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Brooksville to disband police department

Will sign agreement with HCSO for law enforcement services

BY LISA MACNEIL
HERNANDO SUN STAFF WRITER

After months of debate, Brooksville City Council voted 4-1 at a special meeting on April 30,2018 to delegate law enforcement duties to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office (HCSO). The potential for disbanding the Brooksville Police Department (BPD) was realized last summer, when the city's budget revealed a large deficit. Council Member Natalie Kahler was the dissenting vote.

As in the previous meetings, citizens of Brooksville opened the meeting with their pleas to the council to keep BPD, and some spoke in support of HCSO providing the law enforcement. Brooksville resident Ramona Whitaker opened her comments by stating she has a "small town mentality." Whitaker, who spoke of her respect for both agencies, said, "If (Brooksville) closes its police department, it's going to lose a lot of its individuality and its personality." The fear of Brooksville losing its identity has been an issue with numerous city residents since discussions first began.

Interim BPD Chief Paul Sireci presented organization revisions within BPD that could possibly save the department. Without going too deeply into each, Sireci concentrated on three scenarios for streamlining personnel, with one organizational chart showing 16 full-time officers,

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Alison Pager semifinalist for Presidential Scholars Program

Only 31 scholars from Florida have been chosen as semifinalists

BY JULIE B. MAGLIO
HERNANDO SUN
STAFF WRITER

Alison Pager, a graduating senior at Hernando High School, is part of an elite group of students across the nation. She is one of 630 semifinalists for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. There are only 31 semifinalists from the state of Florida. There was an initial pool of 5300 student candidates from around the country.

2018 marks the 54th year of the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. Scholars are selected by their schools and school districts to compete for the honor on the basis of "superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in community and school activities." There are three categories for which nominations are given: academics, the arts and career/technical education fields.

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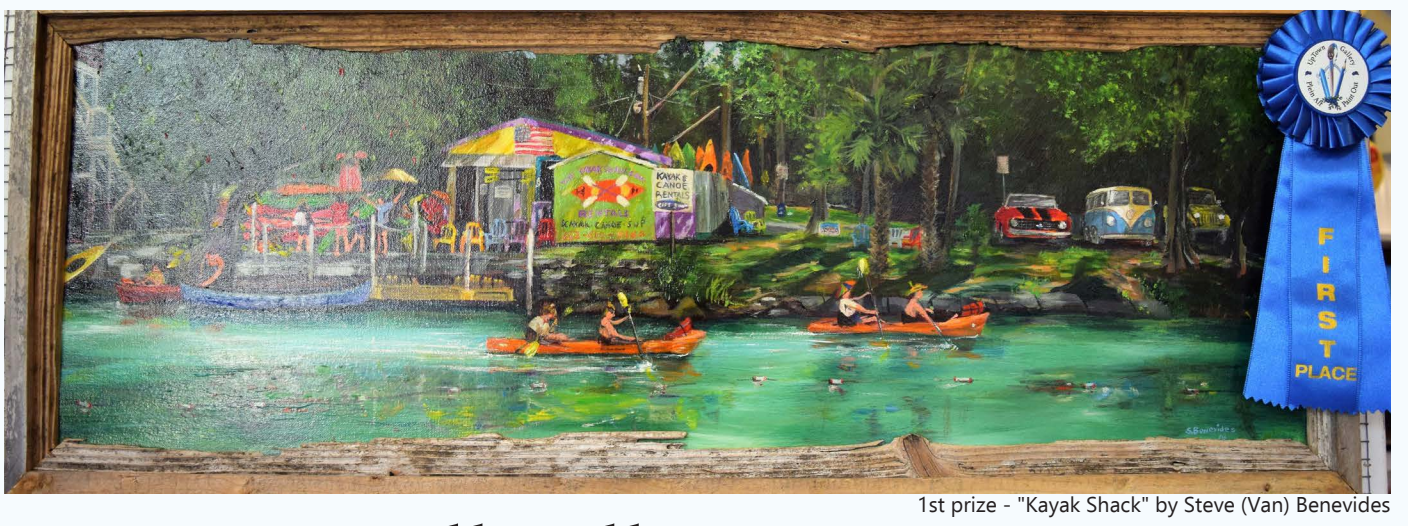

1st prize - "Kayak Shack" by Steve (Van) Benevides

City Hall gallery competition showcases plein air artists

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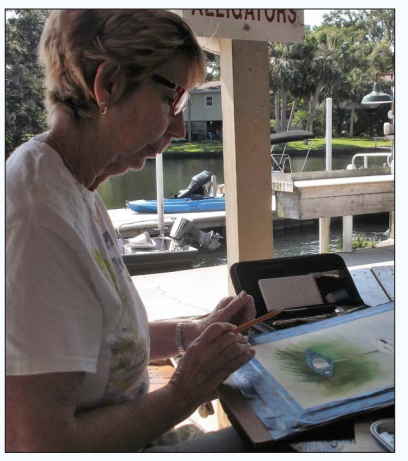

Below: Yolanda Barreto
Center: Brenda Glenny

SPORTS

Bleacher Talk, Play by Play: Softball District 6A-6 Championship Game

BY CHERYL CLANTON
HERNANDO SUN STAFF
PHOTOGRAPHY BY CHERYL CLANTON

The bleachers are filled to capacity on April 27, 2018 at the Stead. Fans are eager to see the 6A-6 District Softball Championship game between Springstead Eagles and Crystal River Pirates. Both teams came to battle it out for the win.

Pitcher for the Stead is Sr. Kayla Cruz and behind home plate is catcher Paige Pfent. A duo to be reckoned with. Let's Play Ball!!

1st inning, Crystal River gets a fly to left field, which is caught- 1 out. A line drive to 2nd baseman Madison Dicono caught and threw runner out on first, second out. Paige Pfent watches runner on

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Springstead celebrates the district championship win

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Opportunities to learn about candidates

Candidate Night hosted by Hernando County Democrats
Hernando County Democratic Party meets Wed, May 2nd with guest speaker Phil Levine Candidate for Governor, Dana Cottrell for Congress Dist. 11 and Nancy Makar for County Commission Dist. 4. at The Lake House, 1202 Kenlake Avenue in Spring Hill. Social 6:30 pm; 7pm. Also, a Mexican-themed dinner will be served at 6 pm for just $10 per person. RSVP to Gordon Carroll by 4/28. Call (563) 340-4625. Find us on Facebook at Hernando County Democrats and Democratic Club, email: HDEC19@tampabay.rr.com, or call 352 556-4812.

Nature Coast 912 Group Candidate Forum on Armed Forces Day
Date: May 19, 2018, 11:30 AM
Location:Praise Family Worship Center 17920 Meridian Blvd. Hudson, Fl
Guest Speakers : Charles D. Greenwell- Candidate for Hernando County Commission Dist 2; Catherine (Kay) A. Hatch- Hernando County School Board; Julius (Jules) Blazys - Candidate for Hernando School Board
Bring a Friend or Two - Member's please wear your Shirts. Visit us on FaceBook at: faceBook/Nature Coast 912 Group. All our meetings have an open door policy, so bring your family and friends. Coffee and cake will be served during the break.

Hernando County Democratic Club meets Wed. June 6th at The Lake House, 1202 Kenlake Ave, S.H. 6:30 pm mixer; 7 pm meeting. Featured speakers are Melissa Erickson of the Alliance for Public Schools along with Democratic candidates Colleen Kasperek for State Rep. Dist. 35 and Debbie Salvesen for County Commission Dist. 2. Meet the candidates, share your concerns.

Politics in the Park
July 18th, 5-9 pm at Nature Coast Technical HS Hosted by CETA and Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce- Politics in the Park is a forum/expo designed to help local candidates reach the residents of Hernando County and give them the opportunity to speak one on one in a family friendly atmosphere. A portion of the net proceeds will be donated to the Chamber Education Training Association (CETA).

Great Hernando Debate
Silverthorn Country Club
Aug 02 2018, 6-9pm
4550 Golf Club Ln, Spring Hill, FL 34609
Limited Seating

Gubernatorial Debates Prior to the Primary:

2018 Florida Gubernatorial Republican Primary Debate on June 28th - Fox News
6:30-7:30 p.m- Moderated by Bret Baier and Martha MacCallum

Televised Republican and Democratic primary debates on Aug. 1 and 2, 2018 from 7-8PM Eastern. South Florida CBS station WFOR/Channel 4 will produce the debates which will be held at the University of Miami's Maurice Gusman Concert Hall in front of a live studio audience of 600.

Emotions run high for Moton at school board meeting

by JULIE B. MAGLIO
HERNANDO SUN STAFF WRITER

"And you wouldn't think that a President of a statewide organization would get emotional. But I am. Because this is happening all across the state. And just because a law says you can do it, doesn't make it morally right. Right in the beginning of the testing season, we tell the teachers they are not coming back..."

- Joanne McCall, President of Florida Education Association

An emotional hour and a half discussion took place at the Hernando County School Board Regular Meeting on April 24, 2018 in the aftermath of the school district's firing of all Moton Elementary teachers.

Community members, teachers and parents an opportunity to voice their concerns about the district's recent actions. School board members expressed sympathy for the situation the hard working teachers are now facing. Superintendent Dr. Lori Romano delivered an explanation of her position and the reasons behind the difficult decision.

Here are some of the comments from the community. Many read prepared statements from Moton employees who were not comfortable revealing their identities.

Gregory Champagne read the following letter from a Moton employee who Champagne explained, believes "is not in her best interest to appear in person."

"We the staff at Moton were promised back in December help in the classroom. Never happened. Instead the campus was cleaned up. How does this help our struggling students? Students in the classroom are still struggling. Administrators came in and ruined the teachers. The teachers were evaluated by principals and assistant principals who didn't even know the teachers. More evaluations were given. Teachers never received these types of evaluations before. Teachers who were fantastic teachers for so many years were put on a PIP program. This is all insane. Teachers who wanted to leave in the middle of the year were not allowed to go. Why not, I ask? And now get rid of all these teachers, does this make sense? Absolutely not. Now tenured teachers are told which school to go to and annual contract teachers aren't even given a promise to be hired. This situation is all a complete mess. -signed a Moton Employee "

Susan Pribil of Brooksville, Middle School Director of Hernando Classroom Teachers Association (HCTA) has taught in this county for 32 years. She stated, "When I started here in 1985, I didn't intend to stay… what made me stay was the strong sense of family I felt. Not only from teachers at my school, but from teachers and administrators in the entire district. When you work at a school, the people you work with become your family..."

Pribil continued that in the past, she has appreciated a positive and supportive relationship with district administrators and board members. "I don't get the same warm feeling from district staff that I have had in the past." Citing the district motto: "We are Hernando, This place is our Home." Pribil asked, "Are the teachers and family at Moton not part of our district family? Is Hernando not their home as well?"

Joanne McCall from Tallahassee, FL the President of the Florida Education Association- which is the parent organization to the Hernando Classroom Teachers Association (a teachers union).

She remarked, "And you wouldn't think that a President of a statewide organization would get emotional. But I am. Because this is happening all across the state. And just because a law says you can do it, doesn't make it morally right. Right in the beginning of the testing season, we tell the teachers they are not coming back. Not just some. All of them are not coming back. What on Earth do you think that does to the student's psyche as they are trying to take their test? You're already telling them they are failing before they ever get their scores back. That's wrong… We should be taking care of our students.... We should wrap our arms around Moton. There are some simple things that are easy to do. First, you need an instructional leader in the principal. That means not an administrator, but somebody who has actually taught in the classroom and understands what it is to be in the classroom. Then you need to give the teachers the support that they need. Teachers are well trained, but they need the tools, the resources and the correct professional development to make things better. And then we need to involve the community and the parents. Students do best with a stable learning environment. That's the classroom teacher. The one who knows the students. The one who knows the parents… We should be making this a community school. You applied for a School of Hope grant. You received it in January. Use that money (to) assess the needs of where your scores are… It's simple mathematics… I implore you to

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Governor suspends Commissioner Nicholson effective immediately

HERNANDO SUN STAFF

Last week the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners agreed to ask the Governor to suspend Commissioner Nicholson during their regularly scheduled commission meeting on April 24. On April 26, Mr. Nicholson sent a letter to the Governor asking him to temporarily suspend him as of July 17.

In swift response to the separate letters from Mr. Nicholson and the county commissioners, Gov. Scott ordered Mr. Nicholson's immediate suspension on April 26, 2018. Here is Governor Scott's Executive Order:

" STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 18-121
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Nicholas William Nicholson (Nicholson) is currently serving as County Commissioner for District One of the Hernando Board of County Commissioners in Hernando County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2018, Nicholson was arrested based on an arrest warrant alleging that he committed the following offenses: two counts of purchasing the services of any person engaged in prostitution and one count of owning, maintaining, or operating any place, structure, building, or conveyance for the purpose of lewdness, assignation, or prostitution; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2018, Nicholson was charged by information with two counts of purchasing the services of any person engaged in prostitution and one count of owning, maintaining, or operating any place, structure, building, or conveyance for the purpose of lewdness, assignation, or prostitution; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 7, Florida Constitution, provides that the Governor may suspend from office any county officer for malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty, drunkenness, incompetence, permanent inability to perform official duties, or commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of Hernando County, and the citizens of the State of Florida, that Nicholson be immediately suspended from the public office he now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this executive order.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, Florida Constitution, Florida Statues, find as follows:

A. Nicholas William Nicholson is, and at all times material hereto was, serving as County Commissioner in and for Hernando County, Florida.

B. The office of County Commissioner for Hernando County, Florida, is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article N, Section 7, of the Florida Constitution.

C. On April 26, 2018, Nicholson was charged by information with two counts of purchasing the services of any person engaged in prostitution and one count of owning, maintaining, or operating any place, structure, building, or conveyance for the purpose of lewdness, assignation, or prostitution in violation of section 796.07, Florida Statutes,

D.Nicholson has committed malfeasance through the improper acts described above, as evidenced by the attached Information, which is incorporated as if fully stated in this Executive Order, necessitating his suspension from office.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued, effective immediately:

Section I. Nicholas William Nicholson is suspended from the public office that he now holds, to wit: County Commissioner, Hernando County, Florida.

Section 2. Nicholas William Nicholson is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from today, until a further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, this 26th day of April, 2018.

/s/
RICK SCOTT,
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
/s/
KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State "

Nicholson's term is up in 2020. There has been some rumor about the Governor making an appointment for the district 1 seat, but nothing has yet been resolved as of the writing of this article.

Commissioner Nicholas Nicholson
7468 Horse Lake Road
Brooksville, Florida 34601

April 25, 2018

Office of Governor Rick Scott, State of Florida
The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott:

In lite of my recent arrest and subsequent charges and until such time as a final decision is reached as to the disposition of my being a member of the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners, I feel compelled to request a temporary suspension from my duties as a County Commissioner. If possible, I am requesting the suspension to begin as of July 17, 2018.

I was involved in circumstances that have unduly caused embarrassment to my loved ones, my friends and colleagues and my community. In addition, I also feel you should know that I have already started serious counseling and am currently under the care of a Doctor. Please see the attached letter.

In short, until the issues are resolved, I do not wish to subject my beloved family, friends and Hernando County residents to the excruciating shame of the accusations and charges. Please know that I remain totally devoted to the "good" of Hernando County and the State of Florida and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Nicholas Nicholson

Mr. Nicholson sent the above letter to Gov. Scott on April 25, 2018. The next day Gov. Scott suspended Mr. Nicholson for malfeasance.

HCSO ARREST SUMMARIES

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

"I smoked all the marijuana I had before you got here and all I have left are these two roaches."

DAYE, KATRINA ANN
YOB: 1981
TATTOO: TRIBAL
CHARGES: POSS OF MARIJUANA, RESIST/OBSTR OFFICER W/O VIOL
Arrested at 04/26/2018 10:53 3440 PLAZA AVE, SPRING HILL
Arrest Summary: "On 4/26/18, I responded to the residence at 3440 Plaza Avenue and made contact with Deputy Groves in reference to a verbal disturbance.
I made contact with the defendant, Katrina Ann Daye, who witnessed the verbal disturbance that took place. I conducted an interview with the defendant in an enclosed structure located under the carport. While interviewing the defendant, I detected a strong odor of marijuana emitting from inside the structure. Where the defendant was sitting, I observed in plain view, two smoked marijuana cigarettes lying on a tray table. I advised the defendant that I smelled marijuana in which she replied, "I smoked all the marijuana I had before you got here and all I have left are these two roaches."
Another investigation was conducted on scene in reference to a subject, James Franciose, in the home who had an active warrant (Case 2018-12730). The defendant stated that she knew James had an active warrant, but he left the residence shortly after Deputy Groves and I arrived. After a search of the residence was completed, James was seen fleeing on foot in the backyard of the residence. A short foot pursuit ensued and James was later taken into custody for the active warrant. Due to the knowledge of the warrant and falsifying James's whereabouts, the defendant was charged accordingly.
The defendant was then detained and placed in the back of my agency issued patrol vehicle. Located in the defendant's actual possession, was 0.2 grams total of two green leafy substance cigarettes. The green leafy substances, were field tested and showed a positive indication for the presence of THC.
The defendant was placed under arrest and transported to the Hernando County Jail. The defendant was issued a court date of 05/16/2018 at 0900 hours in Courtroom B of the Hernando County Courthouse. The defendant is currently being held on a total bond of $2,000.00."

"I can't believe you are taking a 73 year old man to jail for sending some text messages to a woman."

WALTER, RICHARD LEROY
YOB: 1944
CHARGES: VIOL INJUNCTION PROTECTION DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Arrested at 04/28/2018 09:00 XXXX RAINTREE DR, BROOKSVILLE
Arrest Summary: "On 04-27-2018, I was contacted by the petitioner of injunction..., Sharon W. Sharon was able to provide a text message sent from the phone number of the defendant, Richard Walter. The text displayed the photo of a plastic storage unit that Sharon advised she used to keep shoes in, with a decorative birdcage placed on top. This text was sent on 04-27-2018 at 0738 hours.
Sharon also showed where she had two missed phone calls from Richard's phone number at 0822 and 1101 hours. At 1118 hours, Richard left a voicemail for Sharon, which I listened to in which he complained about their joint Verizon account.
The injunction was granted by the Honorable Judge Thomas Eineman on 04-04-2018 and is in effect until 06-28-2018. The injunction specifies no contact.
On 04-28-2017, I met with Richard at his residence. Present on the front porch was the plastic storage unit/ birdcage I observed in the text message the day prior. Richard verified his phone number for me, 352-573-8429, which is the phone number the text message, missed calls, and the voicemail were from. Richard denied contacting Sharon; however, while on scene he spontaneously uttered, "I can't believe you are taking a 73 year old man to jail for sending some text messages to a woman."
Richard was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center without incident and held on a no bond status, due to violating an injunction for protection against domestic violence."

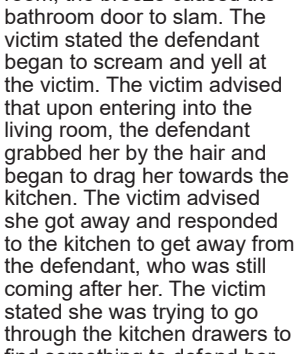
"I knew it was meth" and "I was just trying to get rid of it".

BROZIK, ANTHONY P
YOB: 1994
TATTOO: SEMPER FISH UPPER LT ARM
CHARGES: POSS OF METH-AMPHETAMINE, TAMPER PHYS EVID/ALT/DEST/ CONC, RESIST/OBSTR OFFICER W/O VIOL
Arrested at 04/28/2018 02:21 6009 PIEDMONT DR, SPRING HILL
Arrest Summary: "To wit: On 04-28-2018 the defendant, identified to be Anthony Brozik, contact the Hernando County Sheriff's Office to report an alleged residential burglary at his friends residence located at 6009 Piedmont Drive.
While on scene, the defendant, who was explaining what happened, made a spontaneous statement that the individuals responsible for this were "hiding under the cars" and that a group of them were "waiting down the street staring at us". At this time, I was unable to see what the defendant was seeing and requested a form of identification.
The defendant then took out his wallet, at which point an unknown clear baggie fell from the defendant's possession and onto the ground which appeared to contain an unknown crystal like substance, consistent with being Methamphetamine. When asked what that was, the defendant concealed the item under his foot and said "I don't know".
I then attempted to place the defendant into custody until the baggie could be identified, however the defendant stepped forward in an aggressive manor, yelled "f*ck" and attempted to stomp on the baggie. A brief physical confrontation occurred and the defendant was taken to the ground and detained.
The defendant then made the spontaneous statement, "I knew it was meth" and "I was just trying to get rid of it".
The baggie and its contents were recovered and later field tested positive for Methamphetamine with a total weight of 0.9 grams. Contact was later made with the homeowner who confirmed no residential burglary occurred and that the defendant may be "tripping".
The defendant was then advised he was being charged with count 1: Possession of Methamphetamine, count 2: Evidence tampering, and count 3: resisting without violence. The defendant was then transported to the Hernando County Jail.
Once at the jail, the defendant was advised of his court date on 5-21-2018 at 8:30 AM in court room E. The defendant was then issued a $2,000.00 bond for count 1, a $2,000.00 bond for count 2, and a $1,000.00 bond for count 3."

A consensual search of her purse revealed two small plastic baggies

DEOLIVEIRA, BIANCA
YOB: 1993
CHARGES: POSS OF METH-AMPHETAMINE
Arrested at 04/28/2018 12:15 XXXX AMBERJACK DR, HERNANDO BEACH
Arrest Summary: "During the investigation of a residential burglary, the defendant was encountered walking away from the residence with her boyfriend while I was in route to the scene. The defendant had been residing on the bottom level floor of the residence located at XXXX Amberjack Drive, Hernando Beach, Hernando County. She moved out of the residence approximately two months prior.
A consensual search of her purse revealed two small plastic baggies inside that contained a white powdery residue. Both baggies were field tested and yielded a positive result for methamphetamine. The amount contained was a trace amount and could not be weighed.
The defendant was transported to the Hernando County Jail where she is being held on a total $2,000.00 bond per the bond schedule. She was issued a court date of 5/21/2018 at 0830 hours in Courtroom E."

