judge at NWTf sanctioned turkey calling events across the Southeast.

didn't fight in the traditional manner. When facing an overwhelming force, they used the landscape to initiate ambushes and sniper harassment.

With the start of the Revolutionary War in 1776, Marion was commissioned as a captain, and led his troops in a series of defeats to the British. Eventually, Marion decided to try some of the tactics he'd learned from the Cherokee. He raised a small force of around 50 experienced soldiers and lead them in a series of Cherokee-style ambushes on the British. Often, the signal to open fire would be given by Marion using three yelps on a Cherokee, wingbone turkey call.

The wingbone caller Francis Marion used was a two-bone style, worn on a lanyard around his neck. He used it so often that the British learned to

immediately take cover at the sound of a turkey yelping.

So, after a time, Marion discarded the little wingbone yelper and fought on, earning himself a place of honor in America's history.

If any of you are interested in learning how to make your own wingbone yelper, there are a ton of video tutorials online, or just reach out to me at toby@hernandosun.com and I'll teach you all you need to know. God bless and good hunting!



A wingbone yelper.

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Apprenticeship Program is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts' Folk and Traditional Arts Program.

About the Florida Folklife Program: The Florida Folklife Program, a component of

the Florida Department of State's Division of Historical Resources, documents and presents Florida's folklife, folklore and folk arts. The program coordinates a wide range of activities and projects designed to increase the awareness of Floridians and visitors alike about Florida's

traditional culture. Established in 1979 by the legislature to document and present Florida folklife, this program is one of the oldest state folk arts programs in the nation. For more information, visit flheritage.com/preservation/folklife.

United Way presents 8th Bright Apple Award to J.D. Floyd Elementary

BY HERNANDO SUN STAFF

For 8 consecutive years, United Way of Hernando County has proudly presented the Bright Apple Award to a deserving Hernando County School that has excelled in giving back and providing a bright future for their students. This year, United Way is excited to announce J.D. Floyd Elementary as the winners of the 2017 Bright Apple Award traveling trophy.



J.D. Floyd Elementary Principal Joyce Lewis proudly accepted the 2017 Bright Apple Award with Assistant Principal Melissa Tomlinson and teachers.

During J.D. Floyd's faculty meeting on February 7th, United Way surprised the staff with the Bright Apple Trophy and engraved plaque. Teachers were thrilled to accept this award but were surprised, left asking, "What did we do?" It's all about participation and impact, the United Way staff explained. In 2017, teachers increased their contributions to United Way's Community Investment Campaign. Seventeen donors pledged over \$700. Eight J.D. Floyd teachers also volunteered for Stuff the Bus back in the summer. This gave teachers the platform to advocate for their classroom needs and helped raise school supply donations for their school. Around the holidays, teachers were also encouraged to enter their students into United

Way's fall coloring contest. Two J.D. Floyd students won and were featured on United Way's Holiday Card. "With providing Stuff the Bus for our teachers every summer, United Way feels like we're hands on with our schools," shared United Way's Executive Director, Angie Bonfardino-Walasek. "But all you have to do is attend one faculty

meeting to realize how much more we can be doing for our educators and their classrooms," Angie explained after congratulating the staff members for receiving the Bright Apple Award at a brief J.D. Floyd faculty meeting. She said, "The flu, lack of tools, mental health awareness, school safety, and parent communication are fresh on my mind just to name a few areas. At United

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Way we've always taken pride on our ability to mobilize resources, but we're jumping into 2018 with a heavy emphasis on our schools. Recognizing strong leadership is step one. Step two is supporting those leaders. The culture J.D. Floyd has created is credited to every teacher who's striving hard to keep up and truly make a difference. We see you! And we're here when you need us." For more information, please contact: Angela Bonfardino, Executive Director/CEO angie@unitedwayhernando.org

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separate infrared rooms for men and women, each equipped with 3 compact infrared self-contained saunas. The sleek and modern wooden saunas feature reclining benches, dimmable interior lighting and LED lights. The saunas are very spacious, so friends can infrared together. Owner, Jenny Teng, who is from South China, said, "The difference between a traditional sauna and an infrared sauna is that the infrared sauna uses infrared wavelengths of light to heat you up from inside out rather than from the outside in. Infrared heat raises your body's core temperature giving you a deeper, natural, cleansing experience, she said." Infrared saunas operate at a much lower temperature than a regular sauna

making it an attractive option for those people who can't tolerate the blistering heat of a conventional sauna. Increasing your body temperature helps blood vessels to widen and help blood flow easier. Sweating also helps removes fluid from the body. and relaxing in a warm, cosy atmosphere has proven to relieve physical and mental stress. Other sauna benefits claim to include muscle and organ relaxation, detoxification, pain relief, improved cell health, anti-aging and skin purification. Any kind of sauna triggers sweating which removes fluid and toxins from the body. It is therefore recommended that customers drink plenty of water during their sauna sessions. "Hydration is key," staff member Ameer Zhang said,

"so make sure to increase your water intake when taking a sauna" she said. "We have water available everywhere throughout our spa." Orange Sauna Spa has intimate spaces to relax before, between or after treatments and is well stocked with magazines and complimentary bottled water. Shower rooms are stocked with shampoos, conditioner and body lotions. Open now for one month, Teng recommends using infrared therapy at least once a week, to relax and rejuvenate. "Some people like to come as many as three times a week for the full benefits of infrared saunas," she said. "We offer a membership benefits at the spa so you can save money when you come often." Orange Sauna Spa offers a VIP membership option for extra cost-saving bene-

fits. Membership fees starts at \$20 per month, \$110 for 6 months or \$200 annually. Nonmember sauna prices start at \$19.99; with an hour massage (\$59.99) the sauna comes free for VIP members. Reflexology prices start at \$29.99 for 30 minutes; one hour \$39.99. A nonmember one hour body massage is \$59.99. For more information on treatments and pricing options, visit orangesaunaspa.com. Editor's Note: Always confer with your doctor before entering a sauna if you have low resting blood pressure or heart disease, are pregnant or sick. Heat and sweating may also exacerbate skin conditions like rosacea, melanoma or acne.

