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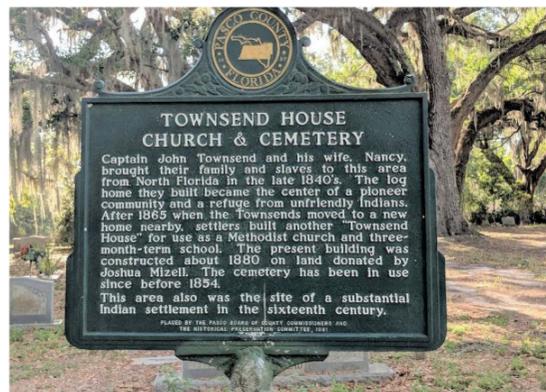
Sue Quigley

By ROCCO MAGLIO
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

The Townsend House Church Cemetery is a reminder of an important pioneer family. The Church was demolished in 1984. The cemetery is located on Spring Lake Highway near the Pasco Hernando Border. As you drive down a rough limestone road known as Dan Brown Hill Road you turn on to

Townsend House Road. As you reach the crest of a hill Townsend House Church Cemetery is on your right.

The cemetery is home to a historical marker. The text on the marker reads "Captain John Townsend and his wife, Nancy, brought their family and slaves to this area from North Florida in the late 1840's. The log home they built



Historic marker, giving information about Townsend House Church and Cemetery.

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Airline passengers from hell

Traveling by air these days can be downright unpleasant.

The major setback is that one cannot select who will be seated next to you for the next fifteen hours and as more and more airlines cram more and more passengers into smaller spaces, being polite can become difficult.

If you're really unlucky, you could find yourself sitting next to the passenger from hell. Whether or not your seat mate is fat or thin, there's any number of other creature habits that could turn your journey into a really bad experience.

Seatmates could suffer from smelly feet, nervous tics, snoring or involuntary spasms, for example.

Many don't know what dining etiquette is and enjoy talking with
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Solving the 'connection problem' in foster care adoption



Leading the Selfless Love Foundation, is Dr. Elizabeth Wynter, with over 20 years of experience in working to improve the child welfare system.



Thea Ramirez, founder of Adoption-Share and Family-Match



Ashley Brown founded Selfless Love Foundation with her husband Ed Brown in 2015.

A pilot program in Florida aims to improve the process of matching families with foster children through a statewide repository and the use of matching software.

Adoption in the state of Florida is about to become a much more efficient process thanks to a software program that will allow agencies to access a statewide database of potential families, but it's not just a database. It's also a matching program built by Adoption-Share, a non profit organization, with help from the former lead researchers of e-Harmony. Family-Match which will give caseworkers the ability to match foster children with parents based on markers of compatibility. Typically agencies are looking for potential parents within their local area. Family-Match will open the pool of possible matches by providing child welfare agencies a repository of approved families from across the state. Two nonprofits- Adoption-Share and the Selfless Love Foundation came together to launch Family-Match in Florida.

The story of how Family-Match came to be begins with Adoption-Share's founder Thea Ramirez. Adoption-Share's mission is to provide "solutions to leverage technology to bring reform, efficiency, and innovation to the private and public domestic adoption arena." Ramirez,

originally from Central Florida and a graduate of Winter Park High School gave a brief synopsis of how she developed Adoption-Share - which paved the way for Family Match.

"My first job out of grad school was an adoption social worker. I was working for a privately licensed infant adoption agency. That's very different than adopting a child through foster care." She explained that going into the field really not knowing anything about adoption - what she expected to find and what she actually did find was "starkly in contrast."

"There were so many inefficiencies that were keeping families from being formed. And so we created Adoption-Share really as a solution for families who wanted to adopt through private infant adoptions- so that they could do so in a faster more efficient way. In our early years our technology was able to help families adopt within 9 months of having their home study completed." She explained that active duty and deployed Air Force officers were able to get matched and adopt while serving overseas. "Some really cool things were happening," added Ramirez.

Adoption-Share's amazing results attracted the attention of child welfare leaders who wished to use their technology to help kids in foster care get adopted.

Ramirez remarked,

"I realized very quickly, understanding the scope and the depth of the complexities that surround adopting through foster care that we were going to need a more robust system."

That began a two year period of researching, investigating and listening to stories. "What we found was kind of quite shocking. Although the infant adoption stage is very different from adopting a child in foster care, some of the same problems existed in both buckets. What we noticed, just like in private infant adoption, families were pigeonholed into one little pool of waiting families whereas their forever child could be in a different state or with a different agency. We saw the same problems in the child welfare community

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LOCAL & STATE

County to pursue grant to fund mental health incarceration diversion program

To prevent inappropriate incarceration of those with mental illness and improve their access to resources

By LISA MACNEIL
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WRITER

On September 12, 2016, the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners approved LSF Health Systems to serve as lead applicant for the Florida Department of Children and Families grant opportunity "Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant (CJMHSAG)," on behalf of the county. The primary goal of the \$58,313 grant was to assess and plan for initiatives that increase public safety, avert increased spending on the criminal justice system and improve the accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults who have a mental illness, substance abuse disorders, or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders, who are in, or at risk of entering the criminal justice system.

At the March 27, 2018 Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting, Hernando County Health and Human Service Manager Veda Ramirez presented an overview of the study, identifying points of

intervention or diversion for individuals 18 years of age and older with mental illness or substance abuse from the criminal justice system.

Several local and state agencies participated, including The Hernando County Community Coalition, National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI), The Dawn Center, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office (HCSO). Commissioner John Allocco was mentioned as a participant in the Steering Committee.

The assessment found that Hernando County exceeded the state's rates in suicide (from 2004-2015), mental health hospitalization and domestic violence. At the Hernando County Detention Center, 21% of booked inmates stated they were on prescription medications for mental health disorders, with 17.9% receiving psychotropic medication. Psychotropic medications can also include meds such as tramadol and morphine, which affect

cognition and mood, but are not used to treat mental illness.

Other issues identified in the assessment, particularly gaps in available services, or barriers individuals face, such as lack of comprehensive public transportation, no stable long-term housing, and general lack of resources. According to the results, these barriers will increase likelihood that people with mental illness will end up in jail.

LSF Health Systems is seeking board approval to apply for next cycle, which will include a \$400,000 grant, with a 10% match by the county. The next steps will be to implement and expand diversion programs, which will prevent inappropriate incarceration of those with mental illness and co-occurring disorders, and reducing jail time for those currently incarcerated. The program will also put offenders in touch with appropriate community services following jail or

prison.

Overall, reduced spending on the criminal justice system is expected. Data available from Lake County showed a savings of \$194,400 when 20 inmates were identified and intercepted for diversion and treatment for 180 days. Greater savings for Hernando County is expected due to higher average costs per day for a jail bed.

Commissioner Nick Nicholson stated his support of diversion programs "For a minor crime ... (offenders) mostly go to jail ... have a criminal record, and to re-enter the workforce, makes it much more difficult." Nicholson acknowledged the cost-savings in diversion, as well as having citizens remain productive in the workforce, whereas incarcerated, they cannot.

Two motions were voted on by the BOCC, the first giving permission to apply for the expansion and implementation phase, and the second to gather all required financial reports to submit to the state. Both passed unanimously.

Commissioners decide not to sell water to Pasco development

By BEN GRUDZINSKI
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In an effort to contribute to the growth of County Line Road and its development projects, the county has evaluated the sale of water from Hernando County to Pasco County- for a particular development just south of County Line Road. On March 27, 2018, the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners continued the discussion from previous meetings held in February and March on the matter.

The previous meetings held resulted in the denial of the sale of potable water, but the Commissioners brought up the prospect of potentially supplying water for fire suppression needs. The current water use permit in effect is set to last for twenty years- after being established in 2015. The current water use summary, provided by Hernando County Utilities, states that by 2035 the total permis-

sible quantity of water for Hernando would be 23.3 million gallons per day. In 2017, Hernando's water usage totaled to about 18.8 million gallons per day, 80% of the permitted quantity. HCUD estimates, "The daily usage for 2017 was approximately 4% higher than the previous year. If this trend continues, HCUD would reach its permitted allowable capacity by the year 2023, well short of the expected permitted term of 2035." It is because of these projections, the Board elected not to supply water- but was willing to consider supplying it, in conjunction with Pasco County, for fire suppression only.

The HCUD analysis report also mentioned that upcoming infill developments will also be problematic in terms of water supply. The Spring Hill Town Center project will add 450,000 gallons per day in residential water usage and 100,000 gallons per day in commercial water usage. The report states, "When the subject of water supply

was mentioned during this meeting (July 26, 2017 pre-application meeting), a SWFWMD representative present stated decisively that no additional water withdrawal would be permitted in the Spring Hill area. Any additional water withdrawal would have to be from the north or eastern regions of the County. The utility has initiated capital projects to add one or more water plants and associated wells in the eastern service area, but these are only in the planning stages now and will not be available to provide water for the western service area for many years. Once available groundwater sources have been depleted, the county will have to move to more expensive and less desirable water sources, such as reverse osmosis and direct potable reuse." The Cortez Oaks project is estimated to use 147,000 gallons per day of water for residential and 22,000 gallons per day for commercial.

Commissioner Dukes was the first to voice

concern for the proposed measure and went on to disagree with the measure for the fire suppression provision.

Citizen comments were overwhelmingly against Hernando County selling water to Pasco County. Mentioning that it doesn't make sense with the "stringent measures that have been taken by [Hernando] County" like only being able to water once a week, in an attempt to save as much water as possible, only to have it be "given away." Anthony Palmieri, contributing the last remarks of citizen comments, brought up the point that allowing for this sale to go through would set a precedent that could start a slippery slope. Mentioning that if it happens once, it may happen again- but what happens if the water in the county runs out?

County Commissioner Dukes made the motion to deny water for Pasco County including no fire suppression which passed unanimously.

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Researchers study old wooden ship remains on Florida beach

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A 48-foot section of an old sailing ship has washed ashore on a Florida beach, thrilling researchers who are rushing to study it before it's reclaimed by the sea.

The Florida Times-Union reports the well-preserved section of a wooden ship's hull washed ashore overnight Tuesday on Florida's northeastern coast.

Researchers with the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum have been documenting the artifact and say it could date back as far as the 1700s.

Museum historian Brendan Burke told the newspaper that evidence suggests the vessel was once sheathed in copper, and that crews found Roman numerals carved on its wooden ribs.

Researchers rushed to photograph and measure the wreckage. The photos will be used to create a 3-D model.

Information from: The (Jacksonville) Florida Times-Union, <http://www.jacksonville.com>

Bills Gov. Scott has signed into law

By HERNANDO SUN
STAFF

As space permits, we will continue to publish the bills that Gov. Scott has signed from the last legislative session.

SB 100
Taxes and Fees for Veterans and Low-Income Persons – This bill cuts taxes and fees by creating an exemption from local business taxes for honorably discharged veterans and their spouses, allowing veterans to receive an identification card or driver license with the word "Veteran" at no cost, and reducing driv-

er license service fees for veterans.
CS/CS/SB 140
Marriage Licenses – This bill prohibits the issuance of a marriage license to youths.
SB 168
Nonnative Animals – This bill creates a pilot program within the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to remove nonnative species.
CS/SB 382
Transportation Facility Designations – This bill makes 39 honorary or memorial transportation facility designations throughout the state, including "Senator Greg Evers Memorial High-

way."
CS/SB 566
Unlawful Detention by a Transient Occupant – This bill clarifies persons that may be considered transient occupants of residential property, provides for the termination of transient occupancies, and authorizes the recovery of personal belongings by a transient occupant.
CS/CS/SB 740
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – This bill makes various changes within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, including increased protections for consumers and

efficiencies.
CS/SB 872
Young Farmers and Ranchers – This bill creates an advisory council and clearinghouse for resources to support young adults and veterans working in farming and ranching.
CS/SB 1552
Juvenile Justice – This bill continues the direct support organization within the Department of Juvenile Justice and enhances public safety.
CS/CS/SB 1576
Animal Welfare – This bill creates a process to return lost cats and dogs to their owners, especially after storms, and increases penalties

for animal cruelty.
HB 37
Direct Primary Care Agreements – This bill establishes a provision for a direct primary care agreement between a patient and health care practitioner.
HB 283
Cardiac Programs – This bill expands the criteria for adult cardiovascular services for hospitals seeking licensure as a level 1 program.
CS/CS HB 351
Prescription Drug Pricing Transparency – This bill requires pharmacy benefit managers to register with the Office of Insurance Regulation and increases drug

price transparency.
CS/HB 395
Martin County – This bill creates the Town of Hobe Sound in Martin County if approved by a referendum of local voters.
CS/HB 547
Reports Concerning Seized or Forfeited Property – This bill changes the date that law enforcement agencies are required to submit an annual report relating to the Contraband Forfeiture Act.
CS/HB 581
Subpoenas in Investigations of Sexual Offens-

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.

"Here you go, I know you guys just have a job to do."



CARUSO, MICHAEL JOSEPH
YOB: 1977
TATTOO: TRIBAL BAND
CHARGES: POSSESSION DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, POSSESSION DRUG PARAPHERNALIA
Arrested at 03/29/2018 16:10
235 COBBLESTONE DR, SPRING HILL
Arrest Summary: "On 3/29/18 at approximately 1549 hours, I observed a white male sitting against a tree in the parking lot of the Calvary Church located at 235 Cobblestone Drive. I made contact with this individual, who advised he was homeless in the area. Through conversation, I asked the subject if he would like to provide me with a form of identity and he handed me his Florida driver's license from his wallet. He stated, "Here you go, I know you guys just have a job to do." I identified the subject as the defendant, Michael J. Caruso. I checked Michael for any warrants or warrants through this agency's telecommunication system, at which time I was advised Michael had a possible warrant out of Pasco County for Contempt of Court. I detained Michael at this point, awaiting confirmation of the warrant. At approximately 1610 hours, the warrant was confirmed and Michael was taken into custody, please refer to Hernando County Case report 2018-09641.

Michael was searched incident to arrest after confirmation of the warrant. He advised he had a "pipe" in his front left pants pocket. In that pocket, I recovered a glass pipe containing a clear crystal like substance residue. Michael advised this substance was methamphetamine. While searching a yellow bag that Michael had in his possession, I recovered 2 more glass pipes, and 16 empty clear small baggies that contained residue. A field test was done on the pipes, and the baggies, both testing positive for methamphetamine. All contraband was secured and placed into evidence respectively. Photos of the paraphernalia and positive test results were taken as well. Michael was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center and charged with 2 counts of possession of paraphernalia. Michael was given a total bond of \$2000 and a misdemeanor court date of 4/20/18 at 0900 hours in Courtroom "C" of the Hernando County Court House.

Strong odor of Marijuana Emitting from Vehicle Leads to Drug Bust



HORTON, DESMOND TYRE
YOB: 1991
CHARGES: POSS OF COCAINE, POSSESSION OF HASHISH, POSS OF MARIJUANA, DRIVERS LICENSE
Arrested at 03/29/2018 22:22
THUNDERBIRD AVE & FOREST OAKS BLVD, SPRING HILL
Arrest Summary: "On 3/29/18 at approximately 2137 hours, I observed a silver Lincoln bearing FL tag JKFE70 traveling westbound on Forest Oaks Boulevard. While traveling behind this vehicle, I could smell a strong odor of marijuana emitting from this vehicle. As I positioned my vehicle closer to this vehicle, the smell of marijuana began to get stronger. It should be noted this vehicle and I were the only 2 vehicles traveling on this road. I checked the license plate attached to this vehicle through ELVIS, and it revealed the registered owner, Sarah Vierra, was a black female and did not have a valid driver's license. It should be noted, ELVIS did not have a picture of this subject, only the description of a black female. The driver of this vehicle at the time appeared to be a black subject with long hair in a ponytail. I activated my emergency lights and conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Forest Oaks Boulevard and Thunderbird Avenue based on this information. I made contact with the driver, who was identified as Desmond Horton by his Alabama identification card. Desmond advised he does not have a valid driver's license at this time and the vehicle belongs to his girlfriend, Sarah. While speaking with Desmond, I observed a strong odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. Desmond advised he does have marijuana in the vehicle and he will cooperate with law enforcement. He stated his electronic cigarette, which he handed to me willingly, contained marijuana. I secured this object and advised him to exit the vehicle. Upon searching Desmond's person, I recovered a small bag containing a green, leafy substance from his right pocket. The substance field tested positive for marijuana, using NarcoTest Kit 7608. This substance weighed 1.1 grams without the bag that contained it. Desmond was detained and placed into the rear of my patrol vehicle. While searching the vehicle, I observed a black fabric pouch that contained a small purple bottle. Inside of this bottle was a small clear plastic bag containing a white, powdery substance. This substance field tested positive for cocaine using NarcoTest Kit 7604. This substance weighed 4.1 grams with the bag that contained it. The brown contents inside of the electronic cigarette were field tested for THC using NarcoTest Kit 7608, and it was positive. This substance weighed 14.4 grams with the canister of the cigarette that contained it. A check of this agency's telecommunication system revealed Desmond does not have or possess a valid driver's license. It revealed his license was suspended in April 2013, and since then he has not obtained another license. Desmond only has a valid Alabama identification card. Desmond was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center and charged with the following offenses: Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Hashish, Possession of

marijuana under 20 grams, and driving with no valid driver's license. Desmond was given a total bond of \$5,500. He was issued a Felony court date of 4/23/18 at 0830 hours, in Courtroom "E", at the Hernando County Courthouse."

Printed Signature Tips off Bank Staff to Forged Check

BLAKE, DALE MARTIN
YOB: 1974
CHARGES: UTTERING FORGED INSTRUMENT
Arrested at 03/30/2018 12:58
10277 ROSETTI CT, SPRING HILL
Arrest Summary: "On 03/30/2018 at approximately 1108 hours the defendant, later identified via his issued Arizona identification card as Dale Blake, entered the Bank of America, 11050 Spring Hill Drive. The defendant approached the teller and presented a Bank of America check, check #1521, with the name of Ellie..., the victim, his mother, as the check owner. The defendant attempted to cash the check in the amount of \$1,000.00. The defendant provided his Arizona identification card and even provided a thumbprint on the check, however, staff believed the check to be fraudulent as there was no signature, just a printed name of "Ellie..." written in the signature section. When staff advised the defendant that law enforcement would be called he stated, "I don't want any problems, don't worry about it." The defendant then left the area prior to law enforcement's arrival, leaving the check and his identification on the counter. No funds were withdrawn from the bank. After retrieving all information from the bank and while en route to the victim's residence (located just a few blocks away from the bank), the defendant was located and a consensual encounter took place. Post Miranda Warning read via my issued Miranda Warning card, the defendant admitted to writing the check in his own name, filling in the amount of \$1,000.00, and attempting to cash it at the bank; the defendant even provided a sworn written statement stating, "I wanted to buy a motorcycle but the bank was giving me problems." Contact was made with the victim, who advised that she did not authorize this transaction. The defendant was taken into custody and transported to the Hernando County Detention Center without incident, where he remains on a \$2,000.00 bond. A court date of 04/23/2018 at 0830 hours in Courtroom "E" of the Hernando County Courthouse was provided."

HORNER, CHAD A
YOB: 1984
CHARGES: POSSESS/INTRO CNTRBND-JAIL
Arrested at 03/30/2018 20:12
16425 SPRING HILL DR, BROOKSVILLE
Arrest Summary: "On 03/30/2018, the affiant was dispatched to the Hernando County Jail in reference to introduction of contraband. Upon arrival the affiant made contact with Deputy Baker, he stated the defendant is a weekender at the Hernando County Jail. While he was conducting a pat down of the defendant a needle fell out of the defendant's pants. The defendant advised Deputy B. he forgot he had placed it in his left waistband of his boxer. The defendant was already in custody of jail staff. The defendant was provided a Felony court date 04/23/2018 at 0830 hours, in Courtroom E of the Hernando County Courthouse, in Brooksville, Florida with a total bond of \$2,000."