Used a bar stool to "block himself" from her and used the bar stool to nudge her away from him



WALN, JASON LEE
YOB: 1971
TATTOOS: ON BOTH ARMS
ALIAS: CANNONBALL
CHARGES: DOMESTIC BATTERY
Arrested at 04/29/2018 23:32 958 COBBLESTONE DR, SPRING HILL
Arrest Summary: "On 04/29/2018, I was dispatched to 958 Cobblestone Dr, Spring Hill, FL 34606 in reference to a Battery.
Upon arrival, contact was made with the defendant, Jason Waln. The defendant advised that he was woken up by the victim, Krystal, who is his live in girlfriend of many years. The defendant advised Krystal was screaming and slamming doors. The defendant stated he tried to speak with Krystal but she continued to scream and yell. The defendant advised he followed the victim into the kitchen, when the victim grabbed a knife and pointed it at him. The defendant stated he used a bar stool to "block himself" from Krystal and used the bar stool to nudge Krystal away from him. The defendant advised he put the bar stool down and "grabbed the victim's shoulders" to talk with her. The defendant advised the victim walked away from him and contacted law enforcement.
Writer then made contact with the victim. The victim advised that they leave the doors in the residence open so that a breeze passes through the house and while in the bathroom, the breeze caused the bathroom door to slam. The victim stated the defendant began to scream and yell at the victim. The victim advised that upon entering into the living room, the defendant grabbed her by the hair and began to drag her towards the kitchen. The victim advised she got away and responded to the kitchen to get away from the defendant, who was still coming after her. The victim stated she was trying to go through the kitchen drawers to find something to defend herself with, which was evident by a kitchen drawer being on the ground and utensils scattered around. The victim advised she got away from the defendant and contacted law enforcement.
Contact was re-established with the defendant who was placed under arrest and transported to the Hernando County Jail without incident.
A check of the defendant's criminal history revealed the defendant was arrested on a prior Battery and was found guilty on 01/24/2005; thus, writer increased the degree of the charge. The defendant was given a court date of 05/21/2018, in Courtroom "E" at 0830 hours, and no bond, due to the offense being domestic in nature."

LOCAL GOV & EDUCATION MEETINGS

HC Community Redevelopment Agency
Regular Meeting
5/8/2018 12:00 AM
Government Center
John Law Ayers Room
20 N. Main Street
BKSVL

Board of County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
5/8/2018 9:00 AM
Government Center
John Law Ayers Room
20 N. Main Street
Brooksville, FL 34601

Planning and Zoning Commission
Regular Meeting
5/14/2018 9:00 AM
Government Center
John Law Ayers Room
20 N. Main Street
Brooksville, FL 34601

Metropolitan Planning Organization
Regular Meeting
5/15/2018 1:00 PM
Government Center
John Law Ayers Room
20 N. Main Street
Brooksville, FL 34601

HCSO Media Alert: student arrested for threatening to "shoot up" school

On 04-25-18, the School Resource Deputy at Hernando High School, Bill Pope, received information from two students that another student was making threats to commit a shooting at the school on the next day.

Both students provided Deputy Pope with text messages, sent by the suspect student, which stated his intentions.

Deputies and detectives immediately launched an investigation.

The suspect student, identified as James Fletcher Dampier Jr., was currently suspended from school for another matter. Detectives made various attempts to locate Dampier and/or a parent or guardian, meeting with negative results.

Crime Analysts developed leads on a possible location where Dampier may be staying. Detectives responded to that location and located Dampier.

When Detective Shawn Galarza made contact with Dampier, Dampier admitted to sending the text messages to the other students. Dampier was taken into custody immediately.

Upon further questioning, Dampier told Galarza that he did write the text messages and did intend to carry out the threats. Dampier told Galarza that he did not have a firearm, or immediate access to one, but was going to try to borrow one from a neighbor or purchase one from a store.

Dampier went on to tell Galarza that once he obtained a firearm, he was going to Hernando High School to "shoot anyone who pissed me off..."

Dampier knew that what he was texting and what he planned to do was wrong, but was so upset, he just wanted to hurt people.

James Fletcher Dampier Jr. W/M DOB/08-09-2000 was placed under arrest and transported to the Hernando County Detention Center. Dampier was later transported to the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) in Ocala, where he remains.

Dampier is charged as follows:

- Written Threats to Kill or Injure (two counts).

Sheriff Al Nienhuis would like to thank the two extremely brave students who came forward with the text messages, as their actions have very likely thwarted a tragedy in Hernando County.

MOTON

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rethink your decision and do what's morally right for the students at Moton."

Dennis Soponyai, a teacher at Challenger and longtime Hernando County resident read a statement from HCTA:

"The district announced last December, a new initiative: 'All in for Moton.' This plan was to infuse into the school personnel and money to turn the school around. Now less than four months into this plan, all the staff is being let go. Why? Months before MES even earned a school grade for the 2017-2018 school year, staff have been notified that they have been let go, even seeing the results of all their hard work and dedication. Again, why? How does the action being taken by the district, by firing all of Moton's teachers reflect on the district's commitment to the students and the parents of the school?"

President of HCTA Vince La Borante remarked that the state-approved turnaround plan for Moton did not require the removal of these teachers. "The school district had an obligation to follow the contract and not to make unilateral changes to the conditions of employment and to give the Union adequate notice to impact bargaining," he said.

Daniel Fierro, Weeki Wachee High School teacher and High School director of HCTA read a letter from a Moton teacher.

"I want to share with you a few things that I've witnessed over the years at Moton… I have seen a student go out on her break and buy a student socks because his new shoes were giving him blisters. I have seen teachers comforting students first thing in the morning because mommy or daddy was incarcerated overnight. I have witnessed teachers taking entire families under their wings and ensuring that they are taken care of and loved… This is the type of teacher I have always strived to imitate. I am disheartened and disappointed in the leaders of this school system. Where is your heart? Where is your compassion? Where is your honesty… integrity?... Moton has been following the district's plans for 5 months. We had until the end of the grading 18-19 school year to move up a letter grade. If the district is going to make hard working teachers take a hit, shouldn't the district employees who failed have to take the same hit?"

School Board Member Susan Duval said she is concerned about non-reappointing all annual contract teachers at the school. "These are dedicated employees who have given their heart and soul to improving the school."

School Board Member Linda Prescott stated, "I want to think as a school board member, that this was done for the right reasons, but maybe not done the way it should have or could have been done. It does disturb me that the Union was caught off guard as many of us were. And I have shared those concerns with Dr. Romano… I just want to say to the teachers, thank you for everything you've done." She's hoping this decision can be "rethought or looked at again."

Beth Naverud was the most outspoken against the district's actions on the school baord. She stated, "I was quite shocked by this move. I, speaking for myself, do not believe this was the right thing to do for the students at Moton, for our school district or for our community. I do not know whether this action is legal. There is a collective bargaining agreement that comes into play here for many of the teachers that were highly effective. I would like us to revisit this entire situation… I'm very sorry that this has happened and I'm hoping we can rectify the situation quickly."

Dr. Romano was visibly shaken when she began to state her case, but towards the end of her remarks, she grew more confident in her explanations.

She explained, "We have been struggling for over three years, trying to improve at Moton. We can point fingers at each other, We can criticize each other. We can judge and I heard lots of that tonight and I'm okay because I know that you all are very hurt by the actions we had to take. I understand deeply."

She referred to pressure the districts feel due to accountability mechanisms. "They are requiring us to meet mandates that we've never had to meet in education. Moton Elementary has been graded a D for two consecutive years. In 2011, Moton Elementary was an A… It has the ability to be that again… If Moton earns a D at the end of this year, we will enter year 3 of a turnaround. There are state statutes and requirements about entering year 3. This year we did implement a 10 week 'All in for Moton' campaign. The reason and purpose of that campaign was to do everything we possibly could given the lack of resources that we have across this district... We had staff from all over this district that did their job and another job."

She explained the dire situation and why she chose to take action when she did.

"We reviewed multiple data points, suggesting the school is unlikely to reach the turnaround targets this year." She explained that if Moton is designated as a 'D' again, then by October 1, they would have to update their turnaround plan-impacting staff. If Moton is a D for the third year, by January 2019, they would be required to select one of three options listed in the state statute. Permanently close the school, temporarily close and re-open as a charter, or turn over school to outside educational company.

"As of October, I will have to go in front of the state board and tell them I want a one year extension… to try to keep Moton open." She says that very few have been granted.

"The state board will not grant us approval for the additional year unless the district can demonstrate a commitment to making significant changes that are going to improve that school."

As far as timing goes, she said, "Horrible timing. I would completely concur with everybody that spoke about it. Did we want to do it before FSA testing? Absolutely not."

She explained that school grades are typically released in June or July, but school districts are hiring now. "Our district is hiring now. We know what the vacancies are across the district… This step allows us to fill all the Moton vacancies first and foremost and to give Moton priority in the hiring process."

She assured the community and board members that the Schools of Hope funding is not impacted by this move. Moton received $1.2 million in grant money in January to provide community services to Moton families. The Schools of Hope grant is intended to provide funds to schools in order, "To increase student achievement by providing wrap-around services that leverage community assets to improve school and community collaboration and develop family and community partnerships," according to FLDOE. Dr. Romano said that GED courses have already begun, health screenings are scheduled, budgeting and family classes are being scheduled.

Dr. Romano stated that the 24 non-reappointed annual contract teachers can re-apply at other schools and Moton- if they meet state requirements for end of year evaluations.

There is a $2200 bonus for all teachers who get hired at Moton for next year. Dr. Romano said the hope is that Moton's grade will be a C or higher. If that is the case, then they will not need to follow the turnaround plan any longer.

"Children will continue to be our first priority," she said.

Charter application denied for advanced learning high school

by KATHERINE DENTATO
HERNANDO SUN STAFF WRITER

Michael Maynard, chairman of the non-profit Chehuntamo, Inc., speaks to the school board

At the April 24, 2018 workshop, the Hernando County School Board (HCSB) discussed the charter school application review of the proposed Chehuntamo (chay-hun-TAH-mo) Advanced Performance High School, which was denied unanimously at the regular board meeting later that day.

The school had planned to serve Hernando and Pasco County students beginning with the 2019-2020 school year if the application had been approved.

During a February workshop, board member's cited several deficiencies in the charter school's application, causing the charter school's organizer Michael Maynard to pull the application in order to regroup. However, school board members found many of the same deficiencies this time around.

Maynard is an award-winning Pasco County high school Language Arts teacher who was placed on a 3-day suspension and faced a mandatory transfer in 2016 due to his teaching techniques being perceived as too abrasive by several of his students and their parents.

On this subject Maynard commented, "There's always two sides of a story. I am going to say… while I have been a controversial teacher at times, I was the most effective AP English Language teacher for 16 years in a row in Pasco County. And until some changes in administration there, I was one of the most revered teachers in Pasco County."

Angela Kennedy, who is the district's supervisor for school choice, presented the review process and a committee's findings to the board members at the April 24 workshop. After the application was submitted on Jan. 31, 2018, a committee reviewed it, returning it with questions and ratings. The committee held an interview with the intended directors of the school on March 20, 2018, giving them an opportunity to respond to the questions.

The review has 22 sections, and applicants are judged on whether they meet the Florida Statute standard fully, partially, or not at all. In the application for Chehuntamo, only seven sections were determined to meet the state standards fully. There were nine sections with partial compliance with the standards, and three did not meet the standards at all. According to Kennedy, there is no set number of sections which lead to an approval or denial of the application.

The committee's rubric shows that the Chehuntamo application only partially met the state standards in these areas:

- ESE (Exceptional Student Education) and IEP/504 plan compliance
- Addressing the needs of English Language Learners (ELL)
- District student code of conduct – particularly discipline
- Student recruitment and enrollment
- Facilities – concern that the school would not have adequate funding to be constructed on time
- Food service – additional cost for a vendor to deliver meals to the school

School finances – oversight and auditing
- Start-up plan

The committee found that the Chehuntamo application did not meet the standard in these three areas:

- Staffing – recruitment, qualifications, certifications
- Human Resources – employment compensation, medical benefits
- Budget – overall revenue shortfalls and inconsistencies

The members of the committee recommended a denial of the application by a vote of 14-1. The HCSB can agree with that denial or accept the application knowing that there are many areas where the applicant does not meet the state's standards.

Michael Maynard, the chairman of the non-profit Chehuntamo, Inc., appeared before the HCSB at the workshop to address some of the concerns that the committee had, comments he described as "arbitrary and capricious."

Maynard read a letter from the parent of a previous student who lavished praise on him for his work and his vision for the school.

Maynard compared his plan for Chehuntamo with current International Baccalaureate (I.B.) and other Advanced Placement (A.P.) programs already in Hernando County. He also criticized the existing program stating it, "cloisters the kids in a very structured curriculum…and doesn't really allow for… social development."

"The 'dirty little secret' with I.B.," Maynard continued, "…is that they end up not graduating from college." Having only 23 graduates from the I.B. program last year demonstrates that there is a shortfall in expectations and a need for something more. Referring to his time at River Ridge High School in Pasco County, Maynard wants to offer a similar "open enrollment" to students willing to work hard and take the opportunity that A.P. programs offer. He stated that AP participation between 2014 and 2017 has declined in Hernando County by about 4%. "That to me is unconscionable..." He said that when he and Maria Swanson were at River Ridge High School, the participation rate was around 23-24%. "I can't tell you how much that means to the community." (Maria Swanson resigned as principal of River Ridge in 2015.)

Maynard described the school district's behavior towards his application as adversorial, as they neglected to inform him that he was entitled to additional funds through the classroom reduction act, then criticized him for not utilizing his resources to the fullest extent.

Maynard agreed there were errors in budget calculations due to the FTE (full time equivalent) scores in the Cheuntamo application, but stated they were based on incorrect information provided by the district, twice. He advised the budget was adjusted to show they would be spending up to $800 per student as each student would have a tablet. Medical coverage for employees and funding for School Resource Officers were added to the budget following the last interview, as well as money to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office for deputies to drive by the school for additional safety.

Another issue according to Maynard was on district policies. "Policy isn't law," Maynard said, noting that policies are flexible and can be modified if needed. The committee's refusal to look at his proposed budget was an ethical issue for him and likened it to children putting fingers into their ears, so they could not hear.

Describing the issues that schools statewide are having in hiring competent teachers, and how Florida's education system is not serving students, Maynard used this analogy: "All we're trying to do is take those lemons and make a little lemonade for these kids and give them an opportunity."

Understanding that the HCSB would vote on the recommendation at the school board meeting later, Maynard stated he believed it would be difficult to change anyone's mind, and even if presented with facts, he felt that there would be resistance to his

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BPD

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one part-time officer, four command officers, one administrative assistant and one evidence technician.

Mayor Betty Erhard focused on two topics to call attention to excesses in the BPD budget. Of the chief's car, which Sireci described as a "high-grade government car," Erhard asked if it had air-conditioned seats, which Sireci confirmed. Sireci added that the car is an "unusual car for people in public office." The car in question also has an $8000 Hemi engine upgrade. Erhard's second point of focus was on recent overtime for officers, however Sireci did not have information with him at the meeting. Sireci was not employed with BPD when the vehicle was purchased.

Hernando County Sheriff Al Nienhuis addressed the council briefly, stating he commended both city and county officials' professionalism during the negotiations in the past difficult months. Nienhuis reported that several officers have applied to the agency in anticipation of the adoption of the Interlocal Agreement. Going forward, patrol cars assigned to the city will be clearly marked with "Brooksville" in the insignia, which will help the city to keep its identity.

Council Member Kahler had several questions regarding differences in city and county ordinances and how they will be enforced. Differences in policies and procedures are expected to be handled as they arise. Regarding pensions, Nienhuis said that before signing with HCSO, BPD officers will work individually with Florida Retirement Systems to address changes affecting their pensions. HCSO will be contributing to the new deputies' pension funds as expected.

Also part of the Interlocal Agreement are BPD assets such as firearms and office equipment, and the real estate where BPD is currently housed. The building and land will be leased to HCSO by the City of Brooksville for $72,702 in 2019 and will increase by a maximum of 3% every year afterward, and other assets and equipment will be sold to HCSO for approximately $255,000, which will be credited to the city from the cost of contracting the HCSO.

Exhibit "A" Consideration - From "Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services"

Cost Detail	Recurring Cost	Lease Credit	Capital Outlay	Total Annual Cost	Monthly Payment
FY 2018 (6/1/18 - 9/30/18)	$322,541	($24,234)	($53,419)	$244,888	$61,222
FY 2019	$967,624	($72,202)	($67,203)	($827,719)	$68,977
FY 2020	$996,653	($74,883)	($67,203)	$854,566	$71,214
FY 2021	$1,026,552	($77,130)	($67,203)	$882,129	$73,518

Fiscal years, including and beyond 2020 represent estimated costs for budgeting purposes. The reoccuring [sic] cost figure shown is a capped estimate which represents a 3% maximum increase during the first three years, and a 5% maximum increase to the reoccuring cost in subsequent years, exclusive of capital outlay credit. Lease Credit represents 12% of the building lease cost based on use by city deputies and the annual allowable increase of the lease is based on the yearly consumer price index for the Tampa/St. Petersburg/ Clearwater market with a maximum allowable increase of 3%. Capital outlay represents purchase of city equipment and assets per Agreement.

Governor Scott Appoints George G. Angeliadis to 5th Judicial Circuit

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, April 27, 2018, Governor Rick Scott announced the appointment of George G. Angeliadis to the Fifth Judicial Circuit Court.

Angeliadis, 49, of Spring Hill, is an attorney with The Hogan Law Firm. He previously served as an Assistant State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida and his law degree from South Texas College of Law. Angeliadis fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Curtis J. Neal.

Submitted to The Hernando Sun

Right: Mr. Angeliadis

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AUG 28 PRIMARY ELECTION
AUGUST 28, 2018
REGISTRATION DEADLINE
JULY 30, 2018

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NOVEMBER 6, 2018
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OCTOBER 9, 2018

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SCHOLAR
from front page

Alison Pager was nominated by the district for academics while Gabriel Laverghetta from Nature Coast Technical High School was nominated for the career and technical category.

Up to 161 U.S. Presidential Scholars will be chosen from the group of semifinalists this month. The semifinalists are reviewed by the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars. The finalists are invited to attend the National Recognition Program in Washington D.C. The event includes a variety of enrichment activities, meeting with government officials and educators. All of the finalists are awarded the Presidential Scholar Medal during a White House sponsored ceremony.

Pager has been extremely active in the community and within her school. She is President of the National Honor Society, HHS Key Club, as well as the Interact Club Secretary and the Class of 2018 Secretary. She is the HHS Senior Student Delegate, School Advisory Council Secretary, and the Academic Team Captain.

"I love being a part of these organizations because they keep me updated and involved in the county and school events. I also enjoy volunteering and helping with service projects in our community," Pager remarked.

She is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Brooksville's AYF Leadership program and assists with their community events.

"My favorite community event is Relay for Life and I have been involved with the planning committee for a couple of years, the event has a special place in my heart, I love the impact it has," said Pager.

Through volunteering, Pager says, "I have had the chance to meet so many amazing and inspirational people in our community who make a big impact, and they have inspired me to want to be more and help more. This also helped influence my career choice and what I wanted to study in college."

Pager will be attending the University of Florida to double major in Biomedical and Mechanical Engineering and hopes to pursue a career in prosthetics, health technology, and bionic robotics.

"I hope to be able to use my future education to help build cheaper, better, and more innovative prosthetics that can help more people in need," she said.

Pager says she is very excited to be a semifinalist for the Presidential Scholars Program and thankful for all the support she has received.

"I am super thankful and grateful to my guidance counselor, teachers, and principal for nominating me and seeing potential to me, this has been such an amazing opportunity!"

To future nominees from Hernando County, she urges, "Definitely take the time to carefully fill out the application. This program and recognition means so much to me and I am so proud to have gotten to this level."

Alison Pager, below

Superintendent, school board honors bus driver and students for their swift actions

The Hernando County School District comments, "We send our humble appreciation to our bus driver Carmen Frongillo and to Hernando High School students Santos Herebia (pictured) and Marrick and Marin Aske (not pictured) who were recognized by the Superintendent and members of the School Board for their swift action in helping everyone get safely out of the bus during last week's bus accident."

FLORIDA PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR SEMIFINALISTS

Sidhika Balachandar, Gainesville - Buchholz High School
James Balo, Miami - Design & Architecture Senior High School
Suzanne Brown, Sarasota - Pine View School
Sydney Burtis, Kissimmee - Burtis Home-School
Melissa Fernandez-Flores, Miami - New World School of the Arts
Elena Gonzalez, Cutler Bay - New World School of the Arts
Ishmael Gonzalez, Hialeah - New World School of the Arts
Mitchell P. Greene, Saint Petersburg - Shorecrest Preparatory School
Carson C. Hamel, Seminole - Center for Advanced Technologies
Gregory Han, Ocala - Vanguard High School-Vanguard
Caroline Hanson, Youngstown - Deane Bozeman School
Hunter W. Holland, Treasure Island - Shorecrest Preparatory School
Megan Hostetler, West Palm Beach - Alexander W Dreyfoos School of the Arts
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Nithya Kasarla, Plantation - American Heritage Sch Plantatn
Tamim Kawakibi, Pensacola - Pensacola High School
Steven W. Li, Gainesville - Buchholz High School
Leanne Lin, Doral - Design & Architecture Senior High School
Grant J. LoPresti, Lutz - George M. Steinbrenner High School
Charitha Moparthy, Tallahassee - James S. Rickards High School
Alison Pager, Brooksville - Hernando High School
Max P. Ranis, Pembroke Pines - American Heritage School Plantation
Ashlee J. Sealy, Homestead - Medical Academy for Science and Technology
Zachary A. Shevin, Boca Raton - Pine Crest School
Joshua A. Solesbury, Coral Gables - Ransom Everglades School
Felipe Urrutia, Miami - Ransom Everglades School
Meghana Vemulapalli, Delray Beach - American Heritage School Boca/Delray
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Temporary closure for Delta Woods Park playground

(Brooksville, FL) The Hernando County Parks and Recreation Department announces that it will be temporarily closing the playground area at Delta Woods Park, located at 3400 Deltona Boulevard in Spring Hill, to apply new mulch. The playground will be closed from Tuesday, May 8 through Friday, May 11, 2018.

The Parks and Recreation Department strives to provide safe, clean and functional parks and recreational facilities for Hernando County residents and visitors. Call (352) 754-4027 for more information.

CHARTER

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application.