IF YOU GO:
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CALENDARS FOR ENRICHMENT CENTERS

SPRING HILL ENRICHMENT CENTER MAR CALENDAR; 10441Quality Drive Spring Hill, Florida 34609 Medical Arts Building Suite #105; Located on the campus of Bayfront Health Spring Hill

12	13	14	15	16
8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles 9:00-10:00 Chair Exercise 9-11 Share A Craft 9-12 Painting 9-4 SHINE by Appt Only Call 593-0705 12-3:00 Current Events 12:30-4 Canasta- Hand & Foot 1:00-Chewin' the Fat! 1-4:00 Painting	8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles 9-10 Miracle Mile Exercise 8:30-9 Basic Squat Tai Chi 9-11 Share A Craft 11-12 Social Seniors 1:00-Chewin' the Fat! 1-4:00 Scrabble 1-3 Deaf Services & FREE amplified Phone 6:30-8:30 TLC for Mom's	8-4 Cards, Board Games & Puzzles 9:00-10:00 Chair Exercise 10-2 Vocational Rehab 10-12 Ceramics 10-12 Mah-Jongg Lessons 1-4 Advanced Mah Jongg 1:00-Chewin' the Fat!	8-4 Cards, Board Games & 8:30-9:00 Weights & Squats 9:00-9:40 2 mile walk 9:40-10:00 Tai Chi 9-11 Share A Craft 9-4 SHINE by Appt Only Call 593-0705 1:00-Chewin' the Fat! 6:30-8:30 Mom to Mom	8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles 9:00-10:00 Chair Exercise 9-11 Share A Craft 10-11:30 Crochet Classes 10:30 Music with Gale 12:30-4 Mah-Jongg 12:30-4 Advanced Canasta- Hand & Foot 1:00-Chewin' the Fat 3-6:00 TLC for Mom's

BROOKSVILLE ENRICHMENT CENTER MAR CALENDAR; 17222 Hospital Blvd Brooksville, Fl 34601 Medical Arts Building Suite #120 Located; on the campus of Bayfront Health Brooksville; 544.6022

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Walking in the Courtyard-anytime 8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles 8-12 Crafts 8:30-9:30 Exercise 11-12 Beach Ball Bash 1-4:00 Alzheimer's 7-9:00 Camera Club	Walking in the Courtyard-anytime 8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles 8-12 Crafts 9:30-11 BINGO 10-12 Deaf Services 10-3 HC Quilt Guild 8-3 Sewing Class 10:30 Birthday Club 6-8 Mary Kay 6:30-7:30 Nurse Support	8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles 8:30-9:30 Exercise 9-12 Crocheting & Knitting 10- Hospital Volunteers 11-12 Blood Pressure by Home Instead 12:30-4:00 Canasta-Hand & Foot 1-3 Warm Up America 1-3 Pencil Sketching 1:00 Music with Gale 6:30-7:30 AA Support Group 7 Toastmasters- Public Speaking	Walking in the Courtyard-anytime 8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles 8-12 Crafts 9:30-11 BINGO 8-3 Sewing Class 10-1 Quilters & Stitchers 1-3 Creative Art 3-5 Our Perfect Storm 5:30 Cognitive Training 6:30-8:30 Improve Your Health- Free Seminar 7:30-9:00 AL-Anon	Walking in the Courtyard-anytime 8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles 8-12 Crafts 8:30-9:30 Exercise 9-12 Gourd painting 10-12 Relax thru Coloring 10-1 Quilters with a Cause 1-3 Humane Society 2-4 Ostomy Support Group-Group

The Quarry Mining Association Enrichment Center MAR CALENDAR; 800 John Gary Grubbs Blvd; Brooksville

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MEDITERRANEAN
AMY
LATHS
FEITE
CHESSES
AHOY
RIONE
MEDICAL
FINAL
ENSUE
SHE

Solution to Sudoku from p 18:

Weekly SUDOKU
Answer
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— Ron Barrett
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Camp 'Reach Out' helps children manage grief

BY DONNA SNAPP
HERNANDO SUN STAFF



Bereavement counselor talks with campers about the challenge they just completed

Over eighty children attended HPH Hospice Camp REACH OUT 2018, on March 2 to March 4, 2018. The children, ages 5 through 18, had all experienced a significant loss during the year.

Grieving children may feel lost and alone and unable to communicate their feelings. Since 1993, Camp REACH OUT has helped children learn coping skills to manage their grief and express their sorrow. Meeting other children their age who have also experienced a loss teaches them they are not alone.

Arriving Friday afternoon, campers were assigned to one of eight cabins. Each cabin had two adult leaders and a bereavement counselor.

Campers in each group got acquainted over dinner and then played human foosball, did yoga or joined the drum circle at the campfire.

On Saturday, after an early breakfast, the cabin groups rotated through

several challenges like the Web, the Balance Beam, and the Wall, that seemed recreational but actually contain a therapeutic component. Each challenge required the campers to work together as a group to manage the

challenge. With teamwork and mutual support, campers were successful. Counselors helped the campers recognize what each challenge had taught them. In the afternoon, campers expressed their emotions through art by painting and embellishing a mask, and then went swimming, or played ball or other games.

After dinner on Saturday, campers had a beautiful lakeside ceremony honoring their loved ones.

Parents arrived on Sunday for the closing service and awards and then toured the cabins and grounds with their children. Friendships and bonds had formed so the children who had been strangers on Friday exchanged phone numbers, embraced goodbye and promised to keep in touch as camp came to a close.

Megan Bruno, Bereavement Supervisor, said, "Over the past weekend, 68 dedicated volunteers and staff from HPH Hospice came together to provide a week-end of healing, hope and fun for 86 children from Pasco, Hernando and Citrus counties. At Camp REACH OUT, campers learned how to cope with the difficult feelings of grief, as well as how to honor the memory of their lost loved ones."

HPH Hospice offers several camps and bereavement and support programs throughout the year. For information, call 727-816-3647 or visit www.chaptershealth.org

Get your lawn green, healthy using the right fertilizer

BY JIM DAVIS
SPECIAL TO
THE HERNANDO SUN

Last week I wrote about the importance of mowing. This week, allow me to talk about how to fertilize appropriately. Selecting the right formulation of fertilizer can help your turfgrass stay lush, green and healthy during the growing season. There are many fertilizer formulations available for homeowners. Not all are created equal. The University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) extension recommends using a fertilizer with a 1:1 or 2:1 ratio of nitrogen to potassium. For example, 15-0-15 and 16-0-8 would be a 1:1 formulation. A 20-0-10 would be a 2:1 formulation. The numbers do not have to be exact. A palm fertilizer with a formulation of 8-2-12 would be good. However, a formulation of 32-0-5 or 20-0-0 would be way off base. The appropriate formulation is important for many reasons. The first number of a fertilizer bag is nitrogen (N). Basically, nitrogen greens your lawn and produces shoot growth. Too much nitrogen is not a good thing. Excessive nitrogen will stress turf and attract pests. The middle number is phosphorus (P). Phosphorus is very abundant in Florida soils. In some parts of the state, they actually mine it. Having said that, you really do not need to be too concerned with (P) in your turf fertilizer. The last number is potassium (K). Think of potassium as giving vitamins to your roots. Potassium helps root development and will help turf in times of stress, such as drought or a freeze.