Handed Her Purse to the deputy and said "Go ahead and look", He found Meth



POTAVIN, LAUREN MARIE
YOB: 1990
TATTOO: STARS RIGHT EAR
CHARGES: POSS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, POSSESSION DRUG PARAPHERNALIA
Arrested at 03/30/2018 14:08
4075 DELTONA BLVD, SPRING HILL
Arrest Summary: "On 03/30/2018 contact was made with Lauren Potavin at the Family Dollar located at 4075 Deltona Boulevard in reference to a theft investigation. Upon speaking with the defendant, she advised that she "Didn't steal anything" and subsequently handed her purse to this deputy and stated, "Go ahead and look." A check of the purse did reveal there to be a small clear plastic case which contained a crystal like substance. A field test was then conducted on the clear substance using a NARCO test kit, which did reveal a positive presence of methamphetamine. The defendant was then taken into custody and transported to the Hernando County Jail. Once at the jail the clear crystal like substance was weighed on a certified scale, which revealed the total weight to be 3.1 grams with packaging. The defendant was then given a court date of 04/23/2018 and held on a \$3,000 bond."

Charged with Obstruction of Highway



SANDERS, SCOTT TRAVIS
YOB: 1974
TATTOO: CROSS
CHARGES: OBSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY
Arrested at 03/30/2018 14:13
OSOWAW BLVD & COMMERCIAL WAY, SPRING HILL
Arrest Summary: "On 03/30/2018, the defendant was observed by this writer standing in the center divider of Osowaw Boulevard, near the intersection of Commercial Way, in Spring Hill, Hernando County, Florida. The defendant was then observed walking into the roadway, soliciting the drivers for donations, and in doing so, causing an obstruction in the flow of traffic. It should be noted that the traffic light was green and vehicles were not able to move due to him accepting money from the driver of that vehicle. Upon making contact with the defendant, who did not possess a permit to solicit, he admitted to being at the intersection to solicit donations and admitted to obstructing traffic in doing so. The defendant was also observed with a homemade sign that read, "HOMELESS VET ALL HELPS GOD BLESS" that he admitted to utilizing prior to being approached by law enforcement. The defendant was previously charged two times in the last two months with violating this statute. The defendant was taken into custody and transported to the Hernando County Jail, where he was issued a traffic citation, A9E6P6E, given a court date of 04/20/2018, and placed on a \$500.00 bond."

While Being Booked into Jail a Needle Fell out of His Pants



HORNER, CHAD A
YOB: 1984
CHARGES: POSSESS/INTRO CNTRBND-JAIL
Arrested at 03/30/2018 20:12
16425 SPRING HILL DR, BROOKSVILLE
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Shoplifting Leads to Drugs and Identity Information



O'NEAL, AMBER ROSE
YOB:1992
TATTOO: UNKNOWN TATTOOS
CHARGES: RETAIL THEFT (SHOPLIFTING), POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, POSSESSION DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, UNLAWFUL POSS PERSONAL ID
Arrested at 03/31/2018 12:20
1485 COMMERCIAL WAY, SPRING HILL
Arrest Summary: "On March 31, 2018, at approximately 1200 hours I responded to the Walmart located at 1485 Commercial Way, Spring Hill, Hernando County, Florida, in reference to a theft. Upon arrival contact was made with the defendant as she was exiting the garden department and passing all points of sale. The defendant had a cosmetic bag filled with various other items that were not all paid for. She was also wearing a hat that was not paid for. The defendant had multiple bags of her own in the cart. Hidden under one of those bags was a shirt that was not paid for. The total amount for all items taken \$61.68. The defendant was then taken into custody and brought back to the asset protection office, and she was read her Miranda rights. The defendant stated that she forgot to pay for the items, but could not say why she placed all the cosmetics in a separate bag, removed the tags from the items, and hid the shirt under her bags.

The defendant stated all of the bags in her possession were hers. While searching her bags, incident to arrest, I located four glass pipes used for smoking methamphetamine in a pouch. The defendant stated they were not hers, but could not explain why it was in her possession. The pipes later field tested positive for methamphetamine. I then found a marijuana pipe in another bag that the defendant stated was used for smoking marijuana, but then later said it was not hers. The pipe later field tested positive for THC. Deputy C S then conducted a search of the defendant and she located a small plastic bag and a pill in a plastic wrapper hidden in the defendant's bra. The defendant then stated "that's my Xanax" but stated she did not have a prescription for it. Xanax is the brand name for Alprazolam. Also while searching the defendants bags, I located a state issued EBT card for Koran Ledford, a Florida driver's license for Katherine Klant, Rhonda Jackson, Emmanuel Jimenez Torres, and Danielle Blake, and a Bank of America debit card for Jessica Berry and 1 or 1 Inc. I then found two notebooks containing personal identification information for Jerry Woodham, Jesus Ledesma, Michelle Robsa, Shelly Runenik, Stacey Woodham, Logan Woodham, Robert Clark, and Tyler Woodham. I also located a Florida birth certificate for Tyler Woodham, and a Netspend Visa debit card for Stacey Woodham. The defendant stated that she did not have permission to have the personal identification information for any of the subjects listed. She also stated that it was not hers after already stating all of the bags were hers. The defendant was then transported to the Hernando County Jail. She was given a court date of April 23, at 0830 hours. She was given a total bond of \$9,500.00."

Fugitive Falls Through the Ceiling



NUTT, MICHAEL LORING
YOB: 1986
TATTOO: UNKNOWN
CHARGES: CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, RESIST/OBSTR OFFICER W/O VIOL
Arrested at 03/31/2018 14:52
3529 ORION RD, SPRING HILL
Arrest Summary: "On 03/31/2018, multiple deputies from the Hernando County Sheriff's office responded to the residence of 3529 Orion Road in reference to Nicole Davies and Michael Nutt being present. Both subject had active felony warrants which law enforcement was attempting to serve. All deputies that were present were wearing Class B agency issued uniforms. Upon arrival Michael was observed in the rear of the residence. Upon knocking on the front door the homeowner, Ricardo Garmendez, answered and began to speak with law enforcement. While speaking with the homeowner, deputies could hear what sounded like people moving in the attic. Ricardo then allowed deputies into the residence to conduct a search. A search of the residence did reveal there to be an open attic access in the master bedroom. Upon announcing "Sheriff's office, come out,"

Michael partially fell through the ceiling in the living room, causing a wide hole. Deputies were unable to get to Michael before he re-entered the ceiling. Michael and Nicole then began to walk around in the ceiling, in order to evade arrest. While walking around in the attic, both subjects damaged the ceiling and made several new holes. The total value of the damage was \$4000. Less than lethal force was then utilized at which point, Michael surrendered and exited the ceiling. Nicole refused to come down from the roof, therefore, Hernando deputies entered and physically removed her. Both subjects were then transported to the Hernando County Jail. Once at the jail, Michael was given a court date of 04/23/2018, and held on a bond of \$3000."

Calling me a "Dick Head" multiple times



DEJAYNES, TERRENCE WAYNE
YOB: 1966
TATTOO: WINGS
CHARGES: POSS OF MARIJUANA, UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE, KNOWINGLY DRIVE WHILE LIC SUSPENDED/REVOKED
Arrested at 03/31/2018 21:38
WEEPING WILLOW ST & ADAMS ST, BROOKSVILLE
Arrest Summary: "On 03/31/2018, while on proactive patrol in the area of the intersection of Weeping Willow and Adams Street, I observed a 1998 red in color GMC pickup, bearing FL tag #Y38JTY, driving southbound on Weeping Willow, passing my patrol vehicle. I observed the defendant in the driver's seat with his window down. The defendant then turned eastbound on Adams Street and parked in the middle of the roadway and turned the vehicles lights off, causing a highway obstruction. I activated my patrol vehicle overhead lights and conducted a traffic stop on the listed vehicle at Weeping Willow and Adams Street. I made contact with the driver of the vehicle and advised him of the reason for the stop, which he started to become belligerent, calling me a "dick head" multiple times. The defendant continued to advise he does not have a valid driver's license. The driver of the vehicle identified himself as Terrence Dejaines, 11/16/1966, via name and date of birth. An ELVIS search of the vehicle's tag came back to a 1990 silver Ford pickup truck, confirming the vehicle the defendant was in possession of was unregistered. A teletype search of the defendant's driver's license status confirmed his license has been revoked since 11/05/1988. Upon conducting a search of the vehicle, the search revealed a white marijuana cigarette which field tested positive for THC content via NARCO test kit. The defendant was then placed into custody and transported to the Hernando County Jail where he is being held on a \$3,000.00 bond. The defendant will have a mandatory court date of 04/20/2018 at the Hernando County Courthouse in Courtroom "C", at 0900 hours."

LOCAL GOV & EDUCATION MEETINGS

- City of Brooksville Water Tower Bid Opening
Friday, April 06, 2018, 3:00PM - 4:00PM
Bid CD2018-01 Opening
- Potential Council Workshop Monday, April 09, 2018, 5:30PM
Location 201 HOWELL AVENUE, BROOKSVILLE, FL - JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON, III COUNCIL CHAMBERS
- Planning and Zoning Commission Regular Meeting 4/9/2018 9:00 AM
Government Center
John Law Ayers Room 20
N. Main Street Brooksville, FL 34601
- Brooksville Beautification Board Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 5:30PM; Location 201 HOWELL AVENUE, BROOKSVILLE, FL - JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON, III COUNCIL CHAMBERS
- Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting 4/10/2018 9:00 AM
Government Center
John Law Ayers Room 20
N. Main Street Brooksville, FL 34601
- School Board Mtgs April 10
11AM Informal
2PM Workshop
6PM Regular
District Office-Board Room
919 North Broad Street Brooksville, FL 34601
- Brooksville Planning & Zoning Commission Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 5:30PM
Location 201 HOWELL AVENUE, BROOKSVILLE, FL - JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON, III COUNCIL CHAMBERS
- HC Fine Arts Council Thursday, April 12, 2018, 5:30PM
Location 201 HOWELL AVENUE, BROOKSVILLE, FL - JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON, III COUNCIL CHAMBERS
- School Board Mtgs April 24
2PM Workshop
6PM Regular
District Office-Board Room
919 North Broad Street Brooksville, FL 34601

FLORIDA MAN

Good Samaritan convicted of contempt for not testifying

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A man deemed a Good Samaritan for chasing down a purse-snatcher has been convicted of contempt for failing to testify in the case. The Palm Beach Post reports 40-year-old Corey Wyatt was convicted Thursday after prosecutor Luisa Berti said he put other priorities over testifying. Berti said Wyatt told her before the other man's theft trial in October that he was reluctant to testify. She warned Wyatt that he could be held in contempt. That other man was convicted of theft even without Wyatt's testimony. Still, Berti asked for jail time in Wyatt's contempt case to show that court summonses aren't optional. Wyatt was instead sentenced to 50 hours of community service and must write an apology letter. His attorney, James Volpi, said the case showed "no good deed goes unpunished."

Information from: The Palm Beach (Fla.) Post, <http://www.pbpost.com>

School board ponders Cambridge AICE program for Central High

An international pre-university program for college credits

By KATHRYN DENTATO
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

will still earn the college credits associated with the courses.

The standards are high, and students are challenged to work at or near the college level. The GPA is also weighted like AP or IB programs, at 5.0. Among the benefits, Slusser said, is the flexibility of being able to choose from more than 100 courses to suit the individual school. This would allow the student to coordinate AICE courses with their CTE (Career and Technical Education) path.

The four major skills that AICE supports are subject content, learning skills, critical thinking, and problem solving. Another benefit is that AICE diplomas are accepted at all Florida colleges and universities. Universities and colleges elsewhere, both internationally and in the US, also accept the diplomas.

Florida Bright Futures Scholarships have become increasingly more difficult for even good students to attain. Students who earn AICE diplomas in all seven subject areas will be awarded the Bright Futures Scholarships at the 100 percent level, providing they also have completed the necessary community service hours.

Critical thinking and writing skills are developed as they progress through the program. Students can tailor the courses to their interests. The AICE diploma also opens the doors to a broader range of colleges and universities, including Ivy League schools. Some schools will offer additional scholarships



to students with an AICE diploma.

Because the courses will be similar to the AP courses currently offered, the teachers should also be able to adjust to the new curriculum fairly quickly. Ideally, students could finish the courses and pass the exams at the end of 11th grade, and their senior year would consist of electives or any courses they need to retake. The tests are written with an international focus, so the pass rate is 10-15% higher than is typically found in AP course exams.

According to Ms. Slusser, Cambridge also offers "feeder" programs, with an opportunity to expand to middle school and to elementary school. The high school's close association with West Hernando Middle School and Pine Grove Elementary is another reason to make Central the ideal starting point for the AICE program.

The five-year funding plan Ms. Slusser proposed

draws on approximately 20% of the available AP funds, with the shortfall being covered by the district. The application fee is paid only in the first year, and registration fees for the courses that year would be prorated. The FTE (Full Time Equivalent) for each course exam per student is .16. Diplomas are .30 FTE. As more students participate, more of the cost will be reimbursed.

Beginning with the third year, funding should be almost entirely paid through FTE AICE money. Over the five year period, the budget proposal shows that 80% of the cost would come from the internal AP funding, with the district paying the balance of 20%. Beyond the five years, it should be self-sustaining.

The School Board gave a consensus to move forward and the proposal will be brought before the board for a vote on April 10, 2018.

School District announces administrative changes for 2018-2019

Submitted by the Hernando County School District

BROOKSVILLE – The Hernando County School District will make the following administrative changes effective July 1, 2018. Brent Gaustad, acting interim principal of Moton Elementary School (MES) will leave his position as principal of D.S. Parrott Middle (DSPMS) and remain Principal of Moton for the long term.

Gaustad, an experienced administrator and long-time resident of Brooksville, is credited with successfully turning around DSPMS from a school grade of "D" in 2014 to a "B" in 2017.

Challenger K8 Assistant Principal (AP), Patty D. Martin will join Gaustad as the AP of MES. This is a homecoming for Martin who taught at MES from 2000-2005. Known for her organizational savvy, Martin brings varied administrative experiences from elementary and middle school to her leadership. Gaustad and Martin served as administrators at DSPMS in 2013.

Moton AP, Cari O'Rourke will transfer to

Challenger K8 (CK8) as assistant principal and Rosemarie Maiorini, AP at CK8, will supervise the Quest program as the administrator over the gifted program.

The position of Principal of D.S. Parrott will be posted during the first week in April.

A summary of each administrator's work experience is included below.

Brent Gaustad
Current-2012 Principal, DSPMS
2012-08 AP, Hernando High
2008-07 AP, Springstead High
Began with HCSD in 1988

Cari O'Rourke
Current-2017 AP, MES
2017-14 AP, Westside Elem.
2014-13 AP, Chocachatti Elem.
Began with HCSD in 1995

Rosemarie Maiorini
Current-2015 AP, CK8
2015-1995 Teacher
Began with HCSD in 1995

Patty D. Martin
Current-2015 AP, CK8
2015-13 AP, DSPMS
2013-09 Reading Coach, Hernando High
Began with HCSD in 2000

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es – This bill enhances investigative or law enforcement agencies use of subpoenas in investigations involving certain sexual offenses. CS/HB 631
Possession of Real Property – This bill updates real property provisions relating to access of real property and the establishment of customary use. CS/HB 675
Pharmacies – This bill creates a Class III institutional pharmacy permit and provides parameters for the permit. CS/CS/CS/HB 841
Community Associations – This bill revises numerous provisions relating to community associations regarding reporting requirements, official records, websites and bylaws. HB 869
Ranger Drainage District, Orange County – This bill removes approximately 3,000 acres of land west of the Econlockhatchee River from the Ranger Drainage District. CS/CS/HB 875
Limitations of Actions Other Than for the Recovery of Real Property – This bill clarifies the statute of limitations in actions based on a defect in the design, planning, or construction of a building or other improvement to real property and provides that certain time-barred claims may be filed within a specified period. HB 889
West Palm Beach Police Pension Fund of the City of West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County – This bill implements

police pension benefit enhancements agreed upon between the City of West Palm Beach and their police union. HB 891
St. Lucie County – This bill returns the Special Restaurant Beverage licensing law to general law in St. Lucie County. CS/CS/HB 901
Acme Improvement District and Pine Tree Water Control District, Palm Beach County – This bill transfers 50 acres of land from the Acme Improvement District to the Pine Tree Water Control District for land development in the "Flying Cow Ranch" area. CS/CS/HB 937
Perinatal Mental Health – This bill requires the Department of Health to provide perinatal mental health information through the Family Health Line toll-free hotline. HB 1013
Daylight Saving Time – This bill declares the Legislature's intent to observe Daylight Saving Time year-round throughout the entire state of Florida if approved by Congress. HB 1015
Florida Keys Mosquito Control District, Monroe County – This bill limits the service of Florida Keys Mosquito Control District members to three terms or a total of 12 years. CS/HB 1017
Seminole County – This bill requires a referendum of local voters to approve cardroom gaming within Seminole County, following the Seminole County Charter. CS/CS/CS/HB 1059
Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult – This bill creates an injunction against the financial exploitation of a vulner-

Awards granted by CRA Committee

The City of Brooksville Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Executive Review Committee (ERC) awarded a commercial property improvement matching grant on April 2, 2018. The grant was for the following:

Applicant/Business: Country Cottage on Main Street (Adult Day Care Center, LLC)
Applicant: John Plant Business Location: 201 S. Main Street, Brooksville, FL 34601
Grant Award: \$4,450.00 towards roof and porch repair

All commercial properties located in the Brooksville CRA district are eligible for this improvement matching grant program. The area

includes properties that front along portions of Main Street, Liberty Street, Broad Street, Jefferson Street, Fort Dade Avenue, and Saxon Avenue. A map of the CRA area and a copy of the grant application are available on the City's web site at www.cityofbrooksville.us, or at the Community Development Department, 201 Howell Avenue, Brooksville, Florida. For further information on the CRA grant program, call Steve Gouldman, AICP, City Planner, Community Development Department, at (352) 540-3810.

able adult. CS/HB 1065
Expunction of Criminal History Records – This bill permits a person that receives a judgment of acquittal or not guilty to be eligible to have his or her criminal record expunged. CS/HB 1071
City of Clearwater, Pinellas County – This bill removes the prohibition against certain land in the City of Clearwater from being used for carnivals and shows. CS/CS/CS/HB 1073
Department of Financial Services – This bill modifies requirements and procedures within divisions of the Department of Financial Services, including the Divisions of Treasury, Risk Management, Investigative and Forensic Services, and State Fire Marshal.

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Access issue stalls Shoal Line Rec Area planning

Other options may be examined

By LISA MACNEIL
HERNANDO SUN
STAFF WRITER

At the regular Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting held on March 27, 2018, the board considered moving forward with building a recreational area at the Weeki Wachee Preserve, on Shoal Line Boulevard just east of Hernando Beach. Hernando County Utilities Director Gordon Onderdonk presented the board and public with maps of areas to be presented to the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), for further negotiation of purchase or trade.

Commissioner Wayne Dukes gave a brief historical overview regarding the Weeki Wachee Preserve, and several other parcels that could be used for public recreation. He described obstacles that were faced four years ago, which involved cost and feasibility of controlling traffic in the area, which includes a lake. "We've been looking at this for a long time because it's a great thing, however, it's not easy to get done."