Board members spoke directly to Maynard, expressing what they found concerning in the application and in his responses. Linda Prescott stated, "We don't make up our minds. We allow applicants to present evidence." While she appreciated the type of school Maynard wants to bring to the County, Prescott compared his application, videotaped interview, and comments to a student who was expected to do well on a project and even when given constructive criticism to improve it, returned the project with less than satisfactory results.

Susan Duval noted that Springstead High School's I.B. program is open to all students. Springstead principal Carmine Rufa confirmed Duval's statement that students who approach him may enroll in the I.B. program. Even though they may not be able to finish the rigorous program, they have the opportunity to try, Rufa stated.

Johnson asked how Maynard's investment in the school would be returned to him. Maynard stated he would make a loan to the school and would receive only the loan amount back.

Duval questioned why Maynard applied for a charter in Hernando County if he was expecting approximately half of the student population for the charter school to come from Pasco County. Maynard stated that he lives in Hernando County and wants to support the area. Since students can cross county lines to attend a school of their choice, and because of closing or poor school performance in Pasco County, Maynard wanted a program that would appeal to them.

Prescott noted that the application originally had a diploma option with a study abroad program, but no longer included that component. Maynard stated that could be an option, but financially, some students may not be able to afford it, or the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship may be more appealing to those who earn it. He also wanted to avoid the "elitist feel" or that colleges in the United States were less desirable.

Using a football reference, Maynard stated he felt he was playing "prevent football," as he did not want to lose, which would also be a loss to the county. Prescott responded, "How you lose is by not filling out the application correctly, completely, and being honest about everything that you are going to offer and what the school has. That's how you're judged - on the application."

The school board voted to deny the application 5-0 at the board meeting that evening.

Prior to that vote, Maynard spoke during citizen comments, "...We are bringing a solid school with a solid program into Hernando County. If it doesn't get done today, it will get done tomorrow."

The school's organizers have the opportunity to appeal the decision through the The Charter School Appeal Commission.

Fire/EMS funding mechanisms discussed at workshop

Half-cent sales tax to bolster general fund will be considered May 22

By LISA MACNEIL
HERNANDO SUN STAFF WRITER

A recent surprise shortfall in the county's budget was the impetus for the workshop that was held on May 1, 2018. The board voted unanimously to end the Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) for the fire department, and keeping the Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU). EMS will be funded by money borrowed from other internal funds, and the exploration of a half-cent sales tax to bolster the General Fund will take place in another meeting on May 22, 2018.

Interim Budget Director George Zoettlein presented the budget agenda consisting of Fire, Rescue, Economic Development and General Fund, emphasizing that Fire and Rescue are two separate funds.

MSTU is based on the value of the home as an ad-valorem tax. The MSTU fluctuates based on the assessed value of the property. Some properties are exempt from MSTU taxes when the value of the property is too low. There are about 11,000 properties in Hernando County that do not pay the MSTU assessment, but do pay the MSBU. Hernando County Fire Rescue (HCFR) Chief Scott Hechler describes the MSBU as a "user fee that's spread across all departments."

According to HCFR Finance Manager Kelly Trout, eliminating the MSTU could result in some property owners seeing a savings on their property taxes, though not all. Trout reported that an MSBU at $253.09 would sustain the fire department, without the need for the MSTU over the next five years, "unless something catastrophic happens."

The EMS fund is another story. Despite measures to save money, the fund faces a shortage primarily from a lack of revenue due to being unable to collect fees from medical insurance companies and individuals for transport. Hechler reported that at least $100,000 has been saved by Station projects and repairs by firefighters and EMTs taking ownership of stations and performing their own maintenance and repairs, essentially "turning fire stations into firehouses." They have also delayed capital projects, vehicle and emergency equipment replacement and major facility repairs.

After a photo was shown of a heart monitor / defibrillator unit with duct-taped handles, Union Representative Scott Moulton said, "We keep talking about running flat and coming in with a flat budget. We're running too flat. We're on the rim. Things are starting to fall apart." Moulton also suggested moving the fleet to the administration of the Fire Department, rather than having the county responsible for the vehicles. Moulton also suggested that state grants could be found to fund other needs, such as iPads that were recently purchased with a grant to make reporting more efficient.

An increased millage rate was suggested, but after discussion the board reached the conclusion that money could be found in other funds that could make up for the shortfall in the EMS fund. Future discussions will examine service changes to affected departments.

Economic Development Manager Valerie Pianta reported that the Economic Incentive Fund faces a cash flow challenge in mid-2022. This fund is used to expand and bring new business to the county. Amy Blackburn with the office of Management and Budget presented to the board options for finding funds based on what other counties are doing.

The Economic Incentive fund requires $500,000 annually to remain solvent. Ear-marking that amount from the General Fund is the most widely-accepted option across the board, rather than establishing an MSTU of around .0680 mils. Pianta acknowledged that Pasco county has established a one-cent "Penny for Pasco" tax that funds their Economic Development Incentives.

Zoettlein, who served seventeen years with Hernando County has 'come out of retirement' to help with the budget snags. He, the commissioners and staff discussed at length the General Fund, which requires $12 million to operate. Zoettlein recommended to borrow from an Enterprise Fund to satisfy the immediate need, and repay the loan by December 2018. Potential revenue streams, and further remedies are expected to be discussed in another meeting on May 22, 2018.

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN HERNANDO COUNTY

Gulf Coast Academy of Science and Technology
Contract signed in 2003
2017 Grade: A

Gulf Coast Middle School
Contract signed in 2012
2017 Grade: A

BEST Academy
Contract signed in 2013
2017 Grade: C

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IN, OUT & ABOUT

Library Programs

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

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

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

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

May 5

Adult Coloring for Stress Relief and Relaxation - EH
5/5/2018 10AM - 2PM Drop in any time between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for soothing music, a cup of herbal tea, a dollop of art therapy and maybe meet a new friend or two.

Game On! - EH
5/5/2018 10AM - 4PM Enjoy family gaming at the East Hernando Branch!

May 7

Learning the Mouse - BV
5/7/2018 10AM - 12PM Registration is open Learn to use a mouse and acquire basic computer vocabulary.
Meditation Break - WH
5/7/2018 12 - 12:30 PM Enjoy a 30 minute Monday meditation break with us - meditation provides many health benefits for mind, body and spirit. Chairs provided or welcome to bring mat.

Staying Safe Online - BV
5/7/2018 12:15 - 1:15 PM Registration is open The Internet is a Wild West place. Don't get caught in an ambush.

Medicare 101 - WH
5/7/2018 1 - 2PM For people new to Medicare or anyone who would like a better understanding of how the program works. A fun discussion with plenty of time for questions.

Long Term Care Planning - WH
5/7/2018 2 - 3PM Understanding the latest strategies in protecting your retirement portfolio from catastrophic Long Term Care expenses.

Junior Coders - BV
5/7/2018 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.

May 8

Learning the Mouse - WH
5/8/2018 10AM - 12PM Registration is open Learn to use a mouse and acquire basic computer vocabulary.
Storytime - BV
5/8/2018 10 - 11AM Stories, songs, and more in a storytime program designed for children between 18 months - 5 years old.
Library Advisory Committee - WH
5/8/2018 1 - 3PM Mission Statement: The Hernando County Library Advisory Committee's Mission is to review and recommend policies, procedures, and initiatives of the Library Director and staff in order to promote and foster broad-based citizen use of library facilities, participation in library services and programs, and access to library materials. The Library Advisory Committee is the people's voice on matters pertaining to the Hernando County Public Library System. All meetings are open to the public and the people's input is welcomed. For information or to contact the Committee:

Indomitable Mite: The Life of Mary Jane Safford, MD - BV
5/8/2018 2 - 3PM Please join us to learn about the extraordinarily adventurous life of 19th century Florida physician Mary Jane Safford.

Nonfiction Book Discussion - SH
5/8/2018 2 - 3:30 PM Book discussion for adult nonfiction fans.
SCORE Workshop - How To Really Start Your Own Business - SH
5/8/2018 5 - 6:45 PM Introduction and overview of key issues related to starting your own business. Start your business on the right foot. You will learn how to structure your business, develop a business plan, and understand how to manage cash flow. Walk away with a checklist for success.
Ukulele Beginner Strum and Sing - EH
5/8/2018 5 - 7PM Join other beginning ukulele players for some laid-back strumming and singing. All ages and levels welcome.

May 9

Learning the Mouse - SH
5/9/2018 10AM - 12PM Registration is open Learn to use a mouse and acquire basic computer vocabulary.

Writing Your Life Stories - WH
5/9/2018 10:15 - 11:45 AM Registration is open "When writing the story of your life, never let anyone else hold the pen." Don't allow those irreplaceable personal & family stories to be lost. Come join us - for an informal, enjoyable experience! In Writing Your Life Stories, we provide you with the opportunity to get started right away on your writing, through the use of "writing prompts" & a short time to write, followed by sharing of our writing, if you choose to share. Each meeting, we provide helpful resources & tips for inspiration, and members discuss what is working for them.. Though we encourage writing by hand, you may bring a laptop if you prefer. Please ensure it is fully charged.
Storytime - EH
5/9/2018 10:30 - 11AM Stories, songs, and more in a storytime program designed for children between 18 months - 5 years old.

Financial Management Series - EH
5/9/2018 2 - 4PM This month's topic: Goal Setting and Saving
Coding for Kids - WH
5/9/2018 4:30 - 5:30 PM Registration is open Kids, come join us and learn how to program and code. Each month, we'll go over basic programming and coding skills and then put them to the test using Scratch. Whether you have experience or not, all kids are welcome!

May 10

Baby Storytime - BV
5/10/2018 10 - 11AM A storytime featuring stories, bouce rhymes, songs and more just for babies and their caregivers.

Learning the Mouse - EH
5/10/2018 10AM - 12PM Registration is open Learn to use a mouse and acquire basic computer vocabulary.

Toddler Storytime -SH
5/10/2018 10:30 - 11 AM Storytime time for toddlers featuring stories, songs, and fingerplays.

Preschool Storytime - SH
5/10/2018 11:15 AM - 12PM Stories, songs, fingerplays, and much more designed for children between the ages of 3-5.

Movies @ your library - SH
5/10/2018 2- 4PM Synopsis An heiress believes she's being haunted, and builds a massive house to trap the spirits and protect her family.

LEGO Club - BV
5/10/2018 4:30- 5:30 PM Build the coolest LEGO creations your imagination will allow using the library's collection of LEGOs.

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May 11

Baby Storytime - WH
5/11/2018 10- 10:30 AM Registration is open A Storytime featuring stories, bounce rhymes, songs, and more just for babies and their parents!

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Tourism alive and kicking in Hernando County

During National Travel and Tourism Week, we celebrate the continued growth of visitors to Hernando County; a result of rebranding, increase in outdoor recreational activities offered.

By SUE QUIGLEY
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

According to the US Department of State and the US Census Bureau, only 10 percent of Americans owned a passport in 1990. Today, that figure has reached 42 percent but is largely the result of the 9/11 attacks and new laws ruling that Americans could no longer travel to and from Canada, Mexico and nearby Caribbean countries. It's also a fact that the majority of Americans have never been outside the US.

That's because Americans think there's no place quite like home.

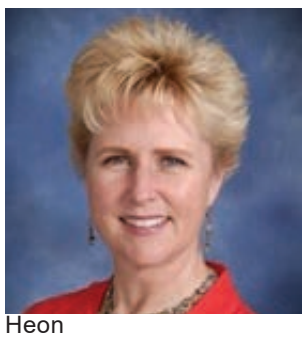
America is so culturally and geographically diverse, why bother with crowded airports, long flights and complicated visa requirements to visit overseas destinations when from coast to coast, America has it all — "From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans, white with foam." Within the United States; the State of Florida is one of the top destinations, with more than a third of all adults intending to visit within the next two years.

Figures released by VISIT FLORIDA in January 2018 on the economic impact of visitors to Florida show that in 2016, out-of-state visitor spending in Florida reached a record $112 billion, an increase of 2.7 percent over the previous year.

Gov. Rick Scott said, "It is great news that Florida has reached yet another tourism record with a historic $112 billion in visitor spending in 2016. Florida's tourism industry helps support more than 1.4 million jobs across our state and is a major driver in our growing economy."

In Hernando County, Tammy Heon, the Manager of Tourism Development for Hernando County, who oversees the Florida 's Adventure Coast Visitors Bureau, attributes the continued growth of visitors to our county as the result of a recent rebranding initiative, an increase in outdoor recreational activities offered and consistently good marketing.

Still part of the eight-county Nature Coast region, Hernando County was rebranded in 2015 and renamed Florida's Adven-



Heon

ture Coast, Brooksville – Weeki Wachee, with the tagline "Nature's Place to Play."

"I'm very proud to represent the people and places that make this destination so special," Heon said. "Recent economic impact numbers from Visit Florida, which tracks only out-of-state visitation, showed an increase of $12.4 million in total tourism related business; which corresponds with 832 additional jobs and a $30 million increase in payroll from 2015 to 2016 alone. Sales taxes generated by out-of-state visitors total $39 million, with $10.3 million going to the state and $8.2 million to Hernando County.

Heon said "What attracts visitors to our county are its natural assets; I'm fond of saying what we sell is the great outdoors, which is why our tagline, "Nature's Place to Play" is so appropriate. The two most requested pieces of information in our visitors centers are for kayaking and cycling. Fishing, scallop diving and boating are also extremely popular activities on Florida's Adventure Coast. And, of course, no visit is complete without a visit to see the world-famous Mermaids of Weeki Wachee Springs State Park.

"Right now, our bureau is gearing up to celebrate the 35th annual National Travel and Tourism Week (NTTW)," said Heon.

National Travel and Tourism Week in 2018 is being held May 6 to 12 — "it's when travel and tourism professionals nationwide unite to celebrate the value travel holds for our local economies, businesses and personal wellbeing," she said.

Each year during NTTW, the Visitors Bureau offers an opportunity for both education and celebration; sharing these opportunities with our partners. This year, Heon is hosting a FAMenger Hunt, a combination Familiarization Tour and Scavenger Hunt.

"This entertaining, interactive game allows frontline hospitality employees to become more familiar with the destination while having fun, visiting other partners and enjoying free gifts and prizes," she said.

The game runs through the entire month of May allowing everyone plenty of time to visit the participating businesses and enjoy the game. A grand prize drawing will be held Friday, June 1; grand prizes include a stay at Chinsegut Hill, dinner for two or a $250 gift certificate. For more information or to download the flyer, visit FloridasAdventureCoast.com.

We've added some powerful new tools to our website and social media programs; our social media feeds and calendar of events are now displayed right on the home page of FloridasAdventureCoast.com," said Heon.

Adding UGC, or User Generated Content allows us to display the posts and photos of visitors enjoying the destination, which is incredibly powerful in tourism marketing. In fact, studies have shown that social media and online reviews are the number two resource for vacation planning, second only to referrals from family and friends. Displaying this content on our home page allows us to capitalize on it; increasing he visibility of many of our partners as well. In addition, we now have a calendar of events on our home page which is populated directly from the Facebook Events feed, allowing all of our partners to publish their events directly to our page by simply creating the event on their Facebook page; something they're already doing.

Funds for the Visitors Bureau are derived from the TDT, also known as "bed tax" revenue, a five percent surcharge on all transient accommodations (hotels, motels, vacation home rentals, bed & breakfast inns, campgrounds and other lodging leased for six months or less) within Hernando County.

Tammy J. Heon, Manager, Tourism Development Florida's Adventure Coast, Brooksville-Weeki Wachee can be contacted at 15800 Flight Path Drive, Brooksville, FL 34604 / Phone: 352.754.4405 / Cell: 352.942.9466

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Provides $284.9 million in economic impact[1]
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Local Taxes from Tourism Help Pay for Programs Important to all Hernando County Residents:
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Creates 2,902 Jobs supported by tourism[3]
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3 Source: VISIT FLORIDA Economic Impact of Out-of-State Visitors Study (2016)
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Tourist Development Council Meetings

The Hernando County Tourist Development Council meets monthly, typically on the second Wednesday of each month. The meeting time is 2:30pm at Brooksville – Tampa Bay Regional Airport – 15800 Flight Path Drive, Brooksville.

Members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. All meetings of the Tourist Development Council and its sub-committees are open to the public.

The Tourist Development Council works to identify, create, support and enhance activities, consistent with community assets that increase visitation and provide local economic impact.

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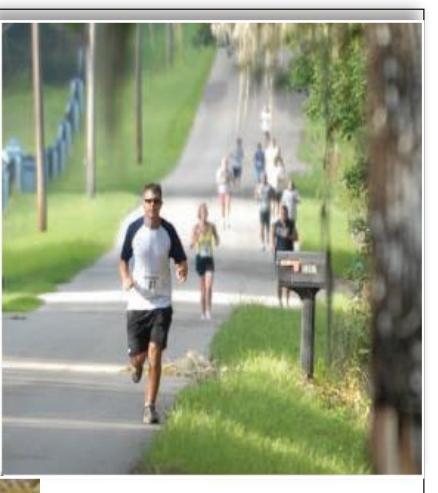

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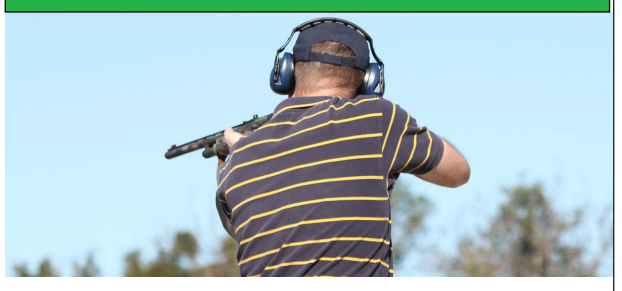

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Event Previews

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

BROOKSVILLE MAIN STREET FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE FEATURING LUVU AND AUDIO EXCHANGE FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2018 AT THE BANDSHELL

Brooksville Main Street announces that its next Friday Night Live will feature the talents of LUVU from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm and Audio Exchange from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm.
The Friday Night Live concert series includes a food truck rally and a full bar. The next Friday Night Live will be held on May 11, 2018 from 5:00 pm – 10:00pm at 205 E. Ft. Dade Avenue.
Each month – on the second Friday of the month - there are two sets of music acts kicking off at 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm with some of the area's tremendous food trucks to satisfy a variety of tastes. Brooksville Main Street invites you to come and enjoy an evening of amazing food and talented entertainment at the Brooksville Bandshell. Admission is free. For more information about Friday Night Live, call Tina Marie Polson at 352-540-6476. To learn more about Brooksville Main Street, visit www.BrooksvilleMainStreet.org email Ryan A. Malloy at director@brooksvillemainstreet.org.

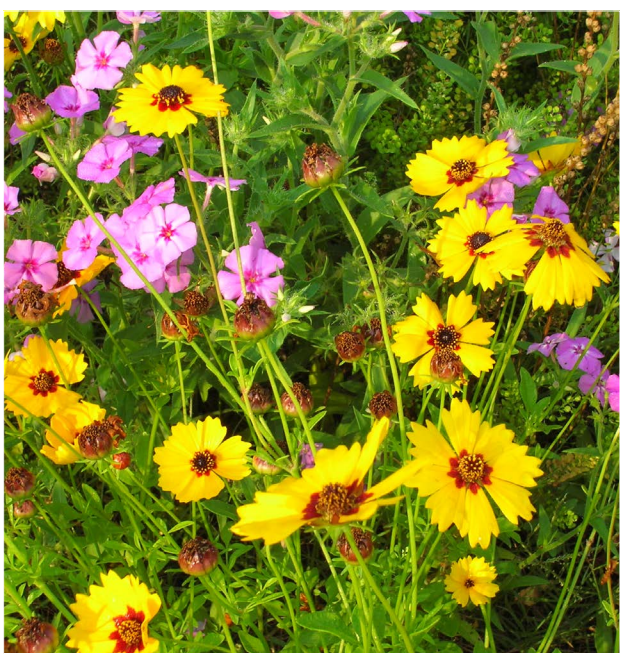
GFWC HISTORIC BROOKSVILLE WOMEN'S CLUB SWEET POTATO REVIVAL COCKTAIL PARTY FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2018 AT 6:30 PM

The GFWC Historic Brooksville Woman's Club is hosting a Sweet Potato Revival Cocktail Party at their Clubhouse, 131 S. Main Street, Brooksville, Florida May 11 at 6:30 p.m.

In the theme of the 1930's and 1940's, an evening of excellence with entertainment, music, Hors d'oeuvres and our signature Sweet Potato Cocktail. Funds from this event will be used to help restore our clubhouse built in 1932 with sweet potatoes. Tickets are $25. For more info/tickets, call Wevlyn at (352) 397-6158.

CALENDAR GIRLS BY TIM FIRTH THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018 7:30 PM TO 9:30 PM

Chinsegut Conservation Center, 23212 Lake Lindsey Rd, Calendar Girls by Tim Firth
WHEN: Thursday, May 10, 7:30pm – 9:30pm
WHERE: Stage West Community Playhouse, 8390 Forest Oaks Blvd, Spring Hill,
Description: Calendar Girls is a stage play based on the 2003 film of the same name and set in the Yorkshire Dales in England. When one of their own dies of cancer, Chris and Annie, want to donate a new sofa for the hospital waiting room, in memory. They decide to raise the money for the sofa by creating a calendar, an "alternative" calendar, featuring themselves and some friends from their Women's Institute group. When word about the calendar and the reason for it gets out, the world comes to their little village in the Yorkshire Dales. The calendar is a hit, but friendships are put to the test of fame. For ticket information: https://stagewest.ticketleap.com/calendar-girls-by-tim-firth/



NATIVE WILDFLOWERS PROGRAM ELLIE SCHILLER HOMOSASSA SPRINGS STATE PARK MAY 25, 2018 1 PM

Park volunteer Jodie Lanier, a member of the Citrus County Native Plant Society will present a program in the Florida Room of the Visitor Center at the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park on native wildflowers of Florida. She will introduce you to the many varieties of wildflowers and advise you as to which of these plants can be successfully incorporated into your landscaping, and which can only survive in a specialized habitat. She is currently the leader of the Homosassa 4H Club with a focus on environmental science and loves teaching children and adults how to kayak and be active outdoors. As a volunteer for Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, she drives the shuttle boats and gives a narrated tour of Pepper Creek. Jodie Lanier is also a member of the Citrus Chapter of Florida Native Plant Society and describes herself as an environmentalist. Her favorite subject is ecology and she is working toward becoming a Florida Master Naturalist so she can utilize her knowledge through nature interpretation and teach people the importance of conservation. There is no charge to attend this wildflower program.
For more information, contact Susan Strawbridge, Park Services Specialist; (352) 628-5445
Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park is located at 4150 S. Suncoast Blvd. (US 19) Homosassaevenings, galas, special events and student/community outreach programs.