Now that you have selected the right formulation, do you know if it is slow-release? UF/IFAS recommends using a fertilizer that has 15% or more slow-release. Have you ever seen a turf fertilizer bag that states clearly on the front of the bag how much slow release it has in it? I rarely do. There are several terms in which you can find out if you have a slow-release fertilizer or not. Let us look at a for-

mulation of 15-0-15. On back of the bag, you may notice a small box called "Guaranteed Analysis." This is a breakdown of what is in the fertilizer. Look at the components that make up the total nitrogen. You are looking for a word called water-insoluble. Water-insoluble is slow-release. Therefore, a bag that has 15% total nitrogen will be broken down in the guaranteed analysis box. For example, it may have 2.56% ammoniacal nitrogen, 1.38% nitrate nitrogen, 3.56% urea nitrogen and 7.50% water-insoluble nitrogen in its formulation. Add all of these up and it will total 15%. The 7.50% water-insoluble is slow-release. Since 7.50% is half of 15, then that bag has 50% slow-release nitrogen in its formulation. That formulation would fit UF/IFAS guidelines. If you do not see water-insoluble, look down at the bottom of the guaranteed analysis box and you will see a paragraph titled "Derived from." If you see words like "Polymer coated," then that means it is slow-release as well. A bag of 8-2-12 fertilizer containing 5.4% polymer coated urea in its total nitrogen would contain almost 70% slow-release nitrogen. Reading and understanding fertilizer labels can be daunting and frustrating. Most people ask me if I have a favorite trade name. Truth is you really cannot go by trade names. You have to go by what is in the bag and if that fertilizer is what you need for that particular plant species. I would also highly recommend doing a soil test. Contact our local county extension office for materials and instructions.

Jim Davis is the Multi-County Extension Director for UF/IFAS Sumter County and Hernando County Extension and a Florida Master Naturalist Instructor. UF/IFAS Extension in Hernando County provides solutions for your life. Extension programs are open to all persons without regard to race, color, sex, age, disability, religion, or national origin.



Using the right fertilizer keeps your lawn healthy. Photo by JIM DAVIS



Campers work on helping each other on The Web

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An opportunity you'd been hoping for finally opens up. But read the fine print before you make a commitment, especially where a time factor might be involved.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your need to know what's going on behind the scenes leads you to make some bold moves. Be prepared with a full explanation of your actions if necessary.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A lot of details need tending to during the early part of the week. The pressure eases midweek, allowing you to get back to your major undertaking.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A friend asks you to act on their behalf in a dispute. Be careful. You might not have all the facts you need in order to make a fair assessment of the situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new development might require you to cancel some of your plans. But you adapt easily, and by week's end, you could receive welcome "cheering-up" news.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your recent workplace accomplishments boost your self-confidence just as you're about to consider a potentially rewarding, although possibly risky, career move.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your love of the arts is equaled only by your strong sense of justice. People can depend on you to always try to do what's right.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) With your practical side dominant this week, it's a good time to reassess your finances to see what expenses you can cut. Aspects also favor mending fraying relationships.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine-inspired determination to follow matters through from beginning to end pays off in a big way. Enjoy a well-earned weekend of fun with a special someone.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Aspects favor re-establishing business relationships you might have neglected. A family member's request needs to be given more thought before you make a decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) While you might appreciate the avalanche of advice coming from others, keep in mind that the intuitive Moon Child is best served by listening to her or his own inner voice.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Lion's social life whirls at centrifugal speed this week as you go from function to function. Things slow by week's end, giving you a chance to catch up on your chores.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Don't let your stand on an issue cause a rift with a colleague. Insist on both of you taking time to reassess your positions while there's still room for compromise.

LEGAL NOTICES

OBITUARIES

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD**

RULE TITLE: Hernando County School District Safe Driver Plan
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The plan sets forth guidelines and standards for safe transportation of students related to the Hernando County Schools. The purpose for revising this plan is to align the content to reflect applicable statutory language and incorporate best practices regarding the subject matter herein.

SUMMARY OF RULE: Revisions to Hernando County School District Safe Driver Plan that received tentative approval at the 02/27/18 Workshop

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: Section 1001.41; 1001.42; and 1001.43 Florida Statutes.
LAW IMPLEMENTED: Sections, §1001.41; §1001.42; 1001.43; and 1006.22 Fla. Stat. Additional references to specific statutes are identified within each policy as applicable.

A HEARING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD, ON THE PROPOSED PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE BOARD BYLAWS AND POLICIES. THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF SUCH HEARINGS: March 27, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the School Board office located at 919 N. Broad Street, Brooksville, Florida 34601.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE RULE WILL BE ADOPTED ON March 27, 2018.

DATE AND PLACE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED:
The notice of the public workshop regarding this plan was published on February 16, 2018 in the Hernando Sun, Hernando County, Florida. This notice is scheduled for publication on March 9, 2018 in the Hernando Sun, Hernando County, Florida.

If requested in writing and not deemed unnecessary by the agency head, a rule development workshop will be notified in the Hernando Sun and the Board's website.

Any person requiring a special accommodation to participate in the meetings above noticed because of a disability should contact call 352-797-7000, 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make appropriate arrangements. If any person appearing before the School Board anticipates or expects that he or she might appeal any decision made by the School Board, that person will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose, that person will need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

The Agency does not anticipate any the adoption of this rule will (1) have an adverse impact on small business; or (2) directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate in the state within 1 year after the implementation of the rule. Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED FOR INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

Bill Hall, Director of Fire, Safety & Security 352-797-7000

Links to specific matters regarding the Hernando Schools are available at: <http://www.hernandoschools.org>

A copy of the proposed rule is available by contacting the individual identified above.