Commissioner John Allocco is concerned about access from Shoal Line Boulevard, and would rather see access from Osowaw, perhaps foot or bicycle traffic only to the lake. "That was the original idea five years ago ... But there's a bear corridor and a bird sanctuary there... it can't be a people corridor, because it's for the bears," Commissioner Nick Nicholson



Shoal Line Recreation Area Conceptual Plan

answered with a laugh. Nicholson added that the new plan is to install acceleration/deceleration lanes to get cars off of Shoal Line as quickly as possible to prevent obstructing through-traffic.

Several Hernando Beach residents spoke to the board, opposing the plan. The oft-cited reason for the opposition is that the Weeki Wachee Preserve should be preserved, and not converted into a recreation area at all.

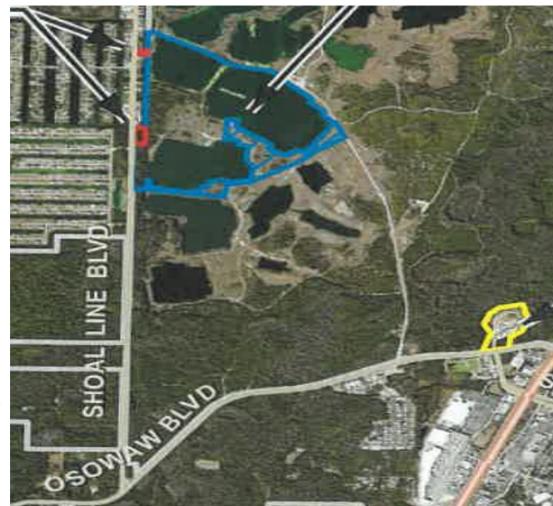
Charles D. Greenwell of Hernando Beach stated, "Hernando Beach

represents something that is being lost in Florida every day ... old Florida charm." Greenwell is also pursuing the District 2 Commission seat this year.

Other residents expressed concerns about already-existing litter problem, and the fact that bears evidently can't read signs that will alert them to stay out of human-populated areas.

Chuck Morton of the Hernando County Port Authority suggested traffic may not be obstructive, based on the

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RIGHT: This map shows the possible access from Osowaw Blvd, but the eastern portion of the property outlined in blue as the proposed recreation area is designated as restricted access.

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Oak Hill Hospital's For Your Health Community Education Series

**Tuesday,
April 24, 2018
Advances in
Breast Health:
3D Mammography
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm**

Oak Hill Hospital GME Conference Center

Presented By:

Alene Wright, MD,
Cheryl Whitman, RN, CBCN
Michelle Ryder, RTRM

According to BreastCancer.org, about 1 in 8 U.S. women (about 12.4%) will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime. If caught early, the five-year survival rate for breast cancer is nearly 100 percent.

Oak Hill Hospital offers state-of-the-art 3D mammography screenings which can not only detect breast cancer at least 15 months earlier, but also reduces the chance of callbacks for additional testing, provides less radiation exposure, less time in compression and a system to reduce discomfort. Join us as Dr. Alene Wright, breast surgeon on staff at Oak Hill Hospital, Cheryl Whitman, RN, CBCN, and Michelle Ryder, RTRM, both on staff at Oak Hill Hospital, discuss the history of and advances in women's imaging. Presentation followed by a Q&A session. Participants are encouraged to prepare their questions ahead of time.

- Includes a free, hot meal
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- Limited seating, reserve your spot today!



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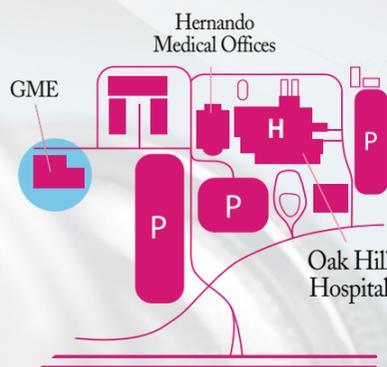
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BILLS

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CS/CS/HB 1079
 Child Welfare – This bill strengthens the child welfare program within the Department of Children and Families and enhances parental accountability.
 HB 1089

East Mulloch Drainage District, Lee County – This bill establishes the East Mulloch Water Control District as a dependent district of Lee County.
 HB 1093

Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District, Palm Beach County – If approved by a referendum of local voters, this bill dissolves the Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District as an independent special district and establishes it as a dependent district of the town to use public funds more efficiently.
 HB 1115

Indian River Farms Water Control District, Indian River County – This bill removes the 99-year term limitation on the Indian River Farms Water Control District.
 CS/HB 1117

Sebastian Inlet Tax District, Indian River and Brevard Counties – This bill authorizes the Sebastian Inlet Tax District to enter into agreements with local law enforcement agencies to provide and facilitate security services on District properties.
 CS/HB 1119

Lakewood Ranch Stewardship District, Manatee and Sarasota Counties – This bill expands the boundaries of the Lakewood Ranch Stewardship District to include 47 acres of land it currently surrounds.
 CS/CS/HB 1137

Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board – This bill transitions operations of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board to Pinellas County, revises board composition, provides term-limits and creates additional financial and auditing reporting requirements. The bill also authorizes dissolution of the Pinellas County Construction

Licensing Board if approved by referendum.
 HB 1139

City Pension Fund for Firefighters and Police Officers in the City of Tampa, Hillsborough County– This bill authorizes the City of Tampa to enter into a supplemental contract with every firefighter and police officer who is an active member of the City's Pension Fund.
 CS/HB 1141

Firefighters' Relief and Pension Fund of the City of Pensacola, Escambia County – This bill creates a "defined contribution plan," in addition to the already established "defined benefit plan," for firefighters serving the City of Pensacola.
 HB 1201

Education for Prisoners – This bill provides correctional agencies access to increased workforce programs and educational services.
 CS/HB 1239

South Lake County Hospital District, Lake County – This bill repeals the special act containing the charter of the South Lake County Hospital District and dissolves the District as of October 1, 2019.
 CS/HB 1301

Sexual Offenders and Predators – This bill enhances registration requirements for sexual offenders and sexual predators.
 CS/CS/HB 1337

Nursing – This bill makes changes to terms and requirements to the Florida Nurse Practice Act to conform to those laws in a majority of states.
 CS/CS/HB 1373

Medication Administration – This bill revises training requirements for the administration of medication.
 CS/HB 1393

City of Tampa, Hillsborough County – This bill creates the Water Street Improvement District in the City of Tampa, Hillsborough County.
 CS/HB 1395

City of Marco Island, Collier County – This bill authorizes the Florida Department of Health to issue the City of Marco Island a license to provide basic and advanced life support services.

Nominate city of Brooksville to receive a \$20K grant during Earth Month

City with the most nominations gets a grant for a local park through "Meet Me at the Park" Earth Month Campaign

Submitted by the City of Brooksville

For the fourth year in a row, the National Recreation Park Association (NRPA) is collaborating with The Walt Disney Company – including Disney/ABC Television Group and ESPN – to help fund local park improvement projects across the country through the national "Meet Me at the Park" Earth Month Campaign. The City that receives the most nominations will receive a \$20,000 grant to improve a local park.

Our local park makes Brooksville a better place to live and shape so many of our lives. Parks are

essential to our city's health and wellbeing. They provide safe places to be active and enjoy nature- and they help preserve the environment and bring people together. That's why from April 1 to April 30 Brooksville residents will have the opportunity to nominate our city to receive \$20,000 in grant funding to make improvements at Tom Varn Park.

By visiting NRPA.org/Disney, park supporters can nominate our city. At the end of April, the city with the most nominations will receive the grant funding. Everyone who nominates a city will be entered into a drawing for a GoPro Prize Pack.

During April, a public service announcement (PSA) supporting the Meet Me at the Park campaign will be shared with audiences across Disney, including ESPN, ABC Television Network, ABC-owned and affiliate stations, Freeform, Disney Channel, Disney XD, Disney Junior, the ABC app and other digital platforms.

This Earth Month, Brooksville can show what Tom Varn Park means to our community by nominating our great city. Encourage your friends to nominate our city by taking a selfie in Tom Varn Park and using the hashtags #MeetMeAtThePark, #Parkies and #Celebrate Earth.

For more information and to nominate Brooksville's Tom Varn Park, visit www.NRPA.org/Disney-MeetMeAtThePark.

Both promotions (defined below) begin at 12 a.m. ET on April 1, 2018 and conclude at 11:59 p.m. ET on April 30, 2018. No Purchase Necessary to participate. The NRPA Meet Me at the Park Promotion and Voter's Sweepstakes (collectively, "promotions") are open to legal residents of the 50 US & DC, who are 18 years of age or older. For complete details and Official Rules for both promotions, visit www.meetmeatthepark.org

For more information contact Mike Walker at 352-540- 3830.

REC AREA

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entrance to Linda Pederesen park, which currently does not result in traffic backups on Shoal Line Boulevard. Morton went on to say that additional recreation venues are needed in the county, adding, "Talking about it, and planning never hurts."

Commissioners Allocco and Holcomb are opposed to going forward with discussions if access cannot be attained via Osowaw Boulevard. Allocco, a proponent of additional recreation areas in the county said, "I just don't see how this is going to be feasible as far as managing the number of vehicles ... it's sad,

actually."

Commissioner Steve Champion was absent from the meeting, resulting in a 4-member board to consider the motion to continue discussions with SWFWMD. A question remains as to whether or not Osowaw Blvd access is completely impossible. Board discussion ensued for several minutes regarding alternative sites within the county, that would allow for kayaking, and other activities that make the Hernando Beach area so attractive. Having no motion on the dais, no vote was held. The BOCC intimated that other areas will be considered, and The Hernando Sun will continue to follow developments.

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TIDE CHART

High/Low Tide Prediction Data Listing
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 Action: Daily
 Product: Tide Predictions
 Start Date & Time: 2018/4/6 12:00 AM
 End Date & Time: 2018/4/13 11:59 PM
 Source: NOAA/NOS/CO-OPS
 Prediction Type: Subordinate
 Datum: MLLW
 Height Units: Feet
 Time Zone: LST/LDT

Date	Day	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt
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2018/04/07	Sat	02:04 AM	0.21 L	07:33 AM	1.99 H	1:45 PM	1.33 L	6:15 PM	2.69 H
2018/04/08	Sun	03:09 AM	0.38 L	08:57 AM	1.94 H	2:56 PM	1.47 L	7:27 PM	2.51 H
2018/04/09	Mon	04:30 AM	0.46 L	10:22 AM	2.03 H	4:32 PM	1.47 L	9:00 PM	2.42 H
2018/04/10	Tue	05:50 AM	0.42 L	11:22 AM	2.22 H	5:59 PM	1.28 L	10:24 PM	2.49 H
2018/04/11	Wed	06:49 AM	0.31 L	12:04 PM	2.43 H	7:02 PM	0.97 L	11:31 PM	2.64 H
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IN, OUT & ABOUT

Library Programs

SH- Spring Hill Branch Library, located at 9220 Spring Hill Drive.

WH- West Hernando Branch Library located at 6335 Blackbird Ave, Weeki Wachee, FL 34613

BV- Brooksville/ Main Library located at 238 Howell Ave, Brooksville, FL 34601

EH- East Hernando Branch located at 6457 Windmere Rd, Brooksville, FL 34602

of 3-5.
SHINE - EH (individual counseling by appt. only)
 4/6/2018 12 - 2PM 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
 4/6/2018 1 - 2:30 PM SEFL is a crash course in basic ASL for learners at any skill level.
Tech Tutors - SH
 4/6/2018 2:30 - 4:30 PM Not quite sure how to use your device? Do you have any questions or concerns? Grab your gadget and stop by!
APRIL 7
Adult Coloring for Stress Relief and Relaxation - EH
 4/7/2018 10AM - 2PM Drop in any time between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for soothing music, a cup of herbal tea, a dollop of art therapy and maybe meet a new friend or two.
Game On! - EH
 4/7/2018 10AM - 4PM Enjoy family gaming at the East Hernando Branch!
VITA - SH
 4/7/2018 10AM - 1 PM Volunteer Income Tax Assistance - by appt. only
Anime Club - SH
 4/7/2018 11 AM - 12:30 PM Registration is open Are you a fan of anime, manga, or Japanese culture? Join Anime Club, where you can watch, read, and enjoy anime & manga with other fans.
Osteoarthritis - SH
 4/7/2018 1:30 - 2:30 PM Registration is open An educational talk on osteoarthritis and the latest treatment options to date including stem cell/prp injections.
APRIL 9
Surfing the Internet - BV
 4/9/2018 10AM - 12PM Registration is open Ready to "surf the web"? In this class you'll learn some of the fundamentals of using the Internet.
Meditation Mondays - WH

4/9/2018 11AM - 12 PM Make your Monday a more mindful Monday with us - meditation provides many health benefits for mind, body & spirit. First half discussion of resource followed by meditation.
Let's explore Italy! - WH
 4/9/2018 4:30 - 6PM Registration is open Interview an Italian Native who survived WWII, enjoy delectable Italian foods and treats and awe at the marvelous wonders this beautiful country offers!
APRIL 10
Surfing the Internet - WH
 4/10/2018 10AM - 12PM Registration is open Ready to "surf the web"? In this class you'll learn some of the fundamentals of using the Internet.
Storytime - BV
 4/10/2018 10:30 - 11 AM Stories, songs, and more in a storytime program designed for children between 18 months - 5 years old.
Internet Q&A - WH
 4/10/2018 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM Registration is open
Florida 505 Book Discussions - SH
 4/10/2018 2:30 - 4PM Spring Hill Branch holds monthly discussions of Florida-themed writings. Ask for a copy of the assigned reading & join in.
Essential Oils 102 - WH
 4/10/2018 3 - 4PM You are pretty confident with your basic knowledge of Essential Oils, but you want to kick it up a notch with Essential Oils 102.
Junior Coders - SH
 4/10/2018 4:30 - 5:30 PM Come to the library to learn the basics of coding! Children will be able to discover the building blocks of coding by being able to play with and manipulate several different coding tools such as Ozobots, Dash and Dot robots, the Code-a-Pillar, and others. Recommended for ages 4-8.
Ukulele Beginner Strum and

Sing - EH
 4/10/2018 5 - 7PM Join other beginning ukulele players for some laid-back strumming and singing. All ages and levels welcome.
APRIL 11
Surfing the Internet - SH
 4/11/2018 10AM - 12PM Registration is open Ready to "surf the web"? In this class you'll learn some of the fundamentals of using the Internet.
Writing Your Life Stories - WH
 4/11/2018 10:15 - 11:45 AM Registration is open "When writing the story of your life, never let anyone else hold the pen." 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
 4/11/2018 10:30 AM - 12 PM Topic: The Top Ten Things Newcomers Need to Know About Their Florida Yard
Storytime - EH
 4/11/2018 10:30 - 11AM Stories, songs, and more in a storytime program designed for children between 18 months - 5 years old.
Financial Management Series - EH
 4/11/2018 2 - 4PM This month's topic: Calendar Based Budgeting
Coding for Kids - WH
 4/11/2018 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 h
Score Workshop - Building a Business Plan for a Successful Business - SH
 4/11/2018 5 - 6:45 PM The Business Plan is the manual that guides the company's daily operation and activity towards the goals and objectives that have been established. Instructional

handouts, sample plans, and business development material will be distributed to all seminar participants.
Baby Storytime - BV
 4/12/2018 10 - 11 AM A storytime featuring stories, bounce rhymes, songs and more just for babies and their caregivers.
Surfing the Internet - EH
 4/12/2018 10AM - 12PM Registration is open Ready to "surf the web"? In this class you'll learn some of the fundamentals of using the Internet.
Life Starts at 50 Club - WH
 4/12/2018 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Registration is open Join the new monthly club for folks 50 and over! Each month's program will contain fun and educational topics, speakers, and activities of interest to people 50+.
Toddler Storytime - SH
 4/12/2018 10:30 - 11AM Storytime time for toddlers featuring stories, songs, and fingerplays.
Preschool Storytime - SH

4/12/2018 11:15 AM - 12PM Stories, songs, fingerplays, and much more designed for children between the ages of 3-5.
Steampunk Coloring Class - WH
 4/12/2018 1 - 2:30 PM Registration is open Steampunk - "What the past would be like if the future happened sooner"
Movies @ your library - SH
 4/12/2018 2 - 4PM Synopsis Four teenagers are sucked into a jungle-themed video game.
LEGO Club - BV
 4/12/2018 4:30 - 5:30 PM Build the coolest LEGO creations your imagination will allow using the library's collection of LEGOs.
Psychology of Communication - WH
 4/12/2018 5 - 7PM Discover the Psychological science behind the art of communication.
Baby Storytime - WH
 4/13/2018 10 - 10:30 AM Registration is open A Story-

CryptoQuote answer on page 15

CryptoQuote

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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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IN, OUT & ABOUT

Choosing the right cruise for you

Lots of different cruises to suit everyone and all great value



Cruise lines cater to all tastes and offer huge last-minute discounts.

By HERNANDO SUN STAFF

With more than 100 regularly scheduled cruise ships sailing the seas these days, choosing which cruise best suits you can be overwhelming. Cruise lines have different personalities, and ships operating within same line sometimes offer different cruise experiences.

Asking friends and family about their experiences on a particular ship may be helpful - but we all like different things. Consult your travel agent if you have one but before booking, you should do some of your own research. Consult guidebooks that deal with those frequently asked cruise questions is also highly recommended.

It's well worth the time to find the ship that suits your personality and lifestyle. If you're outgoing and love lots of activity, then Carnival Cruise Lines, Princess Cruises, Holland America Line, Royal Caribbean Cruise Line and other large cruise lines will most likely have the ship for you. Larger ships mean more people, more activities (night-clubs, casino, performances, movies, shops and organized fun). The smaller the ship, the quieter it is.

Not all ships and cruise lines are the same. Each has its own personality, from those with a party-hearty atmosphere to ships whose focus is on nature and culture. The size also ranges from ships that carry less than 100 passengers to megaships that hold more than 3,000. And the ships come in different styles - - from basic to super luxurious - - and from sailboats to steam ships to river boats.

If you expect a cruise filled with more nature-oriented activities, consider sailing with Special Expeditions, Temptress Cruises, Marine Expeditions and other small ship, eco-oriented



A river boat cruise on the Chaopraya River in Bangkok, Thailand.

companies. If you want to a cruise with on-board lecturers on art and history, Seabourn Cruises, Silversea Cruises, Radisson Seven Seas Cruises and Swan Hellenic may be the ideal for you.

Cruise ships are like floating resorts with all the things fine resorts have to offer. That means there is plenty to do. You can take dance or bridge lessons, read a book, swim in a pool, play bingo or the slot machines, listen to fine music or take in a Broadway-style show. Practice some tennis or golf shots, watch a movie, get a workout in the health club, enjoy a massage in the spa or just get closer to the person you love.

And when the ship reaches port, port excursions can range from simple beach and snorkeling trips to more elaborate tours of ancient ruins, visits to grand museums tours of legendary cities and castles, wine tastings, nature hikes and more.

The cost of your cruise remains one of the great travel bargains. Cruise fares cover the basics: your cabin, all meals and entertainment. In most cases, the cruise fare does not include port charges, if applicable; tips to your cabin steward and dining room servers; wine and liquor charges, purchases; shore excursions; gambling expenses and

expenses while in port. Still, the cruise fare, which in many cases is around \$130 per person per day for room, meals and entertainment, is still a great travel value.

You can go just about anywhere in the world. While the Caribbean remains the most popular cruising destination, there are ships that sail everywhere - - Asia, Europe, the Baltic Sea, South America, the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, the South Pacific, the Indian ocean and even the Arctic and Antarctic circles.