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FROM OUR TABLE TO YOURS
by Cheryl Clanton

Mothers Day Idea – Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Ingredients
Maraschino Cherries
½ cup butter
4 eggs
1 cup light brown sugar (packed)
1 can sliced pineapple (20 oz)
1 cup flour sifted
1 teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup white sugar
1 ½ teaspoon almond extract

Directions
Melt butter, pour on bottom of non-stick baking pan. Sprinkle brown sugar evenly over butter.
Arrange pineapple slices to cover bottom of pan. Drop in your cherries.
Sift together flour, baking powder and salt.
Use 2 bowls to separate your eggs, egg whites & yolks. In large bowl, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Add sugar gradually, beating well after each addition. Beat until medium-stiff peaks form. In small bowl, beat egg yolks at high speed until very thick and yellow. Use wire whisk, using an over and under motion, gently fold egg yolks and flour mixture in to egg whites until blended. Fold in 1 tablespoon melted butter and almond extract. Spread batter evenly over pineapple in your pan.
Bake at 325 for 30-35 minutes, until surface springs back when gently pressed with finger and poke a toothpick into center and pulls out clean. When done loosen the edges of the cake, and cool for 5 minutes before inverting onto serving plate.
Enjoy Mom

Calendar of Events

May 5

Brookridge Social Dance welcomes you to come join us for a Cinco de Mayo dance at the Brookridge Clubhouse at 7 pm. Music performed by STARBURST. BYOB, Coffee and Ice provided. Call Mrs. Blair at 352-515-1765 for advance tickets. $5

NAMI Hernando Fundraiser - Kentucky Derby Days
WHEN: Saturday, May 5 at 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM
WHERE: Chinsegut Hill Manor Museum, 22495 Chinsegut Hill Road, Brooksville, Florida 34601
Description: Join us for an afternoon of big fancy hats, best men's Derby Day attire, fast horses, and jockeys as we take part in "The Greatest 2 Minutes in Sports!" Hors D'oeuvres & Entree, Wine Tasting, Official Souvenir Glass, Mega Screen Viewing of the Race, Marker 48 Brewing Beer Samples, Horse & Carriage Ride $10, Manor Tour $5, and much more! Cost $35 per person INFO/TICKETS: (352) 684-0004

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta 2018
When: Sat, May 5, 11am – 4pm
Where: The Lake House (1202 Kenlake Avenue, Spring Hill, FL 34606 | 352-754-4031 | www.springhilllakehouse.com)
Description: Join us on Saturday, May 5th (11 am – 4 pm) for family fun, including water slide and bounce house for kids, taco bar, music and more. All proceeds benefit homeless women and families who are sheltered by Catholic Charities and the homeless of Hernando County. FREE admission, but must purchase food as well as tickets for children's activities (available online - 50 cents for one or $10 for an unlimited activity wristband - or at the door - 75 cents for single ticket or $12 for unlimited activity wristband). Two ways to purchase:
1. Text CINCODEMAYO to 41444 to purchase tickets
2. Go directly to website: http://igfn.us/f/1s94/n
For more information, call: (352) 523-6958

May 6

Hernando Jazz Society to Perform
The Hernando Jazz Society performs live on Sunday May 6th at 2:00 PM in The Wellington Clubhouse at 400 Wexford Blvd, Spring Hill. Please join us for a fun afternoon listening and dancing to your favorite tunes by "The Hernando Jazz Society Allstars." The annual scholarship recipients will be present and perform as well. Sit-ins are welcome. dmission: HJS members Free, Singles $10, Couples $15. The Sioux City Grill be offering a cash bar and buffet for purchase. For more information call Ike Johnson at 352 263-8579.

May 10

CPR/AED Class
WHERE: Brooksville Enrichment Center at the Brookville Hospital Medical Arts Building room 120
WHEN: Thursday, May. 10, 2017 at 6 p.m.
The class is held at the Brookville Hospital Medical Arts Building room 120 (Enrichment Center) This class is designed for the professional health care
Provider and meets the guide lines of the American Heart Association. Nonhealth care professionals are welcome to attend. Part of these proceeds are donated To the Enrichment Center. The total cost is $25.00. To reserve a seat please call Bob Kanner at 352-597-8875.

Calendar Girls by Tim Firth
WHEN: Thursday, May 10, 7:30pm – 9:30pm
WHERE: Stage West Community Playhouse, 8390 Forest Oaks Blvd, Spring Hill,
Description: Calendar Girls is a stage play based on the 2003 film of the same name and set in the Yorkshire Dales in England. When one of their own dies of cancer, Chris and Annie, want to donate a new sofa for the hospital waiting room, in memory. They decide to raise the money for the sofa by creating a calendar, an "alternative" calendar, featuring themselves and some friends from their Women's Institute group. When word about the calendar and the reason for it gets out, the world comes to their little village in the Yorkshire Dales. The calendar is a hit, but friendships are put to the test of fame. For ticket information: https://stagewest.ticketleap.com/calendar-girls-by-tim-firth/

May 11

Friday Night Live
WHEN: Friday, May 11, 5pm – 10pm
WHERE: Brooksville Bandshell At Hernando Park Brooksville, Florida 34601
Description: There are some amazing events planned this year in our city of Brooksville. Among them is our 'Friday Night Live' series of music and food vendor events here in historic downtown Brooksville. Live bands and awesome food trucks at each of these events. We'll keep you updated as new talent and vendors are signed on and continues on the 2nd Fridays throughout the year. Event festivities are scheduled to start at 5pm, and run to 10pm.

May 18

Basketball Tournament Fundraiser
WHEN: on May 18 from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.
WHERE: Nature Coast Technical High School gym
DESCRIPTION: There will be 8 teams of 5-8 players and they will compete in a scrimmage type tournament. There can be coed teams and anyone under the age of 21 can join. We will have a $5 fee for those who want to watch and a $8 fee for those who want to play. We plan to sell concession, as well. All of the money we raise will be donated to the Challenged Athletes Foundation, which provides an opportunity to those with physical challenges to live a healthy lifestyle."
For more info contact Destiny Barnes: 352-398-2007 or dfapbt@gmail.com

May 16

Annual Community Health and Wellness Fair
WHEN: Wednesday, 16 May, 2018 at 9:00–12:00
WHERE: YMCA 1300 Mariner Blvd, Spring Hill, Florida
Description: Join us for our 11th Annual Health and Wellness Fair. MORE THAN 30 HEALTH EXPERTS share resources and information. Complete your passport of health with our local health care professionals, health screenings and information, healthy snacks, chair massages and more! Free event to attend. Open to the Community. For vendor registration information, contact the Y.

May 19

Second Annual Bocce Tournament and Feast
WHEN: Saturday, May, 19, 2018 AT 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
WHERE: Spring Hill, Florida
Description: Hosted by the Sons and Daughters of Italy. Second annual Bocce tournament and feast. Bocce tournament is only $10 per person and the prize for winning team is $100. Proceeds go to our scholarship fund and we will have corn hole, horseshoes, great Italian food and music. Come out and join us and have fun. You can call Joni Industries @ 352-799-5456 or stop by 16230 Aviation loop Dr 34604 for more information or to register yourself or a team . @Una Famiglia Sons & Daughters of Italy

Move for Maria Walk-a-Thon
WHEN: Saturday May 19, 2018 9:00am to 12:00pm
WHERE: Springstead High School Track; 3300 Mariner Blvd. Spring Hill, Fl. 34609
Description: Walkathon around Springstead's Track to raise funds for the Maria Rybka Memorial Scholarship.
Contact: Victoria Selby for additional information selby_v@hcsb.k12.fl.us
Or call at (352) 797-7010 ext. 269

Mud Endeavor 10
WHEN: Saturday, May, 19, 2018 at 08:00 AM
WHERE: 29251 Wildlife Lane Brooksville,
Description: The birth place of Mud Endeavor, this unique location in the Central Florida area gives us extreme terrain that is taboo to Florida's topography. With 100 foot elevation changes, this run brings a whole new aspect to mud obstacle course racing. It all started in 2012 when Mud Endeavor launched our very first mud run here at this location. Since then, things have just taken off. In 2018, we are returning to our favorite place with an entirely new course layout. It will be as if we have never been here before. This location has access to lots of water, so therefore we can make lots of mud, so much mud, in fact, that often shoes become victim to the unforgiving suction. And the best part is that friends and family can watch you trudge through all this mud! Because this property is an old dirt mine, the spectator viewing area is second to none with more than 75% of the course totally visible. Spectators are able to stand on the sidelines, look down onto the course, and cheer on their favorite runner while he or she tests their limits on the challenging hill climbs, 100 foot water slides and various other demanding obstacles. As always, this Mud Endeavor event promises to be everything you have come to expect from us and more. Come join us for this race at ME's original and favorite location and let us help you make some new friends, achieve some new goals and create some new memories! http://mudrunfinder.com/event/mud-endeavor-may2018

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May 26

Spring Lake Memorial Classic 2 mile / 5K / 10K
WHEN: Sat, May 26, 2018
Description: The Spring Lake Memorial Classic is located in scenic eastern Hernando County, Florida. But don't let the majestic trees and peaceful setting fool you - these are some of the toughest hills in Florida! All three courses take participants over a variety of terrains; from asphalt to a nature trail through woods, through a horse barn and up and down some very challenging hills! Proceeds from this event support individuals with intellectual & developmental disabilities. Come run Florida's best hidden jewel
and Achieve with us! Online registration ends on Friday, May 25, 2018 6:00 PM EDT. 8 AM Spring Lake Memorial Classic - 10K; 8:15 AM Spring Lake Memorial Classic - 5K; 8:30 AM Spring Lake Memorial Classic - 2 mile Fun Walk/Run.
The Arc Nature Coast is located at 5283 Neff Lake Road, Brooksville, FL 34601

June 22

Bark Bingo
WHEN: Friday, June 22, 2018 5pm – 9pm
WHERE: Masaryktown Community Center, 539 Lincoln Ave, Masaryktown, FL 34604, USA (map)
Description: Benefits the animals of the Humane Society of the Nature Coast Purchase tickets at Humanerescue.org $30//pp includes one card pack 19 games with cash prizes. One grand prize of $250
Fun Vendors, cash bar, horserace games, raffle prizes

Movie Times

GTC BEACON CINEMA
12961 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34613

Friday, 04 May 2018 - Thursday, 10 May 2018

Avengers: Infinity War (PG13)	Daily except Thurs: 11:00AM, 12:00PM, 12:30PM, 1:00PM, 3:30PM, 4:00PM, 4:30PM, 6:00PM, 7:00PM, 7:30PM, 8:00PM
Avengers: Infinity War 3D (PG13)	Daily except Thurs: 2:30PM, 9:30PM
Avengers: Infinity War GTX (PG13)	Daily except Thurs: 11:30AM, 3:00PM, 6:30PM, 10:00PM
Bad Samaritan (R)	Daily except Thurs: 1:10PM, 4:15PM, 7:20PM, 10:00PM
Blockers (R)	Fri, Sat, Mon, Tues: 4:00PM, 9:35PM. Sun, Wed: 9:35PM
Blumhouse's Truth Or Dare (PG13)	Daily except Thurs: 2:00PM, 4:30PM, 7:20PM, 9:55PM
I Feel Pretty (PG13)	Daily except Thurs: 12:45PM, 3:50PM, 7:10PM, 9:50PM
Monty Python and the Holy Grail (PG)	Sun: 2:00PM, 7:00PM. Wed: 4:00PM, 7:00PM
Quiet Place, A (PG13)	Daily except Thurs: 12:45PM, 3:45PM, 6:45PM, 9:10PM
Rampage (PG13)	Fri, Sat, Mon, Tues: 12:00PM, 7:00PM. Sun: 4:25PM. Wed: 12:00PM
Super Troopers 2 (R)	Daily except Thurs: 1:15PM, 4:25PM, 7:25PM, 9:50PM
Tully (R)	Daily except Thurs: 12:15PM, 3:45PM, 7:15PM, 9:45PM

RIDDLE CARD

1. When was beef the highest?
2. What does the cartoonist like to draw best?
3. When is a doctor most annoyed?
4. Which burns longer, a wax candle or a tallow candle?
5. What can turn without ever moving?

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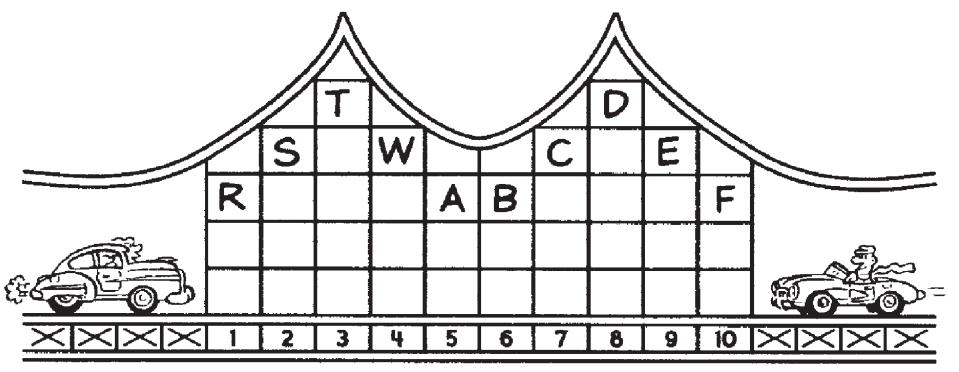
Answers: 1. When the cow jumped over the moon. 2. His salary. 3. When he's out of patients. 4. Neither; they both burn shorter. 5. Milk; it can turn sour.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



Illustrated by David Coulson

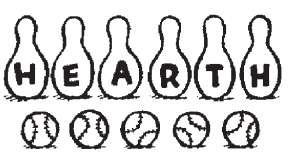
A WORD BRIDGE

The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word, plus plenty of hints.

1. A type of saw.
2. A type of paper.
3. Something forbidden.
4. To become smaller.
5. To feel poorly.
6. A type of window.
7. Used in basket-making.
8. Found in history books.
9. Speaks all languages.
10. A bad thing to do.

Answers: 1. Rip (ripsaw). 2. Sand (sandpaper). 3. Taboo. 4. Wane. 5. Ail. 6. Bay. 7. Cane. 8. Dates. 9. Echo. 10. Fib.

PITCH AND SPELL! Using the baseballs, knock down one pin at a time so that a new word is spelled out on the remaining pins.



Answer: One solution is: Hearth, heart, heat, eat, at, a.

PUZZLERS, START YOUR ENGINES! Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid A contain the same letters as the corresponding words in Grid B.

1. Where bears live.
2. Cost per item.
3. Dull pain.
4. Clothing or accessories.

GRID A

D			
R			
A			
G			

GRID B

S			
T			
E			
R			

1. To dispatch.
2. An eyedropper.
3. Being one of two.
4. A fit of anger.

Answers: 1. Dens-send. 2. Rate-tear. 3. Ache-each. 4. Gear-rage.

Adopt Me Today!!!

DEER HUMANS,
WIL YU PLEEZ COM TO THE SHELTR AND SEE US, WE WUD LOV YU TO ADOPT US WE WANT TO BRIN' YOU JOY. WE NOW THAT EVERY HUOMAN NEEDS A CUDDLY SOL MAT, SO LET US BE THE ONS. COME AND SEE US 19450 OLIVER ST. BROOKSVILLE, FL.

Above:
Meet the incredible Lola!
10314942-Lola is an adult female hound mix with a great disposition. She loves smiling for the camera and takes treats gently. She seems ok with other dogs though a meet and greet is always suggested. All round great girl. Come meet Lola! Hernando Animal Services,19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, FL 352-796-5062

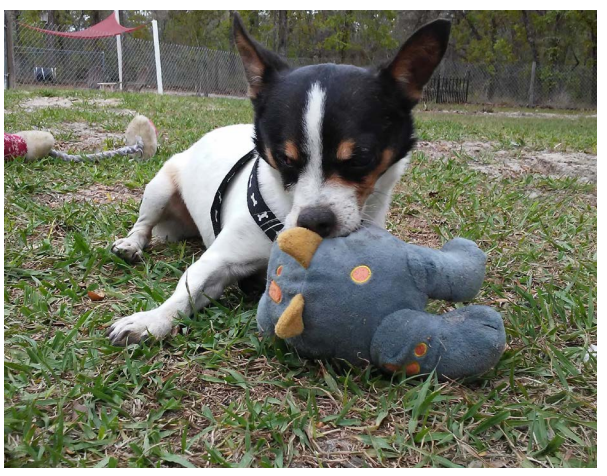
10314094 - This adult male and his little pink nose are ready to sniff out his new digs! Come meet this handsome boy today and save a life! Hernando Animal Services,19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, FL 352-796-5062

10314874 - This is Barnaby, an adult male American Bulldog mix. Barnaby is a big boy and a bit of a goofball. Good on leash. Seems to get along with other dogs and just as sweet as they come! Please come out and meet this beautiful guy! Hernando Animal Services,19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, FL 352-796-5062

10315048 - Nala is an adult female hound/shepherd mix. She is a fairly submissive girl who takes treats gently. Little children might be too scary for her but older ones should be ok. Beautiful markings and sweet face! Hernando County Animal Services, 19450 Oliver Street Brooksville.

From Kathi's K9s...

Foster Home Needed - Compassionate Care Adoption



Bucky is a good-natured, 14-pound, 7-8-year-old rat terrier. He is being fostered in a Brooksville home with 8 other dogs with whom he gets along wonderfully. Bucky has a cherry eye with no vision in that eye. The other eye has a cataract with vision loss as well. Bucky is still active and loves his toys. Bucky is a very loving and friendly dog who wants to follow his foster mom constantly. He would be the perfect companion dog for a senior willing to open their home for this special needs dog. Bucky is neutered, microchipped, vaccinated, and current on flea, tick, and heartworm prevention. There is no adoption fee for this little sweetheart but will be adopted as a compassionate care dog. If you are interested in adopting, please contact kathisk9sfl@gmail.com to request an application.

SPORTS

Spring Prep Football close up: Nature Coast

BY ANDY VILLAMARZO
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

With prep spring football a full week and a half into practices throughout the state of Florida, we take a closer look at each of Hernando County's five programs in the weeks leading into the spring games. The next team we take a look at is Nature Coast Technical, which heads into its second season under the watch of head coach Cory Johns. Nature Coast finished 7-3 in Johns' first season at the helm and reached the postseason, eventually losing 34-7 to Baker County. The Sharks go into their second spring under Johns and the team aims to this time around take the district title back from rival Hernando in Class 5A, District 7.

NCT No. 9 Fabian Burnett 10/31/17

Run game strong

If there was something every team had to truly watch out for against Nature Coast, it was their dangerous rushing attack. Quarterback Fabian Burnett and running back Michael Weston were the workhorses in the run game for Nature Coast and their numbers spoke volumes about each players' importance to the offense. Burnett rushed for 894 yards, but also passed for 565 yards and five touchdowns. Weston was able to surpass the 1,000-yard plateau in 2017 and is a candidate to go over 1,500 in 2018. This spring is another opportunity for the two to mesh that much more.

Liggett's defensive front seven

Michael Weston taken down by Springstead, 10/31/17

Charles Liggett back at defensive coordinator for the Sharks means trouble for opposing offenses, as Nature Coast returns a bevy of experienced players on defense. Headlining the bunch is outside linebacker Dajour Morgan, who racked up 100 tackles last fall, and inside linebacker Corey Peterson, who notched 96 tackles. Both are upperclassmen in a ferocious front seven for the Sharks and they'll have a solid secondary behind them. Cornerback Lenkel Smith, who had three interceptions last season, is the top returner amongst defensive backs.

Size up front

The Sharks graduated the biggest lineman in the county in Louis Miele, who stands 6-foot-8, 315 pounds. Along with fellow linemen Grantt Beckford, who is 6-foot-3, 275 pounds, Nature Coast lost some size on the offensive line. Johns does returns some size, with senior Isaiah Heeke returning. Heeke is 6-foot, 295 pounds and brings veteran leadership up front. The youth movement will begin in the trenches for the Sharks, as John Haley and Andre Dillard should get looks on the offensive and defensive line for Nature Coast.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Summer is fast approaching, means the kids will be out of school and have lots of time to fill. We've put together a list of some known programs throughout the county.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

• Northcliffe Baptist Church June 11-15, register https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myChurch/?id=45326

• Spring Hill Baptist Church June 4-8, register at www.springhillbc.com

• First United Methodist Church July 23-27 (they also have summer camps from June-August) http://www.fumcsh.org/Ministries/Childrens-Ministry

• Faith Church June 11-15 (they also have summer camps) http://fepcb.org

• Ridge Manor Community United Methodist Church July 16-20. www.rmcumc.net/calendar/

• Nativity Lutheran Church June 18-22 www.nlcww.org

Local Summer Camps

• Wider Horizons School in Spring Hill offers educational summer programs for children preschool through high school. Call 352-686-1934 for more information.

• Florida 4-H program and camping opportunities, contact your local UF/IFAS Extension office or go to SolutionsForYourLife.com, to learn more.

• Hernando County Parks and Recreation have several different summer camps to choose from. You can sign up and check out the options at: http://www.co.hernando.fl.us/Parks_Rec/.

• YMCA of the Suncoast has many options of full and half day camps. https://www.ymcasuncoast.org/summercamp

• Hernando County Schools is offering a Springs Coast Environmental Camp find out more and sign up here: https://www.hernandoschools.org/Page/4615

• Discover Point is now accepting enrollment for the summer camp Wild Ride. They have 2 locations in spring Hill, and 2 in New Port Richey. Activities will range from cooking, arts and crafts, team building, STEAM, and field trips. To find out more and to sign up visit their website www.discoverypoint.com/our-programs/summer-camps/

• Sheriff's Office R.O.A.R. Summer Camp: Hernando County Sheriff's Office - R.O.A.R. Summer Day Camp - 2018 for Hernando County children, ages 6-12. R.O.A.R. Summer Day Camp applications will be available on, Thursday, April 19, 2018.

The camp application can be found on the HCSO Internet website (www.hernandosheriff.org), located under Programs, Youth Programs, R.O.A.R. Summer Day Camps.