School board agendas are published online at: <http://hernandocounty-school.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>
(03/09/2018)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 2018-DR-292
David Brian Smith, Petitioner, and Syndi Anne Smith, Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: Syndi Anne Smith Respondent's Last Known Address: Unknown
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on David Brian Smith, whose address is 1022 Howell Ave, Apt. B5; Brooksville, FL 34601 on or before March 23, 2018, and file the original with the clerk of this court at 20 N. Main St, Rm 246; Brooksville, Florida 34601, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

DATED this 9th day of February, 2018.
DON BARBEE/ SEAL
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By /s/Sonya Sanders
Deputy Clerk
(02/23/2018), (03/02/2018), (03/09/2018), (03/16/2018)

Ninabelle Purdy (Lighty) 86, Deceased, February 18, 2018. Personal representative Kelda Draper, 2845 Imperial Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84106.
(03/09/2018), (03/16/2018), (03/23/2018), (03/30/2018)

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, RACINE COUNTY

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF
Petitioner
CHRISTOPHER SEAN MORANO
and
Respondent
JENNIFER ANN MORANO

Publication Summons-Divorce-40101
Case No. 17-FA-1351

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS RESPONDENT:

You are notified that the petitioner named above has filed a Petition for divorce or legal separation against you.

You must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Petition within 40 days from the day after the first date of publication.
The demand must be sent or delivered to the court at: Clerk of Court, RACINE County Court-house, Address 730 Wisconsin Ave. City: Racine State: WI Zip: 53403

and to
Petitioner Name CHRISTOPHER SEAN MORANO
Address 2825 Wellington Dr.
City: Racine State: WI Zip: 53403

Hearing Date: April 3, 2018, 10:30AM, 3rd Floor

It is recommended, but not required, that you have an attorney help or represent you.
If you do not demand a copy of the Petition within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Petition, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

You are further notified that if the parties to this action have minor children, viola-

tion of §948.31, Wis. Stats., (Interference with custody by parent or others) is punishable by fines and/or imprisonment:
If you and the petitioner have minor children, documents setting forth the percentage share of child support established by the department under §49.22(9), Wis. Stats., and the factors that a court may consider for modification of that standard under §767.51(1m), Wis. Stats., are available upon your request from the Clerk of Court.

You are notified of the availability of information from the Circuit Court Commissioner as set forth in §767.105, Wis. Stats.

§767.105 Information from Circuit Court Commissioner.

(2) Upon the request of a party to an action affecting the family, including a revision of judgment or order under sec. 767.59 or 767.451:

(a) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall, with or without charge, provide the party with written information on the following as appropriate to the action commenced:
1. The procedure for obtaining a judgment or order in the action.
2. The major issues usually addressed in such an action.
3. Community resources and family court counseling services available to assist the parties.
4. The procedure for setting, modifying, and enforcing child support awards, or modifying and enforcing legal custody or physical placement judgments or orders.
(b) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall provide a party, for inspection or purchase, with a copy of the statutory provisions in this chapter generally pertinent to the action.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 262-636-3333 at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

/s/
Bruce A. Fishbain
1/9/2018
(02/23/2018), (03/02/2018), (03/09/2018)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 2018-CP-149
IN RE: ESTATE OF
LOIS L. LAMB
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of LOIS L. LAMB, deceased, whose date of death was January 17, 2018; File Number 2018-CP-149, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hernando County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 20 N. Main Street, Brooksville, FL 34601. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: March 2, 2018.

/s/
Seymour A. Gordon
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Secondary Email: catvas@aol.com
Florida Bar No. 030370
GAY & GORDON ATTORNEYS, P.A.
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St. Petersburg, Florida 33731
Telephone: (727) 896-8111
(03/02/2018), (03/09/2018)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 2017-DR-002012
Division:

MELISSA BOCK,
Petitioner,
and
LEVI D. HILLMAN,
Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION

TO: LEVI D. HILLMAN
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Petition for Temporary Custody, and for payments of support, has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action on Laurel C. Ackley, Esq., of NORTH TAMPA LAW GROUP, LLC, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 26852 Tanic Dr. Ste. 102, Wesley Chapel, Florida 33544, on or before March 21, 2018, and file the original with the clerk of this court at Hernando County Courthouse, 20 N. Main St, Brooksville, Florida 34601, either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

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DATED this 9 day of February, 2018.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ JBT
Deputy Clerk
(02/23/2018), (03/02/2018), (03/09/2018), (03/16/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Allison Ramsey, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "RAMSEY DESIGN COMPANY" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.
(03/09/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that DARRELL MYRICK, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "MARCIUS TULLIUS INSTITUTE (MTI)" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.
(03/09/2018)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Hernando County School Board will hold a Public Meeting on Wednesday, March 28th, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., in the Federal Programs Conference room at the District Office located at 919 N. Broad Street, Brooksville, Florida, 34601. The purpose of this Public Meeting is for the Insurance Committee to meet to discuss any business that may come before the meeting.
Originated by Mark C. Johnson, The School Board of Hernando County Florida.
By: Lori Romano, Ph.D. Secretary and Superintendent of Schools
(03/09/2018)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

Case No: 17-CA-1099
Division:

STRESS FREE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, AS TRUSTEE, FOR LAND TRUST NO HERNANDO TD 4/5- Plaintiff,
v.
MICHAEL ROBERTSON, TIMOTHY ROBERTSON, DEBRA MARSHALL, RICHARD ROBERTSON, BELINDA MCGUOIRK, and LAURA ROBERTSON Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HERNANDO

TO: BELINDA MCGUOIRK, and LAURA ROBERTSON,

whose residence is unknown if they be living; and if they be dead and the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under, or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title on the following real property located in HERNANDO County, Florida:

Lot 6, Block O, Leisure Retreats, Unit No. 1, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 12, Pages 1-8 inclusive, public records of Hernando County, Florida.

