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BY ROCCO MAGLIO  
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

that alert. Most likely it was a computer program and the person thought that they were sending to a small group of testers.

The person who initiated the warning has been reassigned from the Hawaii Emergency Management System. After the alert was sent many people were calling for the person who accidentally sent the alert to be fired. This completely misses the real problem: that tremendous risk is placed on an individual by bad

decisions made by people higher up in the organization.

If a circus decides that they want an inexperienced trapeze artist, but it is too expensive to have safety nets and other precautions, would you blame the trapeze artist for ruining your circus experience if they fell and were



Rocco Maglio

injured. Most likely you would blame the circus owner for not requiring that there was a safety net. We blame them because they set the trapeze artist up for failure.

The same logic should apply to this false alarm. The person who sent it shares some of the blame, but the fact that someone could accidentally trigger the alert and then there is no way to inform people that it is a false alarm for 38 min-

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## Struttin' their stuff

### Crème de la Crème compete at Florida Gulf Coast Cluster

BY SARAH NACHIN  
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

Over a period of fourteen days, dogs of all shapes, sizes and breeds "strutted their stuff" at Florida Classic Park in Brooksville. The event was the Florida Gulf Coast Cluster All Breed Dog Show. Owners, handlers and judges came from all over the United States, as well as Canada and other parts of the world.

The show started with the Brilliant Dog Agility Event on January 6 and 7 and continued with the All Breed AKC (American Kennel Club) dog shows over the next few days. A different Florida kennel club sponsored each day's events. They included clubs from Hernando County, Clearwater, Pasco, Tampa Bay and Manatee County.

Along with the competitions there were vendors selling all types of canine items, from clothing to dog food. There was also plenty of food and beverages to feed the human participants.

Each day the dogs are first judged in individual breeds based on the ideal standard of that breed. One dog is declared Best of Breed. He (or she) goes on to compete in Best of Group. There are seven different groups of dogs made up of many different breeds:

- Herding, such as Sheepdogs and Collies

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Photo by ALICE MARY HERDEN

### Florida History

## Statement of Ransom Clarke

compiled by  
ROCCO MAGLIO  
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

*Ransom Clarke, 23, was the only soldier to survive that witnessed the entire Dade Battle massacre. He was a private of Company B, 2nd Artillery.*

*Although shot 5 times in the pelvis, shoulder and lung, he made the 50 mile journey across 4 rivers back to Fort Brooke. His is the most detailed account of the events that day. Clarke died at the age of 28 from complications of the wounds he suffered during the Dade Battle.*

*Next week, we will publish the statements of the Seminole called Alligator and Pacheco, the African American guide- interpreter that accompanied Dade's troop of 110 soldiers.*

### Statement of Ransom Clarke

It was 8 o'clock. I heard a rifle shot in the direction of the advance guard, and this was immediately followed by a musket shot from that quarter. Captain Fraser had rode by me a moment before in that direction, I never saw him afterwards. I had not time to think of the meaning of these shots, before a volley, as if from a thousand rifles, was poured in upon us from the front, and all along our left flank. I looked around me, and it seemed as if I was the only one left standing in the right wing. Neither could I, until several other volleys had been

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### SPORTS NOTEBOOK

## Local high school football stars make college commitments

By ANDY VILLAMARZO  
HERNANDO SUN STAFF  
Photography by CHERYL CLANTON

### Former Nature Coast back Deshawn Smith commits to ETSU

After spending some time on the junior college circuit, former Nature Coast running back DeShawn Smith is ready to take his talents to a level higher. Smith, who most recently played running back for Jones County Junior College in Ellisville, Mississippi, has committed to playing for Eastern Tennessee State University.

Smith was one of the most prolific running backs to ever come out of Hernando County and put up some stellar numbers during his time at Nature Coast. In Smith's senior season with the Sharks, the elusive tailback rushed for 3,715 yards and scored a record 66 touchdowns in 2015. That season, Nature Coast finished with a

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Former Nature Coast back Deshawn Smith  
photo by Alice Mary Herden, 2015

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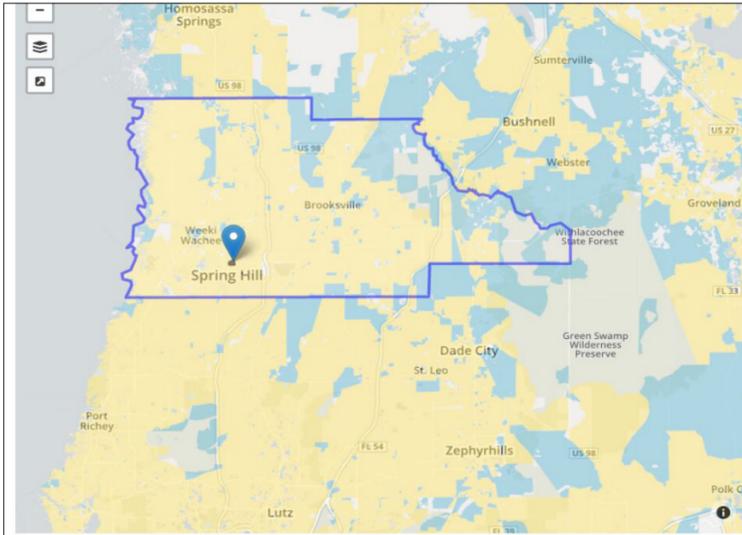
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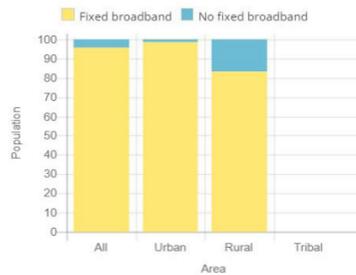
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## Internet-cable companies needed in Hernando to compete with Spectrum



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The FCC Fixed Broadband Map shows where fixed residential broadband services of at least 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload is deployed and where it is not deployed. The graph on the right side shows the fraction of population with or without access to such broadband.

BY ROCCO MAGLIO  
 HERNANDO SUN EDITOR

At the Jan. 9, 2018 Hernando County Commission meeting Chairman Steve Champion challenged staff to seek out other companies to compete with Spectrum's cable/internet services in Hernando. He was responding to complaints on social media from people who were under the impression that the Commission had granted Spectrum (formerly BrightHouse) a monopoly.

For many years, the cable companies and local governments used to enter into franchise agreements. These agreements would allow the cable companies right of way access for installing their lines and in return they would often provide a local government channel. Many of these agreements were exclusive, which would create a monopoly for cable services.

According to the Her-

nando County website, "Prior to 2007, the regulation of cable television providers was governed by the 1996 Telecommunications Act, which gave local governments authority to issue franchises to cable television providers. Hernando County currently has two such franchises, which are non-exclusive (meaning other cable providers could have applied for franchises for the same areas). The two cable providers are Bright House, with a countywide non-exclusive franchise, and Florida Cable, which serves a very small area in the northeast portion of the county (Istachatta-Nobleton).

In an effort to expedite competition among cable providers and thereby increase consumer choices and reduce rates, in 2007, the Florida Legislature passed the Consumer Choice Act. This legislation transferred the authority to issue cable television franchises from local governments to the State of Florida Department of State. All franchise agreements existing at the time of passage of the law in 2007 would remain in place until their expiration.

Hernando County's House Franchise Agreement with Bright House Networks (expired) in August, 2012. The Florida Cable agreement expires in 2019."

Assistant County Attorney Jon Jouben remarked, "We do not have the ability to discourage telecoms from using our right of

Name ^	Tech ^	Down ^	Up ^
AT&T Florida	ADSL	6	1
BrightHouse Networks	Cable	150	10
HughesNet	Satellite	15	2
Skycasters	Satellite	2	1.3
ViaSat Inc	Satellite	12	3

FCC chart showing the upload and download speeds of internet service providers in Hernando County as of June 2016.

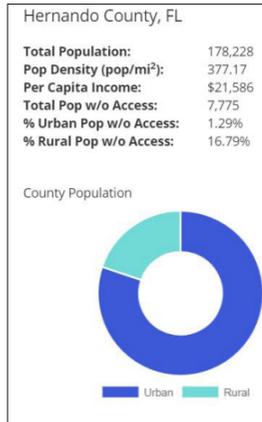
way or to offer financial incentives for companies to do so."

"We have to do something, our citizens are not happy with it at all," said Chairman Champion.

Jouben explained that the situation is the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Trade Commission.

The county commissioners agreed it would be beneficial to have county staff reach out to competing cable companies to tell them about citizen complaints with Spectrum being the only internet or cable provider for the area. "ATT is here locally," said Sossamon, "I've reached out to them before..." He cautioned that ATT does typically require a 2 year contract, but he said they would reach out to them again.

There are some smaller companies that provide competing broadband options, but they rely on over the air technologies that require line of site or similar to provide access.



Demographics: FCC internet access demographics chart for Hernando County

According to the FCC broadband map, most of Hernando County has access to broadband, but Spectrum/BrightHouse cable provides much higher speeds and lower latency than DSL or Satellite options. In addition to these options, cell phone data also can be used to provide access to the Internet.



(L to R) Commissioner Wayne Dukes, Vice Chairman Nick Nicholson, Chairman Steve Champion, Second Vice Chairman John Allocco, Commissioner Jeff Holcomb

## Hernando Commission elects new officers

By HERNANDO SUN STAFF

**BROOKSVILLE** — At their Jan. 9, 2018 regular meeting, the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) elected its new officers that will preside for one year. The new officers for 2018 are as follows: Chairman Steve Champion, Vice Chairman Nick Nicholson and Second Vice Chairman John Allocco.

The BOCC is the chief legislative body in the County. It meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 9 a.m., with the first Tuesday reserved for workshops, as needed. The BOCC meets in the John Law Ayers Room located on the first floor of the Hernando County Government Center located at 20 North Main Street in Brooksville. The five county com-

missioners are elected for four-year terms by the voters at large and represent the geographical district in which they reside. The BOCC approves the county budget, adopts local ordinances and resolutions and establishes policies which govern Hernando County and ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens.

## MISSILE

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utes is a major problem.

How did the managers accept that? We have this system in which an alert can easily be sent to over a million people making them fear for their lives, but it takes 38 minutes to load up a new message to inform people to disregard the previous message. First of all, something that can send messages to millions of people should have safeguards in place

to prevent someone from accidentally sending an alert. There should have been a warning along the lines of "You are about to send this message to over a million people. Are you really sure you want to send this?" Additionally, if the message does go out by mistake to over a million people, there should by default be a message that says disregard the previous message.

The fact that there was such a high risk without it being addressed, points

to a failure at a higher level. They reassigned the employee that accidentally sent the alert, but what are they going to do about the larger failures? Are they going to fire the head of the Hawaii Emergency Management System? Will they actually fix the system to prevent this from happening again?

## Citrus industry remains 'in crisis' despite stable forecast

By JIM TURNER  
 THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

**TALLAHASSEE** --- Forecast numbers for Florida's struggling citrus industry held steady from December to January, the first month since Hurricane Irma that the figures didn't drop.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated Friday that Florida will grow enough oranges to fill 46 million 90-pound boxes, the same as in December. Meanwhile, grapefruit production held at 4.65 million boxes for the third consecutive month.

While the month-to-month numbers showed some stability, Florida Department of Citrus Executive Director Shannon Shepp said the industry --- which, according to private estimates, was looking forward to producing enough oranges to fill 75 million boxes --- is still facing

the impacts from the September storm.

"Florida continues to face its lowest citrus forecast in more than 75 years," Shepp said. "While the temporary comfort of a stable forecast gives us a moment to breathe it doesn't hide the fact that this industry remains in crisis due to the impact of Hurricane Irma."

The seasonal forecast for oranges had fallen 15 percent since October's initial estimate, following the September hurricane that uprooted trees and left many groves in standing water for up to three weeks.

The storm came as the industry continued a decade-long battle against citrus greening disease, which is deadly to the fruit.

The January forecast stands 33 percent below production from the prior growing season, with Florida's growers on pace for the lowest harvest since 1945.

Growers are projected to produce enough Valencia oranges to fill about 27 million boxes, while the non-Valencia variety is expected to fill about 19 million boxes, according to Friday's estimate. Navel orange production accounted for 500,000 of the non-Valencia boxes.

Florida growers had annually filled more than 100 million boxes of citrus since 1950, with production topping 200 million boxes most years between 1971 and 2005. In contrast, growers produced 68,750 boxes of oranges during the 2016-2017 season.

Florida Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam's department estimated in October that the citrus industry took a \$761 million hit from Hurricane Irma. Since then, a number of lawmakers and Putnam said the damage estimate has grown to possibly more than \$1 billion, as fruit continued to fall in flooded groves.

Among the 77 recommendations that will go before the Florida House Committee on Hurricane Response and Preparedness on Tuesday are proposals to create sales tax exemptions for the agricultural industry and for the state to continue lobbying for post-disaster funding from Congress.

The U.S. Senate is considering \$2.6 billion in federal relief for Florida's agriculture industry. The budget item is part of an \$81 billion disaster-relief package the House approved Dec. 21.

Putnam has said that Florida's agriculture industry cannot fully recover "without the emergency assistance."

In addition to the citrus losses, Putnam's office estimated that Irma inflicted \$624 million in damage to the nursery industry, \$237.5 million in damage to the cattle industry, \$11.8 million in damage to dairy farmers, \$383

million in damage to the sugar industry, and \$180 million in damage to vegetable and non-citrus fruit growers.

Florida U.S. Sens. Marco Rubio and Bill Nelson have asked Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer to bring the disaster relief package for Florida, Puerto Rico and Texas to the floor for a vote.

"Congress has delayed providing this aid for too long while our communities face the consequences of our inaction," the Florida lawmakers wrote.

**HCSO ARREST SUMMARIES**

**Trying to Change Seats During a Traffic Stop**



**LAWHORN, PHILIP STEPHAN Jr**  
YOB: 1987  
TATTOO: CRUCIFIX  
CHARGES: RESIST OF-FICER WITH VIOLENCE, POSS OF MARIJUANA, POSSESSION DRUG PAR-APHERNALIA  
Arrested on 01/10/2018  
00:08 DELBARTON ST & MARINER BLVD, SPRING HILL

Arrest Summary Excerpt: "On 01/10/18 while on routine patrol I observed a maroon Jeep make a right turn onto Mariner Boulevard from Cortez Boulevard. As the vehicle made the turn I observed it to accelerate and an extremely high rate of speed which caused the tires to emit a high pitched squeal. I followed the vehicle and observed it was traveling at 60 MPH in a 45 MPH zone.

I conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle due to the unlawful speed. As I approached the vehicle I observed it to be shaking back and forth and I observed the male driver/ the defendant, Philip Lawhorn, attempt to move into the back seat. As I made contact with the defendant he still had his legs and feet under the steering wheel, but his chest arms and head were in the backseat as he was still attempting to move himself out of the driver's seat. At the same time I observed the defendant diving into the back seat, I observed the female passenger try to get into the driver's seat. I observed the female passenger actually sit on the defendants feet as they both attempted to switch spots.

As the female opened the front door instead of rolling down the window I detected the strong smell of fresh marijuana emitting from the vehicle. At this time I had the defendant step out of the vehicle. The defendant became very angry and began to yell and curse. A search of the defendant yielded a plastic baggie containing a green leafy substance. The green leafy substance tested positive for marijuana (THC) using NARCO test kit 7609.

I then asked the female, who identified herself as Andrea S, who was driving the vehicle at which point she stated "my boyfriend". I then asked Andrea why she tried to jump into the driver's seat, at which point she stated "because he told me to". I asked Andrea if she would like to fill out a statement

form at which point she stated she would never fill anything out. At this point Andrea became agitated and began to also scream and yell and attempt to film the encounter with her cell phone. I asked Andrea multiple times to stop going by the defendant, who were both still screaming and yelling, but she did not listen. Andrea was eventually taken into custody by Deputy M, however while doing so, she kicked him in the genital region. Andrea was arrested for Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer under a separate case number.

The defendant refused to get into the patrol vehicle. The defendant was physically assisted into the patrol vehicle by multiple deputies, at which point he began to slam his head and feet in the windows. When Deputy W. opened the patrol vehicle door in an attempt to talk to the defendant, the defendant kicked Deputy W. in the chest twice and the forearm once. The defendant was then pepper sprayed, removed from the car and placed in leg restraints as well.

The defendant was then transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where he is being held on a \$5,000.00 bond per the bond schedule for Resisting a Law Enforcement Officer With Violence, \$1,000.00 bond per the bond schedule for Possession of Cannabis Under 20 grams and \$1,000.00 bond per the bond schedule for Possession of Paraphernalia."

**Stolen Bicycle found being ridden by one of the people seen entering property**



**PANZICA, VINCENT JOSEPH**  
YOB: 1977  
TATTOO: NEW YORK SYMBOL  
CHARGES: BURGLARY DWELLING, PETIT THEFT  
Arrested on 01/12/2018  
11:45 6130 BROAD ST, BROOKSVILLE

Arrest Summary Excerpt: "On 01-12-2018 Hernando County Deputies responded to 17479 Nicholas Ave in reference to a residential Burglary. While completing a neighborhood canvass, Deputies were notified that at approximately 0800 hours the victim's neighbor, Paul, witnessed a white male and white female enter onto the curtilage of the property and take a Kent Road Tech bicycle from under the overhang of the roof. While canvassing the area near the burglary, I observed a white female riding a bicycle northbound on Broad Street in Brooksville. The bicycle fit the description of the reported stolen bicycle; same color, size, make and model.

Contact was made with the female near 6130 Broad Street. The female was asked to stop, and she complied. The female, later identified as 16 y/o Abigail, advised she took the bicycle from the Circle K, located at the intersection of Spring Hill Drive and Broad street. Abigail advised she believed the bike to belong to a friend of hers, but could not advise a friend's name or if she was allowed to have it.

Witness, Paul, responded to the location of the stop and positively identified the Abigail as the female he witnessed with the white male who entered the property of victim, Anthony. The victim, Anthony, responded to my location and positively identified the bicycle as his; however, it was later discovered that the bike Abigail was riding was stolen from 17455 Sandlewood and later reported under case 2018-01218.

While still on scene at the traffic stop with Abigail, I observed the defendant, who I already had probable cause to arrest reference case 2018-01099, riding northbound on Broad Street on another bicycle. I attempted to stop the defendant, at which time he lost control of the bicycle, crashed, and was placed under arrest. In a recorded post Miranda interview, the defendant admitted to going to the residence with Abigail and stealing the bicycle which was the same color, make, and model as the one Abigail was seen riding. The defendant further advised he had abandoned the victim's bike by a large tree in the vacant property just north of the 7-Eleven gas station located at 18226 Powell Road.

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.

I responded to the vacant property just north of the 7-Eleven gas station located at 18226 Powell Road and located the bicycle in the location described by the defendant where I then contacted the victim who again responded and took possession of the bicycle. The defendant remained in custody and was given a total bond of \$15,500.00 reference this case."

**The defendant also stated he sometimes "snaps"**



**MARTIN, DAKOTAH S**  
YOB: 1993  
CHARGES: BATTERY  
Arrested on 01/12/2018  
22:03 11089 SPRING HILL DR, SPRING HILL

Arrest Summary Excerpt: "On 1/12/18, law enforcement responded to the area of Bedford Road and Bentley Avenue, Spring Hill, Hernando County, Florida where contact was made with the victim who had obvious facial injuries. Your affiant immediately observed the victim bleeding from his nose area, as well as his nose swollen, and possibly broken. Your affiant also observed the area around the victim's left eye to be black in color and bruised. The victim stated the defendant had "jumped him". The victim advised the defendant got upset at him because he did not want to go to a friend's house, and the defendant punched the victim in the face causing him to get knocked to the ground. The victim also stated the defendant got on top of him while he was on the ground and continued to strike him several times in the face. The victim advised while he was being hit he heard a "crack" noise, he believed to have been his nose breaking.

The defendant was then later located by deputies at the Dunkin Donuts, located at 11089 Spring Hill Drive. The defendant had minor cuts on both of his knuckles, as well as a small patch of blood on his right thigh area of his khaki pants. When asked how he got those injuries, the defendant stated he gets mad and hits stuff. The defendant also stated he sometimes "snaps" when someone says something wrong to him, and advised he could not recall the offense with the victim, but that is what "might have happened". It is noted that both the victim and the defendant were intoxicated during the time of the offense.

The defendant was placed under arrest for Felony Battery and transported to the Hernando County Jail without incident. He is being held on a \$2,000.00 bond."

**"I got mad." The defendant then stated, "Whatever she says goes."**

**ZAPATA, JOHN IASAIS**  
YOB: 1985  
TATTOO: MELISSA  
CHARGES: AGG/ASSAULT/ BATTERY PREGNANT PERSON, FEL DOM BATT STRANGULATION  
Arrested on 01/12/2018  
23:09 XXXX TALPA ST, SPRING HILL

Arrest Summary Excerpt: "The defendant and the victim were in a verbal altercation over the victim being pregnant and wanting to get an abortion. The altercation became physical when the victim attempted to walk away to go to bed and the defendant pushed her head into the wall. The defendant refused to let the victim leave during the altercation. The defendant struck the victim in the face and pinned her arms behind her back. The altercation continued and the defendant pushed the victim to the ground with his knee across her chest and began to choke her and cover her mouth so she could not breathe. It should be noted the defendant told the victim he was going to kill her multiple times. While speaking with the victim I observed an abrasion under the victims left eye. I observed red marks on both sides of her neck. I observed a small bruise on her right forearm.