All sessions (at each location) will run from Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. R.O.A.R. Summer Day Camp is an action packed, fun-filled week for kids, ages 6-12 years. It is FREE to the first 60 registered campers for each session. Preference will be given to Hernando County children who have NEVER attended R.O.A.R. Camp. Each child may only attend one week-long camp session. Camps will be held at the following locations:
Session 1
Weeki Wachee High School - June 11-15
Session 2
Parrott Middle School - June 18-22, 2018
Session 3
Powell Middle School - June 25-29, 2018
Session 4
Springstead High School - July 9-13, 2017.

A confirmation letter will be sent to applicants who have been selected to attend. For additional information, please contact Annie Laurie Austin in Community Relations at 352-797-3660.

• Live Oak Theatre Company Ninth Annual Performing Arts Summer Camp. Held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 18 through June 22 and June 25 through June 30. Camp will be located in Live Oak's new home at the Live Oak Theatre Center for the Performing Arts, 21030 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville, 34601. The suggested donation for tuition is $150 for one week or $250 for both weeks. Each week's curriculum will be different.
The camp is open to children ages 7-18. Special arrangements may be made for younger children based on interview and audition. Campers will be split into groups by age and experience. Early registrations are advised. To reserve a spot: send a minimum deposit/donation of $25, payable to Live Oak Theatre Company and mailed to Live Oak Theatre Company, PO Box 12285 Brooksville, FL 34603. To register online or for more information call 352-593-0027 or go to www.LiveOakTheatre.org and click on "SUMMER CAMP" button.

• Stage West Community Playhouse will have 2 camps offered. Beginners Acting Camp, June 4-8 and Advanced Acting Camp, starts June 16. For more info and to apply contact the box office 8390 Forest Oaks Blvd, Spring Hill, FL 34606
352 683-5113; StageWest@att.net
www.StageWestFlorida.com

• Saint Leo University is offering a summer program for kids 15-18, which runs from June 24-29.. The focus is on CSI Crime Scene Investigation, and is a hands on camp, which allows the student to also see what it's like to live on campus. For more information, go to http://www.totalcamps.com/CSI-CAMPS/home. Contact Nikki Heister atnikki.heister@saintleo.edu or call (352) 588-8487.

• Chinsegut Conservation Center, offers all sorts of fun activities throughout the year. They are offering a Saltwater Fishing Camp, Kayak Adventures, Marine Science, in June and July. Check their website for dates, times, and registration: http://myfwc.com/chinsegut/

• Weeki Wachee Springs State Park, offers summer programs which include Junior Mermaid, Junior Lifeguard, and Junior Ranger. https://weekiwachee.com/camps/

• Hernando County Public Library offers an array of events for kids and teens see the full list, times, and location: https://hernandocountylibrary.us

Word of Life Florida, offers teen and juniors camps: http://camps.wol.org/youth-camps/florida-youth-camps/

• Michael's offer summer camps as well check out their website for a full list: http://www.michaels.com/classes

• Wildlife ranger camp
WHEN: June 19-23, 2018
WHERE: Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, 4150 S Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa,
Description: Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, will offer two-week wildlife ranger camps from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the park this summer. The first camp, from June 19 to 23, is for children ages 8 and 9; the second camp, from July 17 to 21, is for children ages 10 to 12. Applications are available in the park office at the Visitor Center. Each program is limited to 24 campers and will be filled on a first-come basis, with preference to those who have not attended previously. Camp topics include mammals, birds, reptiles, manatees, the ocean, sea turtles and saving energy through alternative sources. Indoor and outdoor activities include nature hunts, visiting wildlife areas in the park and other scientific activities. The cost is $75 per child and includes a T-shirt and supplies. Applicants must write a short essay on "an animal that lives in Florida and why you think that animal is important" to attach to their applications. For information, call Rene Poppe at (352) 628-5343, ext. 1004.

Other Summer Fun Options

• Kids Bowl Free, from April-October kids can get 2 free games of bowling each day. Sign up at www.kidsbowlfree.com

• Summer movies, each week both Beacon Theater and Spring Hill 8 offer movies for $1, and usually specials on concessions. Check their websites for the date, times, and movies. www.gtcmovies.com/showtimes/beacon-brooksville-cinemas & http://touchstarcinemas.com

Volunteering

If you have a student past the summer camp age and they are either considering college in the future or you are just looking for a way yo get them involved during the summer. Volunteering is the way to go. One of the requirements for the Bright Futures Scholarships is volunteer hours. Summer is the perfect time to get that done. Here is just a brief list of location you high schooler might want to try:

• Public Library
• SPCA
• Humane Society
• Jericho Road
• Local churches running a VBS program
• YMCA
• Oakhill and Brooksville Regional Hospitals

SPORTS

Spring prep football close up: Hernando

BY ANDY VILLAMARZO
HERNANDO SUN STAFF
Photography by
CHERYL CLANTON

HHS No. 10 Boston Tafelski during playoff game against Clay Nov. 10, 2017.

With prep spring football a full week and a half into practices throughout the state of Florida, we take a closer look at each of Hernando County's five programs in the weeks leading into the spring games. Our first team we take a glance at is Hernando High, who won the Class 5A, District 7 championship and hosted Green Cove Springs Clay in an entertaining region quarterfinal matchup last fall. The Leopards are loaded once again at the skill position and have several key returners that could help Hernando win consecutive district titles for the first time under head coach Bill Vonada.

Don't have to worry about a signal caller

One thing Vonada will not have to stress about is breaking in a new quarterback, as the Leopards return Bronson Tafelski as the team's signal caller. Tafelski threw for 737 yards and 12 touchdowns in 2017, while also adding 423 yards on the ground. Where the diminutive quarterback really impresses was against Clay in the region quarterfinal contest, in which Tafelski threw for over 100 yards against one of the state's better defenses. Despite losing Ygenio Booker and a couple others on offense, Tafelski should be good to go in leading a talented Hernando offense.

The cupboard is still full in the backfield

There's no doubt the contributions by Booker were huge in the big play department, but the backfield will be ripe with talent once again and that will be headed by tailback Israel Fields. Fields rushed for over 800 yards and scored 17 touchdowns last fall and will be a candidate to go for over the 1,000-yard mark in 2018. Much of the spring will be working out any kinks in the run-heavy system for the Leopards. Also returning with Fields in the backfield is David Hale Bronson, who rushed for over 400 yards in 2017. With Fields and Bronson working together, the duo could be a pair to watch when the season ensues.

Defense should be stout

Enough about the offense, will Hernando's defense be on point? The Leopards should have one of the better units

HHS No. 26 Israel Fields goes down with the ball - 11/10/17

in Hernando County, as they'll return a bevy of players on the defensive side. Outside linebacker Boston Tafelski returns and the senior made over 65 tackles along with intercepting five passes in 2017. Throw in 230-pound defensive lineman Qwenton Coney, who recorded 4.5 sacks last season, and it rounds out a solid front seven for Hernando. Shemar Lawson is back in the secondary and should be one to watch for.

HHS No.13 Bronson Tafelski 11/10/17

Active Buccaneeers deal and draft well

BY MATTHEW
VANDENBURGH
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

The NFL draft started on Thursday, April 26, concluded on Saturday, April 28, and in that time 256 young men were selected to have an opportunity to live their dream of playing professional football.

Of those, eight men will be joining the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, headlined by first round pick Vita Vea.

Vea, a 6-5 defensive tackle from the University of Washington will line up next to All-Pro Gerald McCoy on the defensive line, with the expectation that they will fix a defense that gathered only 22 sacks last season -- the worst in the league.

It was a surprising selection, as the Florida State safety Derwin James was still available at the time and the Buccaneers had a bigger need in the secondary than the defensive line.

They filled those needs in the second round, using two consecutive picks on cornerbacks M.J. Stewart from North Carolina and Carlton Davis from Auburn. These draft picks were acquired from one of the three trades the Bucs made during the draft, being one of the most active teams in terms of trades over the weekend.

Steward and Davis, both highly talented corners, are expected to come in and immediately compete for a starting role as is the other second round selection, USC running back Ronald Jones II.

The other four draft picks, offensive lineman Alex Cappa, safety Jordan Whitehead, wide receiver Justin Watson and linebacker Jack Cichy all are expected to contribute and have the potential to be impact players for the Bucs in the years to come.

This is especially true for Cichy, who was selected in the sixth round despite a lengthy injury history. A walk-on at Wisconsin, Cichy only played in 24 games during his time as a Badger. However, during those games he was effective, recording 120 tackles (15 for a loss) along with 6.5 sacks. It's possible to see Cichy being selected much higher in the draft had he stayed healthy, and if his injury woes are behind him, the Bucs might have a big steal on their hands.

Overall, the Buccaneers did very well in the 2018 draft. Getting four starters in the first four picks, along with another four solid depth pieces, sees the Bucs walking away with a draft grade of an A- for this year.

SOLUTION PAGE 17

Conceptis Hitori

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

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

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

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

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

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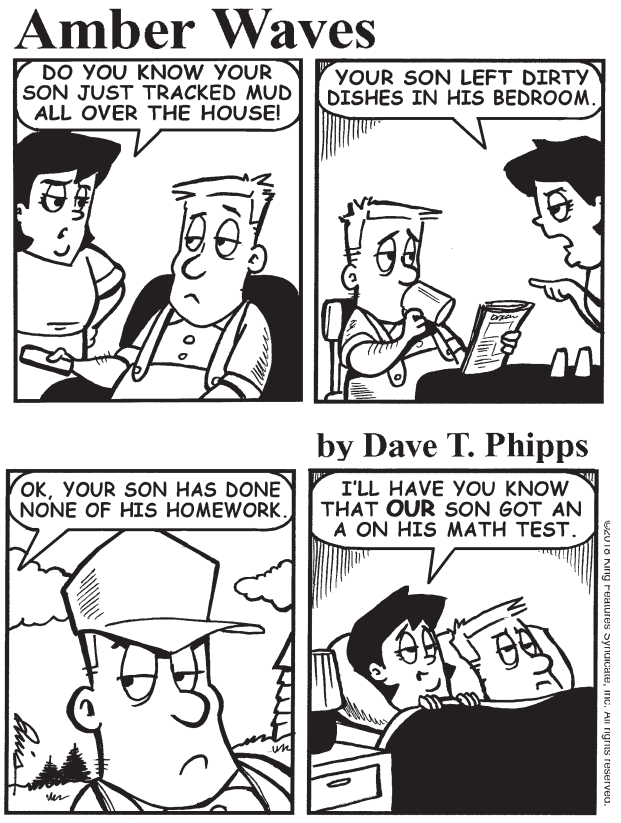
Amber Waves



SOFTBALL
from front page

1st. Third Pirate goes up to bat, line drives down first base line where Hannah Rizzuto picks it up and gets the third out.

Bottom of 1st Springstead up to bat, starting off with Emily Kolwicz, 4 balls walked to first. Mariah Galhouse steps up to the plate, hits a foul, hits another foul just over first base. Galhouse swung out- out 1. Paige Pfent up next- got the second out when the blue called out the third strike. Fourth batter up is Kayla Cruz, the Pirates pass on pitching to Cruz, Cruz walks to first, Audrey Selby subs for Cruz as a runner. Stead has runners on first and second. Raquel Camuglia gets up to bat, Camuglia left runners on base as she strikes out, making it the third out.

Top of the 2nd inning, Pirates line drive hit to Madison Dicono, throws runner out on 1st. Cruz strikes out the second batter. Third batter up, line drive to Cruz, Cruz throws runner out at first. 3 up 3 down.

Bottom of the 2nd, Springstead up to bat. Jenna Ryan struck out, Hannah Rizzuto bunted ball, got thrown out at first.

Top of the 3rd inning, Cruz going strong at pitching, strikes out first batter. Second batter gets a base hit to left field, the throw to second base misses, right fielder picks up and throws back to second. Third batter up, line drive out to center field. Center field throws to second- runner is safe. The Pirates have runner on third. Pirates pop up to shortstop, caught- out 2. Fifth batter pops up to second, caught out 3. One run by pirates.

Bottom of 3rd. Springstead Madison Dicono up to bat, strike out. Back to the top of lineup, Emily Kolwicz is up, and is struck out. Mariah Galhouse popped up at second which was dropped, and got on first. Paige Pfent came up to bat and a third strike was called. Runner was left on first base.

Top of the 4th inning. Cruz struck out batter. Second baseman Madison Dicono caught a pop fly and line drive to get the second and third out.

Bottom of the 4th, Cruz steps up to the plate and again the Pirates won't pitch to her. They walk her for the second time. Raquel Camuglia steps up and goes down swinging. Jenna Ryan's fly ball is caught in right field and Delaney Woodall bunts and is called out at first.

Top of the 5th inning for the Pirates it was 3 up 3 out. Cruz strikes out 2 batters, 1 batter line drives to shortstop Mariah Galhouse who throws runner out on first.

Bottom of the 5th. Springstead also 3 up 3 out. Hannah Rizzuto bunts and is out on first. Audrey Selby hits grounder to second baseman, out on first. Emily Kolwicz goes down swinging.

Top of the 6th inning. Game is coming to an end. Something has to happen for Springstead to take this win for the district. Pirates up to bat once again. First batter hits a grounder to shortstop and is safe on first. Second batter bunts, Paige Pfent goes into action and throws runner out on first, while another Pirate advances to second. Third batter line drives right down the center- infield misses, Springstead center fielder throws home to stop runner on third. Paige Pfent then throws to second to stop runner but was missed and the Pirate runner came in making their second run. Pirates continue to step up to the plate, another line drive to Madison Dicono, and throws batter out at first. Shortstop Mariah Galhouse picked up a grounder and puts runner out on first.

Bottom of the 6th- It's Springstead up to bat. Tension is up- let's get it girls.

You got this. Mariah Galhouse up to bat, grounder to center field gets on first. Up next is Paige Pfent, base hit. Mariah on second and Paige on first. Cruz is up to bat, again for the third time the Pirates passes on Cruz and loads up the bases. Raquel Camuglia up and strikes out.

Jenna Ryan was walked, and the Stead has 1 run. Next batter Delaney Woodall was also walked, the Stead has the second run. Game is tied. Now it gets really tense, Hannah Rizzuto gets the base hit which was missed by the second baseman. Pirates had Jenna Ryan and Delaney Woodall in hotboxes. Pirates got Jenna Ryan out on third. The Stead got a third run in all the confusion. Madison Dicono gets up to bat and hits ball to shortstop, shortstop throws runner out on second making it the Stead's third out.

Top of the 7th inning. Springstead is ahead by 1 run, the Pirates have to get at least 1 to tie the game, 2 to win. Everyone is on the edge of their seats. The girls have to hold the Pirates to take the win.

Alright here we go, the first batter for the Pirates is at the plate. Batter gets a base hit and gets on first. Second batter gets up to the plate. Pops up to Madison Dicono, ball is caught- 1 out, then Dicono turns and throws the runner on first out, 2 outs. Madison Dicono makes a beautiful double play. All the Eagles need is one more out to win the game. Third batter is up, batter hits ball down third which Emily Kolwicz picks it up and throws the runner out on first. Cheers erupt with that third out, the Springstead Eagles take the 6A-6 District Championship.

Coach Craig Swartout with Senior Players Kayla Cruz, Delaney Woodall, Paige Pfent and Stephanie Bunyon

A view of the game from the bleachers

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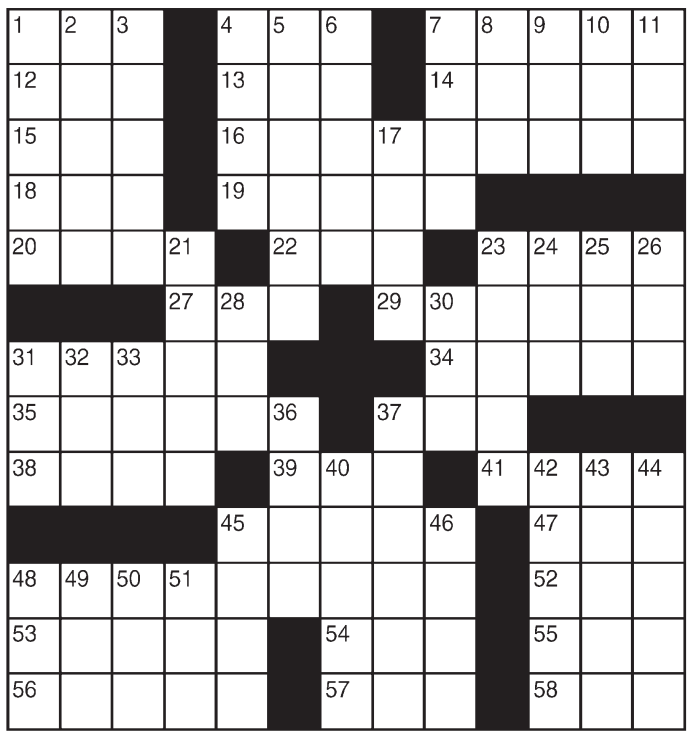

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HUNTING

Bowhunting the big boars

by TOBY BENOIT
OUTDOORSMAN

Archery has been a lifelong passion of mine and I've been involved in the sport, in one form or another for nearly forty years. And though I enjoy all legal methods of the hunt, none can come anywhere near the thrill of using your skills as an archer, to bring home some meat for your family. It's a close range sport and I love it!

Now, like most bowhunters, I count down all year long until opening day of archery season in September. That's when I can take to the woods in attempt to bring home some venison. However, for anyone fortunate enough to have private land with a population of hogs, there's no reason to wait on venison when fresh pork will do!

Only problem there, is finding access to private land with a plentiful population of pork. You can try knocking on some doors, making inquiries at church or any of a hundred other ways to locate and gain access to such property. I've been fortunate over the years to have been offered access to hunt on such places and always taking the time to share from my harvest has kept many of those invitations open. But, often I prefer to hunt together with new friends in small groups. The camaraderie is always enjoyable and the extra hands in the field make care and transitioning of the carcass to table meat much easier.

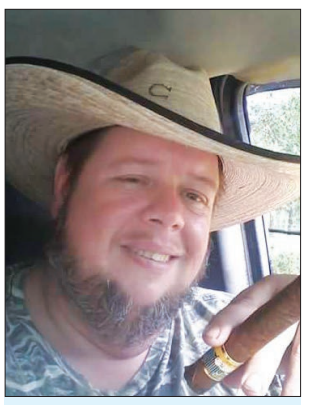
I recently found such a place right here in Hernando County's Ridge Manor region. My new friend Ron Ritter, owner of I Live Wild, has acreage along the banks of the beautiful Withlacoochee River with a booming population of wild pigs. I hunted with Ron just this past Sunday and can tell you first hand what a great set up he has. I have been to a lot of the private hunting ranches, but few of them have enough experience with bowhunting in order to ensure success. See, with archery tackle, you have to get close and Ron can get you close!

One thing I thought was quite interesting is how he really encourages his visiting hunters to hunt with archery tackle. And in order to accommodate the average, under experienced archer, Ron has a pair of top of the line PSE crossbows, topped with high quality optics, including night vision, with the ability to even film your hunt as you conduct it. And that, to me, is awesome! I hunt with firearms, but love hunting with archery tackle because of the challenge of hunting up close and personal and anybody going out of their way to promote and teach a love of archery is aces with me!

Like I mentioned earlier; I recently hunted with Ron at I Live Wild and had great fun. We toured two of his three hunting properties and I took notice not only to the crazy amount of hog sign throughout the properties, but the manner in which he has placed his stands, blinds and feeders. The trails are combed and corned consistently along with feeders and pig poles.

A huge penned area with locally trapped hogs. The feeding of the penned hogs, the sow in heat scent, and constant grunting makes for the best bait. Best bait for hog is other hogs! I can see how well it works too, by looking at the amount of sign left from really big boars along the outside of the sow's pen. You can bet that I'll be going back soon and I'm hoping some of you folks will join me. What a fun time we can have visiting and hunting together right here in beautiful Hernando County.

As always, if you have any feedback, suggestions or even just want to share a good hunting story, give me a shout at Toby@HernandoSun.com. God bless and good hunting!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Rocco Maglio

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The purpose of this message is to convince website owners to add an ssl certificate to their sites. It depends on to what extent that users pay attention to this message as to the affect on websites. If people leave websites marked "not secure" then it will incentivize website owners to get a secure certificate. If people

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BUSINESS & COMMUNITY

HEALTH SPOTLIGHT

Oak Hill Hospital leading the way in breast care

Oak Hill Hospital Women's Imaging Center uses the most up-to-date imaging equipment and is First and only accredited ACR Breast Imaging Center of Excellence in Hernando County.

The First and only accredited ACR Breast Imaging Center of Excellence in Hernando County now offering 3D mammography

by SUE QUIGLEY
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

The figures are alarming. Approximately one in eight women (about 12.4 percent) in the US will develop invasive breast cancer in their lifetime. Men are also at risk of breast cancer but far less — only one in 1,000 men will develop this type of cancer. And, according to figures obtained from breastcancer.org, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing the most reliable and up-to-date information about breast cancer, the latest forecast for 2018 predicts 41,000 of those women are expected to die, even though death rates have been decreasing since 1989.

It is thought that the decrease is due because of advances in treatment, earlier detection through screening and increased awareness of the disease plus the reduced use of hormone replacement therapy (HRT).

Recognizing the possible warning signs of cancer and taking prompt action leads to early diagnosis and that greatly increases the chances for successful treatment. The two major components of early detection are educating women to promote early diagnosis and regular screening. One example of screening to identify breast cancer in women who do not yet have any symptoms, is 3D mammography which offers greater precision, better quality and higher efficiency.

Oak Hill Hospital is at the forefront of 3D mammography, stereotactic breast biopsy, breast ultrasound (including ultrasound-guided breast biopsy) and is the first and only accredited ACR Breast Imaging Center of Excellence in Hernando County.

Cheryl Whitman is the board certified Patient Care Navigator at the Women's Imaging Center and responsible for steering patients from early diagnosis, through treatment and survivorship. Whitman helps coordinate each patient's care and is an advocate working with the entire team at the center to ensure the care is comprehensive and completed in a timely manner.

Oak Hill Hospital's 3D mammography, sometimes called "tomosynthesis," utilizes advanced breast mammography technology that's clinically proven to significantly increase the detection of breast cancers thereby decreasing the number of women asked to return for additional testing.