Also known as: 14445 Wren Rd. Brooksville, Florida 34614 has been filed against you and you are required to file a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on NATALIA OUELLETTE, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Law Office Grant D. Whitworth 14502 N Dale Mabry Hwy, #200, Tampa, FL, 33618, on or before March 21, 2018 (no later than 28 days from the date of the first publication of this notice of action) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.
Done on this 24th day of January, 2018.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Peggy Welch, the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Hernando County Courthouse, 20 North Main Street, Brooksville, Florida 34601, Telephone (352) 754-4402, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

By:
/s/
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Don Barbee Jr
Clerk of the Court, Hernando Seal
/s/
Elizabeth Markidis
Deputy Clerk
2-7-18
(03/02/2018), (03/09/2018)
(03/16/2018), (03/23/2018)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 18000226CPAXMX
IN RE: ESTATE OF
TANETA MORRELL
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Taneta Morrell, deceased, whose date of death was January 23, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hernando County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 20 North Main Street, Brooksville, FL 34601. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is March 2, 2018.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Elyssa M. Harvey, Esquire
MATTHEW J. JOWANNA, P.A.
Attorney for Petitioner
Florida Bar Number: 119907
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Wesley Chapel, Florida 33544
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EMH@Jowanna.com
Personal Representative:
Rashaw Morrell
2925 Barneys Lane NE
Cleveland, TN 37323
(03/02/2018), (03/09/2018)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF BARGAINING SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the Hernando County School Board will hold its bargaining session with HUSW on Friday, March 23rd, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office, located at 919 N. Broad Street, Brooksville, FL, 34601
Originated by Mark C. Johnson, The School Board of Hernando County Florida.
By: Lori Romano, Ph.D. Secretary and Superintendent of Schools
(03/09/2018)

Kreitzer Robert Dennis, passed away on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. He is survived by f5 daughters; Lisa, Brenda, Vivian Darlene, Cheryl, Kristina, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Gathering will be held April 7, 2018 from 10 to 10:30 at 280 Mariner Blvd, Spring Hill, Florida on April 7, 2018. Funeral services will be held at Florida National Cemetery at 11:30am. Src; Brewer

Sotomayor Esther, age 95, passed away on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. sther is survived by 2 sons, Hiram and Edwin; 5 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. Src; Brewer

Perdue Hobert Lee, passed away on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. Src; Turner

Carlough Thomas, H., passed away on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. Src; Turner

Sheil Roseanne Bennett, age 52, passed away on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. She is survived by her husband Patrick Michael and her children Kathleen Margaret and Andrew Michael. Src; Downing

Cornish Joyce, H., passed away on Wednesday, February 28, 2018. She is survived by her son Robert Harrison (Paula); daughter Julie, and 1 grandson LaPlante Arlene, N., passed away on Thursday, March 1, 2018. Src; Turner

Young Donald James, age 88, of Spring Hill, passed away on Thursday, March 1, 2018. He was a United States Navy veteran. Donald is survived by his wife: Julia; son: Russell; daughters: Lynn, Claire, and Janet; 2 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 9 stepchildren; 35 step-grandchildren; 45 step-great-grandchildren; 6 step-great-great-grandchildren. Src; Merritt

Hittler Mary, age 82, passed on Thursday, March 1, 2018. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Roger, and sons, Keith, Kurt, Kraig, Kenneth. Src; Pinecrest

Rev. Dr. Johnson William M., Sr., of Weeki Wachee, passed away on Friday, March 2, 2018. Rev. Johnson is survived by his wife, Madeline; sons and daughters-in-law: William M. Jr. (Lydia), Harry (Penny); daughter and son-in-law Lonora (George); 8 grandchildren; and 5 great grandchildren. Src; Merritt

Cavallucci John P., age 64, of Spring Hill, passed away Saturday, March 3, 2018. He is survived by his wife Giovanna; sons John Cavallucci (Patrice); Christopher Cavallucci (Jennifer); and 2 grandchildren. Src; Turner

Tighe Joseph Jeffrey, passed away on Saturday, March 3, 2018. Src; Turner

Post Sharon Rae, passed away on Saturday, March 1, 2018. Src; Turner

GOSSETT, Joy A. age 80 of Spring Hill, Florida passed away Sunday, March 4, 2018 at HPH Hospice, Brooksville, Florida. Born on July 5, 1937, she came to the area 15 years ago from Fairborn, Ohio. She worked Civil Service for the Government and was a member of Spring Hill Baptist Church. A graveside service will be held March 9, 2018, 11:30am at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. Merritt

Anna M Weiland passed away March 4, 2018 (AGE 85). Anna is survived by her loving husband Garhard, along with many friends. Anna loved to cook, gardening and go dancing. Downing

BLOOD MOBILE SCHEDULE

Friday, March 9	2236 SE 100th Ln. Webster 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.
Walmart	13300 Cortez Blvd. Brooksville 10:30a.m. to 6:00p.m.
Pasco Safety Town	15362 Alric Pottburg Rd. Shady Hills 10:30a.m. to 6:30p.m.
Saturday, March 10	Art in the Park Tom Van Park E. Ft. Dade Ave. Brooksville 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.
Storybook Forest	Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando 15506 County Line Rd. Shady Hills 11:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.
Sam's Club	13360 Cortez Blvd. Brooksville 3:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.
Sunday, March 11	Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church 200 Mount Fair Ave. Brooksville 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.
Dayspring Presbyterian Church	6000 Mariner Blvd. Spring Hill 10:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.
Walmart	7305 Broad St. Brooksville 1:30p.m. to 5:00p.m.
Nantucket Cove Apartments	400 Cape Cod Loop Spring Hill 2:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.
Monday, March 12	Walmart 1485 Commercial Way Spring Hill 10:00a.m. to 5:30p.m.
Sam's Club	13360 Cortez Blvd. Brooksville 2:30p.m. to 6:00p.m.
Heron Pointe Health Care	1445 Howell Ave. Brooksville 11:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.
Tuesday, March 13	Walmart 13300 Cortez Blvd. Brooksville 10:00a.m. to 5:30p.m.

The Garden Bug Spring garden prep

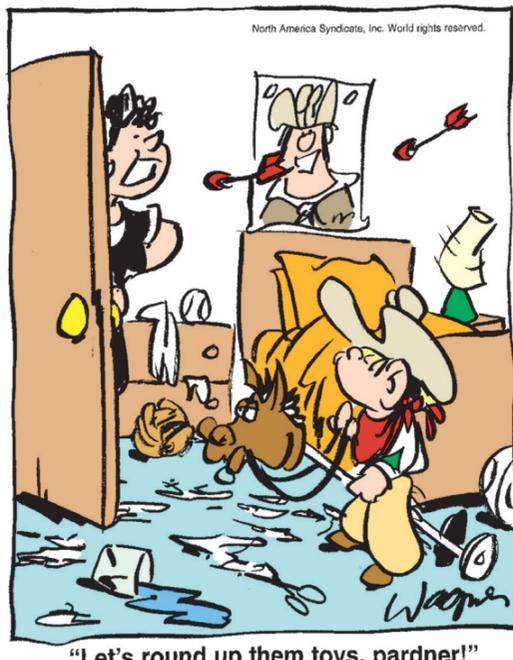
As day lengths increase, plants begin new growth. Repot rootbound plants, moving them to containers 2 inches larger in diameter than their current pot. Check for insect activity and apply controls as needed. Leggy plants may be pruned now. Summer and fall blooming perennials should be divided in spring.