Contact was made with the defendant who admitted to getting into an altercation with the victim over her wanting an abortion and the defendant stated, "I got mad." The defendant then stated, "Whatever she says goes." It should be noted that the defendant and victim have been boyfriend and girlfriend who have resided

together for the past year and a half and the victim is currently pregnant with the defendant's child making the offense domestic in nature. The defendant was taken into custody and transported to the Hernando County Jail. The defendant was provided a court date of 2/6/18 at 0900 hours in courtroom D."

**Gun Fired in Possible Road Rage Incident**

**SADRIA, ARDIAN**  
YOB: 1987  
TATTOO: "A" RIGHT HAND NEAR THUMB

CHARGES: AGG ASSAULT  
Arrested on 01/13/2018  
02:31 377 SPRING HAVEN LOOP, SPRING HILL

Arrest Summary Excerpt: "After a possible road rage incident between the victim and the defendant, contact was made with the victim, Efthiminos D, who advised that he had stopped at the light of Mariner Boulevard in front of the YMCA located at 1300 Mariner Boulevard heading southbound still. Efthiminos advised that the vehicle was slowly approaching his window in which he could see a white male and another subject in the passenger seat. Efthiminos advised that when the light turned green, he accelerated when he heard what he remembers to be the sound of a gun shot. Efthiminos advised that the vehicle began to chase him and he called for Law Enforcement due to him being afraid for his life and was in fear of being killed. Efthiminos advised that he didn't see the vehicle behind him anymore and turned around where he saw the vehicle pull into the Spring Haven Loop living apartments and waited for Law Enforcement. The vehicle was located at 377 Spring Haven Loop and the driver/defendant was identified as Ardian Sadria with the passenger witness as Indira R.

Deputy V. D. interviewed the defendant and advised that the defendant admitted to the allegations of shooting his firearm into the air and chasing the victim. Deputy M. R. interviewed Indira who corroborated with the defendant's statement. The defendant was placed under arrest and was transported to the Hernando County Jail without incident. The defendant has a court date of 02/06/2018 at 0900 hours in Courtroom D. The defendant is being held on a \$2,000.00 bond status."

**Borrowed Cell Phone and Ran Away**



**TORRES, TANIA PAMELA**  
YOB: 1996

CHARGES: GRAND THEFT, RESIST/OBSTR OFFICER W/O VIOL  
Arrested on 01/13/2018  
01:36 11089 SPRING HILL DR, SPRING HILL

Arrest Summary Excerpt: "On 01/13/18, law enforcement was dispatched to the Dunkin Donuts of 11089 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill, Hernando County, Florida in reference to a Grand Theft. Contact was made with the victim at this location, who stated the defendant asked to borrow her cell phone to make a phone call. The victim allowed the defendant to use her cell phone, in which the defendant then did not make a phone call and ran off with the phone. The offense was witnessed by the victim's friends and a taxi driver. The defendant was located by Deputy J. H. at the CVS across the street from the Dunkin Donuts (11115 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill, Florida). While in the execution of her legal duty to detain the defendant, Deputy H. attempted to escort the defendant, in which the defendant pulled away and ran from Deputy H. The defendant then tripped and fell, allowing deputies to detain her and charge her accordingly.

The defendant was transported to the Hernando County Jail without further incident where she is being held on a \$3,000.00 bond."

**Spontaneously Uttered he "Smokes a lot of Weed"**



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**Woman involved in multi-state check forgery ring arrested by Brooksville PD**

Nicole L. Davis, 33, was arrested by Brooksville PD on Nov. 3, 2017 and charged with uttering a forged instrument. Davis attempted to cash a personal check of \$1687.02 at the Capital City Bank along with a second check- both were deemed and rejected by the teller. Davis went on to cash other checks within the county and was identified using latent prints. Davis admitted to Brooksville PD to cashing the forged checks in Brooksville.

The Brooksville PD determined that Davis was part of a large ring of criminals who stole checks from vehicles by either smashing in car windows or taking advantage of unlocked doors. The ring operated between North Carolina and Florida.

Davis is being held on a \$4000.00 bond at the Hernando County Jail.

**COLON, JOSHUA JORDAN**  
YOB: 1992

CHARGES: POSS OF MARIJUANA  
Arrested on 01/14/2018  
05:04 COMMERCIAL WAY & OSCEOLA DR, WEEKI WACHEE

Arrest Summary Excerpt: "On 01-14-2018, while on routine patrol in the area of Commercial Way and Cortez Boulevard, I observed a blue Volvo S70..., traveling northbound on Commercial Way and the vehicle had no functioning light illuminating the license plate. At that time, I conducted a traffic stop on said vehicle at the intersection of Commercial Way and Osceola Drive, where I made contact with the driver/defendant, Joshua Colon, who I identified via his Florida Driver's License. While advising the defendant why he was being stopped, I detected a pungent odor emanating from within the vehicle, which through my training and experience, I recognized as being unburnt marijuana. Upon asking the defendant if he possessed any marijuana inside the vehicle, he advised that he had some located inside a jar in his book bag which was located on the back seat.

At that time, the defendant was removed from the vehicle and a search was completed, revealing a glass mason jar sticking out of his book bag which contained a green leafy substance inside. I also observed a clear plastic bag inside the mason jar which also contained a green leafy substance inside. The green leafy substance later field tested positive for THC utilizing Narco Test Kit #7609. The green leafy substance laying loosely in the mason jar weighed a total amount of 26.7 grams and the green leafy substance located inside the bag inside the mason jar weighed 17.1 grams, which were weighed on an OHAUS scale (model number C305-P, serial number 23392) located at the jail.

Further probable cause search of the vehicle revealed a large clear plastic bag lying under the front passenger seat which contained four smaller clear plastic bags in which all four smaller bags contained a green leafy substance inside. The green leafy substance located in all four bags were all tested separately in which all four tested positive for THC utilizing Narco Test Kit #7609. The green leafy substance located in each bag was weighed separately with total amounts of 28.2 grams, 25.2 grams, 28.2 grams, and 28 grams which were weighed on an OHAUS scale (model number C305-P, serial number 23392) located at the jail.

The defendant was then taken into custody and transported to the Hernando County Jail without incident. While en route to the jail, the defendant spontaneously uttered the he "smokes a lot of weed" and "I purchase a large amount at once so it last me a long time." The defendant was charged with 1 count of possession of cannabis over 20 grams. The defendant was issued a bond amount of \$2,000.00

and given a court date of 02-12-2018 at 0830 hours in courtroom E at the Hernando County Courthouse."

**Violated Injunction by Sending Friend to Pick Up Car**



**WOODALL, DAVID WILLIAM**  
YOB: 1959

CHARGES: INJUNCTION/ COURT ORDER VIOLATION  
Arrested on 01/14/2018  
12:11 xxxxx AZEN LOOP, BROOKSVILLE

Arrest Summary Excerpt: "On 01142018, at or about 0938 hours, I responded to 6091 Idle A While Circle in reference to a restraining order violation. Upon arrival, contact was made with Pamela B, who advised she has a domestic violence injunction against her husband, the defendant, David Woodall (2017-DR-2545). Pamela provided a copy of the injunction. I observed the condition in the injunction stating no third party contact shall be made. It should be noted the injunction was served, in person, at the Hernando County Courthouse, located at 20 N Main Street, Brooksville, FL on 12282017. Pamela explained on 01072018, the defendant responded to Tammy V's residence located at 6106 Idle A While Circle, in an effort to switch vehicles with Pamela. The defendant made contact with Tammy, who sent a text to Pamela at 1212 hours stating the defendant would not sign the title over to Pamela but that she could use it, in reference to a Nissan Pathfinder...; then at 1245 hours, Tammy sent an additional text to Pamela stating, "... an its ok he wants to hug and kiss u an come home". Tammy later responded to Pamela's address and gave her a handwritten note signed David Woodall and witnessed by Tammy. The note was written permission to drive the Pathfinder. I checked the signature against the one in DAVID and it appears to be consistent. The note was dated 1/7/18. The note was taken into EVIDENCE.

It should be noted; the defendant is currently out on bond for domestic battery against Pamela. I then responded to xxxxx Azen Loop and made contact with the defendant. Post Miranda the defendant would not make any statements regarding the incident."

**LOCAL GOV & EDUCATION MEETINGS**

Brooksville Council Meeting Monday, January 22, 2018, 7:00PM Location 201 HOWELL AVENUE, BROOKSVILLE, FL - JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON, III COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting 1/23/2018 9:00 AM Government Center John Law Ayers Room 20 N. Main Street Brooksville, FL 34601

School Board Regular Board Meeting 1/23/2018 6:00 PM District Office-Board Room 919 North Broad Street Brooksville, FL 34601

Metropolitan Planning Organization Regular Meeting 1/30/2018 1:00 PM Government Center John Law Ayers Room 20 N. Main Street Brooksville, FL 34601

# 2018 Legislative Session now in full swing

Compiled by  
**JULIE MAGLIO**  
HERNANDO SUN EDITOR

The 2018 Florida legislative session is in full swing with legislation passed by the House that deals with a wide variety of policies from sanctuary cities, CRA's, pregnancy support services to body wrappers, nail specialists, geologists and architects. Strangely enough, one bill makes deregulations to the latter four professions. Here are some bills that were passed by the House last week (Jan. 12, 2018):

**“Rule of Law Adherence Act” (HB 9)** aims at creating policy in order to deter sanctuary cities in Florida, encouraging local and state law enforcement cooperation with federal immigration enforcement. A similar law passed the House last year (HB 697), but died in the Senate Judiciary Committee. This year's House Bill passed the House in a 71-35 Floor Vote.

Description: “Federal Immigration Enforcement; Designates act “Rule of Law Adherence Act”; prohibits sanctuary policies; requires state & local governmental agencies to comply with & support enforcement of federal immigration law; provides requirements concerning immigration detainees & certain arrested persons; prohibits restrictions on transfer of certain information related to enforcement of immigration law; authorizes law enforcement agency to transport unauthorized alien; authorizes ordinances for recovery immigration detainer costs; provides whistle-blower protections for certain officials; requires AG to prescribe format for complaints; provides injunctive relief & civil penalties; prohibits expenditure of public funds for specified purposes; provides cause of action for personal injury or wrongful death attributed to sanctuary policy; prohibits discrimination on specified grounds; requires repeal of existing sanctuary policies.”  
Related: SB 308; Last Action: 1/9/2018 Senate - Introduced -SJ 27

**Lobbying Ban Bill (HB 5)** passed the House on Jan. 12 in a 96-5 Floor Vote. The Bill does the following:  
Description: “Prohibits legislators & statewide elected officers from personally representing another person or entity for compensation before any state government body or state agency except judicial tribunals for specified time period following vacation of office; deletes prohibition on former legislator from acting as

lobbyist before executive branch agency, agency official, or employee for specified period following vacation of office.”  
Related: SB 1330; Last Action: 1/11/2018 Senate - Introduced -SJ 153

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**Local Government Financial Transparency/Accountability Bill (HB 7)** passed the House in a 91-12 Floor Vote.

In a media release the house highlights several requirements in this bill:  
“- Requires easy public access regarding local government tax increases and the issuance of tax-supported debt.

- Requires easy public access to a four year history of TRIM notices at the parcel level, local government millage rates and the total revenue generated by those millages for each local government.  
- Requires additional public meetings and expands public notice requirements for local option tax increases and long-term tax-supported debt issuances.

- Requires local governments to conduct a debt affordability analysis prior to approving the issuance of new, long-term tax supported debt.  
- Revises and clarifies the local government reporting requirements for economic development incentives.”

Related: Senate Bill 1426, Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations; Rules on Jan. 12, 2018

Two other bills relating to ethics and accountability were also passed by the House:  
Government Accountability HB 11 passed House 101-1 and HB 7003 passed 100-2.

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**Deregulation of Professions and Occupations (HB 15)** passed the House 74-28.

Description: “Removes regulations on specified DBPR professions, including labor organizations, hair braiders, hair wrappers & body wrappers, & boxing timekeepers & announcers; revises certain requirements for barbers, nail specialists, business organizations that provide architecture services and interior design, landscape architects, & geologists.”

Related: SB 526, Last Action: 1/9/2018 Senate - Introduced -SJ 41

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**BLAISE'S BILLS TRACKER**

BILLS SPONSORED BY BLAISE INGOGLIA

Session- Bill Number- Subject- Bills Last Event

2018- CS/HB 317- Local Tax Referenda- Added to Government Accountability Committee agenda  
2018- HB 765- Truth in Millage Notices- Added to Ways & Means Committee agenda  
2018- HB 883- Community Development Districts-Favorable with CS by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee  
2018- HB 1177- Joint Task Force on State Agency Law Enforcement Communications- Added to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee agenda  
2018- HB 2397- Brooksville Fire Department Renovation Project- Withdrawn prior to introduction  
2018- HB 2399- Hernando County Fire Rescue Station #6 Renovation Project-Withdrawn prior to introduction  
2018- HB 2401- Hernando County Fire Rescue Station #2 Renovation Project-Withdrawn prior to introduction  
2018-HB 4475- Brooksville Horselake Creek Southeastern Branch Drainage Restoration- Added to Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee agenda  
2018- HB 4477- Brooksville Master Pump Station Modification Project- Added to Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee agenda  
2018- HB 4479- Hernando County School District Project SeaHORSE- Added to PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee agenda  
2018- HB 4481- The Arc Nature Coast Life Skills Center & Regional Hurricane Shelter- 1st Reading  
2018-HB 4483- Hernando County Calienta Street Stormwater and Roadway Improvement Project-1st Reading  
2018- HB 4485- Hernando County Cyril Drive Bypass Roadway Creation Project- Added to Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee agenda  
2018- HB 6001- Traffic Infraction Detectors- Passed; YEAS 83, NAYS 18

Bills Co Sponsored by Rep. Ingoglia (by rule)

Session-Bill Number-Subject-Bills Last Event

2018- HB 33- Texting while Driving- 1st Reading  
2018- HB 67-Florida Slavery Memorial- Added to Second Reading Calendar  
2018- HB 179- Services for Veterans and Their Families- 1st Reading

**A Pregnancy Support and Wellness Services bill (HB 41)**

Description: “Requires DOH to contract with not-for-profit statewide alliance of organizations to provide pregnancy support & wellness services through subcontractors; provides duties of department; provides contract requirements; requires services to be provided in noncoercive manner & forbids inclusion of religious content.”

The Not-For-Profit is the Florida Pregnancy Care Network, Inc. (FPCN). This is a codification of an existing program funded by \$4 million out of the general revenue fund. Last year 45,722 clients were served through this program.  
Related Bill: SB 444; Last Action: 1/12/2018 Senate - On Committee agenda-- Appropriations, 01/18/18, 4:00 pm, 412 Knott Building

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**HB 13 Sports Franchise Facilities** passed the House 75-27. The bill aims to eliminate sweetheart public land deals to private companies for stadiums of professional sport franchises.  
Description: “Prohibits

sports franchise from constructing, reconstructing, renovating, or improving facility on leased public land; requires lease of facility on public land by sports franchise or sale of public land for sports franchise facility be at fair market value; provides requirements for contract to fund construction, reconstruction, renovation, or improvement of facility; specifies act does not impair certain contracts.”  
Related Bill: SB 352; Last Action: 1/9/2018 Senate - Introduced -SJ 30

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**A bill tightening regulations on Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs), HB 17**, passed the House 72-32.

Description: “Provides reporting requirements; revises requirements for operating community redevelopment agencies; prohibits creation of community redevelopment agencies after date certain; provides phase-out period; creates criteria for determining whether community redevelopment agency is inactive; provides hearing procedures; authorizes certain financial activity from inactive community redevelopment agencies; revis-

es requirements for use of redevelopment trust fund proceeds; revises county & municipal government reporting requirements; revises criteria for finding that county or municipality failed to file report; requires DFS to provide report to DEO concerning community redevelopment agencies with no revenues, no expenditures, & no debts.”

Effective Date: October 1, 2018  
Related Bill: SB 432; Last Action: 1/9/2018 Senate - Introduced -SJ 34

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**A bill prohibiting the implementation of red light camera programs through local ordinance (HB 6001)** effective in the year 2021, sponsored by Representatives Avila and Ingoglia passed the House 83-18. It is estimated that the ban could save drivers \$159 million annually.

Description: “Repeals provisions relating to installation & use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when driver fails to stop at traffic signal, provisions that authorize DHSMV, county, or municipality to use such detectors, & provisions for distribution of penalties collected for specified violations.”  
Rep. Ingoglia stated, “Red light cameras do not

benefit the public—they only benefit local governments addicted to the revenue they generate and the companies that provide the services. If red light cameras were really about public safety, local governments would not be getting rid of them once their revenues decline. It is further proof they are nothing but taxation by citation.”

Related Bills: SB 548 (identical) Last Action: 1/9/2018 Senate - Introduced -SJ 45 and SB 176 (similar)

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**A Worker's Comp Bill HB 7009** making several changes to current law passed the House 74 - 30.

Description: “Requires panel to annually adopt statewide workers' compensation schedules of maximum reimbursement allowances; extends timeframes in which employees may receive certain workers' compensation benefits & in which carrier must notify treating doctor of certain requirements; revises provisions relating to retainer agreements & awarding attorney fees.”

Related: None on Record

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## 2016-2017 School District grad rate up slightly

BROOKSVILLE – For the 5th consecutive year, Hernando County School District improved its student graduation rate as reported by the Florida Department of Education January 10th. The 2016-17 graduation rate for Hernando is up 1.5 percentage points to a new high of 82.6%.

Hernando Schools continue to remain ahead of the state's graduation rate reported as 82.3% for 2016-17. While still below the state's average, English Language Learners also showed a higher graduation rate than last year at 60.8%. The most significant improvement came from the District's Exceptional Student Education (ESE) subgroup. At 68.2%, ESE students' rate jumped by 12 percentage points over 2016.

For the second year in a row Central High School was the biggest mover with a 5.4 percentage point gain over last year's graduation rate

improving to 87.8%. In just two years, Central has improved their graduation rate by over 13 percentage points. “We are so excited to see the hard work of our staff and our students is validated by this data. Helping every student succeed is our mission and whether we used mentoring, direct outreach or steady tracking of their growth, our students have joined with us and these gains are the result.” Kelly Slusser, Principal of Central High said.

Nature Coast Technical High (NCTH) has the highest graduation rate out of the five Hernando high schools with a graduation rate of 89.9%, up 1.7 percentage points from 2016. “For any school, seeing graduation rates improve means so much to the staff and, of course to students and families. The numbers represent a culmination of months of collaboration, planning, instruction, sup-

port and hard work. We could not be more proud.” NCTH Principal, Toni Ann Noyes said.

Year	District Grad Rate	Central High	Hernando High	F.W. Springstead	Nature Coast Technical	Weeki Wachee High
2014-15	78%	74.70%	74.50%	80.30%	81.5%	83%
2015-16	81.1%	82.40%	80.1%	87.10%	88.2%	87.9%
2016-2017	82.6%	87.8%	79.7%	89%	89.9%	87.9%

“These graduation results are one more indicator that our school district continues its progress toward being recognized as a district of excellence. We are Team Hernando proud!” Superintendent, Dr. Lori Romano said.

(Submitted by HCSD)

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# One dead after Port Richey casino shuttle boat fire

BY HERNANDO SUN STAFF

On Sundays, the Tropical Breeze Casino has three shuttle boat departure times to a casino ship about 45 minutes offshore of Port Richey, FL in international waters. The 3:30PM departure ended in disaster this past Sunday Jan. 14, 2018, as a fire quickly engulfed it around 4PM, sending passengers jumping overboard into the shallow Gulf on the chilly winter day. Luckily the shuttle boat was only 100 yards offshore and the passengers were able to wade to nearby homes for help.

According to the Tropical Breeze Casino, their shuttle is coast guard certified for a seating capacity of 149 passengers. Fifty-one were on board Sunday afternoon. Sadly, a 42 year old woman who had safely made it to shore along with the other passengers went home, fell ill and died late on Sunday shortly after being admitted to the Regional Medical Center Bayonet

Point ER around 10PM. There has been no cause of death determined yet.

Online reviewers of the Tropical Breeze Casino say that the many of the usual patrons are elderly, but reports do not specify the ages of other passengers who had to make the 12-13 foot jump into the Gulf on Sunday. Many reviewers (unconfirmed past patrons) express safety concerns and relate engine problems experienced on the shuttle.

Reports state that on Sunday the shuttle was experiencing engine problems, turned around to head back to shore and then caught fire. Witnesses on shore from the nearby residential neighborhood describe the fire rapidly consuming the vessel as passengers leapt overboard. One witness told news media that he brought about 30 of the passengers into his garage to warm up, concerned about hypothermia.

Port Richey police say 15 people in all were injured in the fire. A



In this photo provided by Pasco County flames engulf a boat Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018, in the Tampa Bay area. The boat ferrying patrons to a casino ship off the Florida Gulf Coast caught fire near shore Sunday afternoon, and dozens of passengers and crew safely made it to land, authorities said. (Tambrey Laine/Pasco County via AP)

Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point spokesman said eight were treated at the hospital (not including the fatality).

The joint rescue operation included the coast guard, sheriff's office, police and other unspecified agencies.