"Our 3D mammography offers less radiation exposure and a comfort paddle system that reduces discomfort," she explained. It's important that women have a better understanding of how mammography is important for them based upon their

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Cheryl Whitman, the Nurse Navigator at the Women's Imaging Center in Oak Hill Hospital.

WHEN SHOULD WOMEN START TAKING MAMMOGRAMS?

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGY
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PLEIN AIR

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By SARAH NACHIN
HERNANDO SUN STAFF WRITER

Our early Spring rains let up enough to allow eighteen plein air artists the opportunity to paint outdoors for a few days. They competed in the Brooksville City Hall Art Gallery's annual Plein Air Paint Out. The results were an interesting and beautiful array of watercolors, acrylics, pastels and oils.

Plein air painting is done outdoors and artists do not work from photographs. It gives the artist a chance to interpret what he or she sees in either a realistic or impressionist style. However, weather and the constant shifting of shadows and light can sometimes be a challenge.

A local group of plein air artists called 'Shadow Chasers' meets regularly to paint together and share ideas, as well. Although ten to fifteen people are members of the group, not all show up to every location. They plan three to six months in advance the various locations in the Tampa Bay area where they are going to paint and then spend several sessions over the course of a month at that location.

"We like painting together because of the camaraderie and the opportunity to enjoy nature. It's very relaxing. You can really feel your painting," states Yolanda Barreto, one of the founders of the group.

Sometimes the artists find themselves with an audience. Sometimes they use it as a means to encourage other would-be artists.

"People are inquisitive and they'll come and watch and won't say a word. You watch their expressions. You find yourself explaining to people that this is just the beginning. You're building your painting in stages," Brenda Glenny, another member remarks.

Third Place painting by Patricia Hart Liegel

"I've had other artists come over and talk to me and mention that they're not doing art anymore. It's given me an opportunity to redirect people and encourage them to join one of the art groups," Yolanda adds.

Not everyone who signed up to be in the City Hall Art Gallery competition are members of the group. Some are professional artists who have painted for many years, while others pursue art as a hobby or passion.

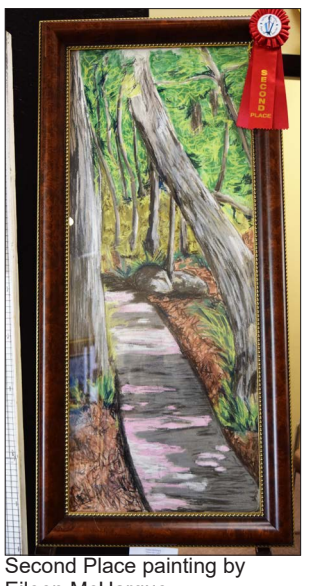
Judith (Judy) McIntire, aself-taught artist, has been painting since she was two years old and had relatives who were artists. However, she pursued a career in accounting. When Judy retired, she was able to develop her artistic talents and is now the Coordinator of the City Hall Art Gallery. She's enthusiastic about bringing all types of art to Brooksville and arranges exhibits from pottery, basketry and jewelry to sculpture, photography and painting. The exhibits change every five to six weeks and any artist is welcome to display his or her works at no cost. The art is for sale and the gallery asks for a 10% (free will) donation from the proceeds.

Response to this year's Plein Air Paint Out was the best it has been since the competition started seven years ago. Eighteen artists participated and paid just $25 to $35 (depending on how early they registered) to enter. Six cash prizes and ribbons were awarded: First Prize - $300, Second Prize - $200, Third Prize - $100 and three $50 Honorable Mentions.

The judge for the competition was renowned artist, William Sosa who is originally from Cuba. He gave written comments on each artist's work. Sosa told Judy that there were so many good paintings to choose from that is was difficult to pick just six.

"We decided on William to judge because he has a history and groundwork in art and he did not know any of the entrants. We wanted a fresh set of eyes," Judy stated.

Steve (Van) Benevides received first prize for his work entitled "Kayak Shack," one of two that he submitted. It was done in vibrant colors with a lot of detail. Sosa commented on the painting: "Good use of color and structure patterns, technique, skills and originality. Good composition, rhythm and balance."



Second Place painting by Eileen McHargue

Benevides is a professional painter who takes commissions sometimes and does murals along with other paintings. He also makes his own frames out of driftwood, old crab traps and other natural materials.

"I've been painting since I was eight years old. It took me ten to fifteen hours to finish the large painting and eight hours to do the smaller one," Van stated.

Second place in the competition went to Eileen McHargue whose work was done on hand made 300# weight paper, similar to cardboard. She utilized pastels and Conté crayons that are similar to pastels, but made of clay. Eileen is a graphic artist and works for several magazines.

Patricia Hart Liegel took third place for her acrylics work which she painted at the Nature Coast Botanical Gardens in Spring Hill. She won Honorable Mention last year. Patricia has been doing plein air painting for only eighteen months, but has been an artist all her life.

"I had a gallery on Long Island where I sold my own paintings and those of others. I would paint from photographs. This [plein air] is so much more fun. You're out in the open. You have to get it quick because the light changes," Patricia remarked.

Honorable Mention awards went to Gary Duquette, Jana Withers and Judith McIntire.

You can view these paintings, as well as the other submitted works, at the Brooksville City Hall Art Gallery 201 Howell Avenue on Monday through Friday 8 a.m. To 5 p.m. For more information call 352-540-3810 or go to http://www.ci.brooksville.fl.us/

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3D IMAGING

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age and other criteria,' said Whitman.

Whitman added that Tomosynthesis takes multiple images and then the computer software compiles them into more detailed 3D renderings of the breast that provides the on-site radiologist at Oak Hill reviewing your images with more views and therefore greater accuracy. The imaging works in a similar way to conventional mammograms but, because it's digital technology, enables the computer within the machine to provide 3D images."

"The examination itself is very similar to a a conventional mammogram in that you stand in front of an x-ray machine and your breasts will be compressed, one at a time, between two plates," she said. "The difference with a 3D mammogram is that the x-ray arm of the machine moves over the breast in an arc while taking multiple images of the breast from multiple different angles."

"I, and my team, at the Women's Imaging Center want to make every woman feel as comfortable as possible from the moment they arrive for their mammogram to the moment they leave," she said. "It's my personal goal to provide you with a positive, relaxing experience in a caring and comfortable environment."

When arriving for an appointment, patients are asked to come 15 minutes earlier so they can register first. Then they're escorted to a quiet, spacious and comfortably furnished waiting room with refreshments.

"We have wonderful volunteers who help guide patients to the changing rooms and security lockers where they can prepare for the exam," she said. "When it's time for the exam, an experienced, female technologist will take the patient to the examination room and conduct the mammogram."

"Timewise, the entire appointment and examination only takes about 30 minutes to complete," she said. "And women can return to their normal activities immediately afterwards."

When the mammogram is completed, the computer images go to our team of on-site radiologists to review. Once reviewed, the results are sent to the patient's primary care physician within 24 hours. Should a potential abnormality be discovered, it is immediately notified to Whitman and the patient's physician.

"Time is of the essence if there is a positive result," said Whitman. "I liaise with the patient and her physician to ensure the patient comes back for further tests or a biopsy within 14 days of the mammogram."

All positive findings are sent to Oak Hill Hospital's Breast Leadership Committee that makes sure the center meets the current standards in breast care. The committee also conducts concordance reviews to make sure each patient is receiving the best treatment possible.

"They go over the biopsy reports, the pathology and radiology — the whole process — so that the best possible treatment options have been made,"

said Whitman.

As a Nurse Navigator, Cheryl Whitman will assist patients from diagnosis and throughout their treatment.

"We track every woman's results including biopsies plus genetic and other tests, in a personalized folder that the patient keeps," said Whitman. "The center has specialized software that's like an electronic chart detailing what stage the cancer is at, the treatment, as well as how the patient is faring and a whole host of relevant and helpful information.

Whitman further explained that she is constantly in touch with each patient to talk about any worries they may be having.

"I go over every step of what the treatment is, what will happen and I also attend the patient on the day of her surgery, to help ease any anxieties," she said.

Whitman also follows up on each patient once they have gone home. She calls patients after the first night home to make sure they're comfortable or if a case manager or a home help nurse is required.

"I have an open door policy," she said. It's important to provide that support for them." Being told you have breast cancer surgery can be overwhelming and have a profound effect on women. It's the center's commitment to provide a complete breast care program.

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Support Group

The Women's Imaging Center also runs a breast cancer support group. It's called "Afternoon Tea with the Ladies" and is to educate, empower and inspire newly diagnosed breast cancer patients and survivors.

The group meets every 2nd Tuesday of each month. Next meeting is June 12, 2018 at 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

To contact Cheryl Whitman, call 352.597.6130.

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ignore the warning, it will probably not have much of an effect.

In truth the "not secure" warning is a little dire. If you are just browsing a web site and not filling out forms with important information, it is not truly necessary. It could prevent some man in the middle attacks where someone intercepts and changes the communication between the web browser and the server. Sometimes this is done to inject ads or malware into a trusted website.

A Secure Socket Layer (SSL) certificate can cost more than hosting for a small website. There is a free SSL certificate available from https://letsencrypt.org/. If you are running a small website you will need to check if your host supports let's encrypt certs. A ssl certificate is a recurring cost, they usually expire yearly, so keep that in mind. You may want to switch to a host that supports Let's Encrypt certs.

Let's Encrypt offers short period duration certificates. They only last 90 days. There is software that generates new certificates automatically that can be set up on the server. This allows the certs to be continually renewed. The traditional certs are renewed yearly and sometimes would fall through the cracks leading to errors about expired certificates.

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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 **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, 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 1-4:00 Alzheimer's Support **1:00-Chewin' the** Fat!	8-4 Cards, Board Games & 8:30-9:00 Weights & Squats 9:00-9:40 2 mile walk 9:40-10:00 Tai Chi *9-11 Share A Craft* 9-4 SHINE by Appt Only Call 593-0705 **1:00-Chewin' the Fat!** **1:00-3:00 Memory Café- Meridien Research** **6:30-8:30 Mom to Mom**	8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles 9:00-10:00 Chair Exercise 9-11 Share A Craft 10-11:30 Crochet Classes 10:30 Music with Gale 12-1 Blood Pressure checks by Home Instead 12:30-4 Mah-Jongg **12:30-4 Advanced Canasta- Hand & Foot** **1:00-Chewin' the Fat** **3-6:00 TLC for Mom's**

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

7	8	9	10	11
Walking in the Courtyard- anytime **8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles** **8-12 Crafts** **8:30-9:30 Exercise** **11-12 Beach Ball Bash** **10-12 Diabetic Support** **10:00-3:30 Florida Sewing Society** **1-4:00 Alzheimer's**	**Walking in the Courtyard- anytime** **8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles** **8-12 Crafts** **9-5 SHINE BY APPT** **9:30-11 BINGO** **10-12 Deaf Services** **10-3 HC Quilt Guild** **8-3 Sewing Class** **10:30 Birthday Club** **6:30-7:30 Nurse Support**	**Walking in the Courtyard-** **8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles** **8:30-9:30 Exercise** **9-12 Crocheting & Knitting** **10:30- Hospital Volunteers** **11:30-12:30 Blood Pressure by Home Instead** **12:30-4:00 Canasta- Hand & Foot** **1-3 Warm Up America ~crocheting** **1-3 Pencil Sketching** 1:00 Music with Gale 6:30-7:30 AA Support Group **7 Toastmasters- Public Speaking**	**Walking in the Courtyard- anytime** **8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles** **8-12 Crafts** **9:30-11 BINGO** **8-3 Sewing Class** **12-4 Pinochle** **1-3 Creative Art** **5:30 Cognitive Training** **6:00-10:00 CPR-AED** **7:30-9:00 AL-Anon**	**Walking in the Courtyard- anytime** 8-4 Cards, Games & Puzzles 8-12 Crafts 8:30-9:30 Exercise 9-12 Gourd painting **10-12 Relax thru Coloring** **10-1 Quilters with a Cause** **May 13th**

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

7	8	9	10	11
9-4 Cards & Board Games 9-4:00 Puzzles **1-3 Creative Art**	9-4 Cards & Games 9-4 Puzzles **9-4 AARP-DSP** **12:30 YOGA** 1:00 Alzheimer's Support Group by appointment	9-4 Cards & Games 9-4:00 Puzzles 10-4 American Red Cross	9-4 Cards & Games 9-4:00 Puzzles 10-4 Nature Coast Basket Weavers 10-4 American Red Cross 7:00-9:00 HCARA	9-4 Cards & Board Games 9-4:00 Puzzles

Solution to Crossword from page 12:

King Crossword — *Answers*

Solution time: 27 mins.

O	P	S		P	E	A		T	R	Y		I	T	S		C	H	O	P	
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Solution to Sudoku from p 18:

Weekly SUDOKU — *Answer*

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

Hailey Skoglund receiving the Stephen B. Fickett Memorial Scholarship from Tom St. Clair. Photo by Brenda Skoglund

Hailey Skoglund recipient of the Stephen B. Frickett Memorial Scholarship

Hailey Skoglund is the recipient of the 2018 Stephen B. Fickett Memorial Scholarship awarded annually by the Hernando Audubon Society. Ms. Skoglund received a check for $1000 from Scholarship Committee Chair Tom St. Clair at the society's April 26 meeting.

The Pasco-Hernando State College student will receive her AA degree this December. Enrolled in the college full-time at age 15, Ms. Skoglund is the youngest student to be admitted to PHSC in the history of Hernando County. Upon graduation, she plans to pursue a degree in Environmental Engineering at the University of Central Florida, and eventually to obtain a graduate degree in Environmental Law.

Stephen B. Fickett was one of the founding members and a past president of Hernando Audubon. The scholarship is awarded in his memory to a qualifying Hernando County high school senior or to a student at Pasco-Hernando State College interested in pursuing a career in the Environmental Sciences.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

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352-683-5685

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Spring Hill, FL 34608
352.683.5882

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Brooksville, FL 34601
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5155 Commercial Way,
Spring Hill
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20366 Cortez Blvd,
Brooksville, FL, 34601
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5338 Freeport Drive Spring Hill, FL 34606
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info@chabadspringhill.com
(352) 600-2779

(puzzle on page 6)

CryptoQuote
answer

My so-called foreign minister (Molotov) ... He can't even find foreign countries on the map, let alone deal with them.
— Stalin

Hernando County author takes message of perseverance to Parkland shooting survivors

Roslyn Franken knows about survival and perseverance in the face of adversity. Her mother survived the concentration camps of Nazi Europe, including Auschwitz. Her father survived the Nagasaki atomic bomb as a prisoner of war in Japan. At 29, Roslyn survived cancer. She wrote a book about her parents' amazing story of survival and strength entitled Meant to Be: A True Story of Might, Miracles and Triumph of the Human Spirit.

On April 12 the Hernando County author travelled to Parkland, Florida to speak to survivors of the February 14 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School that killed 17 people. She addressed the class that was attacked by the gunman and gave each student a personally autographed copy of her book as a gift.

"Just driving up to the school I was getting butterflies in my stomach, seeing all the signs everywhere like the one that says, 'Never again,'" she said. "But once standing in front of the students, I knew this would become the most important and meaningful presentation of my speaking career to date."

Ivy Schamis, Educator at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School said, "Roslyn was able to bring such a positive experience to my students as they were feeling so down about everything. She not only spoke about her parents' wartime experiences but also about their positive outlook on life. She brought so much brightness and hope to the students and just watching the way they were watching her when she spoke was just amazing. The kids were very enraptured by what she said and we are so thankful she was able to come to our school because any little bit of healing helps and Roslyn Franken did a lot of healing."

Franken's Parkland presentation marked the launch of her Student Speaking Tour. For more information, visit www.RoslynFranken.com.

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Story submitted to The Hernando Sun.

Roslyn Franken, center, with MSD students on April 12, 2018. Photo submitted.

Hernando County Crime Stoppers

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DOB: 04-04-1995
Hgt: 5'08" Wgt: 170
Spring Hill, FL

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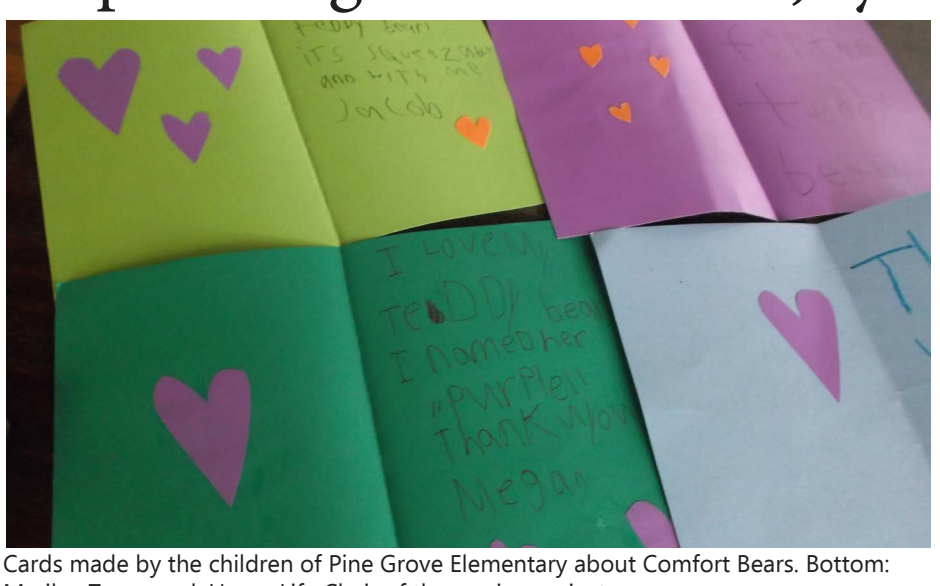
Brooksville Women's Club spreading Comfort and Joy


Cards made by the children of Pine Grove Elementary about Comfort Bears. Bottom: Marilyn Townsend, Home Life Chair of the service project..

BY SARAH NACHIN
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

The Brooksville Women's Club is not just a social organization. Its members are committed to using their time and talents to help our community in many ways. The women create "Comfort Bears" for children, hats for cancer patients and "angels" for relatives of people who have passed away after being in Hospice care.

Marilyn Townsend is eighty-nine years "young" and Home Life Chair of this service project.

"We wanted to do something for children in the event of an accident or trauma situation. We contacted the Sheriff's Office, Brooksville Police Department and Fire Rescue. Then we made the bears," Marilyn stated.

It was a group effort. Some ladies cut out the patterns, while others sewed and stuffed the bears. First responders keep the Comfort Bears in their vehicles and give them to children who are going through a traumatic event.

The club then decided to give the Comfort Bears to children with special needs. They contacted Esther's School in Spring Hill and arranged to bring bears to Ms. Betsy Ahren's group of students in her Life Skills class. The children, ages five to ten were thrilled.

"It was such a special treat to see the smiles on the students faces as they received the bears," Ms. Ahrens remarked.

The next school the women visited was Pine Grove Elementary where they gave the comfort bears to students in one of the classes. The reaction of the children was the same. They even wrote Thank you cards to the ladies.

The Women's Club continues to spread their special brand of comfort and joy by making hats for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy. Their latest project is creating "Angels" for relatives of those who have passed away after being cared for by Hospice. It is a touching reminder of their loved ones.

The Brooksville Women's Club, founded in 1932, is located at 131 South Main Street. They have a long history of volunteerism and service to the community. They also rent out their building to the public for special events.

For more information on the club call 352 345-2173 or go to http://gfwcbrooksvillewomansclub.org/

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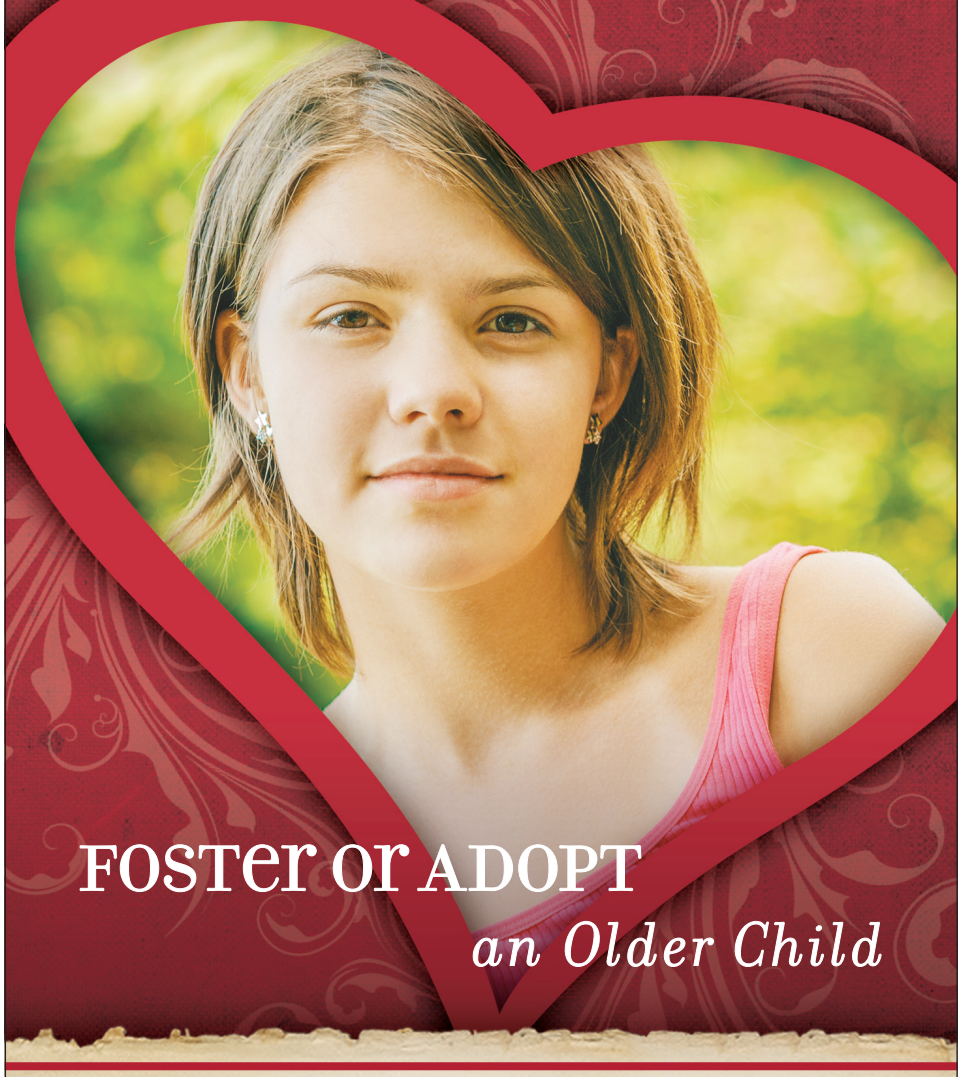

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LEGAL NOTICES

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SPOKANE**

NO. 18-5-00154-0

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF PETITION/HEARING
RE: RELINQUISHMENT OF CHILD/TERMINATION OF PARENT/CHILD RELATIONSHIP**

In Re the Interest of: THAILEE JADE PEER, (DOB: 02/24/2006)

The State of Washington to the said: Daniel Lee Peer, alleged father of Thailee Jade Peer, (DOB: 02/24/2006) and anyone with a paternal interest.