- Brenda Weaver Source: www.missouribotanicalgarden.org

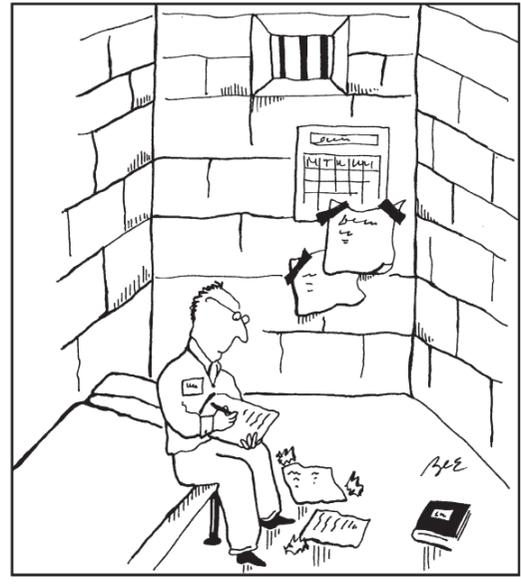
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- Butler Robert Earl and Ingram Sharene Kaman 3/1/18
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- Shamblin Andrew Craton and Currence Rosalie Shannon 3/2/18
- Goldberg Mitchell Alan and Barton Stacey Lynn 3/2/18
- Carpenter Roy Lee and Billings Linda Gale 3/5/18
- Gottesman Michael Aron and Hartman Robyn Lee 3/5/18
- Greene Nathaniel Vinson and Prodey Samantha Lynn 3/5/18
- Adkins Ryan Michael and Blevins Crystal Holly 3/5/18
- Friedman Gordon Lynn and Friedman Lillie Mae 3/5/18
- Pierce Michael Lamar and Cornelius Charity Lynn 3/5/18
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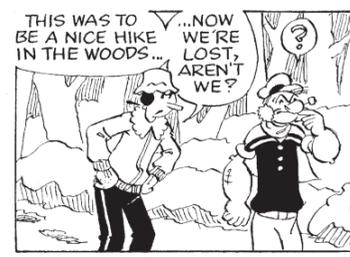
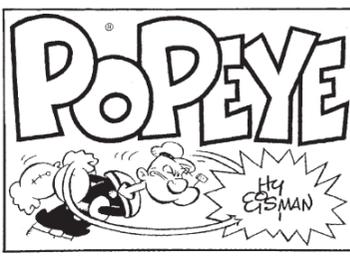
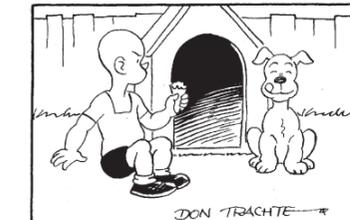
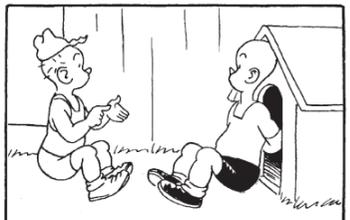
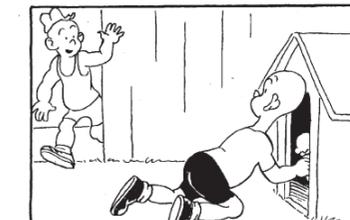
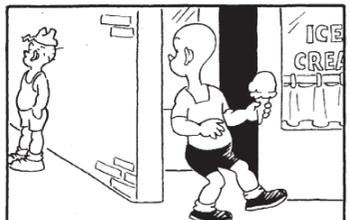
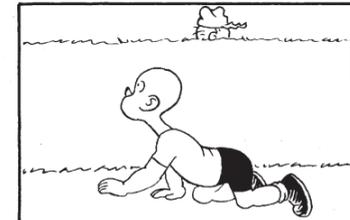
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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Solution to Sudoku on page 9

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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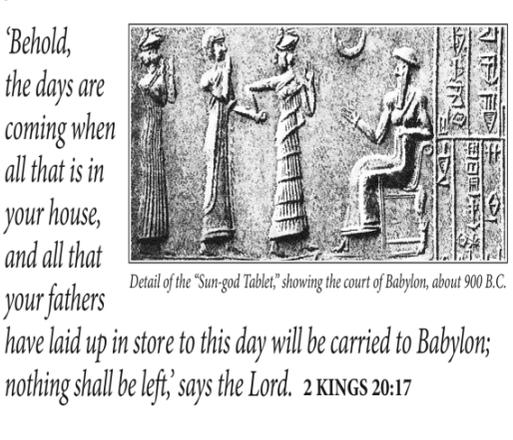
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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Habakkuk in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From Nehemiah 10, what's the most common starting letter of the 87 names listing priests, Levites, chiefs and fathers? *C, B, T, H*
 3. Which book may be summarized, "The end of the world as we know it."?
Proverbs, Ephesians, 2 Peter, Revelation
 4. How did Jesus enter Jerusalem during the "Triumphal Entry"? *On foot, Carried by slaves, On donkey, In golden chariot*
 5. Which prophet foretold the ministry of John the Baptist? *Levi, Isaiah, Aaron, Mordecai*
 6. From 1 Chronicles 20, Elhanan slew Goliath's ...? *Father, Brother, Mule, Oxen*
- ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) H; 3) Revelation; 4) On donkey; 5) Isaiah; 6) Brother

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OPINION

DOMENICK J. MAGLIO, PH.D.



Traditional Realist

Stay married for the sake of everyone

There are specific behaviors seen early in a marriage that should be grounds for terminating the relationship. Physical abuse, severe and long term substance addiction, adultery, mental illness, sexual molestation are some of the grounds for early divorce. Usually these destructive, deviant behaviors were hidden or missed before the marriage. Nevertheless, once uncovered these negative acts should be confronted with serious consequences including dissolving the marriage.

Once there is a child in the marriage the options become more complex and complicated. In the American culture of the 1950s and early 1960s most citizens said couples should stay together for the sake of the children. The parents understood the psychological anguish children had to endure with the breakup of the parents due to the children's divided allegiance to each parent. The feminist liberation movement changed the narrative from the impact on the children to the suffering of the woman/mother in a relationship she no longer found fulfilling. Feminist groups and psychological experts who were influenced by the movement directly encouraged a wife to leave the marriage. The hope and dream was that mothers would be liberated and live a more fulfilling life. This has not been the norm.