## Captiva Estates: Construction expected to begin 2019

By LISA MACNEIL  
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

Captiva Estates is a planned development which was first approved in 2005, consisting of 102 single-family homes. At the Jan. 9, 2018 Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting, Don Lacey, Senior Vice President of Coastal Engineering, explained the continuation of the project. Coastal Engineering represented the developer, Ladd Development, Inc. and Donald R. Whiting.

The original parcels, located on the North side of County Line Road, approximately 1650 feet west of Sparks Road will be expanded to add 12 acres to the Northeast side of the property, increasing the expected density to 169 homes. The 12-acre area is currently zoned Agricultural (AG) and will be rezoned appropriately to Planned Development Project, Single Family (PDP-SF).

When County Line Road is widened to four lanes, the median will be built such that left and right turns will be permitted when exiting the development. Lacey said that traffic signals would be determined later by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Hernando County. There is currently a roadway in East Linden Estates that terminates at the proposed West side of the northernmost corner.

This right-of-way belongs to East Linden Estates, and is not to be attached to the proposed Captiva plan.

Another roadway exists on the southwest side of the proposed development, which could provide future access to an adjacent property that is zoned Commercial (C1). Edward Parker, a resident of Linden Retreat raised concerns over this roadway and its proximity to the Gillian Drive cul-de-sac, and its potential to disrupt the current landscape and wildlife.

A 20-foot buffer will separate Captiva Estates from East Linden Estates, which will consist of existing trees and vegetation. Additional trees will be added where needed, and the developer will work with the residents of East Linden Estates if they desire a fence to be erected between the properties. Homes along the northern and western sides, which are closest to East Linden Estates will be 60-foot (wide) lots, with the remainder being 50-foot lots.

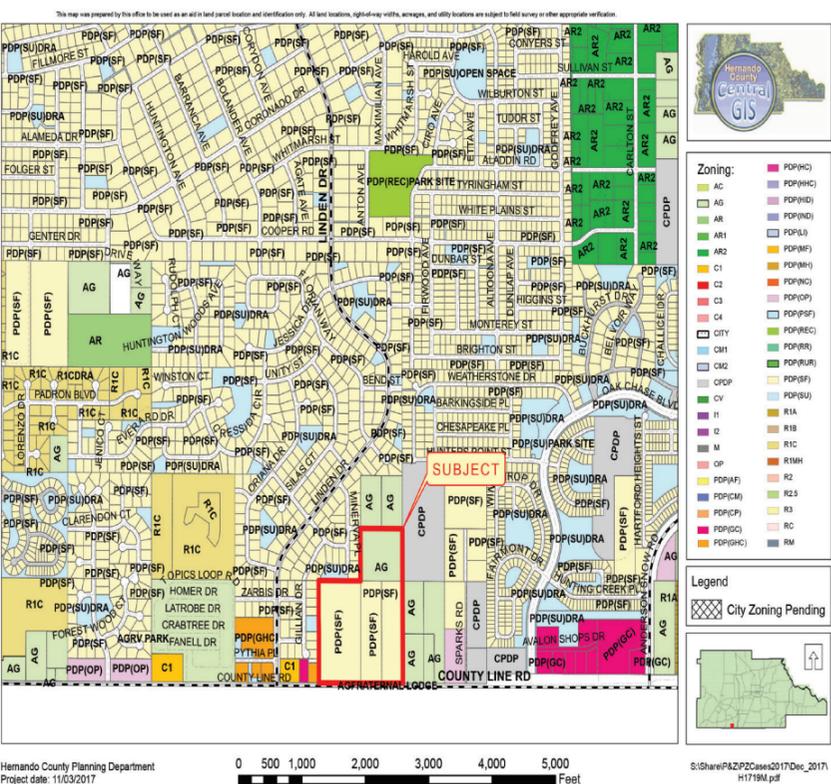
A recreation area, which is over 2-acres in size is also planned within the development. To get a better understanding on what the area would include, Commissioner John Allocco asked, "Does this mean a building, or are we talking about a swingset?" Lacey explained that the type of recreational facilities would be appropriate for the market of Captiva

Estates. "For seniors, we'd do it slightly different than if it was family-oriented." He went on to say that it would most likely include some type of community building.

Other conditions of the project approval include the developer's coordination of the signalization of Linden Drive with the County Engineer prior to development. There will also be a cross-access stub-out to align with the frontage road to connect to the Shoppes at Avalon. The extension of the frontage road is not part of the Captiva project, and its path will be determined in the future. It is possible that if the frontage road is not extended as part of a separate project, then there will not be direct access from Captiva Estates to the Shoppes at Avalon.

The design and planning phase is expected to last throughout 2018, and new construction is expected to begin in 2019. Commissioner Steve Champion addressed Mr. Parker's concerns regarding disruption of the existing natural landscape, adding, "... This is private property, and they have a right to develop ... I believe it's a proper use, and they're trying to do everything right."

Commissioner Nick Nicholson motioned to approve the plan, Commissioner Jeff Holcomb seconded. The motion passed 5-0.



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# Law enforcement collaboration leads to arrest of triple murder suspect from Spring Hill

By JULIE B. MAGLIO  
HERNANDO SUN EDITOR

Collaboration of local and out of state law enforcement agencies on Friday Jan. 12, 2018 led to the arrest of 46-year-old Christopher Cruz Olivo of Spring Hill, FL, a suspect in a triple homicide in Louisville, Kentucky. The Louisville Metro PD say the murders took place sometime Thursday evening Jan. 11, 2018. Olivo is listed as residing on Jason Rd. in Spring Hill. Olivo is charged with murdering a man and two women while inside a residence in the 6400 block of Venango Drive in Louisville, Kentucky. Family members of one of the victims, Katherine Miles, 23, found the bodies while checking up on the family since they weren't able to get ahold of them. When the Louisville Metropolitan Police Department (LMPD) arrived, they found two children inside the home unharmed: a 4 year old boy and a 2 year old girl in the bedroom according to Lt. Emily McKinley of the LMPD. The bedroom door was closed and the children were inside their cribs.

The three shooting victims were identified as 39 year old Geneva Miles, her brother 27 year old Mike Miles and his wife, 23 year old Katherine Miles. The two children inside the home were the son and daughter of Mike and Katherine. They had been in their cribs for at least 12 hours by the time law enforcement arrived. The LMPD responders fed the children and changed their diapers. McKinley said that it was difficult to remove the children from the home so that they would not see the "horrific scene just outside their door." McKinley described how an officer distracted the four year old by pretending to be Iron Man, draped sheets over him as an invisibility shield and quickly carried the boy out of the house. They played hide and go seek with the two year old- draping a blanket over her as well. The LMPD investigation identified Olivo as a suspect as he and Geneva had a child in common, a two year old daughter. The couple never married, but had been together for a while. Geneva, Chris and their



Christopher Olivo

two year old daughter moved to Louisville a few months ago and had been staying with her brother and his family. The LMPD learned that Olivo fled the scene and both he and his two year old daughter were missing. They initiated the Amber Alert process in Kentucky and simultaneously found that the vehicle Olivo fled the scene in was equipped with OnStar technology. OnStar was able to locate the car in the Spring Hill, FL area. "This is when some amazing police work and communication began," said McKinley. She said that the LMPD had Hernando County Sheriff's Office and OnStar on speaker phone and they were able to direct local law enforcement to Olivo's location, which took about 30 to 40 minutes. During this time Olivo crossed into Pinellas County. HCSO informed the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office of Olivo's whereabouts and they were able to take him into custody at US 19 North and Ulmerton Road at 10:13 PM on Jan. 12. The Pinellas County Violent Crimes Task

Force reported that Olivo was wearing a ballistic vest and had an AK-47 assault rifle on the passenger seat of his vehicle at the time of his arrest. McKinley stated that authorities do not believe this to be the murder weapon. "At this time we are unsure of what his intentions were or what his plan was, however our hats are off to the Hernando County Sheriff's Department and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department for taking our call and acting swiftly and precisely in an extremely dangerous situation," McKinley said. While locating Olivo, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office was able to locate Olivo's two year old daughter with family. Olivo was transported to the Pinellas County Jail on the LMPD warrant and will be charged by LMPD with three counts of Murder and one count of Tampering With Physical Evidence. McKinley said other charges may be added down the road. She commented that federal charges are a possibility. The investigation is ongoing. LMPD investigators have traveled to Pinellas to conduct interviews with the suspect.

## MOTON ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL RESIGNS

Brooksville – Joe Frana, Principal of Moton Elementary submitted his resignation to district leaders Tuesday, January 16th. In his letter, Frana cited his reason for leaving the position was, "The distance and hours of this job have become a hardship on my family." Frana's last day will be January 29, 2018. D.S Parrott Middle School Principal, Brent Gaustad will serve as interim principal for the remainder of the school year. Along with his high-energy leadership style, Gaustad brings a proven track record of turning around a low performing school having led D.S. Parrott Middle from a D grade in 2014 to a B in 2017. A long time resident of Brooksville and a veteran administrator with over 11 years of school leadership, Gaustad is recognized as a leader in integrating school-wide initiatives and developing efficient processes that promote and sustain academic success. On January 8th, a robust network of additional staff including school administrators, deans, and reading coaches were enlisted to support Moton as they approach statewide testing. Mr. Gaustad was an important member of this extended support system and has been assisting Moton since January 8th. These additional staff members will remain in place to support Mr. Gaustad and Moton Elementary.

(Submitted by the Hernando County School District)

## Voter Outreach Schedule for January 2018

Shirley Anderson, Hernando County Supervisor of Elections, is pleased to announce the following dates for voter registration and outreach for January 2018.

**January 20, 2018**  
10:00am- 1:00pm Petco  
7223 Coastal Way Brooksville FL

**January 20, 2018**  
11:00am-2:00pm Pet Supermarket 4316 Commercial Way Spring Hill, FL

Voter registration applications are available at the Supervisor of Elections offices, public libraries, county offices, city halls or state agencies that provide public assistance. Voters may also register to vote online via the Supervisor of Elections website at www.hernandovotes.com.

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## Design funding approved for Brooksville Elementary sidewalk improvements

By LISA MACNEIL  
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

Public Works Director Scott Herring presented plans to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at the Jan. 9, 2018 meeting to extend the sidewalk near Brooksville Elementary School, and make improvements to a nearby sidewalk. Repairs and enhancements will be applied to the sidewalk on North Avenue, from Howell Avenue to Zoller Street, and the sidewalk on Howell Ave, which currently terminates at Croom Road will be extended

to terminate at Highway 41. The project is a Local Agency Program (LAP) agreement between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Hernando County. A grant will provide the County reimbursement by the FDOT up to \$53,799 to fund the design phase of the project. The grant does not have a funding match requirement, although any expenses incurred over the amount in the LAP agreement will be the responsibility of the County.

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Product: Tide Predictions					Datum: MLLW				
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2018/01/19	Fri	02:03 AM	2.97 H	10:17 AM	-0.45 L	3:26 PM	2.55 H	10:24 PM	0.70 L
2018/01/20	Sat	02:41 AM	2.91 H	10:48 AM	-0.37 L	3:54 PM	2.59 H	11:03 PM	0.62 L
2018/01/21	Sun	03:21 AM	2.80 H	11:21 AM	-0.23 L	4:23 PM	2.64 H	11:45 PM	0.54 L
2018/01/22	Mon	04:06 AM	2.63 H	11:56 AM	-0.03 L	4:56 PM	2.67 H		
2018/01/23	Tue	12:34 AM	0.47 L	05:01 AM	2.41 H	12:37 PM	0.24 L	5:35 PM	2.69 H
2018/01/24	Wed	01:32 AM	0.38 L	06:10 AM	2.17 H	1:25 PM	0.56 L	6:22 PM	2.69 H
2018/01/25	Thu	02:42 AM	0.26 L	07:38 AM	1.99 H	2:26 PM	0.88 L	7:19 PM	2.71 H
2018/01/26	Fri	04:02 AM	0.06 L	09:16 AM	1.97 H	3:42 PM	1.13 L	8:25 PM	2.77 H

# 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

- during open enrollment period. By appointment only. Call 352-593-0705 for more information.
- Book Discussion Group - EH**  
1/19/2018 2 - 3:30 PM Registration is open Please contact the East Hernando Branch Library to obtain a copy of the book and the discussion questions.
- Tech Tutors - WH**  
1/19/2018 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!
- It's JAZZI! - SH**  
1/19/2018 3 - 4:30 PM Join us for another special musical program in our ongoing series about the Golden Age of Jazz. Presented by former NPR Jazz Radio Announcer Peter LaMattina.
- Jan. 20**
- Game On! - EH**  
1/20/2018 10AM - 4PM Enjoy family gaming at the East Hernando Branch!
- Hungrytown! - Live Concert! - SH**  
1/20/2018 2 - 3PM Enjoy live music at your library as you help us feed the hungry!
- Jan. 22**
- Cut and Paste - BV**  
1/22/2018 10AM - 12 PM Registration is open Cut and paste remains one of Windows' most useful tools.
- STEAM Storytime - WH**  
1/22/2018 11:15 AM - 12 PM It's storytime with a little bit of STEAM thrown in!
- Philosophical Friction - WH**  
1/22/2018 5- 7PM An introduction to key philosophical debates through friendly informal lectures.

- Jan. 203**
- Cut and Paste - WH**  
1/23/2018 10AM - 12PM Registration is open Cut and paste remains one of Windows' most useful tools.
- Storytime - BV**  
1/23/2018 10:30 - 11AM Stories, songs, and more in a storytime program designed for children between 18 months - 5 years old.
- Spring Hill Book Discussion - SH**  
1/23/2018 12 - 1:30 PM Please contact the Spring Hill Branch to obtain a copy of the book and the discussion questions.
- Adult Coloring Class - WH**  
1/23/2018 1:15 - 3PM Registration is open "You Deserve a Break"- Come out and take time to get the stress and pains of life under control by relaxing and awakening your creativity side.
- Spring Hill Book Discussion - SH**  
1/23/2018 1:45 - 3PM Please contact the Spring Hill Branch to obtain a copy of the book and the discussion questions.
- Art Attack! - WH**  
1/23/2018 4:30 - 6PM Registration is open Is there a future artist in your family? Come to the Library and let your kids be inspired by famous artists and works of art. Kids between the suggested ages of 6 - 12 will learn about a famous artist and then make their own work of art. All materials provided.
- Jan. 24**
- Cut and Paste - SH**  
1/24/2018 10AM - 12PM Registration is open Cut and paste remains one of Windows' most useful tools.
- Writing Your Life Stories - WH**  
1/24/2018 10:15 - 11:45 AM Event is full

- Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program - SH**  
1/24/2018 10:30 AM - 12 PM Topic: The Good, The Bad and the Bugly! Presented by Lilly Browning
- Storytime - EH**  
1/24/2018 10:30 - 11AM Stories, songs, and more in a storytime program designed for children between 18 months - 5 years old.
- Financial Management Series - SH**  
1/24/2018 2 - 4PM This month's topic: Personal Money Management
- Junior Coders - WH**  
1/24/2018 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.
- Jan. 25**
- Baby Storytime - BV**  
1/25/2018 10 - 11AM A Storytime featuring stories, bounce rhymes, songs, and more just for babies and their parents!
- Cut and Paste - EH**  
1/25/2018 10AM - 12 PM Registration is open Cut and paste remains one of Windows' most useful tools
- Toddler Storytime - SH**  
1/25/2018 10:30- 11 AM Storytime time for toddlers featuring stories, songs, and fingerplays.
- Preschool Storytime - SH**  
1/25/2018 11:15 AM - 12PM Stories, songs, fingerplays, and much more designed for children between the ages of 3-5.
- Internet Q&A - EH**  
1/25/2018 12:15 - 1:15 PM

- Registration is open
- Writers Workshop - EH**  
1/25/2018 1 - 3PM Free and open to the public - meets every other Thursday. All levels of experience from beginners to published authors. Our group is on-going and continuous, join at any time. Bring pen and paper. For more information call 352-583-2441.
- Movies @ your library - SH**  
1/25/2018 2 - 4PM tbd
- Alice in Wonderland Party - WH**  
1/25/2018 5 - 6PM Registration is open Get a taste of Wonderland and it's inhabitants such as the Mad Hatter and Cheshire Cat with the Alice in Wonderland Party. Come enjoy different activities, crafts, and more based on the classic book and movie. Don't be late to this very important date!
- Socrates Cafe - WH**  
1/25/2018 5 - 7PM Guaranteed to leave you with more questions than you came with! Socrates Cafe is an opportunity for amiable, open-minded discussion of profound issues.
- Jan. 26**
- Baby Storytime - WH**  
1/26/2018 10 - 10:30 AM Registration is open A Storytime featuring stories, bounce rhymes, songs, and more just for babies and their parents!
- VITA - SH**  
1/26/2018 10AM - 1PM Volunteer Income Tax Assistance - by appt. only
- Toddler Storytime - WH**  
1/26/2018 10:30 - 11 AM Storytime time for toddlers featuring stories, songs, and fingerplays.

**CryptoQuote answer on page 15**

## CryptoQuote

**AXYDLBAAXR**  
is **LONGFELLOW**

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

GZX GFC WA F DXZFCWQI  
CGFC BWRR IZMZX EQ QHC  
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VHAC FA XLWLDHRQHA PZFX  
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# IN, OUT & ABOUT

## Life & Leisure

### Tucker Hill a challenge for hikers, runners

By ROCCO MAGLIO  
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

recent Croom Zoom 100M/100K/50K/25K. The Croom Zoom used a 10 Mile loop. The runners repeated the loop until they reached the required distance. You can do that loop or a portion of it on your own.

Currently portions of the trail have been burned. The Croom Zoom mainly avoided the burned areas.

At the trailhead there are restrooms as well as a picnic area with barbecue grills. They do charge a day use fee of \$2 per person. There are three loops to choose from A Loop\* is 7.39 miles, B Loop is 8.97 miles and C Loop is 8.09 miles. The loops can be stacked to create a loop of length that is desired.

Tucker Hill offers a moderately difficult hike with hills. You have to watch out for the roots as you climb uphill.



Over the holidays we had our family in town. One of my nephews is on his school's cross country team and was looking for trails to run. Initially, he tried to run at Chinsegut Hill, hoping for a hilly trail that they would not be able to find in Sarasota. Chinsegut was closed and he wound up running the Big Pine Tract off of Old Crystal River Road. The Big Pine Tract is an interesting trail and some of the pines along the trail show signs of catfacing, which is diagonal slashes used to collect turpentine. It lacks elevation.

Hernando County is one of the few places in Florida where you can find significant elevation changes. We set out to find a trail that would present a more interesting challenge for him the next time he came to visit.

This led us to check out the trails at Tucker Hill. The trailhead is easy to find as it is located next to the fire tower off of Croom Road. There are several trails that head down Tucker Hill. There are nearby hills so you will have an opportunity to adjust to running up hill.

The Tucker Hill trails were the site of trails used for the the



#### IF YOU GO

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### GUN SHOW



Saturday January 27th  
& Sunday January 28th  
9am-4pm Sat. & 9am-3pm Sun.

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16121 Commercial Way (US-19)  
Brooksville, FL 34614

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The gun show will feature all types of new, used, and antique firearms, knives, and related accessories for sale.

**Tables Available**  
For info call 352-799-3605

Cost: Adult admission tickets are \$6 at door, with children 16 and under admitted free with adult. Free parking. Food and beverages available for purchase.

FROM OUR TABLE TO YOURS  
by Cheryl Clanton

### Homemade Chili



**Ingredients**  
1 can red kidney beans  
1 1/2 teaspoon red pepper  
1 1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon cumin

2 teaspoons oregano  
1 tablespoon chili powder  
1 1/2 lb. ground beef  
2 garlic cloves  
1 onion

mixture back into pan. Heat mixture with tomatoes with their liquid, chili powder, oregano, cumin, salt, pepper cook for 1 hr. stirring occasionally. Stir in kidney beans with their liquid. Cook uncovered about 20/30 minutes, stirring occasionally, until desired thickness. Hint: serve with bread sticks

**Directions**  
dice onion and garlic cook beef, onion and garlic over med. Heat 10 minutes once beef completed done, strain excess grease, return

### Rodeo returns to Hernando County

By ROCCO MAGLIO  
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

The Rodeo is returning to Hernando County. The Florida Agriculture and Wildlife Expo (FAWE) will be held Jan. 19, 20 and 21. As a part of the FAWE, The rodeo is being held at the Brooksville - Tampa Bay Airport on Runway Drive off Highway 41 Saturday night the 20th starting at 7:30PM and again on Sunday afternoon starting at 2:00PM.

The Professional Cowboy Association will be putting on the rodeo. The Professional Cowboy Association is active in eight states throughout the Southeast and puts on around a 100 rodeos in their 10-month season. This will be their first rodeo of the 2018 season. Ticket prices are \$20.00 per person and children 10 and under are free.