1. You have been named as the alleged father or a possible father of the above-named child. A Petition for Termination of Parent-Child Relationship has been filed in the above-entitled court by Petitioner, Alexxus Alexander Palacio. The Petitioner is asking the court for an order permanently terminating the parent-child relationship between you and the child, permanently terminating all of your rights to the child, and for a decree of adoption declaring the prospective adoptive parent to be the legal parent of the child.

2. The child is Thailee Jade Peer, born February 24, 2006 in Clearwater, Florida to Noelani Nadine Palacio.

3. The court hearing on this matter shall be held on June 19, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the Spokane County Superior Court; Room 304, 1116 W. Broadway, Spokane, Washington. Your failure to appear at this hearing may result in a Default Order permanently terminating all of your rights to the above-named child.

4. In order to defend against this petition, you must respond to the petition by stating your defense in writing and by serving a copy on the person signing this summons and by filing the original with the clerk of the court. If you do not serve your written response within (1) twenty (20) days if you are served personally within the State of Washington, (2) thirty (30) days if you are served personally outside the State of Washington, or (3) thirty (30) days if you are served by publication, from the date of service of this summons and notice, an order permanently terminating your parent-child relationship with the child will be entered by default. A default order is one where the petitioners are entitled to what they ask for because you have not responded. If you serve a notice of appearance on Mark R. Iverson at the address below, you are entitled to notice before a default order may be entered.

5. One method of serving your response is to send it by certified mail with return receipt requested, if service is made by mail. The service shall be deemed complete upon the third day following the day upon which the response is placed in the mail, unless the third day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, in which event service shall be deemed complete on the first day other than a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, following the third day.

6. You are further notified that any non-consenting parent or alleged father has the right to be represented by an attorney, and an attorney will be appointed for an indigent person who requests an attorney.

7. You are further notified that you have a right to file a claim of paternity under Chapter 26.26 RCW. You are further notified that your failure to file a claim of paternity within 30 days of the date of service of this notice and Summons upon you or your failure to respond to the Petition within 30 days of the date of service of Summons & Notice upon you, is grounds to terminate your parent/child relationship with respect to the child.

8. If the child is an Indian child as defined by the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. § 1901, et. seq. or RCW 13.38 et. seq., your parental rights may not be terminated unless you give valid consent to termination, or your parent-child relationship is terminated involuntarily pursuant to chapter 26.33 or 13.34.

9. If the Service Members Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C.S. Appx. § 501 et. seq. and RCW 38.42.210 et. seq., apply, you may have certain rights and protections.

YOUR FAILURE TO RESPOND MAY RESULT IN A DEFAULT ORDER PERMANENTLY TERMINATING ALL OF YOUR RIGHTS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED CHILD.

DATED this 30th day of April, 2018.

MARK R. IVERSON, P.S.
/s/
MARK R. IVERSON, WSBA #18312
Attorney for Petitioner

FILE ORIGINAL WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT AT:

Clerk of the Court
Spokane County Court
1116 West Broadway, Rm. 300
Spokane, WA 99260-0350
(509) 477-2211

SERVE A COPY OF YOUR RESPONSE ON:
Mark R. Iverson
Mark R. Iverson, P.S.
921 W. Broadway, Ste. 305
Spokane, WA 99201
(509) 462-3678

(05/04/2018), (05/11/2018), (05/18/2018)

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

CASE NO.: 2017-DR-2186

MABLE LEE SIMS,
Petitioner/Wife,
v.
EARNEST JOHN SIMS,
Petitioner/Husband.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO:
EARNEST JOHN SIMS
27161 Aubrey Avenue
Brooksville, FL. 34602

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Mable Lee Sims c/o Attorney Sarah Sultenfuss, whose address is Post Office Box 978, Dade City, Florida 33526, on or before May 14, 2018 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 2 N. Main Street, Brooksville, Florida 34601 before service on Respondent or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You must file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

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

Dated April 2, 2018
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By /s/JBT
Deputy Clerk

(04/13/2018), (04/20/2018)
(04/27/2018), (05/04/2018)

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

Case # 2018-DR-132

IN RE:
NELLY HERRERA-VELEZ
LAURA ACOSTA
Petitioners

And

ROXANNE LYONS-HERRERA
LAWRENCE B. HERRERA
Respondents

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR TEMPORARY CUSTODY OF MINOR CHILD BY EXTENDED FAMILY PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES CHAPTER 751

TO: Roxanne Lyons
a/k/a Roxanne Lyons-Herrera
414 Taipei Court, Unit 82 A
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28303

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Temporary Custody of Minor Child Pursuant to Florida Statutes Chapter 751 has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to:

Timothy M. Doud, Esq., Attorney for the Petitioner's
Law Offices of Timothy M. Doud, LLC
P.O. Box 1777 Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688

Within 20 days from the first date of this notice and file the original with the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and For Hernando County, Florida, 20 N. Main Street, Brooksville, Florida 34601 before service on the Attorney for the Petitioner's or immediately thereafter.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's Office. You may review these documents upon request.

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

/s/ Timothy M. Doud
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Fl Bar # 0052061
Law Offices of Timothy M. Doud, LLC
P.O. Box 1777
Tarpon Springs, Fl 34688
352-596-6339
TimDoud@aol.com
Attorney for Nelly Herrera-Velez

(04/20/2018), (4/27/2018),
(05/04/2018), (05/11/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that CHRISTIAN GONZALEZ, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of HALOSE7EN MULTIMEDIA PRODUCTION located in HERNANDO County intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

(05/04/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Mandala Gems LLC, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "Mandala Gems Company" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

(05/04/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Walter Ward, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "Carpet Tech" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

(5/04/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that ERNEST E ALTMAN and MARGARET ANN ALTMAN, co-owners, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "BRAMBLE CREEK FARMS" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

(5/04/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that THE SEED FOUNDATION SOUTH INC, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "THE SEED FOUNDATION" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

(5/04/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that ARIANA CARRILLO-HERNANDEZ, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "CARRILLO INTERPRETING" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

(5/04/2018)

OBITUARIES

Joanne E. Hammock
Joanne E., age 84 of Brooksville, passed away on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. She is predeceased by her husband, Walter, and great-grandson, Zachary. Joanne is survived by her daughter, Cheryl; son, Walter H; 8 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren. Src; Brewer

Lane Helen I., age 92,of Spring Hill, passed away on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. Helen is survived by her daughter, Kathleen (Edward), and 1 grandchild. Src; Downing

O'Connell Margaret, M., age 83, of Brooksville, passed away on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 a. She is preceded in death by her son: William O'Connell and daughter: Noreen Loganzo. Margaret is survived by her husband William; daughters: Kathleen and Margaret M. O'Connell; 7 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. Src; Merritt

Booth Maxine Jewel, age 87, of Hudson, passed away on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. She is preceded in death by son: Wayne Booth, Jr. Maxine is survived by her husband: Wayne Booth, Sr.; sons: Bill; Kim; daughters: Darlene, and Sheri; 6 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren. Src; Merritt

Kunkel Bonna Lee, age 69, passed away on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. She is preceded in death by her parents. Bonna is survived by her family. Src; Merritt

Milliken Doris Lee, 85, of Brooksville, passed away on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. She is survived by her sons Benjamin (Donna); Stephen (Linda) and Mark (Donna); daughter Mary (Tommy); many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great great-grandchildren. Src; Turner

McGarry Mildred passed away on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. Src; Turner

Cunningham Jane, passed away on Wednesday, April 25, 2018. Src; Turner

Luttgens Almamary, age 70 of Spring Hill, passed away on Wednesday, April 25, 2018. Almamary is survived by her son, Robert; daughter, Jill; & 4 grandchildren. Src; Downing

Poore HazelInez Holland, passed away on Thursday, April 26, 2018. Hazel was predeceased by her husband Richard. She is survived by her daughters Donna (Ned), Linda, Patricia (Mark), and Susan (James), 4 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. Src; Brewer

Weber Donald passed away on Thursday, April 26, 2018. He is survived by his wife Laura, 4 children: Erin (Chris), Matthew (Kim), Shawn (Melissa) and Bryan, 11 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. Src Brewer

Desiderio Maria T. age 64, of Hudson, passed away on Thursday, April 26, 2018. Maria is survived by her husband, Vincent Sr.; son, Vincent Jr. (Marissa); daughter, Michele (Robin); and 4 grandsons. Src; Downing

Fiocca Margaret C., age 67, of Spring Hill, passed away on Thursday, April 26, 2018. She is survived by her husband: Neil; daughters and son-in-law: Nicole; and Renae (Joe). Src; Merritt

Parker Donald Allen, age 68, of Brooksville, passed away on Thursday, April 26, 2018. He was a United States Air Force Veteran. Donald is survived by his wife Cheryl; son and daughter-in-law: Michael (Ragan); daughter and son-in-law: Jennifer (George); and 3 grandchildren. Src; Merritt

Weber Donald , passed away on Friday, April 27, 2018 He is survived by his wife of Laura, 4 children: Erin (Chris), Matthew (Kim), Shawn (Melissa) and Bryan; 11 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. Src; Brewer

Hilbert Doris Jane, age 93, passed away on Friday, April 27, 2018. She is survived by 2 sons, Randy and Terry; daughter, Sandra; 4 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Src; Brewer

Dolan Veronica Mary, age 70, of Spring Hill, passed away on Friday, April 27, 2018. She is preceded in death by her parents, Christopher and Christina Mahon. Veronica is survived by her husband Richmond; sons, Earl and Donald; daughter, Eliabeth; and 10 grandchildren. Src; Brewer

Akers Helen L., of Brooksville, passed away on Friday, April 27, 2018. Helen is predeceased by her parents, Russell A. and Lillian (Murphy) Place. She is survived by her daughters, Sharon (Reginald) and Kathleen (Robert); sons, Charles (Shelley), David, and James (Lorena); 13 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; and 11 great great grandchildren. Brewer

Rutter Stuart J., age 61o f Spring Hill, passed away on Friday, April 27, 2018. Stuart is survived by his wife, Shirley;Sons, George, James, & Joshua;and 1 grandson.Src; Downing

Lamont Juanita A., age 88, passed away on Friday, April 27, 2018. She was predeceased by her late husband, Sergio. Juanita is survived by her son, Sergio, Jr. (Debby); her daughter, Debbie a(Richard); and 2 grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00pm, Saturday, May 26, 2018 at First Baptist Church Brooksville. Src; Merritt

Horn Raymond Edward, passed away on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Src; Turner

Mistretta Mary, passed away on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Src; Turner

Rivera Blanca I., passed away on Sunday, April 29, 2018. Src; Turner
Majors Glenna Jo, passed away on Sunday, April 29, 2018. Src; Turner

Bergh Robert Leslie, Jr., age 74, of Brooksville, passed away on Sunday, April 29, 2018. He is survived by his wife Doreen; son: Robert; and 1 grandson. Merritt

Rogers Vivian Marie, age 86, of Brooksville, passed away on Sunday, April 29, 2018. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law: Alan (Nada); William (Susan); John (Sonya); daughters and sons-in-law: Linda (Jim); Marie (David); 7 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Src; Merritt

Traditi Joan E., passed away on Monday, April 30, 2018. Src; Turner

BUSINESS / COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Thursday @ 9 AM during summer months to maintain Memories Garden behind May Stringer Museum. Interested? Call and join us or attend our meetings in the fall. Jan, 352-799-4319

Spring Hill Garden Club needs Nonfood Vendors

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

PHSC Summer
Oak Hill Hospital to Offer Community Education Seminar on "Advances in Women's Health: Gynecological Care for the Mature Woman" Oak Hill Hospital will continue its very popular For Your Health Community Education Series with a seminar entitled, "Advances in Women's Health: Gynecological Care for the Mature Woman," on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at Silverthorn Country Club, 4550 Golf Club Lane, Spring Hill, Florida 34609. It will be presented by Samir Shakfeh, MD, FACOG.

Samir Shakfeh, MD, is a Fellow of the American Congress of Obstetricians & Gynecologists (FACOG). The last 30 years have brought about many advances and breakthroughs and treatments for conditions related to women's health. Dr. Shakfeh, who is on staff at Oak Hill Hospital, will discuss those advantages and the options available for complete gynecological care.

The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session and registrants are encouraged to prepare their questions ahead of time.

A complimentary hot meal will be served, and seating is limited. Reservations are required. Doors open at 4:45 pm. For more information and for reservations call 352-597-6333 in Hernando or 352-628-6060 in Citrus or visit OakHillHospital.com/ForYourHealth.

Registration Underway

Registration for three summer 2018 sessions at Pasco-Hernando State College is underway. Currently enrolled and returning students are encouraged to register as soon as possible. The summer course schedule is available online at www.phsc.edu. New students interested in taking classes this summer or fall are urged to visit the PHSC website for admissions information and to apply online.

Call 1-855-NOW-PHSC or visit www.phsc.edu for more information.

Suncoast Harmony Chorus,

Sweet Adelines, Intl has just returned from a fabulous weekend in Daytona Beach We were attending our annual convention and competition during which we performed two songs in front of a panel of judges. Our scores were AWESOME. We are so proud of our accomplishments and ready to return to regular rehearsals starting May 1st.. We are very interested in increasing our membership – all voice ranges from low to high are welcome. No formal voice training or the ability to read music is required. Remember we are REAL WOMEN, singing REAL HARMONY, having REAL FUN. Come visit us at Salishan Gracious Retirement Living, 191 Astaire, SH 34609, Tuesdays at 7 PM. For further information call Cindy 352-597-4376.

Gifts from Home, Inc.needs items for service men and women.
Monetary donations are also welcome to defray the cost of postage. Here are some suggested items (no glass or aerosol containers):
Wrapped hard candy, chewing gum, bubble gum
Coffee – ground or instant
Cocoa or coffee mixes for bottled water
Sugar & non-dairy creamer packs
Peanut butter, jelly in plastic squeeze bottles
Cookies, crackers, cereal & food bars, Tuna, chicken, salmon, sardines in pouch or can Small canned food items with pop tops
Dried fruit, nuts, trail mix
Beef jerky & Slim Jims
Instant oatmeal & cream of wheat Ramon noodles, canned soup with pop tops
New or used CD's, DVD's
Small games, balloons & festive items
Paper, pencils, crayons, coloring books
Hand sanitizer, tooth paste, shampoo, shower gel, Q-tips & wipes
Call 352-684-4185 or email giftsfromhome@tampabay.rr.com

Want to be a tour guide? Do you love history? Your help is needed just three hours a week. Retiree's welcome!!

We have three museums, The May-Stringer House – a 14 room Victorian home is perched on top of a hill overlooking the city of Brooksville has over 11,000 artifacts on display; The 1885 Train Depot was to be part of a railway system connecting travelers and freight from the ports of the East Coast of Florida to the Gulf of Mexico and The One Room Schoolhouse Museum – a representation of the first school built in the 1850's by Fredrick Lykes, will bring you back in time to experience a fun and interactive lesson while sitting at authentic wooden desks. Visit our website www.hernandohistoricalmuseumassoc.com or call Mary at 352-515-3054 for more information.

9th Annual Hogan Law FirmCharity Fishing Tournament to benefit HPH Hospice, a Chapters Health Affiliate, casts off on Saturday, May 5, 2018 from Bayport, Florida. The event begins at 7:00 a.m. with breakfast provided by Chick-Fil-A. The Awards Dinner, sponsored and catered by Sonny's BBQ, will immediately follow the tournament. Event details, rules, and angler registration forms are available at www.hlf-fishing-tournament.com or you may email info@hoganlawfirm.com or call 352-799-8423 for more information.

Screenwriters & Authors Meeting

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

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

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

COLOSSIANS 3:1-2

Since, then, **you** have been **raised** with Christ, **set** your **hearts** on things **above**, where **Christ** is, **seated** at the **right hand** of **God**. Set your **minds** on **things** above, **not** on **earthly** things.

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

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Solution on page 18

Hitori answer

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

Puzzle on page 11

MARRIAGES

Zayas Antonio and Vance Sarah Rae 4/23/18

Cintron Daniel and Pomales Omaira Ester 4/25/18

Manns Donald George and Taylor Alyssa Kortnie 4/25/18

Catania Anthony Joseph and Piercy Rebecca Arlene 4/25/18

White Raymond Sears and Bealba Barbara Ann 4/26/18

Burgos Jose Antonio and Larcher Leticia Jimenez 4/26/18

Sillen John Arthur and Romanelli Rita Alicia 4/27/18

Urena Diaz Miguel Angel and Giambanco Awilda Margarita 4/27/18

Neu Robert August and O'brien Nickie Michele 4/27/18

Bailey Mark Aaron and Holman Kacey Mae 4/30/18

Spaulding James Darrell and Chancey Jennifer Shannon 4/30/18

Poulos Daniel Lee and Decker Lauren Anne 4/30/18

Spellman Joseph Paul and Sullivan Shawn Colleen 4/30/18

Heath-Willette Brian Charles and Garceau Leah Anne 4/30/18

Mcewen John Robert and Kling Stephanie Lyn 4/30/18

Butler Darnell and Steward Rahmanah Sharia 4/30/18

Wheeler Matthew Ray and Hobbs Tabitha Sue 4/30/18

Alsieux Gerard and Hiatt Parker Ramona Linette 4/30/18

Oneal Franklin Lewis and Weiss Danielle Patricia 4/30/18

O'brien Joseph Patrick and Faulconer Ora Frances 4/30/18

Ortiz Valencia Rosa Elia and Demaria Mark Sullivan 4/30/18

Lindlau Jeremy Logan and Tousignant Amy Lynn 4/30/18

Moore Murray John and Johnson Tonya Elizabeth 5/1/18

Snyder Evan James and Riddell Heather Leanna 5/1/18

Mckittrick James Raymond and Davis Joanie Beth 5/1/18

Lauze Richard Philippe and Zbrozek April Marie 5/1/18

Reed Christopher George and Lipsey Adrienne Kelly 5/1/18

Reimer Jeffrey Leslie Joseph and Shaw Sydney Anna 5/1/18

Hutchinson James Matthew and Young Amanda Marie 5/1/18

Solution to Soduku on page 15

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. In the Bible's King James translation there are more than how many references to gems and precious stones? *100, 500, 1,700, 2,200*
2. Which book recounts the story of the Israelites wandering in the desert for 40 years? *Titus, Hebrews, James, Romans*
3. From 2 Samuel 14, how many shekels did Absalom's hair weigh after he cut it off? *2, 10, 50, 200*
4. Where did Jesus attend a wedding where the wine was exhausted? *Sardis, Antioch of Syria, Joppa, Cana of Galilee*
5. In Mark 6:9, Jesus tells his disciples not to put on two ...? *Sandals, Coats, Headdresses, Girdles*

ANSWERS: 1) 1700; 2) Hebrews; 3) 200; 4) Cana of Galilee; 5) Coats

Comments? More Trivia? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and bless her; her husband also, and he praises her, saying: "Many daughters have done nobly, but you excel them all."

Detail of "The Three Ages of Woman" by Gustav Klimt (1905)

PROVERBS 31:26-29

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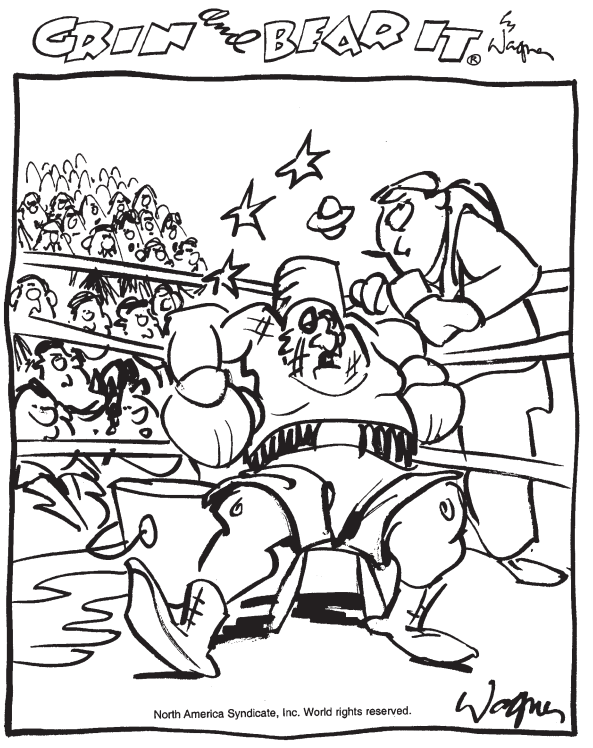

"My strategy of hurting his hands with my face is working."