There are unintended negative consequences to all family members from a divorce. Fathers usually had to move out of the home. The wife received a percentage of the ex husband's income depending on the competence of her lawyer. Most females did not get all they expected financially and had to share child time with the ex. Most importantly the children were shuffled back and forth between parents, which complicated their education and social development. The negativity from one parent about the other alienated the children towards both. The child became more angry and disappointed with one parent than the other but this often shifted over time. The most devastating impact was that the child often turned his bitterness inward. Children are the most seriously victimized by divorce although everyone suffers.

Divorce is the death of the original family although it does not end most of the problems but creates many new ones without totally solving the original ones. The exchange of children on weekends, new step parents, holidays, school events, religious events, future marriages of the children, funerals and many other unexpected issues and events cause emotional difficulties, confusion and conflict. The love and anger in the offspring are rarely totally resolved.

The wedding vow of "in sickness and in health" has to be addressed. It affects not only one spouse but the future wellbeing of all other family members. Creating a healthy marriage takes time and effort. Almost every couple goes through peaks and valleys until personal maturity calms them into a more even flow. The difficult times as well as the enjoyable ones bond the couple together. Jumping ship with the first indication of rough water will exclude many future wonderful experi-

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STUDENT SUBMISSIONS

To be or not to be a Hero By SOPHIA FRANK Grade 8

The United States has been a country for 241 years and has had 45 presidents: the first of them being George Washington. From 1776 to now, he has been venerated as a national hero, having been the first president of the United States. Only now are we starting to question his heroism.

The question is, why? Before being unanimously elected president, George Washington was known as a leader. In the French-Indian war, Washington was a Senior Officer. Then, during the American Revolution, he became the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army, meaning he put his life on the line for his people twice.

He was also the only president to ever have been unanimously elected. I wonder why? He stood for his people, and rather than splitting us apart like most modern political figures, he united the people of the United States, and that is why it is the country it is today.

Recently, however, due to modern movements such as 'Black Lives Matter' or the feminist acts, his heroism has been questioned.

Like any man in his time, he had slaves. In fact, so did British men.

The British went to Africa and shipped people in boxes to their colonies where they needed slaves. Because of George Washington, we broke away from that country. Another current argument is that he

is sexist. Discrimination against women has been prominent since before Columbus discovered North America. In fact, it was almost worldwide. Women were granted suffrage almost 150 years after Washington died. To me, to say that George Washington is the reason that women were discriminated against is an act of pure ignorance.

Perhaps people are against Washington because he was a leader. People nowadays are followers. Standing out and being different is more about making a point than making the right one. George Washington stood for a cause, and like any good person he will be both venerated and criticized.

He stood for his people and united them. He brought everyone together, however, nowadays; everything is about being split apart from the norm. To me, George Washington was indeed a national hero, and in my opinion, we need a leader like him again.

Family Found Living In A Wooden Box By HANNA FOX Grade 7

Just recently a family was found living in a large box made of plywood in a desert in California. The parents, 51-year-old Mona Kirk and 73-year-old Daniel Panico had three children ages 11, 13 and 14. It has been said that they also had thirty to forty cats. The parents were arrested for child abuse. But was that really necessary...

It is apparent that the family did not have any

money for a proper shelter so they made their own and the children were not properly nourished.

Back when the first people settled in the United States they did not have proper food or shelter. Should we go back in time and arrest all the people for not feeding their offsprings properly or not providing proper households for their families? These people at least tried to provide a legitimate home for themselves but it did not fit the "government's standards."

You may ask these people didn't go to the government for assistance. What if they did not want to have to owe a debt to the government? Were the children happy to leave their home? Were their parents cruel to them? That is the sort of stuff you need to look at when investigating. This was not addressed in any of the articles I read.

In earlier months David Allen Turpin and Louise Anna Turpin were arrested for actually shackling their 13 children to their beds. Now that is real child abuse. I think that if this family is really just people living in a wooden box in a desert then we should leave them alone and start cracking down on real child abuse.

There maybe something that the media is not telling us like usual about these people or they are just people trying to live a quiet life in their wooden box. I know that living in a box would be a dream come true to many children.

(mainly women, I suppose) was amazed that I could walk so well. Apparently I didn't like crawling on my hands and knees—and I still don't. The next part of the story is about when I was three years old and on another ship for our trip back to the states. She had told me that we were getting on a big boat, and of course a big ship looks like a big building from the dock, at least to a 36-month-old. So after we boarded, I pointed to a lifeboat and asked her if that was it, and she thought that was so cute. While she was telling that part to my wife, my brother, and my daughter when we

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ed Kingdom from 1940 to 1945 and again from 1951 to 1955. His legacy is for defeating Nazi Germany and he tops the list of greatest Britons of all time.

Winston Churchill died Jan. 24, 1965 and was buried with full state honors. He is revered worldwide and The Tampa Tribune on Jan. 25, 1965, the day after his death, devoted the front page and several full inside pages devoted to his memory.

As a child, I remember being taken to the train crossing in our small village west of London to watch his funeral train pass through on the way to St Martin's Church in Bladon, near Woodstock, Oxfordshire.

So, I watched the whole televised event, advertisements and all, to find out if Gary Oldman, 59, would win an Oscar for his portrayal of Winston Churchill in Darkest Hour, a 2017 British war drama film. Oldman plays Prime Minister Winston Churchill in the years Nazi Germany knocked at Britain's doorstep.

I'm glad to say he won Best Actor for his role but the film did not win Best Picture.

Critics say this role was one of Oldman's best performances but, in my view, he deserves an Oscar anyway for his past unrecognized performances, particularly as John Le Carré's aging spymaster George Smiley in Tinker, Tailor, Soldier Spy.

Returning to host this year's Oscars was Jimmy Kimmel. I applaud his courage because his performance will be the focus of intense critique. We can expect every joke and nuance of his performance to be dissected for days and weeks later. Did he make too few or too many jokes about Trump, Weinstein, gun violence and other controversial issues?

However, in ending, it's sad to say that the 90th Oscar Academy Awards has become more about attendees giving themselves a very public self-congratulatory pat on the back in this 3-, to 4-hourlong celebration rather than focussing on the many worthy actors, directors, producers, editors, photographers who really deserve the accolades.

The Oscars has also become so political now that I think it is driving viewers away. Not that it's unusual to use the Oscars as a platform. It's had its share of hosts and presenters over the years to spout their political views but never to this extent.