In our coverage of the last year's Florida Agriculture and Wildlife Expo,

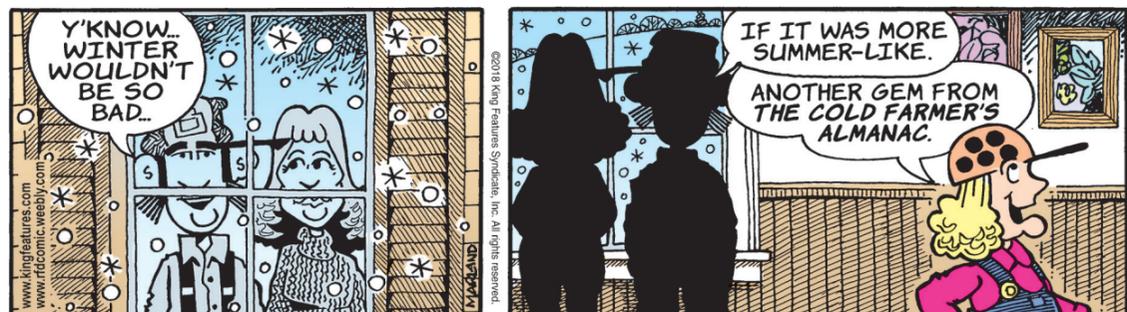
Alice Mary Herden reported that the biggest thing the expo is pushing for next year, is a bigger variety of agriculture and farming education as well as having a rodeo. Deanna Naugler, President of the Board at the time said "Hopefully we are working on trying to bring a rodeo back here in Hernando County. Again this is where the rodeo was held for several years out here on the airport property."

The Hernando County Cattlemen's Association used to put on a rodeo at the airport. The last mention of the rodeo was in October of 2009 and it was in conjunction with Brooksville's Founders week. The Cattlemen's Association had held the rodeo since 1976 first at the fairground then at the airport.

The rodeo is a chance for local talent to show off as well as a chance for locals to see professional cowboys in action.

by Mike Marland

R.F.D.



# IN, OUT & ABOUT

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

## Event Previews

Christ the Savior Greek Orthodox Church presents our 8th Annual

### GREEK Food Music FESTIVAL

**JANUARY 26, 27 & 28**  
Hernando County Fairgrounds - Rain or Shine event  
6436 Broad St, Brooksville, FL 34601

- Live Music
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### HERNANDO AUDUBON SOCIETY BIRDING TRIP TO JUMPING GULLY PRESERVE

**TUESDAY, JAN. 23, 2018**  
**8 AM TO NOON**

Trip to this 598-acre Pasco County Parks Department property, which is only open to the public by arrangement. Expect to see waders, a few species of shorebirds and ducks, and numerous woodland birds. A 4x4 wheel drive/high clearance vehicle is recommended. For more information, contact [bevalhansen@gmail.com](mailto:bevalhansen@gmail.com), 352-686-0460.



### KUMQUAT FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY, JAN. 27, 2018 9 AM TO 5 PM**

As many as 40,000 people attend our one day event every year, with over 425 vendors and 40 sponsors participating, filling our historic Downtown core. Here, visitors can enjoy all kinds of tasty kumquat treats, from kumquat pie to kumquat cookies, smoothies, ice cream, marmalade, and even kumquat salsa. Dade City's Annual Kumquat Festival®, held the last Saturday in January each year, has become extremely popular for its hometown, family-friendly entertainment. Listen to local entertainment, ace painting, antique cars. Arts & Crafts, food (from our local restaurants, food vendors and food trucks), Car & Truck Show, Health & Wellness Area, Live Local Entertainment, Farmer's Market, Kumquat Kids Corral, Kumquats, Kumquat Pie & Products, Quilt Challenge and our wonderful Sponsors. Admission is free, transportation from two satellite parking areas is free, city-owned public parking downtown is free too. Visit [kumquat.mychamberevent.com](http://kumquat.mychamberevent.com) to see a map of the Festival and vendors. **Directions to Dade City** — From Interstate 75 — east on Highway 52 to Downtown Dade City (on Festival Day - free satellite parking at the Pasco Fairgrounds on US Highway 52 coming into Dade City, free shuttle to the Festival) — From US Highway 301 — north or south follow into Downtown Dade City (on Festival Day - free satellite parking across from Jarrett Ford, free shuttle to the Festival) — From US Highway 301 — north or south follow into Downtown Dade City (on Festival Day - free satellite parking across from Jarrett Ford, free shuttle to the Festival). For more information, call 352-567-3769.

## Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Feb. 4, 1789, George Washington, the commander of the Continental Army, is unanimously elected the first president of the United States by all 69 presidential electors. John Adams of Massachusetts, who received 34 votes, was elected vice president.
- On Jan. 29, 1843, William McKinley, who will become the 25th American president, is born in Niles, Ohio. McKinley served in the White House when the U.S. automotive industry was in its infancy, and he was the first president to ride in an automobile, a Stanley Steamer.
- On Jan. 31, 1872, Zane Grey, author of "Riders of the Purple Sage," is born in Zanesville, Ohio. As a child, Grey sometimes got in fistfights with boys who teased him about his first name, Pearl. Grey later replaced it with his mother's maiden name, Zane.
- On Feb. 1, 1884, the first portion of the Oxford English Dictionary is published. It took more than 40 years until the full dictionary was complete — at over 400,000 words and phrases in 10 volumes — in April 1928.
- On Jan. 30, 1933, with a shout of "Hi-yo, Silver! Away!" The Lone Ranger debuts on radio. The naive creators had the Indian scout Tonto speaking in a comical Indian patois, uttering ludicrous phrases like "You betchum!"
- On Feb. 3, 1950, Klaus Fuchs, a German-born British scientist who helped develop the atomic bomb, is arrested in Great Britain for passing top-secret information about the bomb to the Soviet Union. The arrest of Fuchs led authorities to several other individuals, including Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who were subsequently executed.
- On Feb. 2, 1962, the first U.S. Air Force plane is lost in South Vietnam. The C-123 aircraft crashed while spraying an Agent Orange-like defoliant on a Viet Cong ambush site.



### SPRING HILL GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS SPRING FLOWERS

**TUESDAY, JAN. 23, 2018 1 TO 3 PM**

Peter and Annika Sangtangelo of Canterbury Farms Nursery in Hudson will discuss planting spring flowers. Meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, call 352-683-9933 or visit [www.naturecoastgardens.com](http://www.naturecoastgardens.com).

Forest Oaks Lutheran Church is located at 8555 Forest Oaks Blvd, Spring Hill.



### ANNUAL GREEK FESTIVAL

**FRIDAY, JAN. 26, 2018 11 AM TO 8 PM**

Three days offers taste of Greece! Indulge in delicious Greek food and pastries, watch traditional Greek folk dance performances and test your dancing expertise. Special features include a Kids' Village, cooking demonstrations, vendors, and more. Register early for the Toga 5K Run / Walk to be held on Saturday. *Hernando County Fairgrounds is located at 6436 Broad Street (US-41S) Brooksville, FL 34601*

### FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON

**SATURDAY, JAN. 20, 2018 1 PM TO 4 PM**

Presented by the Nature Coast Art League, enjoy the afternoon featuring fashions by Bon Worth, three jewelry makers, and shawls by Susan Lundsrom. There will be a 50/50 drawing, a Chinese auction for gift baskets, and door prizes. \$15 per person, includes luncheon Contact Ester at [apohl@juno.com](mailto:apohl@juno.com) | 412-722-5103 or visit [naturecoastartleague.com](http://naturecoastartleague.com)

St. Andrew's Ukrainian Church is located at 8064 Weeping Willow Street Brooksville

## THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

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...29 CENTS... 45...17... AND...  
I WISH HE COULD DO MY MATH TEST...  
Thank to J. SHERMAN, YONKERS, N.Y.

## BY AL SCADUTO

**BIG LIE #1,753—**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.. IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT YOU CAN RETURN IT FOR SOMETHING ELSE, ELP!E, DEAR...  
RETURN IT? I LOVE IT... OH, NO... I WOULDN'T THINK OF RETURNING IT, AUNT MIGRAINA...  
RI-I-I-GHT!  
Thank to M. CLANCY, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

**HOWCUM DEPT— THE SCHOOL SHOWERS... TURN ON THE HOT WATER AND IT FEELS LIKE IT CAME STRAIGHT FROM THE NORTH POLE...**

B-R-R-R... I-I-I-I-T'S FREE-E-ZIN!  
YEAH!  
Thank to W. RESNIK, CINCINNATI, OHIO

**BUT-TRY TO GET A DRINK OF COLD WATER...and ITS TEPID AQUA...**

C'MON! TAKE A DRINK O'WATER AWREADY!  
YE-E-E-C-K! THEY MUST PIPE THIS THRU THE FURNACE... AW-W-W-K...  
Thank to W. RESNIK, CINCINNATI, OHIO

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ...**

## Annual Heritage Day Festival

HERNANDO HISTORICAL MUSEUM ASSOC is hosting the 35th Annual Heritage Day Festival

WHEN: Saturday, February 24, 2018; 9:00AM - 4:00PM

WHERE: on the grounds of 66 & 70 Russell St, Brooksville, FL

Description: Vendors, Demonstrators, Chinese Auction & Bake Sale are Free to the Public along the Good Neighbor Trail. Entertainment will be in the Gazebo & Re-enactors will bring history to life! Tickets will also be available for Adults \$15.00 & Children (6-12)\$5.00 to visit FOR ONE DAY ONLY Historic Home Tours and our 3 Museums, The May-Stringer House, The 1885 Train Depot & The Countryman Family One Room Schoolhouse. The proud homeowners have painstakingly restored these gems and you will want to be a part of these amazing tours. Whether you are interested in historic architecture or interior design, these homes will satisfy your interests.

For vendors application OR additional information, please call 352-515-3054.

# Calendar of Events

# Movie Times

Jan. 19

**Auditions Upcoming for Peter Pan**  
 WHEN: Thursday, Friday, Jan. 19-20, 2018 6 to 8:30 p.m.  
 WHERE: Zephyrhills Alliance Church, 6251 Fort King Rd, Zephyrhills, FL 33542.  
 Description: Auditions for Arts in Motion's spring production of Peter Pan will be held in January. The cast will learn the full length Broadway version of the well-known musical under the direction of Capria Pichette. Music direction by Alison Graham. Performances are May 11-13 at Pasco Middle School. Children through 12th grade are invited to enroll and all who sign up will be offered a role. Pre-casting rehearsal and parents meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 18 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Auditions by appointment only on Friday, Jan. 19 and Saturday, Jan. 20. Pre-Casting Rehearsal and Auditions will be held at Zephyrhills Alliance Church, 6251 Fort King Rd, Zephyrhills, FL 33542. For more information call 1-352-834-1AIM (1246) or visit [www.ArtsInMotionPasco.org](http://www.ArtsInMotionPasco.org) / [Facebook.com/ArtsInMotionPasco](https://www.facebook.com/ArtsInMotionPasco).

**Florida Agriculture & Wildlife Expo**  
 WHEN: Fri, Jan. 19, 2018, 10am - Sun, January 21, 2018, 9pm  
 WHERE: Brooksville - Tampa Bay Regional Airport Runway Drive entrance (off US-41 S) Brooksville, Description: The mission of the Florida Agriculture and Wildlife Expo, Inc. is to educate and involve our guests by providing a first-class showcase of family-oriented programs that are innovative, entertaining, and fun for all ages. We aim to bring out the best in our youth and the traditions, values, and culture, of our generations through participation by all. We strive to:- Showcase Hernando County, and Florida state's finest agriculture, wildlife, arts, talent, and industry - Provide a safe and clean environment that is accessible to all - Create unique experiences for all ages - Be the center for all that is Florida, and Hernando County, our past, our present and our future. In addition, it is the goal of the Florida Agriculture and Wildlife Expo, Inc. to preserve and enhance the rich heritage of our agriculture and wildlife communities. We invite the communities, and visitors to attend and participate in a quality agriculture and wildlife expo experience whereby, agriculture, livestock, equestrian, and wildlife events, and exhibits are key components of the expo. Contact [fawexpo@gmail.com](mailto:fawexpo@gmail.com) / 352-585-0345 / [www.fawexpo.org](http://www.fawexpo.org)

Jan. 20

**Comedian Elliot Smith to perform at Aripeka Elks Club**  
 Elliott Smith, professional comedy magician will be performing his special brand of comedy magic on January 20, 2018 at 6:00pm at The Aripeka Elks, 9135 Denton Ave., Hudson, FL. Tickets are \$25.00 which includes hot hors d'oeuvres, dessert, coffee and show. Space is limited. Call 727-868-2994 to RSVP and get your tickets  
**Brooksville Garden Club Field Trip**  
 WHEN: January 20 at 11 AM, Field Trip to Spring Hill Botanical Gardens, 1489 Parker Ave. 34606. Call Diane, 727-418-6678 to car pool @ 10 AM. Does this club interest you? Call Jan, 352-799-4319 or Cathy, 585-6834..  
**Free concert to drive out hunger**  
 WHEN: Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018. 2 to 3 p.m.  
 WHERE: Spring Hill Branch, 9220 Spring Hill Dr., Spring Hill.  
 Description: The Hernando County Public Library invites the community to the free concert and food drive "Help us feed this hungrytown." Folk duo, Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson, otherwise known as the folk duo Hungrytown will perform. The duo has earned a reputation for the quality and authenticity of

their songwriting. Bring canned or other non-perishable food items, food-related gift certificates or pet food. Local charities People Helping People in Hernando County and the Humane Society of the Nature Coast will be in attendance to receive the donations at the end of the concert. Call (352) 754-4043 or visit [www.HernandoCountyLibrary.us](http://www.HernandoCountyLibrary.us) for more concert information. Follow @HernandoPublicLibrary on Facebook for event updates. Visit [www.hungrytown.net](http://www.hungrytown.net) to learn more about the duo.

**Fashion Show and Luncheon**  
 WHEN: Sat. Jan. 20, 2018, 1-4pm  
 WHERE: St. Andrew's Church, 8064 Weeping Willow Street Brooksville  
 Description: The fashion show and luncheon is presented by the Nature Coast Art League. Enjoy an afternoon featuring fashions by Bon Worth, three jewelry makers, and shawls by Susan Lundsrom. There will be a 50/50 drawing, a Chinese auction for gift baskets, and door prizes. \$15 per person, includes luncheon Contact Ester at [apohl@juno.com](mailto:apohl@juno.com) | 412-722-5103 or visit [naturecoastartleague.com](http://naturecoastartleague.com)

**Light Up the Night**  
 WHEN: Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018  
 WHERE: One Event - Two Locations 5K Run & 1M Walk - 4:30pm / Pasco Hernando State College Porter Campus. Presented By: David Maus Foundation  
 Concert Event - 6:00pm-8:00pm / The Shops at Wiregrass Upper Level Parking Structure, Wesley Chapel, FL, Wednesday, December 19, 2018 - The Pasco County Sheriff's Office, community businesses leaders, and concerned citizens are coming together for the 3rd annual Light Up the Night to focus a spotlight on Human Trafficking; the exploitation of human beings for commercial sex, forced labor or involuntary servitude. Human Trafficking is the second largest criminal enterprise worldwide, ranking only behind illegal drugs and netting billions of dollars annually, and it's happening right here in Pasco County. Light Up the Night will feature a 5K Race/Walk at Pasco Hernando State College Porter Campus, followed by LIVE music with Shalyah, Word of Life and Jennifer McGill "Unbreakable," as well as educational materials, vendors, a kid's zone and more! Located at The Shops at Wiregrass, upper level parking deck, this occasion is enjoyable for all ages. Sponsorships available. Proceeds to benefit six local nonprofits dedicated to the recovery of trafficked individuals. For more information visit [www.lightupthenighttampabay.com](http://www.lightupthenighttampabay.com) / >com <<http://www.lightupthenighttampabay.com>> to register for the race or for additional information.

Jan. 21

**38th Annual Brooksville Raid Reenactment**  
 WHEN: Sat, Jan. 20, 2018, 9:00am - Sun, January 21, 2018, 5:30pm  
 WHERE: Sand Hill Scout Reservation 11210 Cortez Blvd. Brooksville, Description: The event portrays the 1846 raid of federal troops into the interior as the Union forces attempted to destroy Confederate salt works. Activities include shopping on Suttler's Row, Battalion Drills, the Ladies' Tea, Brooksville Raid Battle Re-enactment, and Sunday at 1:30 is the Grand Review. Suggest bringing a chair for your comfort. The Raid is held the 3rd weekend in January every year. We have become the largest Civil War reenactment in Florida with over 1500 reenactors and their families. We have 28 cannons, 60 horses, and over 50 sutlers. The public is invited to tour, at no additional charge, the authentic confederate and union camps and actually see how they lived and what it was like during the Civil War. We expect around 60 sutlers (Vendors), so you can purchase any Civil War items you might want. We also have

kettle corn, old time root beer and you can't leave without having a FRY BREAD. All animals must be on a leash. Camps open: 9:00am with the Presentation of Colors. Adults, \$8; Youth age 6 - 12, \$4; under age 5, free; Boy Scouts in uniform, free. Contact 352-799-0129 / [www.brooksvilleraidreenactment.com](http://www.brooksvilleraidreenactment.com)

**Pigz in Z'Hills BBQ & Blues Fest**  
 WHEN: Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018 at 10:00-18:00  
 WHERE: 5200 Airport Rd., Zephyrhills 33542

BBQ & Blues features a friendly BBQ competition amidst a background of the blues music. Classic Cars. Kids Fun Zone. Shine & Swine Show, Aviation History Museum. aviation showcase includes static displays, drone demonstrations, and aviation culture exhibits. Festival goers can even pay \$75 to take ride in a classic airplane. The Ford Tri-Motor Airplane recalls the energy, passion, and excitement of the Roaring '20s. Known as the first luxury airliner, the Ford Tri-Motor redefined world travel and marked the beginning of commercial flight. Those flying are encouraged to bring cameras! A local skydiver will also jump in flying the American Flag as a special guest sings the National Anthem. Free admission. \$10 parking. No coolers or pets. Limited Seating - Bring Lawn Chairs.

**Ghost Tours**  
 WHEN: Sat, Jan. 20, 2018, 8-10pm  
 WHERE: May-Stringer Historical Museum, 601 Museum Court, Brooksville  
 Description: Legend has it that the 151-year old former residence of pioneer Frank Saxon is still inhabited by some of its residents, including three-year old Jessie May Saxon. Hand-held cameras and recording devices allowed. Tour is by reservation only, \$20.00 per person (cash only). Contact: To make a reservation, or for information, call 352-556-9571. [www.hernandohistoricalmuseumassoc.com](http://www.hernandohistoricalmuseumassoc.com).

Jan. 23

**Hernando Audubon Society Birding Trip to Jumping Gully Preserve**

WHEN: Tue, Jan. 23, 2018, 8am - 12pm  
 WHERE: 18812 Fishburne Drive in Pasco County  
 Description: At this 598-acre Pasco County Parks Department property, which is only open to the public by arrangement, expect to see waders, a few species of shorebirds and ducks, and numerous woodland birds. A 4x4 wheel drive/high clearance vehicle is recommended. Contact [bevalhansen@gmail.com](mailto:bevalhansen@gmail.com), 352-686-0460

**Spring Hill Garden Club Presents Spring Flowers**

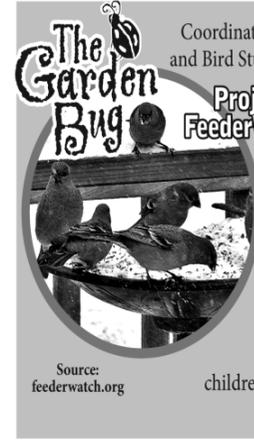
WHEN: Tue, Jan. 23, 2018, 1 - 3pm  
 WHERE: Forest Oaks Lutheran Church, 8555 Forest Oaks Blvd, Spring Hill,  
 Description: Peter and Annika Sangtangelo of Canterbury Farms Nursery in Hudson will discuss planting spring flowers. Meetings are free and open to the public. Contact 352-683-9933 or [www.naturecoastgardens.com](http://www.naturecoastgardens.com)

Jan. 27

**May's Prairie Hike at Chinsegut**

WHEN: Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, 10AM  
 WHERE: Chinsegut Conservation Center, 23212 Lake Lindsey Road, Brooksville,  
 Description: This guided hike will feature a history and information about May's Prairie within the Chinsegut Conservation WEA. Children will have an opportunity to net for specimens. The hike is approximately one mile total. Please dress appropriately with closed-toe shoes; suggest bringing sunscreen, insect repellent and water. Free; pre-registration is required. All ages 8 and up Contact Gina / [Gina.Phillower@myfwc.com](mailto:Gina.Phillower@myfwc.com) / 352-754-6722

**We did not receive movie times from Beacon Theater this week. We apologize for this inconvenience. Call them to complain!!**



Coordinated by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Bird Studies Canada, this winter-long survey tracks birds that visit feeders in backyards, nature centers and other locations in North America. Participants are sent research kits and instructions, then provide data to the project about the number and kinds of birds visiting their feeders. This helps scientists track bird populations and their movements, and changes in their wintering ranges. Anyone, even children, can apply to take part in this study.  
 - Brenda Weaver

Solution to Sudoku from p 18:

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

6	2	4	5	1	7	9	8	3
3	1	7	9	8	6	2	5	4
8	9	5	2	4	3	7	1	6
1	6	9	3	5	4	8	7	2
4	3	2	8	7	9	5	6	1
7	5	8	6	2	1	4	3	9
9	7	3	4	6	5	1	2	8
5	8	1	7	3	9	2	4	6
2	4	1	7	3	8	6	9	5

**Rain Barrel and Compost Workshop**

WHEN: Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, 10:30AM  
 WHERE: East Side Branch - Hernando County Library, 6457 Windmere Road, Brooksville, FL 34602  
 Description: Save energy and water, and divert waste into beneficial organic compost. Attend one or both of these informative one-hour classes to learn how to use a rain barrel and compost machine. Rain barrel class attendees receive a barrel; the optional compost machine is free to Hernando County residents attending the compost class. Attendance at the class is mandatory to receive the items. Hernando County Utilities customers will receive a \$25.00 credit on their utility bill for attending the workshop and installing a rain barrel at home. Pre-registration is required; register early as space fills quickly. \$50, and includes a new rain barrel -- and/or compost machine  
 Contact Lilly at [LillyB@co.hernando.fl.us](mailto:LillyB@co.hernando.fl.us) / 352-540-6230 / [hernandocounty.us](http://hernandocounty.us)

**Taste of Trinity**

WHEN: Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 WHERE: Seven Springs Middle School (2441 Little Rd) in New Port Richey  
 Description: This is a rescheduled event because of Hurricane Irma. Trinity's 9th Annual food tasting fundraiser promises lots of family fun along with stage music, bounce house and delicious food and desserts. There will also be a business expo. Proceeds to benefit Seven Springs Middle Schools in need of funds to purchase new technology for students. Hosted by the West Pasco Business Association and Seven Springs Middle School Parent Teacher Student organization. General admission is \$5 per person and a Family of Four Pack is \$15. For vendor information or to be a sponsor, contact Maria Johnson at

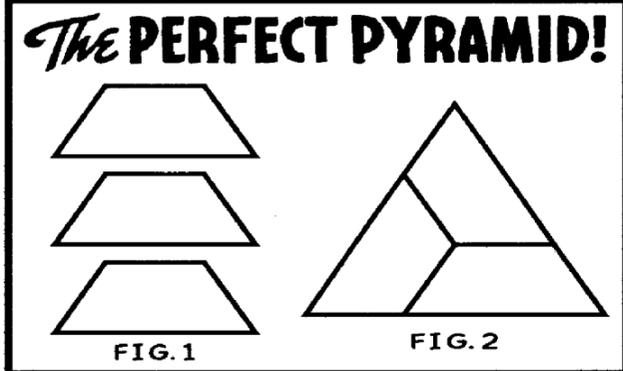
(727) 934-0940 or [maria@wpba.biz](mailto:maria@wpba.biz). Registration is also available at [www.wpba.biz](http://www.wpba.biz).