Some final advice. Read the cruise brochure carefully before you book. Ask your travel agent a lot of questions. Buy (or check out from a library) a travel guidebook to the area you want to cruise. After you get your tickets, read the cruise pamphlet that comes with the travel documents. It will have lots of answers to your questions. And it may also give you some valuable advice on what to pack - - and what not to pack - - tipping, how relatives can contact you and more.



A houseboat cruise in Kerala, south of India.



Taps for a Cause

will benefit Arc Nature Coast in April



Taps for a Cause to benefit The Arc Nature Coast will be held Saturday, April 28th from 4-8 PM at Marker 48.

Additionally during the month of April, order The Arc on draft and 100% of the proceeds will go towards The Arc Nature Coast's future Life Skills Development facility at our Neff Lake Road Campus. The Arc Nature Coast serves more than 250 individuals with intellectual & developmental disabilities and their

families in Hernando and Pasco Counties and are in desperate need of a new building!

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Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Jogging Memories With a Scrapbook

I recently woke up to a spring morning of happy birthday surprises: warm sunshine instead of snow, bouquets of pink tulips from my kids, and a stream of well wishes from Facebook friends. Toggling down the page, I felt like I had jumped on the International Space Station as I connected with former students, neighbors and colleagues living around the globe—wishes from Congo and Zambia, and from France,



Sweden and England. Then China, Alaska and Canada. I orbited again and again, caught up in the ride and with the memories of people and places in my life.

But what if you can't recall the details of life's memories—your daughter's birthday or your grandson's name—quite like before?

That thought hit home when my 90-year-old mother began showing signs of memory loss that affected how she managed her daily routine. When remembering to take her meds at spe-

cific times throughout the day and how to prepare meals became elusive, she moved from independence to assisted living at a retirement community.

I discovered, through the transition, that her memories of days gone by were still there; they just needed triggers once in a while to fetch them from "storage." Like my own cluttered attic, I don't remember what is actually up there until I start rummaging around the dusty boxes and bins.

Mom's photo albums, slides and a cedar chest filled with heirlooms and handwritten letters tied in neat bundles serve to jog her memory and prompt the stories only she could tell when my kids and I visited her.

Looking at pictures on our computers is also a hit. So, for her birthday, I decided to pull 100 recent photos of family, friends, trips and activities from her 90th year. I ordered colored prints and arranged them on pages of a big scrapbook, with empty spaces for her to write captions as we talked about the photos together. The remaining pages are filled with "Happy 90th Birthday" cards attached with double-stick tape.

When her family stopped by, her "coffee table birthday book" was an enjoyable way to connect ... and remember.

Extra birthday book ideas for jogging memories:

- Create a scrapbook highlighting the decades of a person's life, featuring newsy things that happened. Examples of events that trigger memories might be the invention of boxed cakes, the end of World War II and men walking on the moon.

- Email family and friends requesting that they send you a note, a drawing or a poem recalling special memories of the birthday person. Compile in a scrapbook with a picture of the "star" on the cover.

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."

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Hernando County Fairgrounds are located at 6436 Broad Street (US-41S) Brooksville,



SIXTH ANNUAL MUSIC IN THE PARK BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018 9 AM

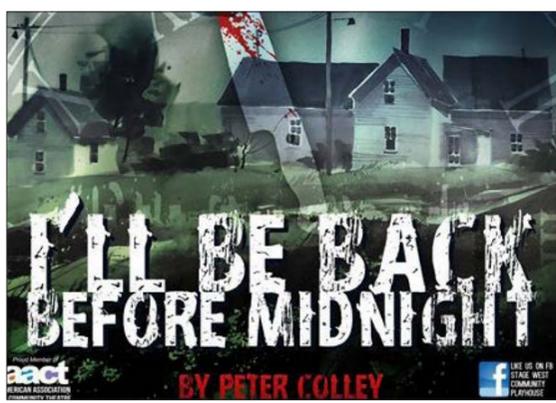
The Friends of Fort Cooper announce the line-up and schedule of the five bands that will be playing at its sixth annual Music in the Park Bluegrass Festival on Saturday, April 21 at Fort Cooper State Park, 3100 S. Old Floral City Road in Inverness. Gates open at 9:00 a.m. (please take note of later ending time). Pasture Prime; Backwater Bluegrass; The

Baileys; Still House Shakers; The Possums.

Food vendors include Jennie's Kitchen, Bodez Tube Steaks & Such and Lynn's Ice Cream. There will be a wide variety of menu items - from Philly Cheesesteak, Gyros, Burgers, Chicken Club, fresh cut fries, funnel cakes to "Chicago" hot dogs, brats, Polish and Italian sausages, with all the fixins'. Festival visitors will get your grub on. Advance tickets are now on sale in the Park office at \$10 per person (At the gate on the day of the event \$13). Children 12 years and under are free.

The festival will go on rain or shine. Visitors are asked to bring lawn chairs. No coolers or alcohol are allowed. Tin Roof Shack Productions direct this popular Festival on the shore of Lake Holithlaka-ha at Fort Cooper State Park.

Fort Cooper State Park is located at 3100 S. Old Floral City Road in Inverness.



I'LL BE BACK BEFORE MIDNIGHT
BY PETER COLLEY
THURSDAY, APRIL 12-22, 2018 7:30 PM

Jan is a young wife recovering from a nervous disorder. She and her husband rent a remote cabin from an old farmer who delights in telling gruesome, ghost stories. Then the husband's strange sister arrives, and all manner of frightening events occur. What happens to fragile Jan as bodies appear and disappear, gives this classic thriller its tremendously frightening impact. By Peter Colley. Tickets Adults \$20 / Students \$15. Doors open half hour before curtain. 352 683-5113 / StageWest@att.net / Visit: stagewest-florida.com/

Stage West Community Playhouse is located at 8390 Forest Oaks Blvd, Spring Hill,



TRIBUTE TO THE TITANIC TILTED TEACUP TEAROOM
SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018
11 AM FIRST SITTING

The Tilted Teacup Tea Room & Boutique situated just 2 blocks from the May Stringer Historic Museum in downtown Brooksville. We are located in an old southern style house with a quaint front porch. You are cordially invited to a Reservation Only 1912 themed Tea Time in Tribute to the Titanic. Featuring a full High Tea served on a 3 tier or a Titanic Luncheon with music & entertainment. Guests are encouraged to dress in Edwardian attire, but not required. A replica of the "Heart of the Ocean" necklace will be given away at each seating. High Tea - includes a teacup of soup, an assortment of tea sandwiches, quiche, fresh baked scone, a selection of desserts and an unlimited pot of tea for \$34.95 per person OR Titanic Luncheon - a teacup of soup, an assortment of tea sandwiches, crustless quiche, and an unlimited pot of tea for \$26.95 per person. Sittings will be available at 11:00, 12:00, 1:00 & 2:00pm. A \$10 deposit confirms your reservation. Visit: thetiltedteacuptearoom.com/p/titanic. Menu selection must be made at time of Reservation. Call 352-593-4111 to make reservations

The Tilted Teacup Tea Room & Boutique is located at 103 S.Saxon Ave., Brooksville,

FROM OUR TABLE TO YOURS
 by Cheryl Clanton



Crab Stuffed Potatoes

Ingredients
 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
 1 pkg 8oz imitation crabmeat
 paprika
 4 medium baking potatoes
 ¼ cup butter
 1/3 cup light cream
 1 teaspoon salt
 ¼ teaspoon pepper
 ¼ cup finely chopped green onions

When potatoes cooled, halve lengthwise. Carefully scoop out center of potato put into bowl. Set shells aside. In bowl mash potatoes, butter, cream, salt, pepper until smooth. Use fork, stir in onions and cheese. Gently mix in crab. Stuff shells and sprinkle with paprika put in oven for 15 min. or until heated through.

Directions
 Bake potatoes at 425 45-55 min or until tender.

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Calendar of Events

April 6

232-6092 or Email: alice@green-flymedia.com

Friday Night Done Right - Kickball Tournament
 WHEN: Friday, April 6, 2018 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 WHERE: Hernando County YMCA, 1300 Mariner Blvd, Spring Hill, Florida 34609
 Description: It could be dodgeball, kickball, flag football or a glow-in-the-dark sports night, but whatever the first Friday of the month is, it's Friday Night Done Right including prizes, giveaways and snacks. Since most Hernando County teens - 74 percent - don't drink alcohol when hanging out with friends, you can be sure this will be a safe environment to hang out and have fun. A free event for middle school and high school students, grades 6-12. Open to the community.

The Vagina Monologues
 WHEN: Friday, April 6, 2018
 WHERE: Stage West Theatre,
 An evening of empowerment, support, and awareness to lift up women. This is a show written by Eve Ensler based on interviews of many women across the world. Local performers will perform these amazing monologues. You will hear stories of life experiences performed by local women. They will make you laugh, blush, cry, unite, and stand proud. This is a provocative show and adults only, please. Content can be viewed in advance online. Please wear your best Teal in support of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The funds raised will go to provide survivors in Hernando County support services through Dawn Center's domestic and sexual violence programs. Doors open at 6:00pm show starts at 6:30pm. Light refreshments and dessert provided. Contact Dawn Center for more details. 352-684-7191

April 7

Spring Plant Sale
 WHEN: Saturday, April 7, 2018, 9AM - 2PM
 WHERE: Nature Coast Botanical Gardens, 1489 Parker Avenue, Spring Hill, FL 34606
 Description: It's Spring Spruce-up time for your home and yard with beautiful plants! The Spring Hill Garden Club invites you to the annual spring sale, where you can purchase many varieties of plants at budget-friendly prices. Plants grown at the Gardens will be for sale on both Friday and Saturday. The Gardens is also open daily to visitors. Free; open to the public. Contact naturecoastgardenssh@gmail.com / phone 352-683-9933 or visit www.naturecoastgardens.com.

3rd Annual Kids' Fishing Clinic
 WHEN: Saturday, April 7, 2018 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 WHERE: Linda Pedersen Park, 6300 Shoal Line Boulevard in Hernando Beach.
 Description: The Weeki Wachee Anglers, Inc., a family-oriented fishing and social club, in partnership with Hernando County Parks and Recreation, will host the 3rd Annual Kids' Fishing Clinic. This is a free, one-day clinic sponsored by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to educate kids from ages 5 to 15 about the vulnerability of Florida's marine ecosystems as well as to teach fundamental saltwater fishing skills with the goal of making these children responsible marine resource stewards. Preregistration is recommended. Visit http://www.hernandocounty.us/park_rec to complete the application. As a reminder, only children ages 5 to 15 are eligible for this clinic and they must be accompanied by an adult.
 "Every child will be required to go through five hands-on learning stations (for example, knot tying and casting) to be eligible for a free rod and reel. They will then have an opportunity to try out their skills in a catch, photo and release event. Entertainment, food and information on fishing in Florida waters will be provided at no cost to participants. For further information, call Marv at (906) 458-1486."

Temple Beth David Art Show
 13158 Antelope St. Spring Hill is hosting their 3rd annual Nature Coast Art Show Saturday, April 7 and Sunday, 8. Artist's reception from 5pm - 8pm on Saturday. Refreshments and conversations with the artists. Previewing and purchasing available. Show and sale on Sunday, April 8 from 10am-5pm. Admission free to the public. Food, a silent auction, and original artworks by emerging and professional artists from Florida's Nature Coast. Contact 352-686-7034.

April 13

Macro Photography and Photoshop
 WHEN: Friday, April 13, 10am - 3pm
 Description: Macro Photography and Photoshop: Participants will learn about Framing, Depth of Field, Focus Points and exploring different ways to photograph. In addition, Photoshop users will learn even more ways to express their photographic creativity. Workshop covers filters and actions. There is a \$20.00 fee for this program register on Eventbrite. Any questions, please feel free to contact Alice @ 352-

Friday Night Live
 WHEN: Friday, April 13, 5pm - 10pm
 WHERE: Brooksville Bandshell At Hernando Park Brooksville, Florida 34601 (map)
 Description: There are some amazing events planned this year in our city of Brooksville. Among them is our 'Friday Night Live' series of music and food vendor events here in historic downtown Brooksville. Live bands and awesome food trucks at each of these events. We'll keep you updated as new talent and vendors are signed on and continues on the 2nd Fridays throughout the year. Event festivities are scheduled to start at 5pm, and run to 10pm.

April 14

Community Health Fair
 WHEN: Saturday, April 14, 2018 10 am to 1 pm
 WHERE: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2301 Deltona Blvd., Spring Hill, FL
 Description: St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 2301 Deltona Blvd, Spring Hill will host a Community Health Fair on Saturday, April 14 from 10 am to 1 pm. This free event will feature local health, wellness, and life event services. For information, contact Debbie Smith at mgr.standrews@gmail.com or call the church at 352.683.2010. Visit Website: <http://standrewschurch.dioswfl.org/>

Bird Gardening for Florida
 WHEN: Saturday, April 14, 10am - 1pm
 WHERE: Chinsegut Conservation Center, 23212 Lake Lindsey Rd, Brooksville,
 Description: Bird Gardening for Florida: Learn the best tips and tricks to attract more birds to your yard. This presentation offered by Hernando Audubon volunteer Linda will put you in tune with what birds are looking for in a landscape. This is a free program, no need to register. 1 Hour Program. Contact Gina Long (Philhower) / (352) 754-6722

Hernando County Fair and Youth Livestock Show
 WHEN: Saturday, April 14, 12pm - Sun, April 20, 10pm
 WHERE: Hernando County Fairgrounds 6436 Broad Street (US-41S) Brooksville, FL 34601 (map)
 Description: Blue ribbons, competitions, games, food, midway and more. Live musical entertainment and Demolition Derby -- don't miss the annual Hernando County Fair. 352-796-4552/hernandofairgrounds.com

April 15

I'll Be Back Before Midnight-Live Theater
 When: Sunday, April 15, 2pm - 4pm
 WHERE: Stage West Community Theatre, 8390 FOREST OAKS BLVD, SPRING HILL, FL, 34606 (map)
 Description: Jan is a young wife recovering from a nervous disorder. She and her husband rent a remote cabin from an old farmer who delights in telling gruesome, ghost stories. Then the husband's strange sister arrives, and all manner of frightening events occur. What happens to fragile Jan as bodies appear and disappear, gives this classic thriller its tremendously frightening impact. By Peter Colley. Reserved seating adult \$20, student \$15 For ticket information call or visit 352 683-5113 / stagewest@att.net <http://stagewestflorida.com/>

April 18

Butterflies of Florida
 WHEN: Wednesday, April 18, 6pm - 7pm
 WHERE: Chinsegut Conservation Center, 23212 Lake Lindsey Rd, Brooksville,
 Description: Butterflies of Florida: This basic intro to butterfly identification centers around those most common to our area. Learn how to make tough IDs and about butterfly families and physiology. No need to register for this free program. 1 Hour Program.

April 21

Sixth annual Music in the Park Bluegrass Festival
 WHEN: Saturday, April 21, 2018 9 a.m.
 WHERE: Fort Cooper State Park, 3100 S. Old Floral City Road in Inverness.
 The sixth annual Music in the Park Bluegrass Festival will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Fort Cooper State Park, 3100 S. Old Floral City Road in Inverness. Gates open at 9:00 a.m. Advance tickets are now on sale in the Park office at \$10 per person (At the gate on the day of the event \$13). Children 12 years and under are free. The festival will go on rain or shine. Visitors are asked to bring lawn chairs. No coolers or alcohol are allowed. Tin Roof Shack Productions direct this popular Festival on the shore of Lake Holithlakaha at

Movie Times

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Black Panther (PG13)	Daily except Thurs: 12:30PM, 3:30PM, 6:30PM, 9:30PM
Blockers (R)	Daily except Thurs: 1:25PM, 4:10PM, 7:20PM, 10:00PM
Chappaquiddick (PG13)	Daily except Thurs: 12:45PM, 4:00PM, 7:00PM, 9:45PM
God's Not Dead: A Light In Darkness (PG)	Daily except Fri, Thurs: 1:15PM, 4:15PM, 7:25PM, 10:00PM Fri: 1:15PM, 4:15PM, 7:00PM, 10:00PM
I Can Only Imagine (PG)	Daily except Fri, Thurs: 1:30PM, 4:15PM, 7:10PM, 9:50PM Fri: 1:30PM, 4:15PM, 7:10PM, 10:05PM
Miracle Season, The (PG)	Daily except Thurs: 1:45PM, 4:45PM, 7:25PM, 10:05PM
Pacific Rim Uprising (PG13)	Fri, Sat, Mon, Tues: 1:25PM, 4:15PM, 7:15PM, 9:55PM. Sun: 4:35PM, 9:55PM. Wed: 1:25PM, 9:55PM
Paul, Apostle Of Christ (PG13)	Daily except Sun, Thurs: 1:00PM, 3:45PM, 6:40PM, 10:00PM. Sun: 1:00PM, 3:45PM
Quiet Place, A GTX (PG13)	Daily except Thurs: 1:45PM, 4:30PM, 7:30PM, 10:10PM
Ready Player One (PG13)	Daily except Sun, Thurs: 12:00PM, 12:30PM, 3:15PM, 3:45PM, 6:30PM, 7:00PM, 9:20PM, 9:45PM. Sun: 12:00PM, 12:30PM, 3:15PM, 3:45PM, 6:30PM, 7:00PM, 9:45PM, 10:15PM
Saturday Night Fever (R)	Sun: 2:00PM, 7:00PM. Wed: 4:00PM, 7:00PM
Tyler Perry's Acrimony (R)	Daily except Thurs: 1:00PM, 4:00PM, 7:15PM, 10:00PM

Fort Cooper State Park. Food vendors include Jennie's Kitchen, Bodez Tube Steaks & Such and Lynn's Ice Cream. There will be a wide variety of menu items - from Philly Cheesesteak, Gyros, Burgers, Chicken Club, fresh cut fries, funnel cakes to "Chicago" hot dogs, brats, Polish and Italian sausages, with all the fixins'. Festival visitors will get your grub on. Line-up and schedule includes five bands Pasture Prime; Backwater Bluegrass; The Baileys; Still House Shakers; The Possums. Visit: www.thefriendsoffortcooper.com

April 23

Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics
 WHEN: Monday, April 23, 9:30am - 11:00am
 WHERE: Tom Varn Park, 301 Darby Ln, Brooksville, FL 34601, USA (map)
 Description: Join us again this year as we support the athletes and programs for Special Olympics Florida. For further information <https://specialolympicsflorida.org/get-involved/law-enforcement-torch-run/letr-routes/>

April 27

Relay for Life of the Nature Coast
 WHEN: Fri, April 27, 4:30pm - 9:00pm
 WHERE: Nature Coast Technical High School, 4057 California St, Brooksville, FL 34604, USA (map)
 Description: Relay For Life is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Join solo or get a team together for a weekend of sharing, fun, and walking. Relay is a team fundraising event where team members take turns walking around a track or designated path. Each event is 6-24 hours in length and each team is asked to have a member on the track at all times to signify that cancer never sleeps. The Spring Hill event includes:
 4:30pm Survivor Dinner, 6:00pm Opening Ceremony, 9:00pm Luminaria
 No admission to participate; fundraising through walking sponsors. Andrea.Ciesluk@cancer.org relay. acevents.org... 818-949-0291 / Ext. 5603



MAVIS LOVES TO MAKE PAPER CHAIN DECORATIONS. See how many paper links you can count in the above drawing.

Answer: We found 58. How about you?



DON'T THROW AN AIR BALL SOLVING THIS ONE

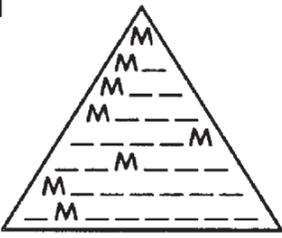
Sink the following eight words and win the game. In the grid there is room to enter eight words or terms pertaining to basketball. The following hints should help you dribble to victory.