And, according to the Associated Press, viewership for the Academy Awards, has plunged 20 percent from last year to a record-low 26.5 million.

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The Tampa Tribune's tribute to Winston Churchill, Jan. 25, 1965



Special thanks to Judy Warnock of Ridge Manor, Hernando County, who sent an original copy of the 1965 edition of The Tampa Tribune.

CHAPLAINS

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was struck by a torpedo. Amid the ensuing chaos, the four chaplains found a way to find calm while assisting their shipmates to don life vests, eventually even giving up their own. In the end, the chaplains banded together, arm in arm, singing hymns of praise as the Dorchester sank. "That's heroism," said Rev. Swick.

Rabbi Alexander D. Goode



Dr. Sheldon Alter of Temple Beth David lit

a candle for Chaplain Alexander D. Goode. Described as a star athlete and scholar, Goode was known for his laughter and love of life. While studying to be a Rabbi, Goode joined the National Guard. The return of the body of the Unknown Soldier had a profound effect on Goode; he walked thirty miles to attend the ceremony because he thought it showed more respect than driving or taking a bus. Goode was serving in a Synagogue in York, PA when WWII started. He began active duty on August 9, 1942.

Chaplain George L. Fox



Reverend Greg Freeze of the First United Methodist Church told the story of Chaplain George L. Fox, who was the oldest of the four. Fox began his service in the Army in 1917, and earned a Silver Star, Croix De Guerre and a Purple Heart.

Fox was a successful accountant and family man from Vermont who was ordained as a Methodist minister before WWII. When the war started, he said to his wife, "I've got to go ... they need me." Fox's service began August 8, 1942.

Clark V. Poling



American Legion Riders Ch. 186 and Christine Smith attend Four Chaplains ceremony - from left to right are Steve Tyler, ALR (American Legion Riders) Chapter 186 Director, Tom Shippee, Ronald Kosanovich, Christine Miller, Bud Conaway, Christian Smith, and Ed Snyder.

Father Giuseppe Mattei of the Nativity Lutheran Church introduced Chaplain Clark V. Poling as a leader of the Dutch Reformed Church - a protestant denomination which began in the Netherlands. Poling was the seventh generation of his family to be ordained in the church. Poling enlisted, and told his father, "Pray for me -- not for my safe return, that wouldn't be fair. Just pray that I shall do my duty and have the strength, courage and understanding ... just pray that I shall be adequate." His service began on June 10, 1942.

John P. Washington

Edward Sweeney of the St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church recounted the story of Chaplain John P. Washington, who



John P. Washington

grew up "poor, scrappy and determined in the toughest section of Newark, NJ. Washington, who was blessed with a sunny disposition and beautiful singing voice, was one of nine children born to Irish immigrants. He also loved a good fight, and was the leader of a gang when he was called to the priesthood.

Washington was playing ball with children in his par-

rish and organizing sports teams when the war broke out. He began active duty on May 9, 1942. It is said that his wonderful voice, raised in song and prayer to comfort those around him, could be heard until his final moments.

Tony Graham of the Hernando County Veterans' services lit a candle for the other 672 servicemen who perished that day. There were 230 survivors of the tragedy who lived to tell the story of the brave chaplains who gave all for their fellow man.

Donations will be sent to Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation 1201 Constitution Ave. The Navy Yard-Bldg. 649 Philadelphia, Pa. 19112-1307, website: www.fourchaplains.org.

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ences. People mature at different rates and at different periods of their life. An intimate marriage relationship is a fertile zone for strong and healthy change. The positive rewards of transforming each member to a more spiritual level are unpredictable as to when it might occur in the relationship.

Many individuals who prematurely end a marriage find themselves wondering "what if". The other ex spouse could be thinking about their ex spouse rather than the person with whom they are currently in a relationship. They miss the good qualities while the past negative ones usually fade since they now have a more

mature understanding of what took place. The dynamic of a shaky marriage is easier to understand over time as we better understand and accept our own imperfections.

The positive feelings of one of the divorcees from the beginning infatuation might have remained or returned later on the part of the other. Regardless of the feelings of the ex-spouses, the children are a concrete connection between them and will remain for both as they will always be the biological parents of the children.

Most significantly, the benefits of a long-term marriage are lost in a divorce. Married people usually are healthier, live longer, have better sexual lives, and more financial stability than in-

dividuals living alone. Marriage is not an easy or totally romantic journey. It is a difficult one that assists each person to better understand his or her own limits and strengths. It creates interdependence that merges a couple into a unit.

A divorce is a parental decision while the fallout primarily strikes their innocent children's sense of security for the future. Children often feel emotionally guilty for the divorce leaving the children as the ultimate victims. Divorce is not a permanent cure all. It may give partial and temporary relief from pain only to metastasize in each family member. This retards the full potential for reaching a satisfying and fulfilling life.

CAPTION THIS !

We asked our readers on Facebook to come up with a caption for this photo. Here's what they came up with....



CARDEGIN

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were all sitting around the table, I wondered how many months old I was then. I used the calculator on my phone, and it turned out I was 740 months. I then wondered how old I'd be when I reach 1000 months. It's 83.33 years, which will be on the 5th of June 2039. I enjoy calculating things like that.

I have never understood the tradition of months. Decades ago, I heard a mother, a friend of ours, say that her four and a half year-old was 54 months. As a young dad, I told people that my kids were one, and one and a half, and two, and two and a half, and I kept that up until they turned six, which is what I told everyone until they turned seven, and so on. When I lived in Korea (South) as an

early teen, I was intrigued by their perception of age. A fresh born was said to be one, because that was the year he was in. When the baby was one year old, he was two, because he was now in his second year. It's like how we count centuries: It's 2018, but we're in the 21st century.

I just recalculated, and I am now 744 months old. How many months are you?

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Kristine Carol: Cut these chains and set me free!

Dana Ellison: I SHALL SET YOU FREE!!!!

Greg Malec: I'm going out on a limb for you!

Ken Baldwin: Is that a "Saw" Horse?

Jesse Lisk: I have the POWER!

Tracey L Pullen: Ashley vs The Evil Dead

Alisha Bale: "WHAT glass ceiling?"

Nicholas Potenzi: Ride free

Marion Masek: High ho stihler!

Larry LaCour: 3,2,1

Teri Nickinello: "Girl Power"

Tim Baldwin: Let that pony run

Jeannie Vickers Crossan: Hah! Guess I showed that horse!

Jim Fick: Happy girl. Awesome

Erin K Ferri: "Hold my juice box..."