**Kumquat Festival**  
 WHEN: Jan. 27, 2018 @ 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WHERE: 7th Street and Meridian, Dade City, FL 33525  
 Description: The Annual Kumquat Festival in historic downtown Dade City is a unique, quaint and Old Florida family fun event. Visitors can enjoy all kinds of tasty kumquat treats, from kumquat pie to cookies, ice cream, marmalade, and even kumquat salsa. Listen to local entertainment, face painting, antique cars, and shop for arts and crafts. 400 vendors and 30 sponsors will be there offering Arts & Crafts, delicious food from local restaurants, food vendors and food trucks, car and truck show, health & wellness vendors, a farmer's market, kids area and a quilt challenge. Admission is free, transportation from two satellite parking areas is free as well as city-owned public parking downtown. For more information, contact Dade City Chamber of Commerce 352-567-3769 or (352) 424-0601 / Email: [mfloyd@dadecitychamber.org](mailto:mfloyd@dadecitychamber.org)

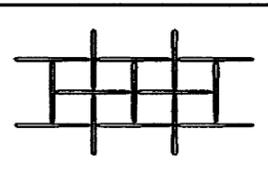
**Walking Sticks, Perry Oldenburg**

WHEN: Sun, Jan. 28, 8:00am - 9:30am  
 Where: Chinsegut Conservation Center, 23212 Lake Lindsey Rd, Brooksville, FL 34601  
 Description: This walking club will meet once a month to hike and learn about different Natural Areas in Florida and how FWC manages lands. This 2-mile hike will take place at the Perry Oldenburg Mitigation Park. This is a casual paced walk and the Center will provide a walking stick for members to borrow during hikes. Hikes will meet the last Sunday of each month. Limited to 15 hikers call (352) 754-6722 to register. Contact Joe Murphy at [Joe.Murphy@MyFWC.com](mailto:Joe.Murphy@MyFWC.com) / (352) 754-6722 / register



**THE PERFECT PYRAMID!** Cut out the three puzzle pieces in fig. 1 and challenge your friends to arrange them to form a perfect pyramid. The answer to this tricky triangle is shown in fig. 2.

**A CLEVER WAGER!** Place 15 toothpicks on the table and challenge your friends to arrange them so that they form eight squares, all of equal size. No square can be formed inside another, and no toothpick can overlap another or be broken. The solution is pictured to the right.



**FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE!** In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "WALLET." See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down. Time limit: 60 seconds.

W		A	M
A			E
L		E	
L		N	E
E			
T			



by Charles Barry Townsend

1.	A					S
2.		L				M
3.			P		E	
4.				H	L	
5.				B	A	
6.			O		B	
7.		R				E
8.	P					T

**FIND THE BIG WORDS!**

Using the definitions and the anagrams below, you must find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

- |                               |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>DEFINITION:</b>            | <b>ANAGRAM:</b> |
| 1. He had a foot problem.     | case + hill     |
| 2. A cluster of flowers.      | slob + moss     |
| 3. Devotees of modern jazz.   | rest + ship     |
| 4. Having no pity.            | hurl + sets     |
| 5. Eccentric people.          | sold + bald     |
| 6. An ancient weapon.         | sobs + crow     |
| 7. A racing fool.             | tars + dreg     |
| 8. A gradual discontinuation. | soup + heat     |

Answers: 1. Achilles. 2. Blossoms. 3. Hipsters. 4. Ruthless. 5. Oddballs. 6. Crossbow. 7. Dragster. 8. Phraseout.

Answers: (Across) Lam, alee, meet. (Down) Lawn, alee, meet.

help these wonderful pets find a forever home

# Your help is urgently needed to save Beau, Spuds and Roscoe

**ROSCOE (RIGHT)**  
 Kennel B18 D#10308575  
 "Roscoe" Terrier mix, tri colored, male-neutered, adult, original impound 10-18-2016, heartworm positive. Roscoe was adopted out back in April 2017 and returned 12-19-17. Unfortunately Roscoe was returned because his owner was no longer able to properly care for him. Roscoe has had a bumpy road, this is a dog that needs a consistent, reliable and safe home life. Roscoe wants to please and is trying very hard to tolerate the kennel, he's sad and showing some depression being back. This boy is ready for a forever home, a family that will work with him on obedience, someone to address his heartworm status/treatment, and a place to lay his head at night.



*These are dogs that have been at the shelter for a prolonged period. These dogs are no longer handling the stress of the kennel and need a home environment with structure and consistency. The shelter is beyond capacity and heart wrenching, tough decisions are going to have to be made. These dogs would make wonderful companions and loving family members. If you know of someone that is looking for a forever friend please send them our way. These dogs have been impounded into our shelter through no fault of their own. They all deserve a second chance at a family, home and happiness. Adoption fees have been reduced for Beau, Spuds and Roscoe. Please share these dogs to help us get the word out that they need homes and /or rescue commitments. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me at sfinch@co.hernando.fl.us*

Thank you,

**Shannon Finch, Shelter Coordinator**  
 Hernando County Animal Services 352-796-5062 EXT 11003

**ROSCOE IS ONE OF THE LONGTERM DOGS THAT MAY BE EUTHANIZED DUE TO SHELTER OVERCROWDING**



**TINSEL ADOPTED!**

Tinsel who came to the shelter very scared finally found a new family. Tinsel was also one of seven adoptable dogs that were categorized as urgent for placement due to shelter overcrowding and was in danger of euthanization.

**BUSTER ADOPTED!**

Buster was a long term resident of the shelter that was in danger of euthanization due to shelter overcrowding. Best wishes to Buster and his new family.



**LIFE IS GOOD FOR LILLY**

Lilly is set for adoption soon. She also has a back-up family that is interested in adopting her- just in case. Lilly was also one of seven adoptable dogs that were categorized as urgent for placement due to shelter overcrowding and was in danger of euthanization.

**BEAU (RIGHT) 10313147**

Beau has been trying to be patient in his kennel but he is becoming very stressed. Only getting out of your kennel for 20 minutes a few times a week is no way to live. He is now urgent. He is very hyper when he first gets out but after about 10 minutes he will calm down. He is jumpy but in a very friendly loving way. He loves people and wants to be loved in return. He seems like he would do best as an only dog... just means he wants to be spoiled by you! He loves laying in your lap and soaking up the sun. He will make someone a great best friend! Beau needs an angel! Please share Beau to save his life!



**BEAU IS ONE OF THE LONG TERM DOGS THAT MAY BE EUTHANIZED DUE TO SHELTER OVERCROWDING**



**BRUNO (LEFT)-**

10312734 Bruno got to spend his Saturday at Ridge Manor days event instead of a lonely cold kennel. He enjoyed his time out with the volunteers, kids, and meeting new people. He also enjoyed some extra snacks and hot dogs too! He loved all the attention. He wants to be a lap dog! He walks pretty well on leash and was very mild mannered. Enjoyed snuggling and hanging out with people. Bruno once had a good life and was loved but due to unfortunate events he found himself at the shelter. He was adopted briefly and was returned due to the new adopter becoming homeless. He's a really good dog who has been through a lot. Please help us get him back into a loving home where he will be loved forever! If you have other dogs please bring them to the shelter for a meet and greet.



**SPUDS**

Kennel B25 D# 10313308 "Spuds" Bull Terrier mix, black brindle and white, male, adult, impounded 11-6-17. Spuds has a lot of playful energy, enjoys his jolly ball and playing out in the Spree areas. He does not show well in his kennel which is why this handsome guy gets overlooked. Spuds is a smart boy and would benefit with obedience and training. This boy would do very well with an active family and a consistent routine. Someone that is a strong/experienced handler is recommended.

**SPUDS IS ONE OF THE LONG TERM DOGS THAT MAY BE EUTHANIZED DUE TO SHELTER OVERCROWDING**



**TAEJO ADOPTED!**

Your new family looks forward to bringing you home this week to run and play! Taejo was impounded 11/21/17 and was very scared. Staff and Volunteers were able to make him feel comfortable. He was on the urgent placement list and was in danger of euthanization.



**TOOTSIE**

I think we can call Tootsie a bit of a hoarder! She loves her tennis balls! She came to the shelter very frightened but is really starting to open up and she loves playing fetch! She actually does bring the ball back to you and if you're not paying attention she will just wait patiently for you to finish what you were doing. And she waits with the most adorable little grin! She seems to get along with other dogs but the shelter does always recommend a meet and greet. Come out today and play some ball with Tootsie!

**Volunteer Bob says..**

Yesterday at the shelter had a really good dog named Spuds out in the play area. He is a fun guy, he loves to play fetch and is lovable.

**Volunteer Jaclyn says...**

Spuds is a great dog. This bull terrier (target dog) mix is energetic and loves to play ball....he also loves the water! He's jumpy and barks in his kennel but it's his way of trying to get your attention. Once in the play yard he's a totally different dog, just so awesome and fun!!! He is strong on leash so he does need some leash work but he's really just a lovable guy! He has a beautiful, dark brindle coat and such a happy attitude!! Come meet him! Hernando Animal Services, 19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, FL 352-796-5062

# SPORTS

## COLLEGE from Page 1



Nature Coast offensive lineman Louis Miele, photo by Cheryl Clanton

record of 12-1 and lost to Green Cove Springs Clay in the region final.

The former prep grid-iron star made a commitment to Savannah State on the heels of his incredible 2015 campaign, but was charged with burglary in May, 2016 and saw his offer then rescinded. That left Smith with very limited options after his senior year of high school, but that's when Jones County Junior College came into the picture. Smith has spent the last two seasons playing for the Bobcats and the strong play on the field continued in Mississippi.

In Smith's freshman season with the Bobcats, the speedy back rushed for 211 yards on 35 carries and scored one touchdown. Smith also returned kicks for Jones County, totaling 582 yards between punt and kickoff returns. One of Smith's best games this past 2017 season was against East Central, in which the sophomore rushed for 66 yards and scored three touchdowns.

East Tennessee State University is coming off 4-7 season under the guidance of Buccaneers head coach Randy Sanders.

### Miele plays in International Bowl

Nature Coast offensive lineman Louis Miele played in the International Bowl IX, which took

place last weekend in Arlington, Texas at AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys. Miele helped anchor one of the top offensive lines in the Tampa Bay area this past season.

Miele, who is currently a senior at Nature Coast High School, was selected from over 10,000 athletes from around the nation to play in the game. The International Bowl IX's website says players have played from countries like Canada, Japan and Mexico. Miele was last offered by Warner University, which is located out of Polk County, back in December. The 6-foot-8 lineman has lined up an official visit with Northwest Oklahoma State University.

### Hernando running back Ygenio Booker signs with Tulane

With the early signing period, athletes can ink their name to the respective school they've committed to and Hernando running back Ygenio Booker did just that. The Leopards speedster made his commitment official and signed with Tulane during the winter break.

Booker had a strong 2017 season for Hernando, as the running back rushed for 421 yards and scored four touchdowns. Booker also caught 11 passes for 379 yards.



Hernando running back Ygenio Booker photo by Cheryl Clanton

### Jaguars rookie Leonard Fournette uninjured in car accident

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Jacksonville Jaguars running back Leonard Fournette escaped injury after he was involved in what authorities say was a minor three-car crash.

The team says the rookie's car was rear-ended about 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, and that he was not hurt. He was able to drive home after the crash.

The Jaguars also say Fournette signed the rear bumper of his 2017 Mercedes-Benz Maybach — it was knocked off in the wreck — and gave it to one of the first responders on the scene.

The Florida Highway Patrol says Fournette was not at fault in the crash.

Fournette and the Jaguars play at New England on Sunday in the AFC championship game.

Fournette ran for 109 yards and three touchdowns in Jacksonville's 45-42 victory at Pittsburgh last Sunday.

For more NFL coverage: <http://www.pro32.ap.org> and [http://www.twitter.com/AP\\_NFL](http://www.twitter.com/AP_NFL)

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### High School Sports Schedules Week 01/22/2018 thru 01/28/2018

Central High School Bears					
MON	01/22/18	BOYS V SOCCER	NATURE COAST	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
TUES	01/23/18	BOYS V SOCCER	RIDGEWOOD	AWAY	06:00:00 PM
TUES	01/23/18	GIRLS V BASKETBALL	LECANTO	AWAY	07:30:00 PM
TUES	01/23/18	BOYS V BASKETBALL	CITRUS	HOME	07:30:00 PM
WED	01/24/18	BOYS V WRESTLING	TRI MEET	AWAY	06:30:00 PM
WED	01/24/18	BOYS JV/V BASKETBALL	ANCLOTE	AWAY	7:30 - 9:30 PM
THURS	01/25/18	BOYS V SOCCER	HERNANDO	HOME	07:00:00 PM
FRI	01/26/18	BOYS V BASKETBALL	NATURE COAST	AWAY	07:30:00 PM
FRI	01/26/18	GIRLS V BASKETBALL	NATURE COAST	HOME	07:30:00 PM

Hernando High School Leopards					
MON	01/22/18	GIRLS V SOCCER	NATURE COAST 3A DISTRICT 7 TOURNAMENT QUARTFINAL	N/A	06:00:00 PM
MON	01/22/18	BOYS V SOCCER	LECANTO	AWAY	07:30:00 PM
TUES	01/23/18	GIRLS JV/V BASKETBALL	CRYSTAL RIVER	AWAY	6PM - 730PM
TUES	01/23/18	BOYS V BASKETBALL	CRYSTAL RIVER	HOME	07:30:00 PM
WED	01/24/18	GIRLS JV/V BASKETBALL	SPRINGSTEAD	HOME	6PM - 730PM
WED	01/24/18	BOYS V WRESTLING	TRI MEET	AWAY	06:30:00 PM
THURS	01/25/18	BOYS JV/V SOCCER	CRYSTAL RIVER	AWAY	7PM - 730PM
THURS	01/25/18	BOYS V BASKETBALL	SPRINGSTEAD	HOME	07:30:00 PM
FRI	01/26/18	BOYS V SOCCER	HERNANDO CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	AWAY	04:00:00 PM
FRI	01/26/18	BOYS JV/V BASKETBALL	WEEKI WACHEE	AWAY	6PM - 730PM
FRI	01/26/18	GIRLS JV/V BASKETBALL	WEEKI WACHEE	HOME	6PM - 730PM

Nature Coast Technical High School Sharks					
MON	01/22/18	GIRLS V SOCCER	HERNANDO 3A DISTRICT 7 TOURNAMENT QUARTER FINAL	N/A	06:00:00 PM
MON	01/22/18	BOYS V SOCCER	CENTRAL	HOME	07:00:00 PM
MON	01/22/18	GIRLS V BASKETBALL	SPORTS LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT	HOME	07:00:00 PM
TUES	01/23/18	GIRLS JV/V BASKETBALL	CITRUS	AWAY	6PM-730PM
TUES	01/23/18	BOYS V BASKETBALL	LECANTO	HOME	07:30:00 PM
WED	01/24/18	BOYS V SOCCER	LECANTO	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
FRI	01/26/18	GIRLS V BASKETBALL	CENTRAL	AWAY	07:30:00 PM
FRI	01/26/18	BOYS V BASKETBALL	CENTRAL	HOME	07:30:00 PM

F. W. Springstead High School Eagles					
TUES	01/23/18	BOYS JV/V BASKETBALL	WEEKI WACHEE	AWAY	6PM - 730PM
WED	01/24/18	GIRLS JV/V BASKETBALL	HERNANDO	AWAY	6PM - 730 PM
THURS	01/25/18	BOYS V BASKETBALL	HERNANDO	AWAY	07:30:00 PM
THURS	01/25/18	BOYS V SOCCER	FIVAY	AWAY	07:30:00 PM
FRI	01/26/18	GIRLS V SOCCER	ZEPHYRHILLS DISTRICT TOURNAMENT	HOME	6PM - 8PM

Weeki Wachee High School Hornets					
MON	01/22/18	GIRLS JV/V BASKETBALL	PALM HARBOR UNIVERSITY CLASS 8A	HOME	6PM-8PM
MON	01/22/18	BOYS V SOCCER	RIVERIDGE	HOME	07:00:00 PM
TUES	01/23/18	BOYS JV/V BASKETBALL	SPRINGSTEAD	HOME	6PM-730PM
WED	01/24/18	GIRLS V BASKETBALL	HUDSON	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
THURS	01/25/18	BOYS JV/V SOCCER	CRYSTAL RIVER	AWAY	6PM-8PM
THURS	01/25/18	GIRLS JV BASKETBALL	CLASSICAL PREP	HOME	06:00:00 PM
THURS	01/25/18	BOYS JV BASKETBALL	CLASSICAL PREP	HOME	07:00:00 PM
FRI	01/26/18	GIRLS JV/V BASKETBALL	HERNANDO	AWAY	6PM-8PM
FRI	01/26/18	BOYS JV/V BASKETBALL	HERNANDO	HOME	6PM-8PM

Hernando Christian Academy Lions					
MON	01/22/18	BOYS V BASKETBALL	PEPIN ACADEMY	HOME	06:00:00 PM
TUES	01/23/18	GIRLS V BASKETBALL	SEVEN RIVERS CHRISTIAN	AWAY	06:00:00 PM
TUES	01/23/18	BOYS V BASKETBALL	SEVEN RIVER CHRISTIAN	AWAY	07:30:00 PM
THURS	01/25/18	BOYS V SOCCER	ACADEMY AT THE LAKES	HOME	04:00:00 PM
THURS	01/25/18	GIRLS V BASKETBALL	BAYSHORE CHRISTIAN	HOME	06:00:00 PM
THURS	01/25/18	BOYS V BASKETBALL	BAYSHORE CHRISTIAN	HOME	07:30:00 PM
FRI	01/26/18	BOYS V SOCCER	HERNANDO	HOME	4PM-6PM
FRI	01/26/18	BOYS V SOCCER	LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN	HOME	4PM-6PM
FRI	01/26/18	BOYS V BASKETBALL	KEYSTONE PREP	HOME	06:30:00 PM

## Hernando Sportsmans Club Events Calendar

16121 Commercial Way, Brooksville, FL 34614  
Jan. 19 - 26, 2018

Friday	Saturday
19 OR, TRAP, SKEET & FIVE STAND 9-2  200 MTR CLOSED	20 OR, TRAP & SKEET 9-3  IDPA MATCH N BAYS 9AM 200 YD HI PWR 200 MTR 9AM  GUN CLASS 50 YD 9AM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21 OR, TRAP & SKEET 9-3 IHMSA & 22 RIFLE SILH 200 MTR 9AM FAST DRAW 9:30 AM PPC TWO GUN N BAYS 9AM 4-H PM TRAP & 50 YD	22 RANGE CLOSED	23 OR, TRAP SKEET & FIVE STAND 9-2  BULLSEYE 50 YD 9 AM IDPA PRACTICE N BAYS 6-8 PM COWBOY 9AM NIGHT OR & TRAP 5-9	24 OR, TRAP & SKEET 9-2  STEEL PRACTICE N BAYS 9AM  GUN SHOW TABLE SET UP 9AM	25 OR, TRAP & SKEET 9-2  HI PWR & MOD F PRACTICE 200 MTR 9-1 COWBOY N BAYS 9AM NIGHT OR & TRAP 5-9	26 OR, TRAP, SKEET & FIVE STAND 9-2  LONG BAY & 200 MTR CLOSED  GUN SHOW VENDOR SET UP 9AM - 6PM

# Weeki Wachee girls soccer ready for second half splash



Weeki Wachee's Reilley Bain photo by Cheryl Clanton

BY ANDY VILLAMARZO  
HERNANDO SUN

**WEEKI WACHEE** — It's been an interesting season for Weeki Wachee's girls soccer team, as the Hornets started off the 2017-2018 campaign having to battle through some unexpected injuries.