Illustrated by David Coulson

A NEAT WAGER! Draw nine dots on a sheet of paper (Fig. 1). Challenge your friends to connect them up by drawing four straight lines through them without lifting the pencil from the paper. (See Fig. 2 for solution.)

THE "M" PYRAMID! As you move down the word pyramid shown here, each word contains the same letters as the word above it, plus a new letter. We give you all the M's. Here are some hints from the top down:

1. Roman numeral for 1000.
2. Rebus for "none left."
3. Found in a wrestling ring.
4. A radio antenna.
5. A source of power.
6. Poorest excuse.
7. Short-handled hammers.
8. Baby Bear's bed.



1. A credit for scoring.
2. For some, a sure point maker.
3. You can't play without them.
4. Shooting while in the air.
5. To pass the ball.
6. What teams need to win.
7. To score off the backboard.
8. To shoot over your head.

There is a dark frame around one of the columns in our grid. If you correctly solve the puzzle, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will spell out the name of a spectacular shot.

Nothing Causes as Much Panic Among Homeowners and Gardeners as Lubber Grasshoppers!



by Dr. William Lester, UF/IFAS

You know- the tiny grasshoppers that emerge in spring, gather in groups of hundreds and grow into monsters by the end of summer. Every spring our office receives quite a few calls about these monsters. Much of this terror and fear are unwarranted, because these grasshoppers, which can be destructive in certain circumstances, are not as huge of a menace as you might think.

The eastern lubber grasshopper (*Romalea microptera*) is native to the Southeast U.S., from North Carolina to Texas. The word "Lubber" is derived from an old English word "lobre" which means lazy or clumsy, which is appropriate for these grasshoppers because the adults do not

fly well. There is only one generation per year, with the eggs hatching in mid-March and the adults maturing in late summer/ early fall.

Lubber grasshoppers consume less food than other smaller grasshoppers do, but they have a large host range (at least 100 species of plants from 38 plant families). They are obsessed with amaryllis and other bulbs, which they will totally defoliate, and they can severely damage young citrus trees. The younger insects can be more damaging, because they are gregarious when young and large groups of grasshoppers can quickly cause great damage. Fortunately, this grasshopper does not bother most plants in the landscape. Turfgrass and hedges are rarely damaged, even if you see the grasshoppers just "hanging out" on them.

The most effective way of controlling this pest is to diligently round up the juveniles each spring and dispose of them early, just after they have hatched. Gardeners who do this for several years report that they can dramatically reduce their numbers, because they only have one generation per year. If allowed to mature to adults there are basically no insecticides that are effective, so start searching early for your dreaded lubbers and stop them before they become monsters.

For more information about insect pests in your landscape or home, stop by or call UF/IFAS Extension Hernando County weekdays from 8 to 5. Our office is in the airport industrial park at 16110 Aviation Loop Drive, Brooksville, 34604; (352) 754-4433. In addition,

Master Gardeners are available to assist you at the Master Gardener nursery from 9AM to noon every Wednesday and Saturday. Our nursery is located behind the Hernando County fairgrounds at 19490 Oliver Street, Brooksville.

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. For more information read the University of Florida factsheet at: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/in132>

Photo caption: A large group of immature lubber grasshoppers (*Romalea microptera*) on a tree stump in Brooksville. Photo by William Lester

'Big Casino'

The old gobbler I had come to know as "Big Casino," didn't hesitate to close the distance once he got his eyes on my decoy set up. He lowered his plumage to a half strut, stretched his neck out forward and came in at a quick step to flog what he thought was an intruding jake. I lifted my old Winchester into position and slipped off the safety. He must have heard the safety button click off, because he put on the brakes and lifted his head up, and stood there about twelve steps away, and gave me a steady, defiant glare.

My plans for opening morning hadn't included a hunt for Big Casino. Like most years, I had planned to spend opening morning of Spring gobbler season in a secluded corner of the Richloam WMA. I had birds roosted, blinds in place and shooting lanes cleared in anticipation of opening morning. Then, I learned that two of my grandbabies had T-ball and softball games that Saturday morning. As badly as I wanted to, there was no way I could allow myself any time to hunt there then cover the hour-long drive home to be at the ball field by ten. It was then I decided that if I hunt local I'd still have a couple of hours to hunt and still get to see my grandbabies take the field.

Thursday morning arrived and I headed to a small parcel of land near my home where I'd unsuccessfully hunted the big tom I'd given the nickname Big Casino last Spring. I hunted that bird nine different mornings and had even introduced a few new friends from Kansas to him last season and he outsmarted them as well.

Wouldn't ya know it though, as soon as I made the turn into the property, there he stood in full strut tending a half-dozen hens. I picked up my binoculars and there was no mistaking him. Big Casino!

From a comfortable distance, I continued to watch him with his harem and one thing I took note of, was that there were no jakes or satellite toms hanging around. That bit of information I contemplated at length over the next couple of days and decided that he must be pretty territorial and has been wing-whipping and spurring any other toms out of his area. He'd never



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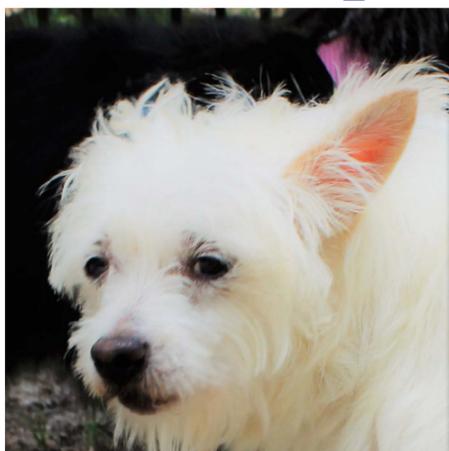
failed to answer my calls, he just would never close the distance, arrogantly gobbling back, expecting any willing hens to come to him for the honor of toting away a bit of his DNA.

I snuck into the old tram road he uses as a strut zone and placed a standing hen decoy flat on the ground in a breeding position and placed a standing jake decoy a step or two behind her as if he were preparing to mount the hen and then slipped off to one side and took a seat beneath an ancient old hickory tree.

When daylight approached I played a string of tree yelps on a glass topped friction call I'd made a few years back and soon after could hear his wing beats as he left his roost. He gobbled once on the ground and I waited a bit before playing him a set of breeding yelps and it wasn't long before I could see him strutting on that trail just around the bend. A pair of hens arrived to join him and he stepped out a bit further so they could admire his plumage when he caught sight of my decoys. Two minutes later, he accepted my invitation to ride home in my vest pouch and I even made it to the ballpark with an extra fifteen minutes to spare!

If you have anything to share, or perhaps a question or two, feel free to reach out to me at Toby@HernandoSun.com, God bless and good hunting!

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SPORTS

Springstead boys tennis ready to make a run at districts

by ANDY VILLAMARZO HERNANDO SUN STAFF WRITER

(SPRING HILL)- The youth movement is on for Springstead's boys tennis team and the Eagles are showing much promise in a season where they've relied upon many of their underclassmen. Springstead coach Brett Teitelman has guided the club through

one of the toughest schedules of any Hernando County team, which has included Gainesville, Nature Coast and Ocala Vanguard. What the Eagles currently lack in experience, they've made up with talent.

"Our No. 2 player is doing really good for us and we have a couple freshmen really doing well for us," Teitelman said. "Coming into



a new team as a new coach with freshmen as our No. 1 and No. 3 make for an exciting start to a new era at Springstead. We have all up and coming kids on our team. Looking ahead, having everybody back is a blessing. We will have some incoming freshmen that will be vying for spots in the future. It'll force everyone to work even that much harder to keep their own spot."

Freshman Oswaldo Cherubini is the team's No. 1 and currently is 5-4 on the season. He is joined by fellow freshman Jaylen Thompson, who plays as the team's

No. 3 player and is 6-4 in 2018. Juniors Dylan Palmer (9-1 record), David Parker (5-5 record) and Alvin Nguyen (5-5 record) have all shown the ability to perform on the district level and beyond.

"Palmer has been the glue that has bonded this team and created the success we have had," Teitelman said. "Through gusty play and positive leadership, Dylan has earned the status of captain of the Eagles tennis team."

Teitelman is especially excited about the prospects of his No. 1 doubles team made up of Cherubini and Palmer making some noise and districts, regionals and quite possibly states. The duo has played well together all season and Teitelman believes they have an outside shot of qualifying for the state tournament.

"I'm excited about our chances to win No. 1 doubles and possibly make a run towards states," Teitelman said. "We maybe don't have

the best record in districts but we are competitive with just about anyone. They've had a very successful season and one of their losses came to Gainesville, which there a very tough team. They have great ability to really cover the net and bang with anybody."

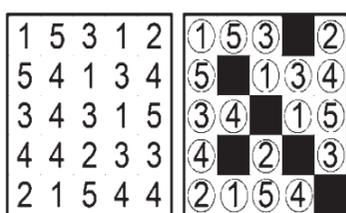
The team is 6-4 and has big wins over Gainesville and Ocala Vanguard on the season. Teitelman hopes that with the confidence the team has from beating both central Florida teams, the Eagles can take that and use the victories as building blocks.

"Those wins were big for us and we are also undefeated within the county," Teitelman added. "It's nice for my first year being back into high school tennis to have a group of kids that are hard working. Winning the county is always going to be the goal for us."

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Each puzzle consists of a square grid with numbers appearing in all squares. The object is to shade squares so:



- No number appears in a row or column more than once.
- Shaded (black) squares do not touch each other vertically or horizontally.
- When completed, all un-shaded (white) squares create a single continuous area.

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1	4	2	3	3

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SPORTS

Nature Coast boys tennis aims for consecutive district titles

BY ANDY VILLAMARZO
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

Photography by CHERYL CLANTON

Heading into this 2018 season for Nature Coast's varsity boys tennis team, the Sharks are looking to repeat as Class 2A, District 7 champions, they'll have to get through the campaign with one of their younger clubs to date.

Nature Coast coach Tom Brown is fielding one of his greenest teams during his time at the school, with the Sharks currently having two sophomores on the roster. Brown stated despite having just six returners, the goal for Nature Coast is to still win a district title and believes the Sharks have a great shot at doing so.

"Well our first goal is to try and win districts and I think we have a good chance in doing it," Brown said. "If we can win some key matchups, I think we can repeat. As far making it to states, we'd have to go as a team."

Back from last season is junior Roger Smissen, who played as the Sharks' No. 2 last season and is currently now the No. 1.

Smissen is 7-5 through 12 matches and leads the way for Nature Coast.

"Roger (Smissen) is doing well individually being 7-5, but he'd have to go to states if we made it as a team," Brown said.

Playing as the team's No. 2 is sophomore Alex Priede. Priede was the club's No. 3 last season and has bumped up to as the No. 2 and is 10-2. Fellow sophomore Cayden Muir is having a solid season as the team's No. 5 with a 10-1 record. Amongst the other players for the Sharks this season is senior Braden Hotchkiss (10-1 record), who played primarily doubles last year and is the No. 4 this season. Rounding out the roster is junior Carter McNamara (4-1 record) and Alex Laird (5-3 record).

"I tend to think that this is one of our more challenging seasons because we have a couple sophomores," Brown said. "We are building with what we have this season. I think we're a very competitive team this season and fortunately the last three years we've been to the region final the last three seasons."

Though Nature Coast

has perennially been one of the top teams in Hernando County, Springstead has emerged as the Sharks' top rival for county supremacy as they edged them 4-3 earlier this season. Brown and his Sharks have faced off against every county club and believes the Eagles are the Sharks' closest rival currently.

"We've played everybody in our county," Brown added. "Hernando matchup was the closest and we won 4-3. We lost to 3-4 to Springstead and I would say they're our closest rival."



2017 Boys Regionals Tennis Nct vs Crystal River- Alex Priede



2017 Boys Regionals Tennis Nct vs Crystal River- Roger Smissen



2017 Boys Regionals Tennis Nct vs Crystal River- Carter McNamara

High School Sports Schedules					
Week - 4/9/2018 thru 4/15/2018					
Central High School Bears					
MON	04/09/18	JV BASEBALL	TBA	HOME	TBA
MON	04/09/18	V SOFTBALL	WEEKI WACHEE RIVALRY GAME / SENIOR NIGHT	AWAY	06:00:00 PM
TUES	04/10/18	V SOFTBALL	NATURE COAST	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
TUES	04/10/18	V BASEBALL	RIDGEWOOD	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
WED	04/11/18	JV BASEBALL	TBA	HOME	TBA
THURS	04/12/18	JV BASEBALL	TBA	HOME	TBA
THURS	04/12/18	V BASEBALL	RIVER RIDGE	HOME	07:00:00 PM
THURS	04/12/18	V SOFTBALL	GULF	HOME	07:00:00 PM
FRI	04/13/18	V SOFTBALL	HERNANDO	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
FRI	04/13/18	V BASEBALL	GULF	HOME	07:00:00 PM
Hernando High School Leopards					
TUES	04/10/18	V SOFTBALL	GULF	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
TUES	04/10/18	V BASEBALL	HUDSON	HOME	07:00:00 PM
WED	04/11/18	V SOFTBALL	SPRINGSTEAD	HOME	07:00:00 PM
THURS	04/12/18	V BASEBALL	WEEKI WACHEE	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
THURS	04/12/18	V SOFTBALL	HUDSON	HOME	07:00:00 PM
FRI	04/13/18	V SOFTBALL	CENTRAL	HOME	07:00:00 PM
FRI	04/13/18	V BASEBALL	RIDGEWOOD	HOME	07:00:00 PM
Nature Coast Technical High School Sharks					
MON	04/09/18	GIRLS V TENNIS	SPRINGSTEAD	HOME	03:00:00 PM
MON	04/09/18	V BASEBALL	LECANTO	AWAY	06:30:00 PM
TUES	04/10/18	V BASEBALL	FIVAY	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
TUES	04/10/18	V SOFTBALL	CENTRAL	HOME	07:00:00 PM
WED	04/11/18	GIRLS V TENNIS	WIREGRASS RANCH	AWAY	03:30:00 PM
THURS	04/12/18	V SOFTBALL	CYPRESS CREEK	HOME	07:00:00 PM
FRI	04/13/18	V BASEBALL	HUDSON	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
F. W. Springstead High School Eagles					
MON	04/09/18	JV BASEBALL	TBA	HOME	TBA
MON	04/09/18	GIRLS V TENNIS	NATURE COAST	AWAY	03:00:00 PM
MON	04/09/18	V BASEBALL	SUNLAKE	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
MON	04/09/18	V SOFTBALL	LECANTO	HOME	07:00:00 PM
WED	04/11/18	V SOFTBALL	HERNANDO	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
WED	04/11/18	V BASEBALL	SOUTH SUMTER	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
THURS	04/12/18	GIRLS V TENNIS	FOREST	AWAY	04:00:00 PM
FRI	04/13/18	GIRLS V TENNIS	WEEKI WACHEE	HOME	03:00:00 PM
FRI	04/13/18	V BASEBALL	CITRUS	HOME	07:00:00 PM
Weeki Wachee High School Hornets					
MON	04/09/18	V SOFTBALL	CENTRAL	HOME	06:00:00 PM
TUES	04/10/18	V BASEBALL	SPORTS LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT SHIMBER PARK	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
THURS	04/12/18	V SOFTBALL	WESLEY CHAPEL	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
THURS	04/12/18	V BASEBALL	HERNANDO	HOME	07:00:00 PM
FRI	04/13/18	GIRLS V TENNIS	SPRINGSTEAD	AWAY	03:00:00 PM
FRI	04/13/18	V BASEBALL	DUNNELLON	HOME	07:00:00 PM
Hernando Christian Academy Lions					
TUES	04/10/18	V SOFTBALL	CITRUS PARK CHRISTIAN	AWAY	03:00:00 PM
THURS	04/12/18	V SOFTBALL	LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN	AWAY	03:30:00 PM
THURS	04/12/18	V BASEBALL	LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN	AWAY	03:30:00 PM
FRI	04/13/18	V SOFTBALL	CITRUS PARK CHRISTIAN	AWAY	04:00:00 PM
FRI	04/13/18	V BASEBALL	BAYSHORE CHRISTIAN	HOME	04:30:00 PM
FRI	04/13/18	JV BASEBALL	SEVEN RIVERS CHRISTIAN	AWAY	05:00:00 PM

Hernando Sportsmans Club Events Calendar

16121 Commercial Way, Brooksville, FL 34614
April 6 - 13, 2018

Friday	Saturday
6 OR, TRAP, SKEET & FIVE STAND 9-2	7 OR, TRAP & SKEET 9-3
200 MTR CLOSED	JR 22 RIFLE 50 YD 9AM
GUN SHOW VENDOR SET UP 9-6	STEEL MATCH N BAYS 9AM
	GUN SHOW 9AM - 4PM

8 OR, TRAP, SKEET & FIVE STAND 9-3 USPSA N BAYS 9AM MOD F CLASS MATCH 200 MTR 9AM GUN SHOW 9AM - 3PM	9 RANGE CLOSED	10 OR, TRAP, SKEET & FIVE STAND 9-2 BULLSEYE 50 YD 9AM IDPA PRACTICE N BAYS 9-11 & 200 MTR 11-2 COWBOY 9AM NIGHT OR & TRAP 5-9	11 OR, TRAP & SKEET 9-2 STEEL PRACTICE N BAYS 9AM OAK RUN SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB 50 YD 10AM	12 OR, TRAP & SKEET 9-2 HI PWR & MOD F PRACTICE 200 MTR 9-1 COWBOY N BAYS 9AM NIGHT OR & TRAP 5-9 BRD MTG 7PM	13 OR, TRAP, SKEET & FIVE STAND 9-2 BOWLING PIN PRACTICE 50 YD 9-12
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American Legion Auxiliary Unit 186

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Sat. April 14 and Sun April 15th 9AM til ?

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High Point's 3rd Annual Jim Breitung Golf Tournament



by LISA MACNEIL
HERNANDO SUN STAFF
WRITER

A veteran of the U.S. Navy and "great left-handed golfer," James Paul Breitung moved to Florida in 1996. Jim was a celebrated long-time resident and board member of the High Point Golf Club. Following his death in 2015, his partner in life, Ruth Cassara, along with several individuals and businesses sponsor the annual golf tournament held in Breitung's honor.

Harold and Muriel Tremain organize the event, which is sponsored by several prominent local businesses and individual donors. The Tremains are sponsors as well. Twenty teams

of 100 golfers teed off in near-perfect weather on Sunday, March 26, 2018. The picturesque landscape, enhanced by the meticulous efforts of community volunteers was the backdrop for extremely well-maintained fairways and greens that are on par with top courses.

High Point is a private golf club, however, certain memberships are available for non-residents.

Tournament Winners

First Place
Steve and Marri Hogerheide
Pete and Linda Stevens
Don Jansky

Second Place
Bill Hughes
Linda Mason

Gerry Murray
Gael and Bob Cranston

Third Place (Three-way tie)

Ron and Meg Jones
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Bob Hargis and Muriel Tremain



Harold Tremain



Tournament participants

Solution to Crossword on page 15

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Dillon or Damon
- 5 Greek vowel
- 8 Heap
- 12 Cooling drink
- 14 Smell
- 15 Execrate
- 16 Island garlands
- 17 Sch. org.
- 18 Not quite upright
- 20 Big name in California wines
- 23 Soreness
- 24 Do as you're told
- 25 Wide ruffle
- 28 Conk out
- 29 Lead the way
- 30 Playwright Levin

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- 31 Beer cousin
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- 33 Spotted wildcat
- 50 Hot tub
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- 34 Emotional upset
- 51 Chills and fever
- 11 Formerly, formerly
- 36 Trudge on
- 13 Car
- 37 Crooner Jerry
- 19 Actress Elisabeth
- 38 As yet unpaid
- 20 Deity
- 39 Boo-Boo's companion
- 21 Somewhat
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- 22 Sly look
- 43 Siesta
- 23 Carroll heroine
- 44 Run-down horse
- 25 Solemn occasions
- 45 French vineyard
- 26 "Arrivederci"
- 46 — out a living
- 27 Ireland
- 29 Mentor

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- 4 Doubly thick
- 5 Sicilian volcano
- 6 Sleuth, briefly
- 7 212 or 718, e.g.
- 8 Allergy suffer-

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2018 Hernando Bar 5K



Laura Cole wins fastest lawyer, Erin Daly hands her the trophy



George LeDoux wins for over 80 division.