With injuries to sophomore Madison Aldrich and a slew of others, the Hornets were having to rely primarily on some of their role players off the bench to start off the season.

"It has been a unique situation," Weeki Wachee coach Danny Fierro said. "I've been here for four seasons and we've been battling the injury bug all year. Our two leading scorers started off with injuries, so we stumbled out of the gate in the beginning. You

never account for injuries. One of our better defenders, Madison Aldrich, is out for the year with a torn ACL."

The Hornets (11-10) are a team littered with sophomores on the roster, with 10 compared to just two seniors, and Fierro knew once the injury bug hit the team that many of the younger players would have to step up. Junior Lauren Mullen and sophomore Reilley Bain helped calm player's nerves from the sidelines after the slew of injuries hit the team.

Despite the injuries, the Hornets slowly got back into gear and have played some of their better soccer as of late. After starting the season with a 3-5 record, Weeki Wachee settled in and have gone 8-5 in its last 13 games.

"Lauren Mullen and

even Reilley (Bain) from the sidelines helped get everyone refocused and calm down," Fierro said. "We had a good run for awhile. We had some newbies up front. You never knew who was going to step up because we lost 70 percent of our scoring from last season. Trusting in substitutes and giving them more time was something that helped give the girls some confidence."

Now with the district tournament around the corner for Weeki Wachee, the team has its sights set on knocking off Pasco County powers Pasco and Wesley Chapel, whom the Hornets played tough against during the regular season. In the two games against Pasco, Weeki Wachee fell 8-0 in the first go around but stayed competitive the second time around in a 6-3 loss. Versus Wesley Chapel, Weeki Wachee played close in each of the losses, 2-1 and 3-1. The Class 3A, District 7 tournament starts next week.

"We didn't play as



well as I would've liked to against Pasco and Wesley Chapel," Fierro added. "We played better against Pasco the second time around. Both Wesley Chapel games were very close. But in the county, we've taken care of business. For the first time in a long time we're somewhat healthy now. We are one of the only teams in the district that have played Pasco well I think. A neutral game on a neutral field against Pasco, I really like our chances."

TOP RIGHT: Weeki Wachee Coach Danny Fierro  
BELOW: Weeki Wachee's Madison Aldrich  
photos by Cheryl Clanton

## Opal and the secret code

by Janie Lancaster

### Chapter Two: THE BIG STONE HOUSE

I must have fallen asleep. When I woke up the train was screeching to a halt and pulling into the station. I wasn't even fully awake when Pa grabbed the carpetbag and my hand. He pulled me down the aisle and then down the iron steps of the train. We weaved through the crowds of people until we came upon a wooden plank. We stumbled up the plank to where an old worn out buggy with two old horses to match waited for us to board. When we were seated, an old man with a scruffy gray beard snapped the reigns and we hobbled on down the road. I was glad the wagon had a cabin with doors—or me and Pa would have been bounced off that wagon for sure!

Soon the train station and the busy town and the houses that looked mostly stuck together were behind us. We traveled up a winding hill, under and around some mighty big trees and then the buggy finally stopped in front of a big stone house.

It was right then and there that I knew something was wrong. Pa had those anxious eyes and worried brow—a sure sign of something amiss. I tugged at Pa and looked him in the eye. He forced a smile and patted me on the head.

Pa said something to the man driving the buggy then took my hand and led me up the steps of the stone house.



Pa thumped the iron door knocker a couple of times before the huge heavy door opened to an entry way. When I saw the white walls and the long stairway it reminded me of the time Ma was very sick. She had to stay at a big house just like this one. I wasn't sick. Why had we come to this place?

I shivered and moved closer to Pa.

A tall woman with her hair clumped on the top of her head like a cinnamon bun walked toward me. She had a wide smile and long outstretched arms. I gave her a warning look and hid behind Pa. He bent down, kissed me on the forehead and motioned for me to go with the woman. I saw tears in Pa's eyes. Something was wrong! I threw my arms around his neck. I held on tight.

A man with a bushy mustache under his potato nose and a woman with spirals of red sticky-out hair and a freckled face helped the woman pull me away from Pa. I kicked and flailed my arms as they ducked my



wild blows. Then the tall woman plopped herself on the floor with me held down tight in her arms. I looked up.

Pa was gone!

I struggled with that woman until I finally collapsed and fell into a deep sleep.

*To Be Continued...*



### Opal and the Secret Code is a

Newspapers in Education Series which The Hernando Sun will carry throughout the remainder of the school year. The following are some questions for students relating to Chapter Two:

- What did Opal see along the way?
- What did Opal notice about Pa?
- Why was Opal afraid when she got to the stone house?

#### DID YOU KNOW...

People who are deaf are visually alert and are very observant about facial expressions and body language.

#### Opal & The Secret Code Lesson Plans Correlates to Common Core State Standards English Language Arts

##### Reading Understanding Details and Key Ideas:

- RL 2.1 Who – What – Where and Why (Questions and Answers)
- RL 2.2 Diverse Cultures – Lesson on Morals (Did You Know...)
- RL 3.3 How Characters Respond to Challenges and Major Events

##### Craft and Structure

- R 2.4, R 2.5 (Clues in words and Pictures/Author's Viewpoint)

##### Speaking and Listening – Comprehension – Collaboration

- Activities Section: SL 2.1, SL 2.2, SL 2.3, SL 2.4

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Literature and Informational Text Standards LAFS.1-4.RF.1.1.  
Comprehension – Collaboration LAFS.1-4.SL.1.1  
Craft and Structure LAFS.4.RI.2.5

## Contest an opportunity to express democracy through art

The Hernando County Supervisor of Elections (HCSOE) will be holding an art contest open to all students in Hernando County. This art contest will be an opportunity for students to express what democracy means to them while utilizing a creative medium. The top eight student entries will be displayed in the HCSOE offices for the duration of the 2018 General Election Cycle.

The HCSOE office will be working with the Hernando County Fine Arts Council to bring this contest to the students of Hernando County, along with Dr. Lori Romano, Superintendent of Schools in Hernando County.

"As educators, the mission to promote civic engagement is one of the most essential obligations we have to our students and to our nation. Student perspective is vital. We encourage all of our students to add their voice by participating in the Democracy Through Art contest. By doing so, not only will students contribute their viewpoint today but will, hopefully, inspire continued advocacy into adulthood," stated Dr. Lori Romano.

Students will first compete at the school level. The winners will then move on to the county level. Their entries will be judged and on display at the Annual Arts in the Park event (March 10-11). Two winners from each grade level category will receive an award and their artwork will be displayed at the Elections Office through Nov. 2018.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for students to portray what democracy looks like to them. Having community partners like the Hernando County School District and the Fine Arts Council have been beneficial in helping this program come to life. We are excited to see how students express democracy," stated Supervisor Anderson.

*If you are interested in learning more about this new program please call 352-754-4125.*

# BUSINESS & COMMUNITY

## BUSINESS & COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Crafters and Vendors Wanted

St. Joan of Arc Columbiettes Auxiliary #11317 is having a Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, March 10, 9am to 3pm. Crafters and vendors wanted. Tables: 8 feet - \$20. Will be held at St. Joan of Arc Parish Hall, 13485 Spring Hill Dr. Spring Hill. Contact Ellen at 352-515-0380 or ellenbjimenez@gmail.com for information and application.

### Sweet Adelines, looking for women who love to sing

Suncoast Harmony Chorus, Sweet Adelines, Intl is looking for women who love to sing. We have some great performance opportunities coming up this winter/spring – not to mention our competition in Daytona Beach in April. We are very interested in increasing our membership numbers. No formal voice training is required, all voice ranges are welcome. Singing 4-part harmony is a pleasure you deserve. Check us out, join the fun. Rehearsals every Tues. 7 PM at Salishan Gracious Retirement Living, 191 Astaire Ln., SH 34609. Further info call Cindy 352-597-4376.

### Free talk on osteoarthritis treatment

The Hernando County Public Library is hosting an educational talk on osteoarthritis at the Spring Hill Branch Library, located at 9220 Spring Hill Drive from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays:  
 \* February 3, 2018  
 \* March 3, 2018  
 \* April 7, 2018  
 Presenter Laura Morelli from Full Circle Orthopedics will inform the audience about the latest treatment options to date for osteoarthritis, including stem cell therapy and platelet rich plasma injections. Call (352) 754-4043 or visit www.HernandoCountyLibrary.us.

### 7th Annual United Way of Hernando Dementia Care Seminar

Jan. 24 9:30 am  
 St. Frances Cabrini Church Classrooms 9, 10 & 11; Free Memory Screening Rm 12  
 5030 Mariner Blvd.  
 Spring Hill, Florida

### Republican Liberty Caucus Meetings

The Republican Liberty Caucus of Hernando County meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month starting at 6:30 PM. The meeting will take place at the Press Box located at 7385 Spring Hill Dr, Spring Hill, FL 34606.

### (NARFE) Meeting Cancellation

NARFE Chapter 1322 holds its monthly meetings at the Marine Corps League Detachment 708 at 8405 Sunshine Grove Rd. Brooksville, Florida. We meet the third Friday of every month at 1:00 P.M. except for June – August. Our next meeting will be Feb. 16, 2018. There will be no meeting in January due to the NARFE District meeting. The District meeting will be held at the main library in Largo. It will be held on January 26, 2018 starting at 10:00 A.M. and ending at 4:00 P.M. Members are urged to attend the District meeting. As a group, NARFE supports legislation beneficial to current Federal employees and annuitants and opposes legislation contrary to their interests. We are always looking for new members. Contact Dennis Foley at 352-754-6160 or e-mail peacock1973@att.net for information.

## United Way announces 3rd Annual Kickball Tournament

BY HERNANDO SUN STAFF

Looking for a “kicking” good time? United Way of Hernando County is excited to announce their 3rd Annual Kickball Tournament, “KICK” Start to Early Literacy will be held at Anderson Snow Park on Feb. 17. Proceeds benefit United Way’s Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL) program, which supplies each Hernando child enrolled with a free book every month until the age of five.

“Studies show that a child’s first five years of life are when they develop the foundation of all future learning,” United Way of Hernando County’s Executive Director, Angie Bonfardino-Walasek announced during the

opening ceremony at last year’s tournament. “The books through the DPIL program are distributed at no cost to the families and pre-school children are enrolled regardless of their economic status. As this popular program continues to grow, so does Hernando’s waiting list and need for funding. That’s why United Way is on a constant mission to advocate and raise dollars to invest in these local programs.” Last year’s Annual Kickball Tournament allowed United Way to add an additional 200 children a month onto the program.

United Way is putting a twist on this year’s event and adding a “gently used” book drive to the mix in hopes of loading



up the Little Free Library (LFL) that United Way installed at Anderson Snow Park. This free book exchange stand is located at the playground and can be found stocked with books all year long. So bring your family, bring some books, and bring your appetite to enjoy this fun filled day

and community BBQ. The Fun Day will include: Bounce House, Prizes, A Book Drive, FREE Admission, Food, Entertainment, Raffles (Tickets to Disney World, The Florida Aquarium, The Dali Museum) Volunteer score keepers and referees are needed. Sign up to volunteer for

this Annual Kickball Tournament by visiting [www.UnitedWayHernando.org/Volunteer](http://www.UnitedWayHernando.org/Volunteer).

For more information visit, [www.UnitedWayHernando.org/Kickball](http://www.UnitedWayHernando.org/Kickball) or call the United Way office at 352-688-2026.

## POOCHES

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- Hound, such as Beagles and Bassets
- Non-sporting, such as Dalmatian and Boston Terrier
- Sporting, such as Cocker Spaniel and English Setter;
- Terrier, such as Miniature Schnauzer and Airedale Terrier;
- Toy, such as Chihuahua and Maltese
- Working, such as Alaskan Malamutes and Boxers

The winner in Best of Group advances until one dog is judged Best of Show for a particular day. Dogs can compete on more than one day and each time she wins

she accumulates points. Eventually, after accumulating enough points over a period of time, that dog will be declared a Grand Champion – a very prestigious honor.

Maverick, a Great Dane, is one such dog. The sleek, 140 pound, 2½ year-old has been competing for a year and is already a U.S. Grand Champion.

His handler, Jeff Brucker, who has been showing many different breeds for fifty-seven years is passionate about his work. For him, winning at events is more than just status for the dogs, owners and handlers.

Brucker states, “If you didn’t have dog shows you would have a lot more illness [among purebred dogs]. People would not go to all the lengths they do to get the dogs healthy, to keep the breeds looking the right way. We focus not just on the physical aspects, but also mental.

We’re always looking to improve the breed.”

One judge oversees and judges each round and makes the decision as to who is the winner. Therefore, the same dog can be eliminated one day, yet come back to win the next day with a different judge.

Lee Canalizo, a board member with the Pasco Kennel Club, is a retired judge. She served in this role for forty-three years.

Ms. Canalizo comments, “The best thing about being a judge was discovering a superior dog. It doesn’t happen all that often.”

Of course, preparing for a dog show is not just about the dog’s characteristics and performance. He has to look handsome and she has to look gorgeous. That’s where the professional groomers come in. Two tents were reserved for this purpose. Groomers washed, clipped, combed and blow-dried their clients to make them look their very best. Linda Guihen, a dog groomer from Kentucky was putting the finishing touches on Tino, a Shetland Sheep Dog from Oregon.

The health of the dogs is another big concern of the kennel clubs and the individual owners, breeders and handlers. For a fee, the owners can have their dogs thoroughly checked out for cardiology, eye or orthopedic issues. In this way, a licensed veterinarian will certify that the dog is suitable for breeding.

At the dog show there was as wide an assortment of people as there were canines. The ages ranged from children and seniors and the attendants came from as nearby as Hernando

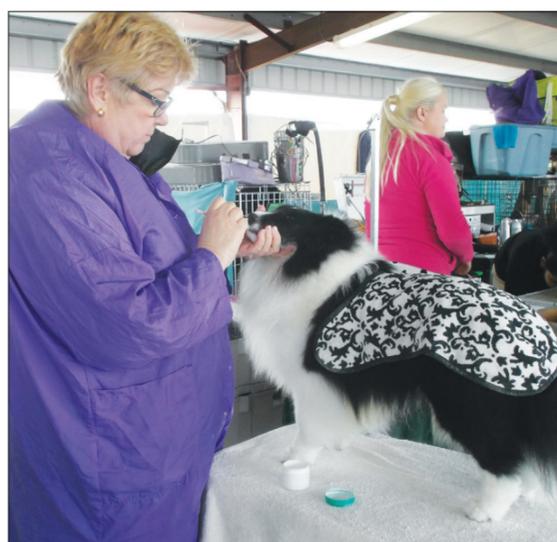


Handlers with French Bull Dogs (L-R) Kasey O’Brien & Lu Lu, Alyssa Beutler & Marsting, Jason Starr & Kylie. photo by Sarah Nachin

do County to as far away as South America.

Twenty-four-year-old Jeff Orcutt from Pennsylvania has been showing dogs for over ten years. He brought his Yellow Labrador Retriever. Bruce Insana and his wife own three Belgian Tervurens. Nine year-old Rugby accompanied them to this show and walked away with a Best of Breed.

Despite the dissimilarities in the participants (human and canine), everyone seemed to be having a good time in the competition, with the camaraderie of the event. All participants beamed with pride, in putting their best “paw” forward.



Groomer Linda Guihen with Tino, a Shetland Sheep Dog photo by Sarah Nachin



Handler Jeff Brucker with Maverick, a Great Dane photo by Sarah Nachin

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# Making Cane Syrup; the old-fashioned way

The Pioneer Florida Museum preserving old-time methods.

By SUE QUIGLEY  
HERNANDO SUN STAFF

On Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, Pioneer Florida Museum and Village in Dade City, hosted its popular Raising Cane event, featuring a cane-syrup-making demonstration with Steve Melton, a local farmer, and collector of antique agricultural machinery.

Melton, wearing his signature cowboy hat, likes to mix historical facts and funny personal stories during demonstrations. Volunteers and visitors alike learn how to make syrup the old-fashioned way using techniques that have been practiced for several hun-

dred years.

The museum's syrup mill is home to several examples of early grinders and a cooking kettle that dates back to the Civil War.

"There's a lot of history in this kettle.," said Charlie Kirksey, head of the museum's syrup operation. "Cane sugar syrup was the main source of sweetness for over a hundred years in small communities. It's important for us to preserve this old-time method."

Cane syrup was once a staple in a pioneer's diet and it still remains a sweet delight among lifelong Southern residents.

To start the process, volunteers fed cane stalks that had been



Steve Melton with David Ottersen from Painted Oaks Academy in Orange County, and his son Cameron taste the sugar cane after it has been crushed.

cut the day previously through a cane press — a bit like an old-fashioned mangle with two heavy iron rollers hooked up to a tractor engine. Once the cane was mashed, the juice was collected in a barrel and then poured into the kettle which was being heated up.

The kettle was soon bubbling with sugarcane juice which would then be boiled down to make the syrup — a process that can take four or five hours. The longer the syrup boiled, the thicker it became until the moment the concentrated liquid would quickly thicken into syrup.

A lot of impurities rise to the surface during the boiling process and it's removed with skimmers that look like long handled spoons.

Once the right consistency is reached, the contents of the kettle were quickly ladled out and filtered through muslin into jars. It looked like maple syrup but naturally thinner and not as sweet.

After the jars are labelled, the syrup is then taken to the Museum's gift shop to sell as a fundraiser.

Other special features in the Raising Cane event included a garden tractor pull in the early afternoon, handmade crafts, and traditional musicians.

The museum's next event will be the Farm Festival and Quilt Show on Feb. 3 and 4, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to the quilt show and competition, visitors



Bill Wire helps guide the sugar cane as it goes through the Chattanooga 44 cane press during the Raising Cane event at the Pioneer Museum in Dade City.



Once the sugar cane goes through crushing the juice is collected to boilers.

Photos by  
ALICE MARY  
HERDEN



Marcus Copeland feeds the cane crusher, a Chattanooga 44 cane press during the Raising Cane event at the Pioneer Museum in Dade City.

can enjoy a southern draft horse pull, live entertainment with The Barking Dogs, concessions and food trucks.. Saturday admission will be \$10 for adults, Sunday admission \$5 for adults. Children 5-12

either day \$5; children under 5 free.

The Pioneer Florida Museum is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving Florida's pioneer heritage. The museum is open

Tuesday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm. The museum is located one mile north of downtown Dade City, off of US 301 at 15602 Pioneer Museum Road.



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## HISTORY

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fired at us, see an enemy and when I did, I could only see their heads and arms peering out from the long grass, far and near, and from behind pine trees. The ground seemed to me an open pine barren, no hammock near that I could see. On our right, and a little to our rear, was a large pond of water some distance off. All around us were heavy pine trees, very open, particularly towards the left and abounding with long high grass. The first fire of the Indians was the most destructive, seemingly killing or disabling one half our men.

We promptly through ourselves behind trees, and opened a sharp fire of musketry. I for one, never fired without seeing my man, that is, his head and shoul-

ders -- the Indians chiefly fired lying or squatting in the grass. Lieutenant Bassinger fired five or six rounds of cannister from the cannon. This appeared to frighten the Indians, and they retreated over a little hill to our left, one half or three quarters of a mile off, after firing not more than 12 or 15 rounds. We immediately then began to fell trees, and erect a little triangular breastwork.

Some of us went forward to gather cartridge boxes from the dead, and to assist the wounded. I had seen Major Dade fall to the ground by the first volley, and his horse dashed into the midst of the enemy. Whilst gathering the cartridges I saw Lieutenant Mudge sitting with his back reclining against a tree -- his head fallen, and evidently dying. I spoke to

him, but he did not answer. The interpreter, Louis, it is said, fell by the first fire. (We have since learned that this fellow shammed death - that his life was afterwards spared through the intercession of the chief Jumper, and that being an educated negro, he read all the dispatches and letters that were found about the dead to the victors.)

We had barely raised our breastwork knee high, when we again saw the Indians advancing in great numbers over the hill to our left. They came on boldly till within a long musket shot, when they spread themselves from tree to tree to surround us. We immediately extended as Light Infantry, covering ourselves by the trees, and opening a brisk fire from cannon and musketry. The former I don't think could

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YMCA

**April 24 5:30 – 7 PM**  
YMCA

Contact: Sheri Chancey  
sheric@bbbstampabay.org  
352-410-4442

## Finding Your Inner Self as a Caregiver

If you're on pins and needles because of worry, stop it! You will always question yourself. Caregivers will forever panic about whether the job they're doing is adequate. Learn from your mistakes; this is not a science. All patients vary from one to another.

Taking care of a memory-impaired person is exhausting and emotionally draining. You'll know when you're about to hit the wall. Don't argue with yourself. Instead find a way to take a break or everything will start to overwhelm you. When you get a chance to get away, go, but try not to spend too much time alone. When I had time to escape, one of my main goals was to refrain from repeating myself 30 times a night. I looked for normal conversation, in which I was not required to answer the same question more than twice.

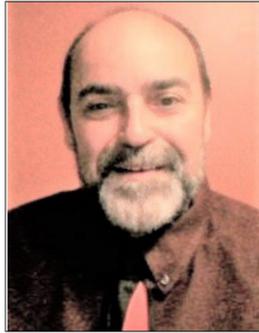
Caregivers will experience a dwindling effect on their social life. Because of my own school of hard knocks, I can tell you that my telephone practically stopped ringing. I was at the point where I was about to call "Ma Bell" to find out if I was having technical difficulties.

Be advised that friends from the past will eventually stop calling after their invitations to attend gatherings or evenings at the movies have been declined time and time again. Even well-meaning people can be put off by the mere fact that you cannot leave your loved one alone. Recently, a woman said to me, "Nobody realizes that sometimes it's like babysitting a 16-armed octopus. You can't leave them alone for a single minute."

The general population has never experienced the 24/7 hardships of caregiving so naturally they have no conception of the amount of sacrifices that must be made.

While taking care of your loved one you simply keep telling yourself that your old friends are just on hold. Now that some time has transpired after my father and mother's passing of dementia related diseases: I have discovered that only the most sincere and faithful friendships survived.

But, on the other hand, you may find an upside regarding the subject of human relationships and that is the befriending of new acquaintances who are fellow caregivers, people who are walking the same



Gary LeBlanc is a health columnist specializing in dementia care. He has authored over 350 articles on the subject and provides local caregiver workshops

path as you. The support and passion of these strong individuals may be more valuable and emboldening than the companions you knew from your past.

Social isolation is a high-risk factor for developing depression. This is just one of the reasons for you to remain somewhat socially active. Whether it's through internet chat rooms or staying in touch with friends on social media, phone calls, video chats or even the old fashion U.S. Mail, it is vital to have some form of communication with the outside world. I highly recommend trying a support group in your area.

When caring for my father, there would be times when I would suddenly realize that I hadn't left the property in a three-week period. A trip to the barber shop not only becomes a blessing but a major social event!

Learn to cherish the ones that lend you an ear, even if it's only for a couple of minutes. Keep an open mind to the unforeseen new friendships you may encounter. There is something special about socializing with a colleague that is in the same boat as you. Try not to worry about the friends that have slowly slipped away. This demanding journey of caregiving may guide your life into a totally different direction. The endurance and strength required is tremendous. You have to reach deep inside yourself and pull that endurance out. It's in there, believe me.

## Florida Cracker open in Jax

By HERNANDO SUN STAFF

A local favorite has expanded with the opening of a location in Jacksonville, FL. Florida Cracker Kitchen was the vision of brothers Ethan and Blair

Hensley. They opened the Brooksville restaurant in 2012. Since then it has become a favorite of locals with its delicious array of southern style favorites with their unique decor and eclectic charm. They

even created their own Florida Cracker brand which can be found in their store adjacent to the restaurant.

On Dec. 28, 2017 co-owner Blair Hensley said, "It's on like Donkey

Kong! I want to thank our staff in Brooksville for all of their hard work and Brooksville supporting our Family and dreams! We couldn't have done it without you! Guys we are open in Jax!" So if you're traveling to Jacksonville and pining for a taste of home, check out Florida Cracker Kitchen's Jacksonville location: 14329 Beach Blvd Jacksonville, Florida 32250.

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### CryptoQuote

answer  
Her hat is a creation that will never go out of style. It will look just as ridiculous year after year. — Fred Allen

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## 18 Ways to Improve Your Florida Yard in 2018

by Lilly Browning, Florida Friendly Landscaping Program Coordinator

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3. **Know how to research.** Google the subject you are researching, i.e., "vegetable gardening" and then write UF or IFAS after the subject line. This way, you will receive information from the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida (the College of Agriculture and our Land Grant University.) This information is research-based, peer-reviewed and nobody is selling you anything! If it is a fairly generic topic, and you can't find information from UF, write the subject and then "edu" after the subject. This way you will receive infor-

4. **Don't prune** away frost or freeze damaged plant material until the danger of frost has passed.
5. **Don't severely prune your crape myrtles.** It is one of those things everyone does because they see everyone else doing it. It is not good for the health of the tree. It will shorten the life of the tree. It also deprives the tree of a beautiful branch structure. If you only have space for a small tree, look for a dwarf variety.
6. **Don't apply weed and feed products to your lawn.** Weed control of spring weeds needs to be applied long before it is a good time to fertilize.
7. **Follow the Hernando County Fertilizer Ban.** Homeowners are not allowed to fertilize their lawn between January 1st - March 31st.
8. **Mow high.** Floratam and

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### Hernando County Computer Club Announcement

Beginning Jan. 22, 2018, the computer club will return to the Fellowship Hall of Grace Presbyterian Church, 8375 Spring Hill Drive, to conduct its monthly general meetings.

### Nature Coast Art League schedule changes

Nature Coast Art League announces change to general meeting schedule: Effective January 2018, the Nature Coast Art League will hold its monthly general meetings from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month (September to May) at The Spring Hill Community Center (The Lake House), 1202 Kenlake Avenue in Spring Hill. New members are welcome. Visit [www.naturecoastartleague.com](http://www.naturecoastartleague.com) to learn more about the club and discover the many opportunities to create that are offered. Call (352) 556-5640 or (352) 610-4643.

### Free Florida-Friendly Landscaping classes

The Hernando County Florida-Friendly Landscaping program offers classes year-round to help residents learn how to save time, money and water when maintaining their lawns and gardens. The schedule of classes : Free Class - The Good, the Bad and the Bugly

Residents are invited to attend a free class, "The Good, the Bad and the Bugly" on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018 at the Spring Hill Branch Library located at 9220 Spring Hill Drive at 10:30 a.m. The class will be presented by Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program Coordinator Lilly Browning. The old saying, "The only good bug is a dead bug" is simply not true. Of all Florida's insects, 99 percent are either beneficial or benign, not causing any problems. Learn how to discern some of the pests from the good guys who help us out in our landscape. No registration necessary.

### Free Class - Caring for and Watering Your Lawn the Right Way

Residents are invited to attend a free class, "Caring for and Watering Your Lawn the Right Way" on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at Hernando County Utilities located at 15365 Cortez Boulevard in Brooksville. The class will be presented by Urban Horticulture Extension Agent Dr. William Lester. Learn ways to reduce your water bill, keep your lawn healthier, how to use your irrigation system efficiently and best management practices for your Florida lawn. No registration necessary.



**LEGAL NOTICES**

**OBITUARIES**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 17000969CPAXMX

IN RE: ESTATE OF ENERY MENENDEZ, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of ENERY MENENDEZ, Deceased, whose date of death was August 15, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hernando County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 20 N. Main St., Brooksville, FL 34601. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is January 19, 2018.

/s/ Scott R. Bugay, Esquire  
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/s/ IRIS OQUEENDO  
Personal Representative  
(1/19/2018), (1/26/2018)

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION**

File No. 2017-CP-1333

IN RE: Estate of: CAROLYN J. SIMPSON, a/k/a CAROLYN COE SIMPSON Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of CAROLYN J. SIMPSON, a/k/a CAROLYN COE SIMPSON, deceased, File Number 2017-CP-1333, 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 names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this Notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE 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, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

IN NO EVENT SHALL ANY CLAIM BE FILED LATER THAN TWO YEARS AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is January 12, 2018.

Date of death of the decedent is: October 3, 2016.

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Attorney for Personal Representative

David B. Smitherman, Personal Representative  
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Clearwater, FL 33764  
(01/12/2018), (01/19/2018)

**Constructive Notice of Intent to Approve Use of Institutional Control**

**STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION**

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) gives notice that it proposes to approve a No Further Action Proposal with Institutional Controls and with Engineering and Institutional Controls and issue a Site Rehabilitation Completion Order with controls for a contaminated site. (PRSR) is seeking this order in reference to FDEP Site ID # 9815566, Blue Pelican Marina located at 5000 Caliente St., Hernando Beach, FL 34607 and intends to restrict exposure to contamination in the following manner: water use restrictions - no shallow water wells shall be used on the property.

Complete copies of the No Further Action Proposal, the proposed Institutional Control, a draft restrictive covenant restricting water use, etc., and the FDEP's preliminary evaluation are available for public inspection during normal business hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except legal holidays at FDEP offices located at 13051 N. Telecom Parkway, Suite 101, Temple Terrace, FL 33637.

Local governments with jurisdiction over the property subject to the Institutional Control, real property owner(s) of any property subject to the Institutional Control, and residents of any property subject to the Institutional Control have 30 days from publication of this notice to provide comments to the FDEP. Such comments must be sent to FDEP, Attn: Robert Sellers at 13051 N. Telecom Parkway, Suite 101, Temple Terrace, FL 33637; Robert.sellers@dep.state.florida.us.

(01/19/2018), (01/26/2018), (02/02/2018), (02/09/2018)

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION**

FILE NO. 17-CP-001035

IN RE: ESTATE OF ADNA MAE DALESSANDRO A/K/A ADNA M. DALESSANDRO DECEASED.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the Estate of Adna Mae Dalessandro, deceased, whose date of death was June 24, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hernando County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 20 N. Main Street, Brooksville, FL 34601. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court 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 January 12, 2018.

/s/ Frank J. Greco, Esquire  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE, GUARDIANSHIP, MENTAL HEALTH AND TRUST DIVISION**

CASE NO. 2017-CP-001209

IN RE: ESTATE OF HAROLD G. O'NEIL, JR Deceased,

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of Harold G. O'Neil, Jr., deceased, whose date of death was August 9, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hernando County, Florida, Probate Division, File Number 2017-CP-001209; the mailing address of which is 20 N. Main Street, Brooksville, FL 34601. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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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: January 12, 2018.

Attorney for Personal Representative  
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Personal Representative  
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(01/12/2018), (01/19/2018)

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION**

Case No.: 17-CP-001364

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: ROBERT LANDRY, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of ROBERT LANDRY, deceased, File Number 17-CP-001364, is pending in the Circuit Court of Hernando County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Hernando County Courthouse, 20 North Main Street, Brooksville, Florida 34601. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 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 JANUARY 12, 2018.

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Personal Representative  
MONETTE S. LANDRY aka  
MONETTE BONTIFFE-LANDRY  
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Clearwater, Florida 33765  
(01/12/2018), (01/19/2018)

Evans Theresa M., age 72 passed away on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. She is survived by her son Timothy. Src; Downing

Sweinberg Harry Robert, age 82, passed away on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. He was a U.S. Army Veteran. Harry is survived by his wife Barbara. Src; Downing

Lownsbury Timothy A., age 69, of Weeki Wachee, passed away on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. He was a United States Marine Corps.veteran. Timothy is survived by his wife: Judith; sons and daughter-in-law: Timothy (Dorianne), Brian; daughter and son-in-law: Bonnie (Richard); and 4 grandchildren. Src; Merritt

McCarthy Marvin Thomas, age 84, of Spring Hill, passed away on Wednesday, January 10, 2018. He was U.S. Navy veteran. Marvin is preceded in death by wife Ethel and daughter: Debra Miller. He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law: Mick (Nannie); Dave (Peggy); Kenneth (Jillian); daughter and son-in-law: Beth-Anne (Jonathan); 9 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Src; Merritt

Martinez George, age 73, of Spring Hill, passed away on Wednesday, January 10, 2018. Src; Merritt  
Allman Kenneth L., age

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR HERNANDO COUNTY Florida**

PROBATE DIVISION  
File Number: 2017-CP-001328-A

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Smith, Kathleen G. Deceased.

**Notice to Creditors**

The administration of the estate of Kathleen G. Smith deceased, File Number 2017-CP-001328 is pending in the Circuit Court for Hernando County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of the Court 20 N. Main St. Brooksville FL 34601 Attn: Probate Div. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is January 12, 2018.

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
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Fla. Bar # 89648

Personal Representative:  
Grace Sutkus-Wortman  
C/O Ronald Jones  
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Summerfield FL 34491  
(01/12/2018), (01/19/2018)

**ISABEL Q. SARMIENTO TRANER CARR**

Isabel Q. Sarmiento-Traner Carr left this earthly plane on Tuesday, January 9 after a brief illness. Isabel was born in Kansas City, June 23, 1924, moving to Memphis, TN in 1974, then Brooksville, FL in 2007. Interment in Memphis, TN. Full obituary available at www.kccremation.com.

91 of Brooksville, passed away on Wednesday, January 10, 2018. He is preceded in death by his wife, Mae and daughter, Virginia Kirkland. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law: Kenneth E. (Brenda); daughters: Patricia, and Cathy; 8 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. Src; Merritt

Belkola Gordon W., age 80 passed away on Wednesday, January 10, 2018. Gordon is survived by his wife Ilean, sons Randall, Mark and David, daughter Kristina, 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Src; Downing

Cauchon Mary T., age 92 passed away on Wednesday, January 10, 2018. She is survived by her husband Ernest, daughters Sheila and Janice, and 4 grandchildren. Src; Downing

Warden Richard P., age 87 of Brooksville passed away on Wednesday, January 10, 2018. He is survived by his wife, Josephine Warden, 4 children, Rick (Tori), Jeff (Donna), Gary (Brenda), and Sandy (Robert), 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Src; Brewer

Heisler Richard, age 71, of Spring Hill Passed away on Wednesday, January 10, 2018. Richard is predeceased by his parents; Oscar and Alice Heisler. He is survived by his wife; Joann Heisler, son; Zack(Charity), step-daughter; Patricia Miller, and 1 grandchild. Src; Brewer

**Ethel Gorman**



Former longtime Spring Hill resident Ethel Wright Gorman passed away peacefully from natural causes on December 23, 2017 in Alexandria, Virginia. She was born September 15, 1920 to Charles Howard Wright and Beatrice Elizabeth Mekeel Wright in Noxen, Pennsylvania. Ethel grew up near Harvey's Lake, PA and graduated as a registered nurse from Wilkes-Barre General Hospital (PA). In 1942, Ethel was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps (now the U.S. Air Force). During World War II Ethel served as a flight evacuation nurse ferrying severely wounded soldiers to military hospitals throughout the country.

In November 1945 she married USAF Captain G. Ansel Gorman at Maxwell Field in Montgomery, AL. They were married for 60 years. Ethel and Ansel moved to Spring Hill in 1980 where she served as a Presbyterian elder, docent at the Hernando County Historical Society's May Springer House, and charter member of the Hernando Beach Yacht Club.

She is survived by her two daughters, Patricia Gorman Canute of Herndon, VA and Virginia Gorman Turley of Falls Church, VA; 2 grandchildren, Erin Gorman Turley Hermann of Charlottesville, VA and Connor James Turley of Falls Church, VA; and, 8 nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held in Lansdowne, VA in the spring followed by inurnment with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

Richards, Louanna L., age 79, of Brooksville, passed away on Thursday, January 11, 2018. She is survived by her husband: Donald; sons: Donald and Dale Richards, 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Src; Merritt

Wellman Carl Edward, Jr., age 88, of Spring Hill, passed away on Thursday, January 11, 2018. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Carl is survived by his wife Irene; son and daughter-in-law: Mark (Tami); daughters and sons-in-law: Patricia (Richard); Cheryl (Edward); 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be at 11:00am, Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Deerfield Estates Clubhouse, 15471 Atwater Drive, Brooksville, FL 34604. Src; Merritt

Cone Dorothy Louise, age 87 of Brooksville passed away on Thursday, January 11, 2018. She is predeceased by her husband, Harold "Roy" Cone. She is survived by her sons, Gary and Greg Cone; and 1 granddaughter. Src; Brewer

Booth Gregory John, age 60, of Spring Hill, passed away on Thursday, January 11, 2018.

He is survived by his wife, Doreen; daughter, Shannon; and 2 grandchildren. Src; Brewer

Barsotti Victor P., age 87, of Brooksville, passed away on Friday, January 12, 2018. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Victor is survived by his wife Michele; his children and their spouses: Lawrence (Kathy); Laraine (Dennis); Dianne (Lou); Mabel; Victor II (Barbara); 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Src; Merritt

Longo Barbara Louise, passed away on Friday, January 12, 2018. Src; Turner

Ferrante Annette B., passed away on Friday, January 12, 2018. Src; Turner

**CALENDARS FOR ENRICHMENT CENTERS**

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

<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles 9:00-10:00 Chair Exercise 9-11 Share A Craft 9-12 Painting 9-4 SHINE by Appt Only Call 593-0705 12-3:00 Current Events 12:30-4 Canasta- Hand & Foot 1:00-Chewin' the Fat! 1-4:00 Painting	8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles 8:30-9:00 Weights & Squats 9:00-9:40 2 mile walk 9:40-10:00 Tai Chi 9-11 Share A Craft 11-12 Social Seniors 12-2 Book Discussion 1:00-Chewin' the Fat! 1-4:00 Scrabble 1-3 Deaf Services & FREE amplified Phone 6:30-8:30 TLC for Mom's	8-4 Cards, Board Games & Puzzles 9:00-10:00 Chair Exercise 10-2 Vocational Rehab 10-12 Ceramics 10-12 Mah-Jongg Lessons 1-4 Advanced Mah Jongg 1:00-Chewin' the Fat!	8-4 Cards, Board Games & Puzzles 8:30-9:00 Weights & Squats 9:00-9:40 2 mile walk 9:40-10:00 Tai Chi 9-11 Share A Craft 9-4 SHINE by Appt Only Call 593-0705 1:00-Chewin' the Fat! 6:30-8:30 Mom to Mom 7:00 Seven Hills Architectural Review Board	8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles 9:00-10:00 Chair Exercise 9-11 Share A Craft 10-11:30 Crochet Classes 10:30 Music with Gale 11:00 Birthday Club 12-1 Blood Pressure checks by Home Instead 1-4 Mah-Jongg 1-4 Canasta 1:00-Chewin' the Fat! 3-6:00 TLC for Mom's

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

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

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9-4 Cards & Board Games 9-4:00 Puzzles 9-30:1:00 VITA FREE Tax Preparation 10-2 Pinochle 1-3 Creative Art	9-4 Cards & Games 9-4 Puzzles 1:00 Alzheimer's Support Group by appointment	9-4 Cards & Board Games 9-4 Puzzles 10-2 Pinochle 11-1 SHINE-appointment only Call 593-0705	9-4 Cards & Games 9-4:00 Puzzles 10-4 American Red Cross 12:30-4 Nature Coast Basket Weavers	9-4 Cards & Board Games 9-4:00 Puzzles 9:30-1:00 VITA FREE Tax Preparation

MARRIAGES

- Ploehn Brian Wesley and Maiorini Sarah Dawn 1/10/18
- Shaver Chance Monroe and Grieves Shae Lynn 1/10/18
- Poole Eric Grant and Robinson Shawna Marie 1/11/18
- Jewell Albert Murray and Christian Audrey Elaine 1/11/18
- Cooper Aimee Nicole and Crisp Toby Roland 1/11/18
- Lauer Michael Ray and Raffle-Addamo Maria Enza 1/11/18
- Hedrick James Inman and Grover Harriett Louise 1/11/18
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- Miller Ryan Anthony Michael and Silvia Jennifer Nicole 1/12/18
- Gori Vincent Paul and Lichtenberg Sue Ann 1/12/18
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- Cook Austin Dereaus and Edwards Bailey Monica 1/16/18
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- Vankirk John Phillip and Holmes Sherry-Ann Marie 1/16/18
- Murphy Dalton James and Graham Savannah Lee 1/16/18
- Ingargiola Matthew James Anthony and Albarella Marissa Amanda 1/16/18

FUNNIES

LAFF - A - DAY



"A pair of your best wire cutters for my son, please."

GRIN THE BEAR IT



"Otis, I'd like to thank you for driving me into early retirement."