By HANNA FOX

This year was the 5th annual Hernando Bar 5k. Erin Daly a state attorney has been organizing the Hernando Bar 5k for all five years. She said, "I hope one day I can actually run in the race, although I have run the course hundreds of times already."

Last year they had a fun run but this year they added a 10k race, so runners have the option of 5k or 10k. In the 5k and 10k combined, there were about 300 runners participating.

Also this year they added a category of winners de-

voted to the fastest lawyers. The fastest lawyer winner, Laura Cole, ran in the 10k and is an ironman competitor as well as a triathlete. She finished the 10k in 46 minutes and 12 seconds.

The money from the race goes to provide scholarships for Hernando County students interested in law careers. This year they were able to increase the total of the scholarships given from \$2000 to \$5000. There is the Hernando County Bar Association \$1,000 Undergraduate Scholarship which is given to a Hernando County resident student attending any Florida College or University. The Hernando County Bar

Association \$1,000 Law Student Scholarship is for any Florida Law School student. The Alan W. Underwood \$1,000 Memorial Scholarship is for PHSC Student enrolled by Fall 2018 Semester. The Geraldine Bishop \$2,000 Memorial Scholarship is any Florida College or University. The scholarships have a deadline of April 20th, so if you know someone who would qualify- it is urgent. To apply for the scholarship contact stephanie@hoganlawfirm.com.

Rocco Maglio contributed to this report.



Runners on their way to the finish line.

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TECH TALK

Oracle lawsuit negatively affects cybersecurity



Rocco Maglio, CISSP

Oracle lawsuit claiming copyright of the Java application programming interface (API) will negatively affect cybersecurity if Oracle wins. Google implemented the Java API to allow programmers that were familiar with java to feel at home writing android code.

Oracle is suing for \$8.8 billion in damages. If Oracle wins it will mean that APIs are copyrighted and no one will reuse APIs. This will hurt security, since an API is a collection of functions. If many software packages implement the same API it is much easier to switch between the packages. So if a company that makes the software goes out of business or stops releasing software, it is easy to switch to a new supported software package.

If Oracle wins the suit then software packages will all implement different APIs. If the graphing software you are using is no longer supported, it will be necessary to rewrite the code that calls the graphing function, but if there were other packages that implemented the same API you could switch graphing software without rewriting large amounts of code. The expense and effort to rewrite large amounts of code will cause unsupported software to remain in use for long periods of time often with known vulnerabilities.

For instance, most databases can be interacted with via Structured Query Language (SQL). If APIs are copyrightable it would mean that IBM would own SQL. Currently it is relatively easy to switch databases. You simply change

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BUSINESS & COMMUNITY

Best kept secret in Hernando County seeks support to improve handicapped accessibility

BY SARAH NACHIN
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

Nature Coast Botanical Gardens just off busy Spring Hill Drive is "the best kept secret in Hernando County" according to Spring Hill Garden Club treasurer, Janice Zacharkan. This beautiful oasis, consisting of twenty-two different themed gardens, has been around since the 1990's.

The themes of these gardens are varied and each is maintained by volunteer members of the Club. The Butterfly Garden has an assortment of plants that attract these colorful insects, as well as a ceramic butterfly bench. The DesertScape has cacti, imitation sun-bleached cattle skulls and Southwestern-design pottery. The herb garden is made up of aromatic herbs, such as sage. A walkway inlaid with ceramic tiles and a fairy tale castle mark the Fantasy Garden. These were hand made by a volunteer.

One enters the Asian Garden through an oriental gate that leads into a tranquil spot filled with Buddha statues and a gazebo. This garden, along with the Rose Garden, are settings for wedding ceremonies. The cost to rent the park for a private party is \$150. Folding chairs can be rented for \$1.00 a piece. One can rent the picnic area that is furnished with cement tables and chairs for \$25. It is recommended that weddings be reserved several months in advance for popular months since they fill up early. For more information on renting the facility call 352-683-9933.

Perhaps one of the most unique spots in the Nature Coast Botanical Gardens is the Garden Railway. Here a G-Scale (Garden Scale) model train winds around a waterfall with ferns growing alongside of it, passes through a minia-

ture town and goes through a tunnel. Doug Brainard donated the train and all the accessories and maintains the garden, as well.

Another interesting garden, still in development, is the Pet Memorial Garden. People will be able to purchase pavers in memory of their pet. The club will erect a statue of St. Francis of Assisi (patron saint of animals).

The Botanical Gardens are open seven days a week from dawn to dusk and admission is free. The park is also pet-friendly (one of the few parks in the county that allow our furry friends, when accompanied by a human). Guided tours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays can be arranged in advance. On Wednesdays and Saturdays the nursery portion is open from 9 a.m. to noon for plant sales.

It is amazing that an operation this large is run entirely by volunteers. Some help out on a year around basis. Others, as Mary Wuest, the garden manager, states "are snowbirds that come in during the winter season and help out. We couldn't do it without them."

Volunteers are always welcome for a variety of jobs - from watering, weeding and plant propagation to conducting garden tours, public relations and fundraising. A "green thumb" is not required.

One particular project is uppermost on the Spring Hill Garden Club's agenda. That is completing the pathway to make the gardens handicapped-accessible. The Pathway in Nature has been partially funded by people purchasing pavers inscribed with the name of a loved one. So far, the club has attained \$12,000 of its \$30,000 goal to complete the walkway, most raised through fees charged for weddings.



Gazebo in the Rose Garden



Ceramic tile-inlaid path in Fantasy Garden

On Saturday, June 2, the club will hold a fundraiser at the park from 11 am to 4 pm. There will be vendors selling many different types of wares, such as cosmetics and jewelry.

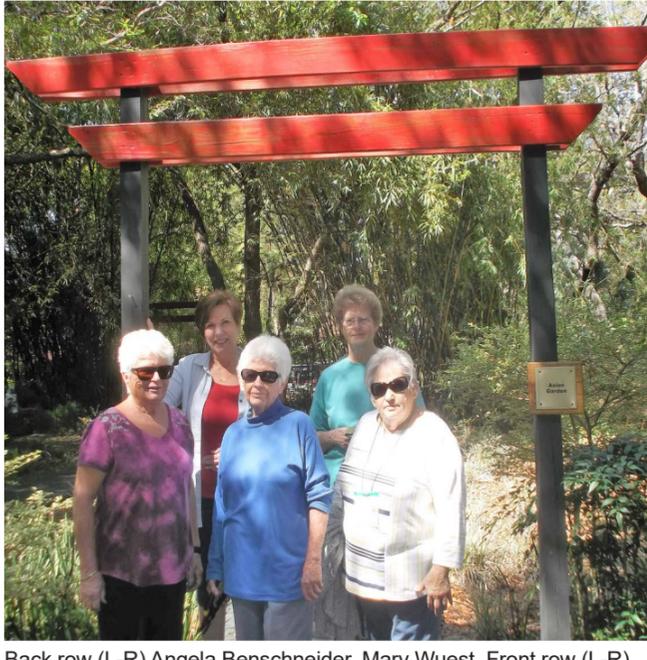
A number of items, such as two fire pits worth \$800 each, donated by AMC Pavers, and several gift baskets will be auctioned off. Sir Speedy Printing is donating flyers and other printed materials. Spring Hill Garden Club is also seeking corporate sponsorship to help fund this project along with other projects.

For details on how to become a vendor for the June event call 352-683-9933. For more information on the nursery and plant sales call



Butterfly Garden

352-597-2302. To find out about volunteering to work in the gardens call 352-600-7707. Go to <https://www.naturecoastgardens.com/> for more pictures and detailed information about Nature Coast Botanical Gardens.



Back row (L-R) Angela Benschneider, Mary Wuest. Front row (L-R) Ann Anderson, Kathryn Pierson, Janice Zacharkan



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BUSINESS & COMMUNITY

TOWNSEND

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became the center of a pioneer community and a refuge from unfriendly Indians. After 1865 when the Townsends moved to a new home nearby, settlers built another "Townsend House" for use as a Methodist church and three-month-term school. The present building was constructed about 1880 on land donated by Joshua Mizell. The cemetery has been in use since before 1854. The area also was the site of a substantial Indian settlement in the sixteenth century. The Pasco Board of County Commissioners and The Historical Preservation Committee 1981."

John T. (Capt. Jack) Townsend gave more to the community than his house to be used as a church. Captain Jack was elected to the county commission for Hernando County in 1852, 1855, 1857, and 1863. Many of the prominent families in the area can trace their origins back to Captain Jack.

His daughter Eliza married Joseph Obida Hale in Leon County. Joseph came to Hernando County as a Millwright to build the Yulee Sugar Mill (in present day Citrus County). After the mill was finished he moved to near present day Brooksville where he built a sawmill. Joseph and John L. May donated the land that was used for the county seat.

Many of the prominent families in Brooksville today trace their lineage back to the Hales.

His daughters Jane Elizabeth and Sarah Caroline married into the Hancock Family, who were citrus growers. There is a Hancock Groves farmstand store on Spring Lake Highway. One of the lakes that the Townsend House Church Cemetery overlooks is Hancock Lake.

Captain Jack's nephew was Francis Townsend. Francis built a ferry across the Withlacoochee River in the Istachatta area. A town grew up around his ferry. In the 1883-84 census, Mr. Townsend was the only name mentioned in Istachatta. In 1886-87 the Florida State Gazetteer the population is listed as 76. There is a Lake Townsend that was named after Francis.

The Hernando Sun worked with the County and the USGS to correct the mistake that led to Lake Townsend being misreported as Townsen Lake. Melba Peters Ward a local historian had been very adamant on the correction and the correction was a tribute to her. Fixing the name makes understanding the history more straight forward.

Many of the names of lake, roads, building that we see everyday have interesting stories behind the names. We enjoy bring you the background to the names that you see everyday.



The photos above show the cemetery adjacent to the site of where Townsend House Church once stood.



Right: Take Townsend House Rd to get to the site of Townsent House Church and Cemetery.

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Sherman Hills Spring Fling

BY CARON SZOLGA
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

Sherman Hills Subdivision Homeowners' Association (Phases I and II) hosted their first "Spring Fling" event on March 24, 2018.

The event included free hot dogs, a bounce house, and various activities for the children. The Hernando County Sheriff's Office made a special appearance with their horses Duke and Jedi, ridden by Deputy G. Cloversett and Debby Shaughnessy. The Hernando County Fire Department and Fire Rescue from Station 8 in Ridge Manor, Florida provided a fire truck, ambulance, and fire rescue vehicle for the neighborhood children to tour.

The Sherman Hills Subdivision HOA sponsored the free event as a way of giving back to their residents. Sherman Hills Subdivision is located off of Cortez Boulevard and I-75 in Brooksville, Florida.



Fire truck inspection at the Spring Fling event.

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Volunteers from our Happy Sew 'n Sew's Group at Christ Lutheran Church in Brooksville. Submitted photos.

SUBMITTED BY
LINDA MESEKE

A sewing group at Christ Lutheran Church in Brooksville, Florida is reaching out into the Hernando County communities in a very special way. Each month they meet twice to work on sewing projects that will make a difference to people in need. Items that they make for this ministry are adult cover-ups, walker bags, lap quilts, catheter bag cover-ups and crocheted cancer caps.

Once they have enough put together, they set out to deliver them to a variety of locations within Hernando County – assisted living facilities, nursing homes, private care group homes, and hospice. In addition to all of those prepared items, they have also made items for other individuals where a need was expressed to the group.

The Happy Sew 'N Sew's is the name of this all volunteer group from Christ Lutheran Church. Volunteers are comprised of members from this congregation along with non-members from the community. Those sewing range in age from in their 60's up into their 90's. They rely mostly on donated fabric, quilt batting, thread, yarn and other

sewing essentials. In December 2017, this group was able to assist the Hernando County Sheriff's department by providing dolls and stuffed animals that each had a little hand-made quilt with them. The Sheriff's office will use these in situations where there is a child or children that could benefit from a little handout of love. The Happy Sew 'N Sew's recently received a \$250 Action Team grant through Thrivent Financial to aid in the purchase of needed supplies and equipment for their ministry. Since this ministry started handing out items of need just over a year ago, they have delivered 117 adult bibs, 41 walker

bags, 57 lap quilts, 25 cancer caps and 30 catheter bag cover ups. They have recently reached out to the Hernando Homeless Coalition and will be assisting in that direction in the future as well. Christ Lutheran Church (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) is located at 475 North Avenue West in Brooksville, Florida. For more information on when this group meets to sew, if interested, please contact (352)796-8331 or email office@clcflo.org. More information regarding their church and other activities is available on their website at www.clcflo.org.



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Homeschoolers 'Taste the Nations'

BY CARON SZOLGA
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

March 21st at Grace World Outreach Church was all about food, fun, and education at the third annual Taste the Nations homeschool geography fair. The parents and children of Home Circle of Hernando shared what they have been learning about the many cultures and countries that make up the beautiful Earth in which we live. Home Circle High School Coordinator Sandi Tafelski has headed up this hands-on event and her children have participated for the past 3 years. This year marks the highest participation, with 27 countries represented at the event.

When asked to explain the Taste the Nations event, Sandi stated, "Taste the Nations is meant to give us a day of nation information. With each family studying a nation and providing a little bit of information, as well as a science board with what they deem pertinent information. Each family also presents food from their chosen country; it is a nice geography fair. I have always been a hands-on teacher. I believe knowledge goes so much deeper when we make it, craft it, do it,

taste it. I've always been a unit study teacher our whole homeschool life. I believe education should be fun. I want to create a place where my kids love to learn. Where they figure out how to research and find information. Where they can experience and come to their own conclusions."

Each family focuses on different aspects of their nations, which makes duplicating the same nation the following year interesting since they will most likely cover different information and make different foods. Some families pour a great deal

into their study, some families spend little time, but every single display is good, fun, and interesting. Some families study the spiritual side of a nation, while some families study the history, climate and geography or the people or the government. It's all good. "

For more information on Home Circle of Hernando homeschool support group, please visit their website at www.homecircleofhernando.com. You may also contact Liz Monroe at 319-830-4519 or homecircleofhernando@gmail.com.



India- Madison who is holding Charlotte, Ethan, Rylan, Brady, and Noah Epstein



Russia- Jasper, Beckett, and Reese Monroe



France- Kat Sommer



Dominican Republic- Christi and Jen Andruss



Jamaica- Left to right Sandi Tafelski, Boston Tafelski, Bronson Tafelski

Celebrating her 104th birthday



Anita Korosec of Spring Hill

By LISA MACNEIL
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

Anita Korosec of Spring Hill celebrated her 104th birthday with family and friends on Thursday, March 29, 2018. Born Anita Catherine Wilson on March 29, 1914, Anita is a native of Jersey City, New Jersey. She lived on Staten Island, New York prior to moving to Florida in 1970 after a long career at Ebasco Services Corporation in NYC. She contributed to the

war effort during World War II, working for Western Electric Corporation as a supervisor, which was rare for a woman in the 1940s.

Anita fell in love with Florida after numerous visits during her youth. She developed several hobbies over the years, including knotting, ceramic-making, playing the organ, dancing, playing bridge and enjoying family and friends. With a bright smile and witty sense of humor, "Aunt Nitta," as she's

known by her family is always the center of activity and laughter.

Anita contributes her longevity to her optimism and her ability to laugh at herself and surrounding herself with happy people.

Anita requested to celebrate her birthday with "over 100 balloons!"

Heather Sousa Contributed to this Article

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LEGAL NOTICES

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

Case No.: 17DR678
Division: Family Law
Sylvia Griffiths, Petitioner,
and
Daniel Griffiths,
Respondent

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

TO: Daniel Griffiths
Respondent's Last Known Address:
Unknown

Certified to be a true copy
Don Barbee Jr. Clerk of Courts
By JBT D.C.

This 15 Day of March 2018
YOU ARE NOTICED 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 Sylvia Griffiths, whose address is 100654 Yellowback Rd Weeki Wachee, FL 34614-0300 on or before 4/26/2018, 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 Courts 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 3/15/2018.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By /s/ JBT
Deputy Clerk
(03/23/2018), (03/30/2018),
(04/06/2018), (04/13/2018)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 272018CP000272CPAXMX

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOSEPHINE ANZALONE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Josephine Anzalone, deceased, whose date of death was December 2, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hernando County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 20 N. Main Street, Brooksville, Florida 34601. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney is 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 April 6, 2018.

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Meryl Conte Clayton, Esq. Attorney for Petitioner Florida Bar Number: 0071821 Conte Clayton & Austin, P.A. 1800 Second Street, Suite 705 Sarasota, Florida 34236 Telephone: (941) 9555040 Facsimile: (866) 343-8945 Email: mcca@ccalawyers.com

Personal Representative: /s/ Patricia Marchese 3380 Morven Drive Spring Hill, Florida 34609

(04/06/2018), (04/13/2018)

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

PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO: 17-000876-CPAXMX

In re: The Estate of IRIS MAY FEARN, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of IRIS MAY FEARN, deceased, whose date of death was March 30, 2017, is pending under File No. 17-000876-CPAXMX, (Uniform Case No. 17000876CPAXMX) 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.

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The date of first publication of this notice is March 30, 2018.

/s/ Elaine Schirmer
ELAINE SCHIRMER
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/s/ Stavros Tingirides
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QUIGLEY
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their mouth full, slurping and burping their way throughout the various meal services and drinking alcohol to excess.

And that's not all. There's the least frequent bather seatmate, the weak bladder seatmate who always selects the window seat, the armrest hogger and, my least favorite, the throat clearer.

According to various surveys on evaluating in-flight behavior, the rear seat kicker ranks as one of the most aggravating fellow passenger along with the reckless seat recliner.

The reckless seat recliner is the selfish passenger seated in front of you that reclines their seat as far back as possible the instant we reach cruising level and insists on leaving it there until the wheels go down.

My personal viewpoint on this is that airlines already force us into smaller spaces and yet they allow the passenger in front to invade it even more.

In fact, there have been several mid-air disputes between reckless seat recliners and the passengers

seated behind them that several airlines have been forced to change course in order to eject the arguing passengers. Of course, you can always buy a pair of Knee Defenders — nifty little gadgets that lock onto your tray table preventing the seat in front from reclining but first make sure your airline isn't one that has banned them.

I always go prepared on long flights. I try to avoid airline small talk whenever possible by engrossing myself in a book or whatever other newspapers or magazines are available. Yet, despite such obvious social cues, seatmates will still insist on striking up a conversation.

If you are sitting on the subway or at the theatre, the person next to you rarely feels compelled to engage you in conversation. So why is it that on an airplane, the person who sits next to you automatically feels he has to tell you, a total stranger, his life story?

You could pretend not to speak English but a polite hello and a brief smile to your neighbor is all that is needed. Bon voyage!

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

CASE NO.: 17-CA-001252
DIVISION:

BLACK POINT ASSETS, INC., AS TRUSTEE OF THE 7314 PRINCE GEORGE COURT LAND TRUST AND STAR POINTE CAPITAL, LLC, AS TRUSTEE OF THE 7314 PGC LAND TRUST
Plaintiff,
vs.

SUN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY AND JANE DOE, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE TOWLE REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST AGREEMENT DATED 2/18/1994
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant(s):

JANE DOE, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE TOWLE REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST AGREEMENT DATED 2/18/1994 LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 7314 PRINCE GEORGE COURT, SPRING HILL, FL 34606

YOU ARE NOTICED that an action to Quiet Title on the following described property:

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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, Owen & Dunivan, PLLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 615 W. De Leon Street, Tampa, FL 33606 on or before May 2, 2018, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the Notice in the Business Observer 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.

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2,065. 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 the ADA Coordinator, Hernando County Courthouse, 20 N. Main Street, Brooksville FL 34601, Peggy Welch (352) 754-4402, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this 21st day of March, 2018

Don Barbee Jr.
As Clerk of the Court

By: /s/ Tara M. Halpin
As Deputy Clerk
(Court Seal)

(03/30/2018), (04/06/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Frank P. Sanseverino, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "IDEAL SURFACE SOLUTIONS" 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.

(04/06/2018)

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

Case No.: 17-CA-899

JEFFERY J. NASSE, as Co-Trustee of the STEPHEN N. STANFORD FAMILY TRUST
Plaintiff,

v.
CHRISTOPHER WHITE, an individual, and UNKNOWN TENANTS and/or UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: CHRISTOPHER WHITE
YOU ARE NOTICED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property located in Hernando County, Florida:

LOT 12, BLOCK 6, OF WEEKI WACHEE HILLS, UNIT NO. 7, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK PAGE 10, PAGE(S) 86 AND 87, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA. Parcel Identification Number: R11 123 21 1300 0000 5650

Has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on RICKY HUFF, ESQ., the plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Cook Sadorf Law, 1744 N. Belcher Road, Suite 150, Clearwater, Florida 33765, on or before MAY 7, 2018, a date that is within 30 days after the first publication of the notice, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. DATED on 3-23-18

DON BARBEE JR.
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Elizabeth Markidis
As Deputy Clerk
(03/30/2018), (04/06/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that JOE MAZZIE, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "FRONT ROW ENTERTAINMENT" 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.

(04/06/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Vanessa Lopez, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "Bodacious Branding" 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.

(04/06/2018)

OBITUARIES

Mitten Walter Louis of Spring Hill Florida passed away on Tuesday, March 27th 2017.

Water leaves behind his three children, five grandchildren, and wife Ida Mitten. Src; Pinecrest

Hopson, Jack Lee, age 91, of Spring Hill, FL died Tuesday, March 28, 2017. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of WWII. He is survived by his wife: Jewell M. Hopson; sons: Lonnie Hopson and Richard Hopson; and 1 granddaughter. Src; Merritt

O'Brien Eugene C., age 88, of Spring Hill, Florida died on Tuesday, March 28, 2017. Eugene was preceded in death by his parents and by his 1 wife, Sandra J. O'Brien. Eugene is survived by his son Scott (Joanne) O'Brien, daughter, Jo Anne McGinley, and 1 granddaughter. Src; Turner

Melendez Miriam R., 70, of Spring Hill, Florida passed away Tuesday, March 28, 2017. She is survived by her husband Ernesto Melendez; son Edward Rosa; daughter Eileen Schramm and son-in-law Aaron; and 2 grandchildren. Src; Turner

Fayette Gerald Harrison, age 76, of Spring Hill, passed away on Wednesday, March 29, 2017. He is survived by his loving wife Crescencia; 4 children, Gina Sherlock (Stuart), Dorothy Fayette, Gerald Fayette, Jr., and Michele Fayette; 4 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Src; Brewer

Smith, Lillie M., age 71, died Wednesday, March 29, 2017. She is survived by husband: Claude Smith. Src; Merritt

Tine Frank D., age 73, of Spring Hill, Florida passed away Wednesday, March 29, 2017. He was a retired veteran Staff Sergeant of the US Army. He is survived by his loving wife Marilyn A. Tine. Src; Turner

Maulden, Hoyt Porter, age 94, of Brooksville, died Thursday, March 30, 2017. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. He is preceded in death by daughter, Stephanie Maulden. He is survived by his wife Sharon; sons and daughter-in-law, Hoyt Jr. and Kathy Maulden, and John Scott Maulden. Src; Merritt

Gilroy JoAnn, age 73 of Brooksville passed away on Thursday, March 30, 2017. She is survived by her son, Robert Gilroy and his wife, Jennifer. Src; Brewer

Doback Richard S., passed away on Thursday, March 30, 2017. Src; Turner

Lounsbury, Joseph Enoch, age 88, of Spring Hill, Florida, died Friday, March 31, 2017. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include son and daughter-in-law: Joseph and Donna Lounsbury, Jr., daughters and son-in-laws: Sharon and Robert Wright; Shelly and Jeffery Eaton; Sheila and Michael Marriner; 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Src; Merritt

Waldron Roger, age 75, passed away on Friday, March 31, 2017. He is predeceased by his parents, Reginald and Margaret (Letchford) Waldron. Roger is survived by his loving wife Donna, son, David (Sue), 3 step sons, Raymond (Kelly) Stockstad, Eric Stockstad, Douglas Stockstad, and 2 grandchildren. Src; Brewer

Goulet Larry R., age 77, passed away on Friday, March 31, 2017. He is survived by his wife Katherine Goulet, his children Steve Goulet (Sokie), Mark Goulet (Kary), Joan Reed (Mike), Chris Goulet (Dyan), and 12 grandchildren. Src; Downing

Conti Robert J., passed away on Friday, March 31, 2017. Src; Turner

Bible Word Search answer on page 18...

BIBLE WORD SEARCH
by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

1 JOHN 5:6

This is the **one** who **came** by **water** and **blood**—**Jesus Christ**. He **did** not **come** by water **only**, **but** by water **and** blood. And it is **the** Spirit who **testifies**, because the **Spirit** is the **truth**.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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BUSINESS / COMMUNITY BRIEFS

High Point Pancake Breakfast

The High Point Veterans Memorial Committee will hold a breakfast on Saturday, April 7 from 8:00 to 11:00 at the community Club House - 12249 Clubhouse Rd., Brooksville. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice & coffee will be served. The charge is a donation to the fund to make improvements at the Veterans' Memorial Wall. Appearing at the breakfast will be local author Sarah J. Nachin who will be selling and autographing copies of her book — Ordinary Heroes, Anecdotes of Veterans. A portion of the book sales will go to the Veterans Memorial. For further information call Ray Thomas 352-397-6473

SCREENWRITERS & AUTHORS MEETING

You are invited to meet with local writers on Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. You do not have to be a published author to participate. We share ideas, learn techniques and help each other. For more information call: Sarah at 352-232-8369; email: msnachin@hotmail.com or Helise at 352-942-5768; email: helisestamos@gmail.com

Spring Hill Garden Club needs Nonfood Vendors

Nonfood vendors are needed for the Nature Coast Botanical Gardens "Pathways in Nature" fundraiser hosted by the Spring Hill Garden Club and AMC Pavers June 2, 2018. Vendor spaces are \$50 (no electric). Proceeds go toward "Pathways in Nature," the Club's installation of an accessible pathway through the Gardens. Contact Ann Anderson (860)-212-5813 by 15 May.

Applications available for rehabilitation/replacement of homes

Hernando County is providing housing assistance for underserved and low-to moderate-income, owner-occupied households for the rehabilitation/replacement of their homes. This program is available through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program as part of a U.S Department Housing and Urban Development national objective to revitalize conditions in qualified neighborhoods. Application packets and instructions are available at www.hernandocounty.us/healthandhumanservices/or at the Hernando County Health and Human Services office located at

621 W. Jefferson Street in Brooksville. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The application deadline is 4:30 p.m. on April

23, 2018. Each completed application will be time and date stamped to ensure compliance with the application acceptance period. Final application ranking will be determined by the required guidelines, set forth in the Hernando County CDBG Housing Assistance Plan. Call the Health and Human Services office at (352) 540-4338 for more details.

Hernando County Library forgives fines this Epic April

The Hernando County Public Library System announces Epic April, a month-long amnesty drive where citizens may bring their overdue library material and have their fines forgiven. The amnesty drive will run from April 2 through April 30, 2018 at all four locations. Late fees and fines for overdue materials returned in good and usable condition during the month of April will be removed. Past fees for materials previously returned will also be removed upon check-out. Each cardholder (or guarantor) must be present to be eligible and families are encouraged to visit together.

The Hernando County Library System is committed to eliminating barriers to access educational resources. Library Services manager, Sue Kiley said "our goal is get overdue materials back on the shelves but more importantly to restore access to patrons who have been blocked from using their card; especially children who will be ready to get reading come summer time." Go to www.HernandoCountyLibrary.us or call (352) 754-4031 for frequently asked questions, closest locations and hours of operations. Follow @HernandoPublicLibrary on Facebook for Epic April updates.

Gifts from Home, Inc. needs items for service men and women.

Monetary donations are also welcome to defray the cost of postage. Here are some suggested items (no glass or aerosol containers):
Wrapped hard candy, chewing gum, bubble gum
Coffee – ground or instant
Cocoa or coffee mixes for bottled water
Sugar & non-dairy creamer packs
Peanut butter, jelly in plastic squeeze bottles
Cookies, crackers, cereal & food bars, Tuna, chicken, salmon, sardines in pouch or can
Small canned food items with pop tops
Dried fruit, nuts, trail mix
Beef jerky & Slim Jims
Instant oatmeal & cream of wheat
Ramon noodles, canned soup with pop tops
New or used CD's, DVD's
Small games, balloons & festive items
Paper, pencils, crayons, coloring books
Hand sanitizer, tooth paste, shampoo, shower gel, Q-tips & wipes

Call 352-684-4185 or email giftsfromhome@tampabay.rr.com

Pilaklikaha/Abraham's Town Historic Marker Dedication
MEMBERS & FRIENDS, we are excited to announce the dedication of a historic marker for PILAKLIKAHA, "Abraham's Town" in Sumter County. Our group was fortunate to collaborate with the Sumter County Historical Society in the past to help with this most important historical marker. Please mark your calendar for: DEDICATION CEREMONY: APRIL 10, 2018 @ 3:00PM. RECEPTION FOLLOWING: 3:30-5:00 PM @ Dade Battlefield Historic State Park: Bushnell, FL
For More Information: karencloud@yahoo.com www.historichernandopreservationsociety.org

Historic answer

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3	2	1	4	2					
2	1	5	2	5					
1	4	2	3	3					

Puzzle on page 12

MARRIAGES

Cleveland Arthur Lee and Moore Gwendolyn Eula 3/28/18

McGrogan Brian John and Borres Mary Ann Sanchez 3/29/18

Logan Graham Austin and Walsh Kristen Yvonne 3/28/18

Winston Quinton Tyrone and Jerez Bernmarie 4/2/18

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Crace Adam Lee and Keelin Stephanie Jo 4/2/18

Alvey John Ethan and Shultz Caitlin Cierra 3/28/18

Kalinowski Robert Zygmunt and Parker Becky Jo 4/2/18

Whitmore William Joseph and Elen Kimberly Lynn 3/28/18

Toledo Robert and Kenney Karen Lee 4/2/18

Dries Christopher Calvin and Williams Jasmine Monique 3/29/18

Harder Lonnie Wayne and Cross Rachel Mary 4/2/18

Perez Pedro Alejandro and Serrano Lopez Evelyn 3/29/18

Dabrowski David Bruce and Ford Suann Jane 4/3/18

Bronhard Jennifer Arden and Marion Elizabeth 3/29/18

Solution to Sudoku on page 15

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.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Samaria in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. When he had a vision, who said, "Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean"?
3. From Acts 7, who was the first person martyred for his belief in Jesus Christ?
4. What is the fourth book of the Old Testament (KJV)?
5. Besides Jonah, what other prophet ministered in Nineveh?
6. From 1 Kings 11, what was the number of wives of King Solomon?

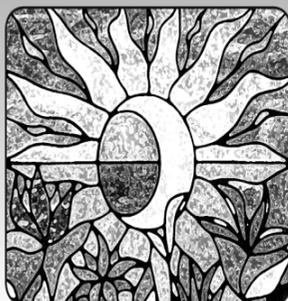
ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Peter; 3) Stephen; 4) Numbers; 5) Nahum; 5) 700

Comments? More Trivia? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

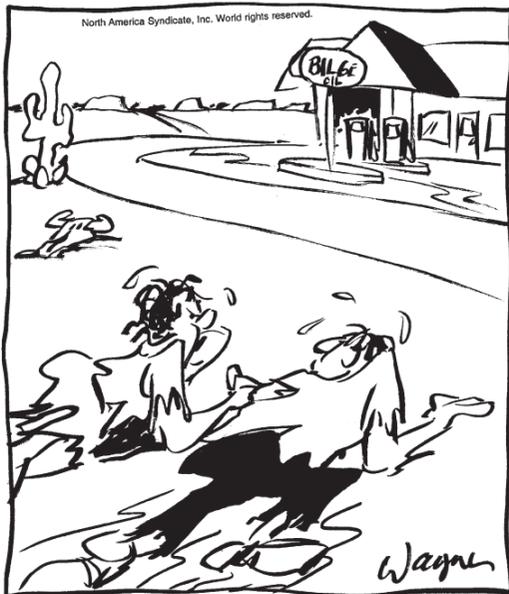
The sun and moon grow dark and the stars lose their brightness. The Lord roars from Zion and utters His voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth tremble. But the Lord is a refuge for His people and a stronghold to the sons of Israel.



JOEL 3:15,16

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GRIN & BEAR IT



"Oh, for heaven's sake! Then I'll ask for directions!"

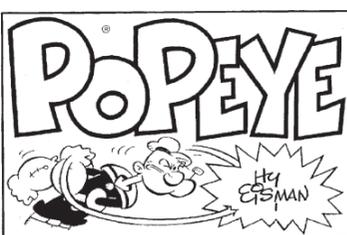
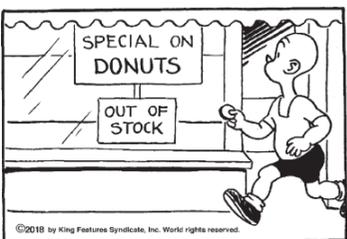
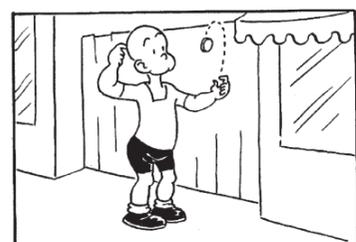
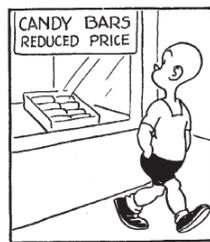
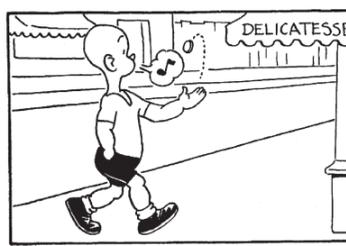
LAFF-A-DAY



"... As I was saying, before the ice-cream truck came along..."

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



Wishing Well

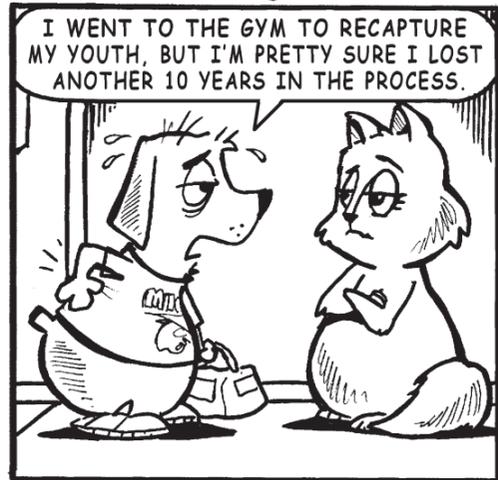
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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

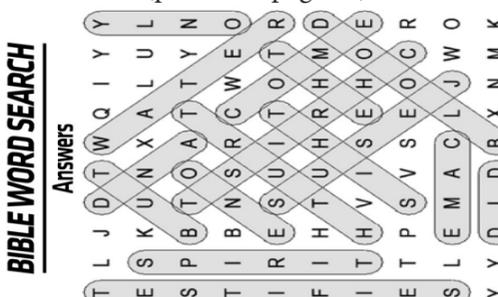
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

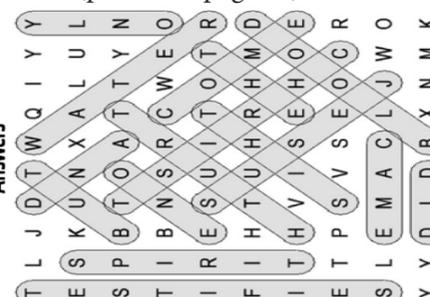


(puzzle on page 17)



BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers



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OPINION

DOMENICK J. MAGLIO, PH.D.



Traditional Realist

Enough protests, now get to work

Domenick Maglio, Ph.D. is a columnist carried by various newspapers, an author of several books and owner/director of Wider Horizons School, a college prep program. Dr. Maglio has a new book, available on Amazon and other sites, entitled, IN CHARGE PARENTING. You can visit Dr. Maglio at www.drmaglio.blogspot.com.

Too many human beings complain about everything. You see youngsters saying “no” to their parents. “I don’t want to eat this breakfast.” “I am not going to grandma’s house.” Protesting things we do not like is common among people of all ages and in all cultures. It is part of our human nature.

Strikes are a form of group protest against a government or employers’ actions. Sometimes they succeed and changes occur to sufficiently satisfy the group. Sometimes they fail and the group energy dissipates. In some countries like Italy, protests and strikes are so ingrained in the culture the same strikes happen like clockwork every year.

National protests against a government work only when an overwhelming number of citizens are convinced the rules are abusing their fellow citizens. This happens only after there were many participants and leaders of the movement attempting to get the government or the employers to make changes. When there is no reasonable negotiation something seemingly minor could ignite a massive uprising with many unintended negative consequences.

In a freer country the people have many more recourses to transform their own conditions. Free speech, assembly and an abundance of job opportunities allow citizens to alter their situation to get what they want. In the USA people are able to move to a different state or community for jobs to better meet their desires.

Yet no mentally stable person can expect everyone to treat him like royalty, laying down a red carpet. Even some people in England find the royal family not to their liking. Everyone has different ideals of fairness, beauty, politics, goodness or whatever. You cannot appeal to everyone or be liked by everyone. To think everyone should treat you in a specific subjective manner is on the verge of insanity.

Many progressive college students are so thin-skinned that they are demanding “safe spaces” to regain their composure after someone says things with which they disagree. These students are the victims of coddling and immaturity. You cannot dictate how people should treat you. Many other groups in America are no longer protesting legally sanctioned discrimination against their group but are now demanding certain privileges written into law to repair past subjective hurts and perceived discrimination. The expectation of special treatment from diverse groups is extremely dangerous. This is setting oneself up for a letdown and failure. As long as people are free to do what they want in private without government interference they should celebrate their freedom not fret over it.

Coercing people to treat certain privileged groups in a special manner over another would infringe on the freedom of speech and assembly to the other group. Any government cannot prescribe specific scripts to certain groups and remain a free nation. The LGBTQ coalition is guaranteed all the rights other groups have. The NFL protest movement had the right to protest any grievances they perceived as long as they did it on their own time. They do not have a right to protest when they are paid entertainers, especially when their behavior has caused a significant decrease in the league’s profit. They would have greater impact by going into their communities and being role models to help out the people they feel are not being treated well.