Out on a Limb



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Solution to Sudoku on page 9

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

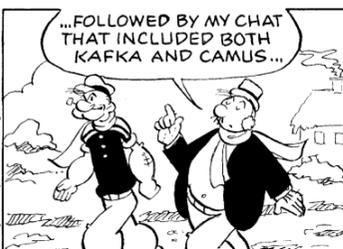
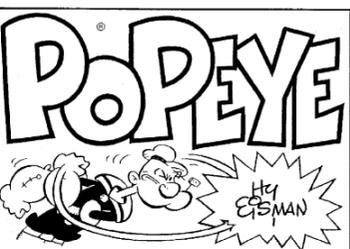
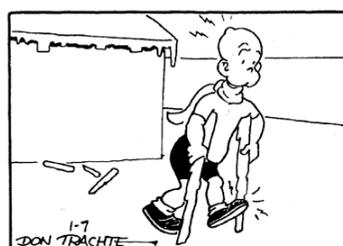
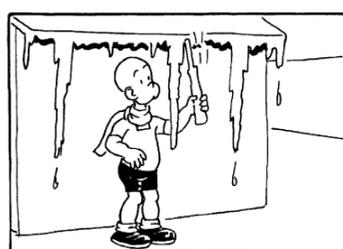
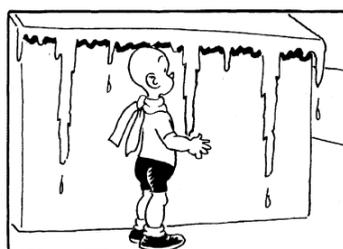
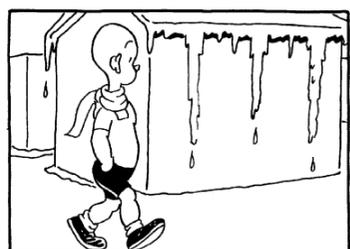
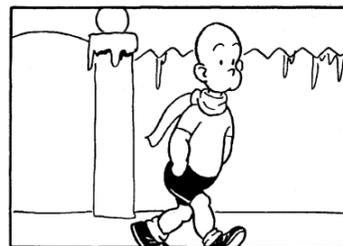
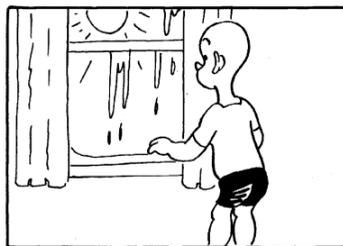
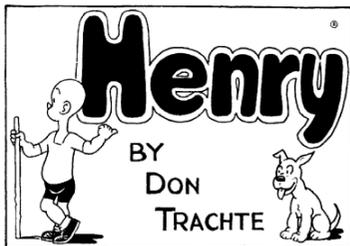
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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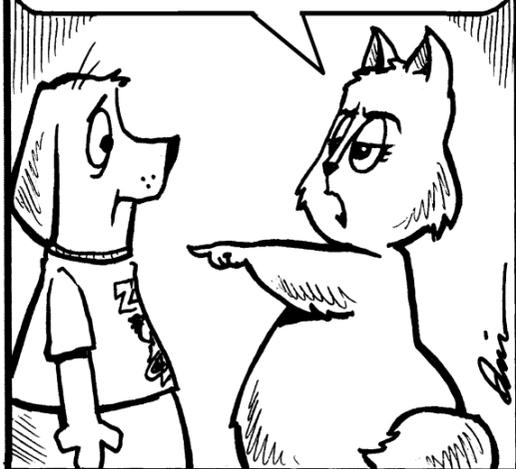
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

NO WAY! IT'S A CASUAL DINNER PARTY BUT YOU'RE NOT WEARING A CONCERT T-SHIRT. I DON'T CARE IF YOU IRONED IT.



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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

nant? Ai, Sardis, Gaza, Shiloh

5. What Old Testament word means "anointed"? Bishop, Messiah, Jehovah, Salvation

6. Ahasuerus was also known as ...? Noadiah, Agrippa, Joash, Xerxes

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Naomi; 3) Owed tithes; 4) Shiloh; 5) Messiah; 6) Xerxes

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1. Is the Book of 2 Timothy in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Ruth 1, who called herself Marah, a name meaning "bitter"? Priscilla, Miriam, Naomi, Deborah

3. What did Malachi say the people of Judah were stealing from God? Servants, Unrighteous miracles, Holy Grail, Owed tithes

4. Which was a city of Ephraim and home of the Ark of the Cove-

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

O God, You have taught me from my youth, and I still declare Your wondrous deeds. And even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare Your strength to this generation, your power to all who are to come.



PSALM 71:17,18

Detail of "Bearded Man" by Hubert Herkomer (1800s)

OPINION

# No personal pride — anything is good enough

by DOMENICK J. MAGLIO, PhD Traditional Realist



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young people. The appreciation of the work ethic and learning discipline that leads to producing an item of excellence is now seen as unnecessary and worthless.

“Just getting by” or “anything is good enough” attitudes are indicators of how far we have fallen as a competitive and vibrant society. In our present state we are accepting mediocrity and laziness as the new normal, which is very dangerous. It will lead to a great reliance on the nanny-state to bail out these non-productive, noncompetitive citizens.

Our public schools are more dedicated to appeasing parents and students than keeping high academic expectations and standards. Grade inflation and high student self esteem have replaced competition amongst students, teaching facts, the three R's and critical thinking. The few students who concentrate on their studies at home are ashamed to admit it, instead they deny expending any effort to get their high grades.

There are still Americans who have pride in everything they do whether it is their profession, craft, hobby or business. They are committed to their mission that has become an integral part of their identity. These people should be admired for their commitment to excellence not treated with disdain for their hard earned achievements.

When a person can examine his product and know it is as close to perfect as he can accomplish, it confirms his purpose to others. The creative quality production of a person increases self worth. It is another building block in developing the individual's life's legacy.

All Americans should be thankful that there are citizens who take pride in their work.

These incredible people comprise a small but powerful meritocracy of doing the best in everything they do. They are the perfect antidote to the “anything goes,” slacker movement of our current culture.

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In the past a person who did everything right and to the best of his ability through intense effort was said to have personal pride in his work. It was a complementary overall assessment of an individual's character. Besides it produced a feeling of gratitude in the person arising from creating something considered positive and laudable to themselves and others.

Values associated with a person with personal pride are honesty, dependability, quality of production and inner motivation to do the best in any and every endeavor. Pride has nothing to do with boasting about oneself, dubious deeds or being a snob.

The word “pride” in our traditional culture meant the best of a group or a class such as “this bull is the pride of the herd.” It showed the original positive connotation of the word “pride.” Having personal pride in doing one's best effort was considered a wonderful attribute for any individual.

This present connotation is a corruption of the word pride. In our current culture virtues that urge us to lead a quality moral lifestyle have been targeted and ridiculed until they have taken on a negative connotation. No longer is the word pride about how well you produce something of value, precision or beauty.

Instead pride has come to mean a cocky, conceited, self-centered, promoting braggart who uses his connections through networking and branding skills to gain a sales advantage. The quality of the product as well as the character of the person is less important than the immediate quarterly profit margin.

Our modern culture promotes a more direct and rapid road to economic success. The more someone brags about himself and his so-called successes the more respect he gets among the movers and shakers in the local Chamber of Commerce and with the elites in Washington, D. C. This type of interpersonal smoozing takes a lot of time and effort but may not result in a superior service or product and creates a short-term positive company image that deteriorates with age.

The connection with in-your-face self-importance has turned the positive meaning of pride upside down. It transformed the wonderful trait of a person consistently doing his best effort and the idea of work itself as something to be avoided. Work has become a dirty, four-letter word beneath the dignity of someone who is intelligent, charming or wealthy. Effort in any endeavor is for the non-privileged not for the elite who are supposedly endowed with incredible knowledge and wisdom.

Today in order to appear superior to others a person should hide or disguise his work ethic. It is cool to act effortless. Even the benefits of quality work have been called into question by college professors as nothing more than a sign of “white privilege.” According to social justice claims “meritocracy” is a means of keeping whites in power.

The personal satisfaction of doing a job well has been lost especially among the indoctrinated

# English is English, n'est-ce pas?

by Sue Quigley International Perspective

Actually, no. English, as a whole, appears to be a “language” that stands by itself but it's not a pure language. It has evolved over centuries from the many impacts of history and culture. It's a total hodge podge of Germanic, Norse, Latin and the Romance languages, including Italian and French.

And it's still evolving. English is now spoken in so many places around the world these days that there are bound to be differences, so should we consider American-English a dialect or a completely new language and declare it as America's official language? Language can be written in addition to being spoken, whereas a dialect is only spoken.

And should we consider Canadian-English also? It's more like British English, and keeps British word spellings like colour and centre but, like American, is a variety of English and has very distinctive differences in pronunciation and vocabulary. Canada also has its own dictionaries and the Canadian Press has its own style guide.

Britons, Canadians and Americans currently share a common vocabulary (as well as English speakers in 27 other countries) and even though it's spoken differently in each location, it's mostly understandable by both. However, there are still enough differences between the two versions that leave us wondering what

the heck are they talking about?

Sometimes it's a matter of pronunciation, other times it's a completely different word. For example, British people say “biscuit” — Americans call it a “cookie.” Brits use the word “chips” for what Americans call “French fries.” This has always puzzled me because fries originated in Belgium, not France. Apparently, French Fries evolved from American soldiers eating fries while in France. Similarly, the word “plonk” evolved from British soldiers stationed in France asking for cheap white wine called “blanc” in French. Canadians like to say “eh” and pronounce “ou” in words like “out” or “about” as “oot” and “about.”

So, what counts as English? The “English” spoken in America is not the English I know as a native of the United Kingdom.

There are so many differences in pronunciation, spelling, and vocabulary that exist between our two nations that can be confusing or just downright peculiar.

The person mainly responsible for those differences was Noah Webster (of Webster's American Dictionary of the English Language first published in 1828.) His reasoning was that Americans should be independent, not just politically, but also lexically. He seems to have succeeded.

It was he who eliminated the silent “u” in words like labour, vapour, behaviour, and saviour. So what

happened to “glamour?” Yet, the adjective becomes “glamorous?”

He also determined that the letter “s” should be changed to “z” in words like civilization, analyze and theorize. And the inversion of “r” and “e” in words like metre, fibre and litre.

I use the Oxford English Dictionary (OED) as my preferred choice for word meanings, spelling or tenses and more. First published in 1884, it's long been regarded as the authority on the English language, its meaning, history, and the pronunciation of English words — past and present.

Britain and America may share a language but there's a plethora of linguistic differences between our nations and lexicographers must have a hard time keeping pace with scores of new words entering our vocabulary each day.

The criteria for including a new word varies from dictionary to dictionary but generally if a word is being used in a certain for a long period of time, then it will be included. Maybe we shall see the word “misnomer” revised in American-English, as recently

used by President Donald Trump.

Some new words entered in 2017 are: glamping - luxury camping; binge-watch - to watch many or all episodes of a TV series in rapid succession; photobomb - sneaking in to the background of a photograph just as it's being taken; listicle - an article consisting of a series of items presented as a list; conlang - an invented language; Meh - from The Simpsons, means you're not bothered or impressed about something.

English is a living language that's constantly changing. It's up to us to keep up with its changes — new slang words, phrases, clichés, meanings and grammar. The only languages that don't change are dead languages, and that's only because no one speaks them anymore.

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Bahiagrass lawns should be mowed at 3-4 inches in height. Mowing lower than that negatively affects the health of the lawn.

**9. Choose healthy plants at the store!** We all like a bargain, but sometimes those unhappy looking plants on the discount rack may bring insects or diseases back to your other plants.

**10. Mulch.** Use a product such as pine bark, pine straw, leaves, melaleuca, eucalyptus, utility wood chips, etc. Florida-Friendly Landscaping doesn't recommend cypress mulch (for ethical, ecological reasons) nor rubber mulch. Use rocks in moderation, not as a whole-bed mulch material. Apply the mulch at 2-3 inches. Pull the mulch away from the trunk of the plants. Don't volcano-mulch around the plant!

**11. Follow the Hernando County Watering Restrictions.** We are under one-day-a-week watering restrictions. This applies to every homeowner in Hernando County. Including those who have wells, and those in the City of Brooksville.

**12. Test your irrigation system.** Are there any broken heads? Is it watering the sidewalk, driveway or street? Do you suspect any underground leaks? Repairing these situations will save a lot of water and a lot of money!

**13. Calibrate your irrigation system to apply ½ inch – ¾ inch of water per watering event.** Use small containers in which you have measured ½ inch. Place these containers randomly around each irrigation zone. Time how long it takes for that zone to fill the containers to ½ inch. Set that zone for that amount of time.

**14. Tidy up the yard.** Remove under-performing plants. Don't let your emotions rule your landscape! If your yard is starting to look like a dense jungle, it may be time to thin out and build your compost pile.

**15. Be aware of invasive exotic plants.** These plants, many of which are still sold in stores, become a problem by escaping cultivation and spreading into undeveloped areas. They crowd out the native vegetation and upset the eco-system.

**16. Harvest water.** Direct downspouts to empty into a plant bed or your lawn, not down the driveway. Install a rain garden and/or a rain barrel. These efforts keep

the water on your property, and stops it from becoming stormwater runoff. Stormwater runoff collects pollutants as it travels along, and takes them to our waterways.

**17. Spot-treat insect problems in your yard.** Don't broadcast spray and insecticide all over your whole yard. 99% of our insects are beneficial or benign. Wiping out every insect is counter-productive to a healthy landscape.

**18. Bring some life to your yard!** Planting native plants is a sure-fire way to attract butterflies, birds and other pollinators to your yard. Provide food, water and habitat. Provide a diversity of plant species and plant height and width. Limit the lawn. Eliminate or severely reduce pesticides. Provide a brush pile. Learn to love some (non-invasive) weeds. To learn more (and there is so much more to learn) contact Florida-Friendly Landscaping or County Extension for a list of upcoming classes and follow them on



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You're eager to take on that new opportunity opening up as January gives way to February. Now all you need to do is resist quitting too early. Do your best to stay with it.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Doff a bit of that careful, conservative outlook and let your brave Bovine self take a chance on meeting that new challenge. You could be surprised at how well you do.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You might not want to return to the more serious tasks facing you. But you know it's what you must do. Cheer up. Something more pleasant soon will occupy your time.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) As you dutifully tidy up your end-of-the-month tasks, your fun self emerges to urge you to do something special: A trip (or a cruise, maybe?) could be just what you need.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your achievements are admirable as you close out the month with a roar. Now you can treat yourself to some well-earned time off for fun with family or friends. (Or both!)

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Be sure you know the facts before you assume someone is holding back on your project. Try to open your mind before you give someone a piece of it.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You might feel comfortable in your familiar surroundings, but it might be time to venture into something new. There's a challenge out there that's just right for you.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your love of things that are new gets a big boost as you encounter a situation that opens up new and exciting vistas. How far you go with it depends on you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) That recent workplace shift might not seem to be paying off as you expected. But be patient. There are changes coming that could make a big difference.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) While few can match the Goat's fiscal wizardry, you still need to be wary in your dealings. There might be a problem you should know about sooner rather than later.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Easy does it when it comes to love and all the other good things in life. Don't try to force them to develop on your schedule. Best to let it happen naturally.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A surprise decision by someone you trust causes some stormy moments. But a frank discussion explains everything, and helps save a cherished relationship.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Sometimes you forget to take care of yourself, because you're so busy caring for others. But you wouldn't have it any other way.

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Nasty insect
- 5 Badly lit
- 8 Error
- 12 Chills and fever
- 13 Kreskin's claim
- 14 Docket entry
- 15 In reverie
- 17 Anger
- 18 Dine
- 19 Sternward
- 20 Dissuade
- 21 Firmament
- 22 Stop — dime
- 23 Augment
- 26 Firm
- 30 Needy
- 31 Hockey milieu
- 32 Concept
- 33 Get
- 35 Pry
- 36 Singer
- 37 Droop
- 38 Cut corners
- 41 Huge
- 42 Greek cross
- 45 Actress Gilpin
- 46 "... twilight's last —"
- 48 Privy to
- 49 Boxer
- 50 Pedestal occupant
- 51 Chinatown gang
- 52 Witness

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- 53 Say it ain't so
- 16 Shark variety
- 34 Mischievous one
- 20 Modern-day evidence
- 35 Long story
- 1 Test the waters
- 21 Like some video on the Web
- 37 Prolonged attack
- 2 City of India
- 22 Praise in verse
- 38 Skewer
- 3 Fat
- 23 Spring mo.
- 39 Gambling game
- 4 Pod denizen
- 24 Buck's mate
- 40 Press agent?
- 5 Treat as a god
- 25 One of the Seven Dwarfs
- 41 Sad
- 6 " — It
- 26 High card
- 42 Ocean motion
- 7 Gasoline stat
- 27 Commotion
- 43 In due time
- 8 Very conspicuous
- 28 Modern (Pref.)
- 44 Homely
- 9 Cafe au —
- 29 Spigot
- 46 Navig. aid
- 10 Capri, e.g.
- 31 Wall climber
- 47 Central
- 11 Equal

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# Honoring Martin Luther King Jr.'s Legacy

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The 2018 Brooksville MLK Parade



Hernando High School Band plays during the 2018 MLK Parade in Downtown Brooksville.



Part of the F.W. Springstead High School marching band



Members of the Women's March Central Gulf Coast Florida



Patrons gather candy and beads during the 2018 MLK Parade on Monday in Downtown Brooksville.



Staff from Early Learning Coalition of Pasco-Hernando hands out Martin Luther King Jr books to kids during the 2018 MLK Parade on Monday in Downtown Brooksville.

by SARAH NACHIN

Many people don't know that Martin Luther King Jr.'s birth name was Michael King, Jr. His father was so inspired by the life of the Protestant Reformation leader, Martin Luther, that in 1934 he changed his name and that of his son.

Martin Luther King, Jr. went on to become the leader of the civil rights movement in the United States, a great humanitarian and a recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. Each year on January 15, his birthday, we honor the man, his achievements and his legacy.

On Monday, January 15 a parade was held in downtown Brooksville to celebrate King's birthday. Annie Williams, former Hernando County Supervisor of Elections, served as Grand Marshal. There were thirty-nine entries in the parade, including floats, marching bands and dance performances. Participants threw candy to the eager crowd that

lined the streets. Members of the Early Learning Coalition of Pasco Hernando Counties handed out free copies of preschool books on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to children along the parade route.

One float, sponsored by Shea's Trucking and Transport was elaborately decorated to represent the agrarian heritage of local African-Americans. The participants wore cowboy outfits and a nineteenth century full-length dress. Part of the décor included kerosene lanterns, antique flat irons and a patchwork quilt. At the back of the float was a sign that said "We've come a long way, but we still marchin'."

Several political candidates, along with Sheriff Al Nienhuis and the mounted patrol of the Sheriff's department, county commissioners, school board and Brooksville city council members and fire department personnel were also involved in the parade. Members of the Women's March

Central Gulf Coast participated, along with ladies from the GFWC Historic Brooksville Women's Club.

A dancing troupe of twenty-three young ladies ages four to fourteen years-old performed hip-hop and jazz routines. Kimberly Waddy has been working with the group for three years and the girls do approximately seven performances a year. Many of these raise money for costumes and other expenses. The troupe also competes in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Orlando. Right now, the group consists of girls only, but boys are welcome to join.

"The purpose of our group is not just to teach dance but also to inspire the girls and motivate them to achieve," Ms. Waddy states.

Six high school marching bands performed, including Central High School, F.W. Springstead High School and Hernando High School.



Kimberly Waddy & her dance troupe



Float representing the agrarian past of the African-American community (L-R Mike & Rhonda Sesler, Frances Sims, Hazel Paulding, Cora Munford)

## CAPTION THIS !

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

**Editor's Note:** This photo reached a record 111,449 people on Facebook. There were A LOT of clever captions.

Helen McDonough: Recalculating...make your next possible U-turn

Nick Cherubino: "That bike isn't meant for off road. " "Hold my beer"

Jeese Lisk: You know your from Brooksville when you take your bike mudding.

Efrain Castro: As you see here in the concrete forest...a wild hog basks in the mud to stay warm during the winter cold months

Tyler Wayne: We added these saddle bags for greater stability when going off-road! Plus you don't have to put your kick stand down when it gets a little deeper than you thought!

Steven Bates: When you wish Harley made a dual sport so you could have fun like the sumo kids but still make fun of them for not having a real bike.

Jason Chapman: Not all

hogs like to play in the mud.

Chuck Rader: Most motorcycle problems are caused by the nut connecting the handlebars to the saddle.

Ste Gough: I thought I'd "Glide" Right through this stuff...

Jan Stutzer: Halfway to the kegger party, Bubba realized he had a problem...

Ryan Grumbly: Google maps said this was the fastest route

Matthew Chartier: Country roads don't always take you home...

Robert Greene: To quote the great wise rabbit... I knew I should have taken that left at Albuquerque

Todd Panzer: Last day of hunting and my truck was in the shop.....

Millie Lyons Batten: "You might be a redneck..."

Melissa Caratelli: Who said mudding is just for 4 wheels?

Mark Sudan: A metaphorical image of State of Georgia Football teams in the 2nd half of Championship games...

Robert Barnett: I have a sinking feeling we made a wrong turn.

Rhonda Curabba: Off Road-ing 101 drive the right vehicle

Ryan Smith David Attenborough: Here we are stalking a wild hog in its natural habitat. Playing in the mud!

Dianna Barber: Drive it like you stole it. Oh wait...you did!!

Mindi Shaw: Mud biking... Oh crap, My Brooksville roots are showing... Hey guys... I'm stuck!!!

Georgia Ann Sasser: I thought they said this was an Enduro bike.

Joe Gomez: And the seller told me it was a real hog!

Susan Kenney: This is why some roads are less traveled.

Ryan Hinrichs: Would of made it, if my old lady wasn't so fat

Brian Grove: Aaaand, we'll just make camp here.!

John-wesley Sims: When mudding is life but all you've got is a Harley

Charles Towery: "Harley Davidson unsuccessfully tests

off-road cruiser"

Brodie Jason Smith Anne Koler: Just because it sounds like a tractor doesn't mean it is one.

Uwe Scherruble: Had to stop and take a leak. Who needs a kickstand anyways

Chris Adams: Park in the mud so nobody will notice the oil leak

Cosmo D. Donato Sr. Well nobody will sit on it or bang into it..... it's safe

Hal Casey "I dont need no stinking center stand!"

Jancy Morgan Iron horse - not quite as versatile as a real horse! Oooops

William Hyde They said I could go anywhere with these tires. Boy I got taken for a ride!