Many ethnic groups at various times have migrated in large numbers to the “land of

opportunity” to confront horrendous discrimination. Chinese in California, Irish: “no Micks need apply” in the mid 1800s then later Pollocks, Squareheads, Hymies, Spies, Guineas and many other foreign arrivals met hatred, not acceptance.

As each group became known as individuals who did good work, the stigma faded. They became Americans whose ancestors came from other countries but most became Americans in three or less generations. Others did not want to deal with the US culture’s hassles, language difficulties, food and traditions of America. Hundreds of thousands

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor: We welcome your comments which may be published in the newspaper and our website. They should be no longer than 400 words and include the name, daytime phone number and email address of the author for verification purposes if necessary. Your submission may be edited prior to publication. Only your name and town will be published. For more information, contact Julie Maglio at 352.238.5454.

David Hogg’s 14 year old sister needs to grow up. She is too young to remember why, after bombing Pearl Harbor, the Japanese did not continue on to invade America. The reason is they were afraid they would lose too many soldiers due to the number of American citizens who own guns. Many school age children today are being taught by socialists and communists who have infiltrated the Democratic party and our educational institutions. Their goal is to

convert America to communism. To do that they need to tear up the Constitution and take our guns to prevent a revolution by “we the people”. Today’s youth are too young to see the big picture. I say to all you 14 year olds out there, learn to do your own research. Try to figure out who is urging you on and paying for all of these marches, etc. Maybe then your bells will ring and you will see the truth. If the government takes our guns, only bad people will them. Guns are not permitted in Chicago where people are

being shot every day. Do you really want the government to control you?

What would you do when they ration food? What would you do when the government shuts down the internet and all social media. The government doesn’t want informed people anymore. You either do what the government tells you or your new address will be in Siberia. 14 year olds need to grow up.

- From Larry Biddle, Brooksville, FL

WILLIAM F. HOLLAND



MINISTER / CHAPLAIN

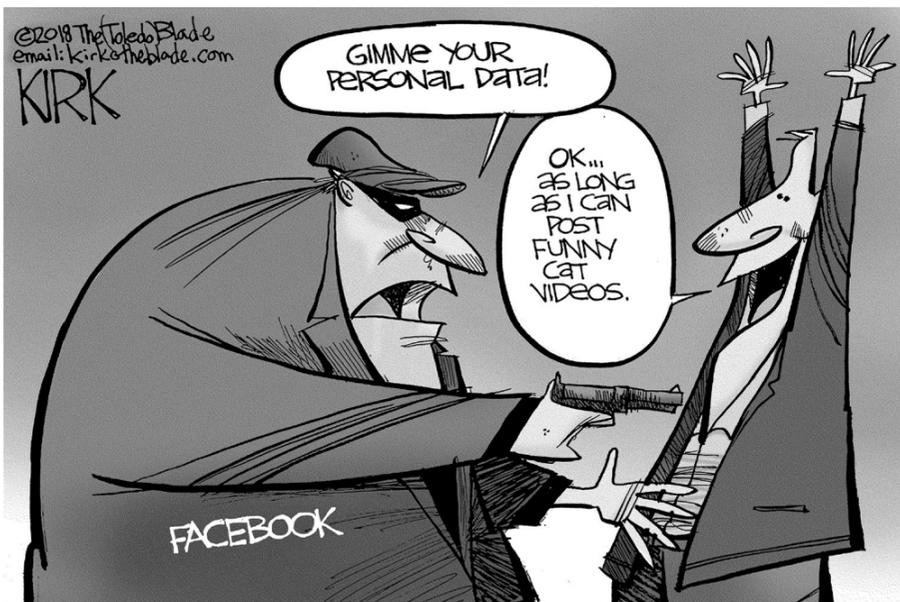
What would it take for us to believe?

When the holidays of Christmas and the holy week come around, I cannot help but wonder what the general population thinks about the spiritual significance of these events. I realize that Christians are more involved with these celebrations because of their personal connection with Jesus Christ, but we must also admit there are many different levels of commitment and enthusiasm. In the last few years, the big screen has produced several Christian based movies and however you feel about them, at least someone is trying to relay the life of Christ when He physically walked the earth. I saw the movie, “Risen” the other night and after it was over, I thought about some key moments within the film. I’m encouraged whenever I see someone believing when they see a miracle, but I’m also reminded that everyone will not believe in Jesus whether they see one or not. Jesus declared in John 20:29, “blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.” Yes, Jesus spoke divine truth and in only three years made a huge impact, but His message was generally not embraced by the masses and neither is it today. Why? Well, the most disturbing reason which is also revealed in this movie, is that many individuals will absolutely never allow themselves to surrender their will to God.

“Risen” is based on a fictional character named “Clavious” who portrays a high ranking Roman soldier and fierce non-believer that oversees the crucifixion of Christ. This account is not specifically mentioned in the Bible, but some of these events could have been possible. Nonetheless, he’s following his orders and convinced he’s doing the right thing but a few days after Jesus is buried in a tomb, he witnesses the Messiah miraculously comforting His disciples in the upper room. He is so stunned and in a state of shock that he abandons his duties and begins to stalk the disciples hoping to discover what in the world is going on. There’s a scene when Pilate enters this very room where Jesus had miraculously appeared earlier and is furious because the stone has been rolled away and the body of Jesus is missing. Trying to silence the rumors that Jesus actually rose from the dead, he notices a note fastened to the wall that was written and sealed by Clavious. It said, “Do not seek me. Do not follow or wander. Persecute no one on my behalf. I have seen two things which I cannot reconcile. A man dead, without question and that same man alive again. I pursue him, the Nazarene, to find the truth.” Pilate responds angrily, “My right hand has turned against me... how could he follow that Hebrew?” A soldier comments, “Perhaps... it’s true.” And then Pilate makes a very troubling statement, “Well, if it is...I’ll kill him again.” Is this not a heartbreaking example of the lost and depraved nature of mankind?

Although this story exposes our spiritual blindness, it also reveals an encouraging hope that God has provided everyone an invitation to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior. We commonly use skits and plays in church to illustrate spiritual principals and even Jesus Himself told parables which are narratives that help explain divine truths. I have no intention to argue about the accuracy or intentions of movies like this, but within the presentation of Jesus we can at least ask ourselves, “is seeing believing?” You would imagine if someone actually witnessed that God and His Word were absolutely true, they would become a Jesus fanatic, but this is not necessarily so. Humans struggle with believing because our pride fights against us being transformed into His way of thinking and living. We want to control our own lives, and do not want anyone, especially God, to interfere with our desires and decisions. We find in Luke chapter 16, where a rich man and a poor beggar named Lazarus passed away. The rich man ends up in a spiritual afterlife of misery but yet has the ability to see Lazarus and Abraham in the realm of paradise. He lifts his eyes in torment and begs Abraham to please send Lazarus back to warn his family and friends about this place of endless suffering. Abraham replies that whoever refuses to accept God’s message would still not surrender their independence even if someone came back from the dead.

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Fake Lint

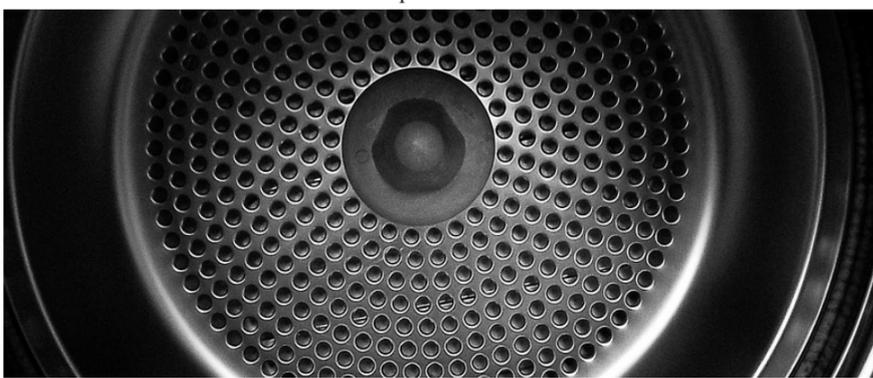
GOOFY STUFF
By VINCENT CARDEGIN

I have for a long time suspected that the reason my clothes wear out so fast is because of the dryer. Three times a year, March, July, and November, I empty the garage trash can where we toss the lint that the long, screen filter catches. My wife and I are supposed to clean that screen on a regular basis, peeling it out, but lately only I am remembering to do it, and so I keep finding a sheet thick enough that I could run it through a spinning wheel and make a skein of yarn. Tonight, before I emptied the can, I weighed it. The can wouldn’t register on the electronic bathroom scale (I tested it to make sure it worked, and I am still in the low 190’s, which means fat is replacing muscle evenly) so I covered the food scale in the kitchen with a square of wax paper and used that. The full plastic can weighed 2 pounds 4.60 ounces. After I emptied it, the can was 1 pound 5.15 ounces. That means there was 15.45 ounces of lint there, almost a dry pound. Well good grief, no wonder my clothes get thin enough to replace

after two years! I don’t know how many pounds of clothes we wash every month, but a quarter-pound of fibers lost every thirty days is pretty significant. Lint (not to be confused with Quadragesima) is dictionaried as the fibers of cotton, linen, and wool that cling to the longer strands of those textile threads. Yeah, I just looked it up. Apparently those fibers can be loosened by washing, and especially by tumbling in heat. Makes me wonder if drying clothes on an outside line would make them last longer. But lint isn’t just fibers. Officially, lint is a combination of fibers, human and animal hair, skin cells, plant material, including pollen, dust (from meteors) and microorganisms. (Hey, can I add the sheets of dryer lint to my wife’s compost bin? I’ll look into that, especially since if I examined lint under a microscope I’m sure I’d

also find insect legs and wings.) But what about man-made fabric? My polyester shirts wear out just as quick. (I know there are other -esters, but polyester is the name I first heard when I was little, and so every fake material is poly to me.) So what’s going on there? Have manufacturers figured out how to spin micro-threads and coat them with layers of loose fibers, so that they too will wear away? Is part of what’s in my filter fake lint? Certainly sounds like something big business would do.

And now that I’m wondering about it, does anyone know where a clothes dryer sucks in air? There’s a hose that blows hot through the wall to the outside, but how is fresh air brought in? Is there a vent in the back I don’t know about? Is air vacuumed up from below? If that’s the case, then there is certainly bug parts in the screen, and bits of nasal cells from when I sneeze while pulling the lint from the filter. Yeah, I don’t want that in the garden.



returned to their country of origin. They did not spend the majority of their energy protesting to change America instead they placed their efforts to seek out the best America offered and to avoid the worst.

These immigrants were not perfect. Many took shortcuts by entering into criminal enterprises. Others chose to place their energies in developing ethnic organizations to help families to create pride and to struggle to the top of the economic

ladder. Immigrants developed their own athletic leagues, social clubs, churches, literary classes, tutoring and financial assistance groups to help their own people. As they gained confidence and a sense of ethnic accomplishment they could easily melt into the acceptance of mainstream America.

There is no special privilege government can grant to any group without someone else losing his freedom. All groups can

earn prestige with strong and greater demonstrations of their worthiness to themselves and other Americans. It takes sacrifice and good deeds, not government mandates to become solid American citizens who are judged by their character not their ethnicity.

FAMILY-MATCH

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where agencies were really dependent and over reliant on just their list of families.”

Ramirez compared current practices to working in a darkened room. “If you could just turn that light switch on in their room, that would just help everyone so that you’re not just working with your pool of families, you can now see the entire pool of families across the state,” urged Ramirez.

That led to the question, “Well if you are going to create a matching system, then why not look at the data that supports best matches and understand who works best with who?”

To build a repository of families who were eligible and qualified and able to take placement today and develop a matching system, they reached out to the former lead researchers at e-Harmony, who developed Family-Match’s compatibility model and the assessments that go with it which are based on over 250 peer reviewed research articles about attributes that have been found to scientifically relate to disruption.

Ramirez remarked that the software development was an evolving process which started on the tail end of 2014. The process included compiling feedback from state leaders and child welfare workers, building the system out, receiving input and finally program implementation.

In terms of the assessments developed for the software, Ramirez explained, “The goal of these assessments that families can take on their own and caseworkers take on behalf of the child are to give them (access to) not just the entire pool of families that are available, but to also show them which ones they might want to reach out to first.. due to a greater likelihood of success. That’s how we got Family-Match- the culmination of those two very pivotal tool sets within the application.”

Family-Match is currently in the Commonwealth of Virginia and by the Fall of 2018- Ramirez hopes to have Family-Match starting up in Tennessee. Families are now signing up for Family-Match in Florida, and the matching application will be enabled in July.

With support from the Selfless Love Foundation, Family-Match is rolling out in Florida. Selfless Love Foundation is a 501c3 founded in 2015 by Ashley Brown with her husband Ed Brown, President and CEO of Patron Spirits Company.

Ashley Brown had a personal impetus for creating Selfless Love Foundation. It was a way for her to payback the blessing she was given as an infant adopted at birth. “Growing up I always felt I was given a second chance at life and I want to pay back that blessing,” Ashley Brown said. “I truly was given the most unbelievable life and

the best family. I always knew how lucky I was and what a gift that was.”

In lieu of wedding gifts, the Browns asked their friends and family to donate to their newly formed 501c3 foundation- which they knew would be a platform for foster children but had not yet worked out the details.

Dr. Elizabeth Wynter, LMHC, EdD, joined the Selfless Love Foundation as the Executive Director to guide the organization’s child welfare initiatives. She serves as the vice chair for the Florida Coalition for Children Foundation, co-chair of the FCC Independent Living Committee, FCC-DCF Strategic Initiative Lead, and adjunct professor at Nova Southeastern University College of Psychology. For more than 20 years, Dr. Wynter has worked on behalf of abused, neglected, and abandoned children, providing leadership for local, state, and national efforts to improve the child welfare system.

“We are so fortunate to be a privatized child welfare state. This allows us flexibility to implement innovative approaches to impact the permanency for children,” Dr. Wynter said. The Department of Children and Families contracts with local Community-Based care lead agencies to oversee the child welfare system. Kid’s Central, which manages Citrus, Hernando Lake, Marion, and Sumter Counties, is a key partner in the Family-Match project.

Ashley Brown explained that the stars aligned when Dr. Wynter found Adoption-Share, granting them the opportunity to meet Thea Ramirez up in Virginia. She was impressed with Ramirez’s work and spoke with her husband upon her return. Ed Brown urged his wife to call Ramirez to get going on a pilot program for Florida. He said, “Well what are you waiting for? Pick up the phone and call her- Let’s do this.”

“It’s been an unbelievable really fast journey,” Ashley Brown remarked.

Dr. Wynter explained why Family-Match peaked her interest, “Being in the nonprofit world, because of resources, we don’t take advantage of some of the innovations that streamline our work...”

Dr. Wynter explained that Florida is hitting their numbers for adoptions,

adopting close to 3700 kids last year, but there are still kids that are waiting to find a family and there are families that are waiting just as long to find a kid. “Really the issue isn’t a resource problem, it’s a connection problem,” said Dr. Wynter.

This ability to pool all of these kids into one database creates a repository. When Dr. Wynter approached the Lead Agency CEOs with this concept- they told her, “Well that makes perfect sense.”

She continued, “Secondary to the repository- now we have something evidence based that creates a science for our decision making. This technology solidifies the criteria for making those decisions.”

Dr. Wynter explained that three or four years ago there was a huge jump in the number of kids coming into foster care, resulting in a large number of children now available for adoption in Florida: 800-900.

Now how do we find homes for the difficult to place children such as sibling groups, teenagers and those with medical issues. We do have families who are interested in adopting these children, but prior to Family-Match it was a struggle to connect them.

“That really is a game changer for child welfare,” remarked Dr. Wynter.

Ramirez commented that Selfless Love Foundation is more than the financial backers of the Florida pilot program. “We’re calling them our strategic partners in this because they are more than just financial stakeholders. They are investing into this cause. They are the most proactive, get involved partners you could really dream of.” She stated that she works closely with Dr. Wynter to ensure Family-Match is a success in Florida. “We have her strategic leadership, 25 years of experience in the field to leverage the relationships with individuals she has across the state. Selfless Love Foundation- we see them as our partner and our team. We would not be in Florida today without Selfless Love Foundation.”

Florida’s pilot was originally intended to be small, including a few counties and circuits but Ramirez explained that within 6 to 8 weeks, the pilot covered nearly the entire state.

In Florida there are over 200 families who have begun creating profiles on Family-Match. These parents have already gone through their training and home-study approval. Their goal is to reach at least 300 by summertime, when they will turn on the matching component. They are well on their way. Ashley Brown said that they have nearly 300 families that have indicated interest on the Selfless Love Foundation website which has resources for anyone even considering adoption. Everyone who registers through the Selfless Love’s website, Dr. Wynter reaches out to personally to discuss adoption

RIGHT: Kate & Chris English, Leesburg FL, Prospective Adoptive Parents, “I’m so excited that a program like this is being created as there are just so many children waiting for permanency.”



with them. Ashley Brown stated, “For a family, this means so much. They feel like they’ve been lost in the system, waiting for a child for months and sometimes years. Just having somebody reach out and say ‘Hey, we’re here for you- if you have questions let us know.’ I just think that is monumental for these families.”

Ashley Brown commented that while she is very excited about the repository and matching program, she’s also excited that the program educates families on realistic expectations on what children are available for adoption.

Ramirez agreed remarking that Family-Match gives parents a better sense of need and who is actually in the pool. She explained that forty percent of all families that have created profiles in Family-Match are interested in adopting a child over the age of 10. “We’re seeing in Virginia, it’s around the same mark,” she added.

As far as the assessment goes, each parent fills out their own assessment which is a mix of drop down questions and scales. There are no open ended questions, but Ramirez explained, “It’s a really deep dive into not what

kind of kid do you want to adopt, but more along the lines of how do you cope, how do you form attachments, how much value do you place on education, if you’ve never parented before- what do you expect it to be like?”

For married couples, Family-Match contains basic marriage related questions. Ramirez said, “Your parenting is going to be adversely affected if your marriage is on the rocks.” She mentioned that marital satisfaction, how much you can depend on your spouse, what is your support network are areas that the assessment takes into account.

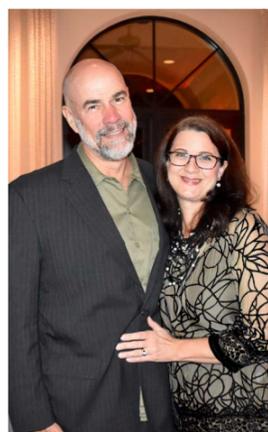
On Family-Match there are no photos of kids which really sets the program apart. Ramirez stated that this flips the script on the way matches happen- since parents can usually browse through a list of children waiting to be adopted. “It’s giving caseworkers all of the available families that are eligible and able to adopt today.”

The child’s caseworker completes the assessment for the child, although Ashley Brown and Dr. Wynter are working on ways to allow older children to participate more in the assessment process.

Ramirez expects that it would take between 30 and 60 days to solidify the potential of a match. That doesn’t necessarily mean a placement, just that the family and the caseworkers are in agreement. Placement varies on a number of factors and there is a lot of lead up to ensure the transition goes well.

Family-Match will follow up after the child is placed in the home, to monitor the results of the placement. Families complete brief post placement assessments at 1 month, 3 months, 6 months, and 12 months after placement. They also follow up with the caseworker at those times. Both follow-ups aim to measure the quality of the match. As more measurements and outcomes are recorded, the strength and accuracy of the matching algorithm for the predictive model will increase.

Ashley Brown explained that once Florida’s program is setup- they hope to continue with others. “We already have our phones ringing off the hook from other states. People are really excited about this.”



John & Liz Allport, Greater Orlando Area, Prospective Adoptive Parents. “I love the concept of having some sort of way to find a good match based on family compatibility.”

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