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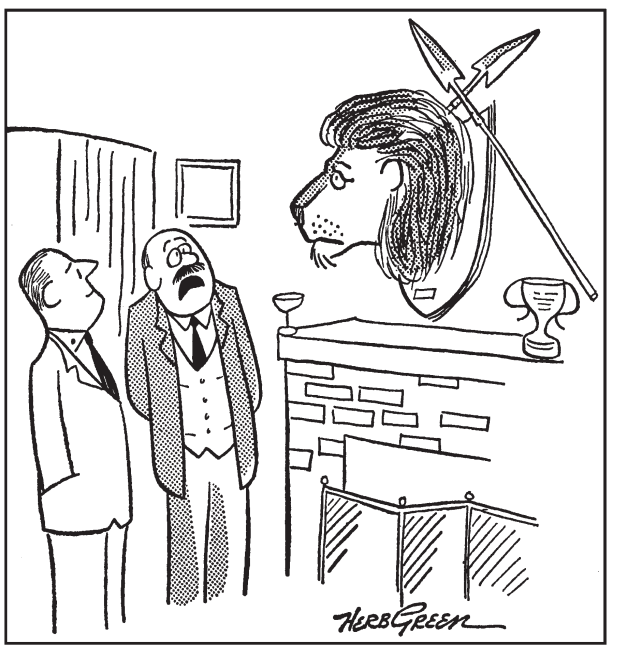
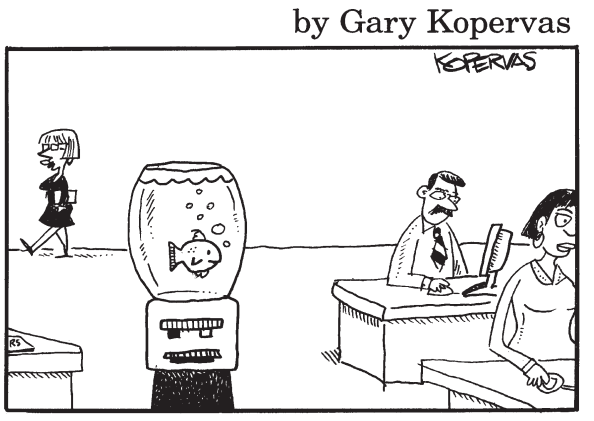


"Poor beast—died a horrible death—he was hiding near our safari and ate some of Jane's cooking."

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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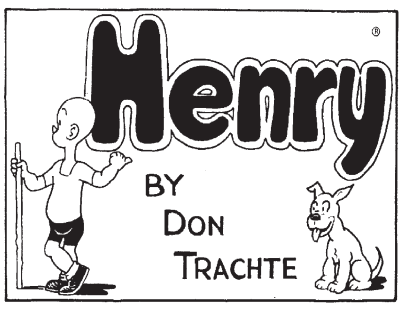

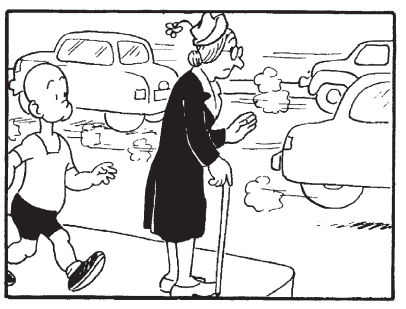

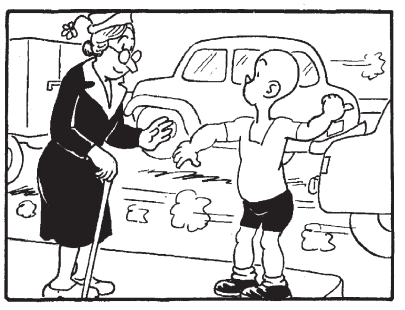

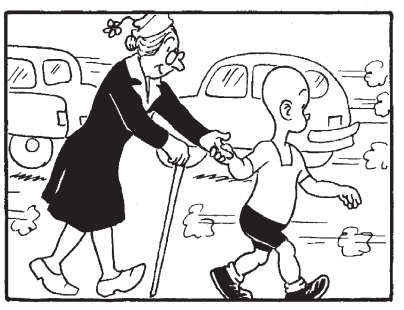

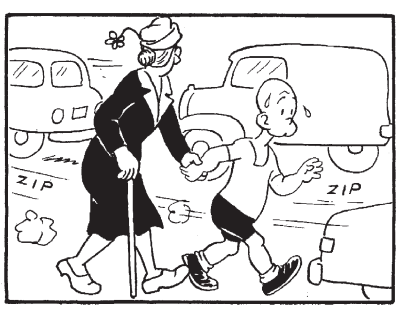

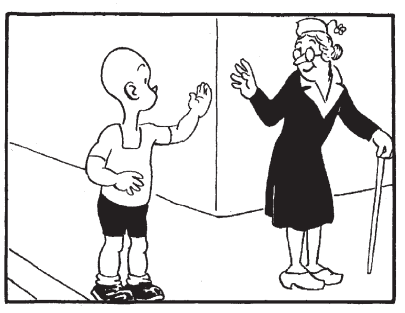

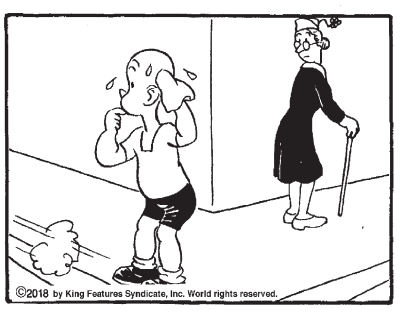

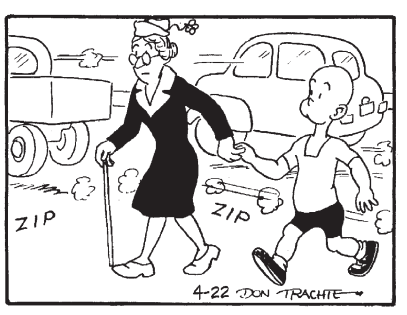

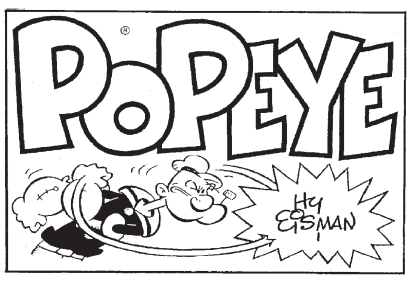

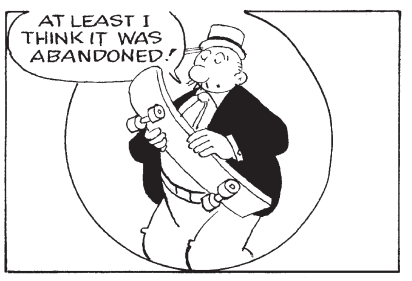

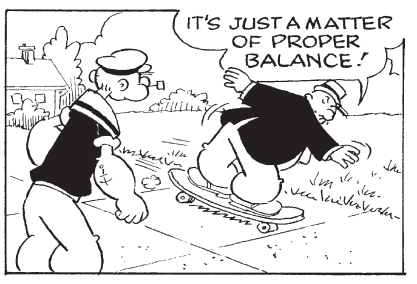

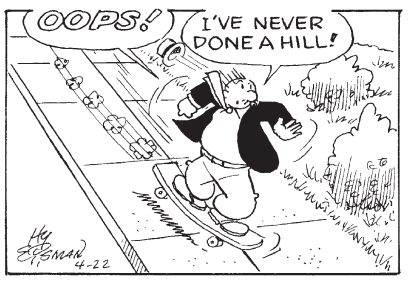

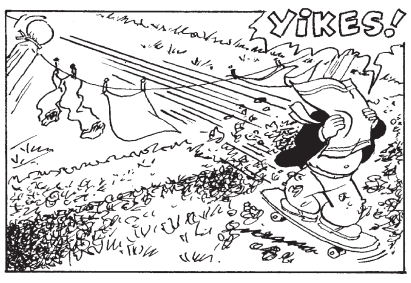

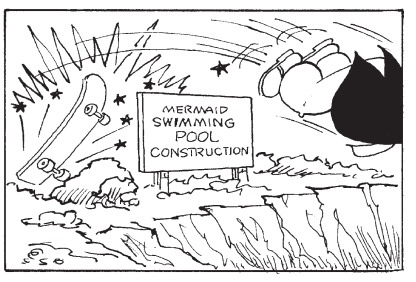

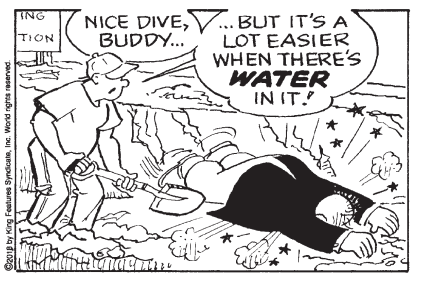

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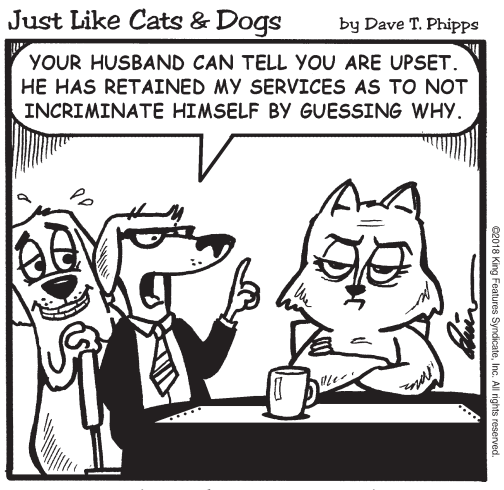
Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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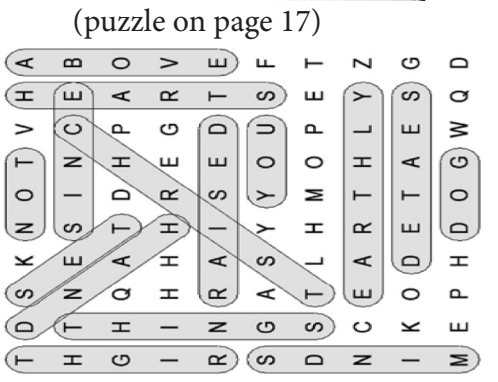
BIBLE WORD SEARCH Answers



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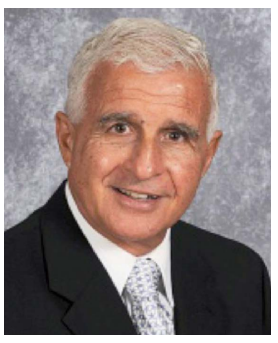

Traditional Realist

A double standard creates injustice

Men are all rapists and evil. Women are their victims and are always truthful and good. These current cultural notions highlight the persecution and prosecution in our domestic violence and sexual assault laws. An accusation by a female of a physical or sexual attack against them by a male is being seen not only by the feminists but by the progressive media as an automatic direct statement of guilt as charged by any female.

This progressive approach started on college campuses, which spread to the mainstream culture. Every female making a sexual charge is a credible witness until cross-examined under oath. All sociopaths, male or female, can habitually lie with little or no detection, as they have no conscience.

"Innocent until proven guilty by a group of one's peers" has been hopefully only temporarily abandoned. The feminist principle that a man is guilty until he proves his innocence is an insidious assault on all men that has been adopted by the progressive culture. The Duke Lacrosse team players and Tawanda Brawley are infamous examples of a male lynching by the progressive media. It is almost impossible to prove a person, in most cases a man, did not do something that someone else, most likely a female, said he did. According to the PC culture women never lie and men can never be trusted.

In a similar analogy in our current PC culture, a man has to prove he did not beat his wife, which occurs often in divorce proceedings and domestic violence incidents. Proving a negative is impossible. In our present PC culture in both cases the burden falls on the male. This is an irrational and unjust tactic of viewing all men as guilty. As soon as the woman accuses him of a sexual assault or battery the male becomes the guilty party solely because of his gender, being a male.

The incidence of women or men striking each other is 50/50. The rationalization for men being removed from their residence is that even though a female could have started the incident with a slap, the male is held accountable because the male 's violence is more damaging due to the male's greater physical strength. Normally the man is forced to leave his residence while the woman is allowed to stay. This is capricious since the decision is arbitrarily arrived at by the police officer.

Justice depends on credible witnesses of character, the evidence presented under oath and cross-examination from the opposing counsel. One's bank account or special interest group should not determine credibility. The ultimate goal of justice is to determine the truth through a legitimate trial by a jury of one's peers not blindly believing allegations. "Unconfirmed allegation" constitutes a witch- hunt not justice in a free nation.

Our traditional culture has been turned upside-down through special privileged interest groups and PC legislative decrees. Many of these social justice laws have divided and taken power and rights from the forgotten traditional middle class. These illegal changes to the intent of our constitution have existed long enough to clearly understand the real consequences to this innocuous appearing legislation. Progressives have created instability, moral laxity and injustice.

The reaction of traditional citizens has finally been given a voice. The Tea Party and now America First has finally given them a megaphone to be heard. They understand that traditional proposals and people have been persecuted while the progressives were being promoted by the Deep State's actual power. These honest, hard-working family people (the deplorables) believe in justice, freedom and opportunity. They are strongly saying "no" to manipulation from a small group of elites through their government bureaucrats. They have created a maze of regulations that is strangling our basic constitutional rights, freedom and morality.

Traditional, straight Americans are not going to be diverted by witch-hunts that frighten us into conforming to a progressive cultural religion. Americans want a return to justice, freedom and opportunity. These virtues are essential for upward mobility to prevail and to end corrupt autocratic rule.

In dictatorial communist nations the strategy to take over a stable nation has been to turn women against men, children against their parents, religious groups including atheists against each other, and one ethnic group against another. By dividing the country into interest groups, unity is destroyed and revolutionary rhetoric can take root. This is how totalitarianism has prevailed in other countries.

America's stability, freedom and justice have thwarted communist nonsense utopian notions from becoming legitimate alternatives. The unwarranted hatred and anger of special interest groups has to be calmed through "moral suasion" and the fact that America is the best country on earth. Our nation offers an incredible opportunity for living a free lifestyle as long as no one impinges on the rights of others. We need to return to a single standard of justice for all to save America.

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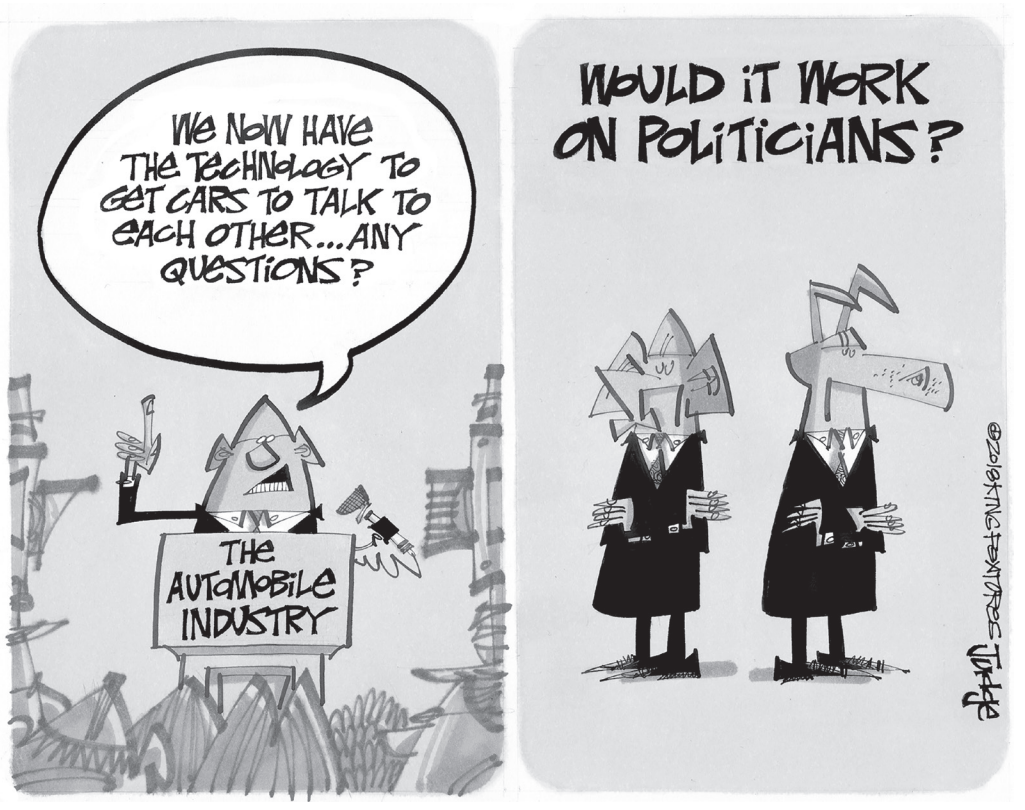

Hers and His

Things I use in the small bathroom.

GOOFY STUFF
By VINCENT CARDEGIN

Years ago my wife crowded me out of the master bathroom. It had been coming for a while, with her growing interest in products for skin and hair care. I liken it to a hobby, someone who collects objects of a personal interest, like coins and stamps and lunch pails. (Even more years ago she collected ceramic owls. Eventually she had so many that I threatened to start my own collection of ceramic snakes. She hates snakes, and so she stopped collecting owls.) But gradually this hobby became more like an obsession, almost like hoarding. So I took my six items and put them in the little hallway bathroom next to my office.

Years and years further ago, I saw a young Shepard Smith report on his research of the commercial world of makeup. The gist of his findings was that girls were pressured by advertisements and therefore peers to paint their faces, and that historically women didn't need to do so. He was reporting to Barbara Walters, who disagreed with his conclusion, and it was all kind of awkward, and that's why I remember it. Well, I agree with Shep. Do I want my wife to stop using makeup?

Nope, I'm used to it. But why can't she settle on the few things that work and stop experimenting? Good grief, there must a thousand products in there.

Oh, I still shower in the master, but I've had to get used to increasing numbers of bottles on the ledge, some of which I knock over and have to pick up, and then I have to wash my hands of the residue from shampoos, conditioners, body washes, and other slimes of things I can't pronounce. I'm almost sure she has soaps for every different part of the body. Why don't I shower in the small bathroom? Because that's where she trims and washes the dogs! The master is a walk-in, the small is a tub.

So I have for years now kept my implements of hygiene in the small bathroom: deodorant, shaving cream, razor, toothbrush and paste, and my old hairbrush, which I now call a scalp brush (I got rid of the electric shaver).

I don't count toilet paper or hand soap or my collection of books, because they have always been there. I have since added Glucosamine to the medicine cabinet, which originally contained only allergy pills, aspirin, and band-aids, so I suppose I should amend my list to seven.

In fact, now that I'm not shaving, I should remove those tools of toiletry and reduce my count to five. But the place I would store them, under the small bathroom sink, is full of the products of my wife's other hobby: dogs. I have only slowly opened those cabinet doors, just a crack to glance inside, and I saw bottles of pills and soap and collars and the black box of Wahl's doggy shears. There might be things in there that I've been missing for years, but I'm not going to look. It's dark and canine creepy.

Okay, that's enough of that for now. My wife wants me to cut the grass tomorrow, and so I need to explore through my garage to find the small bottle of mower oil I bought last month and put somewhere amongst the ten-thousand products I have for lawn and car care.

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God does not force us to love Him

For those who are interested in the life after this one, there is no doubt some curiosity about where we are going and how to get there. The followers of Christ place their faith in His promises and believe He has the power to save and secure a place in heaven for them. Others who prefer to live their own way are somewhat more skeptical and independent in their thinking. As a minister, I spend most of my time thinking, talking or writing about our spiritual life and most of the time the conversation will include questions about our progress according to God's perspective. On one hand, the Bible is a simple instruction manual teaching us how to live the Christian life and on the other hand, it's perceived as a complicated and mysterious collection of messages that most of us cannot understand. This is why it's crucial to pray and invest our time asking Him for the heavenly interpretation of what He is trying to say. Knowing God personally and obtaining His wisdom is not easy. It requires diligence and perseverance and is much like searching for buried treasure.

I probably attend more funerals than the average person because of how often I officiate them. When families are grieving, it's very difficult to find words that comfort and I've learned that most of the time silence is golden. We do not like funerals or cemetery's because they remind us of the end of life and especially for those who are not ready to face God, this explains why they choose to avoid them. Funerals are an occasion where we are not only paying our respect for the one who has passed on, but many also sense anxiety as they are reminded of their own fate. I believe it's good to discuss this because we should not deny that death is a part of living. In fact, a funeral is a perfect opportunity where God can clearly speak to someone's heart and have their attention long enough to introduce Himself. Yes, we are given a choice to follow Christ but just because we are convicted by our need to surrender our life to Him does not mean we will go through with it. He will never force anyone to love Him.

When I'm at a funeral, I've noticed there is always someone declaring the deceased as now living in the glories that are beyond the imagination. For the Christian, this is a wonderful truth but being an heir unto salvation is more than being a hard worker and having an easy-going personality. Evidently to the masses, these attributes, whether they were a Christian or not, allows everyone a guaranteed passage to the eternal joys of walking on the streets of gold. I'm not trying to sound negative, but this idea is confusing because I cannot find the Biblical confirmation. Of course, we cannot know what is in someone's heart or judge their intentions but as followers and messengers of God's Word, we know that God does require everyone to be accountable to the gospel. If society teaches there is no responsibility or commitment to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, this sends a dangerous message of false security to those who still have a chance to be redeemed.

There are many people today who are convinced that everyone is going to heaven, and if funerals are being used as an indicator then it does seem so. However, from God's view, we are told that it's all about the spiritual association with who we loved and considered our Lord while we were alive. Inviting Christ into our heart and allowing Him to be the Master of our life is our response to receiving His atonement. Knowing God is the purpose and meaning of everything. Salvation is not based on us being a decent person but rather on His grace and no amount of good deeds could ever be a substitute for being born-again. There is no need to dread a funeral or a cemetery because those who are in covenant with Jesus Christ are celebrating their victorious release into a sin-free realm where they will live in peace with God forever. The ultimate concern and consideration is to make sure we are prepared to meet Him.

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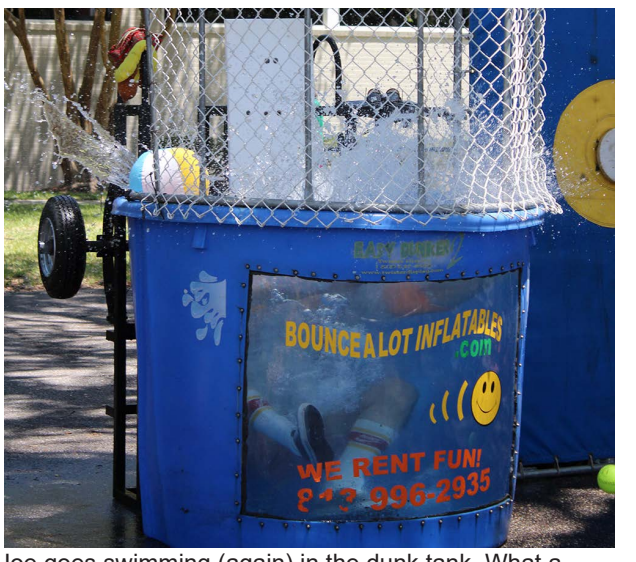
Blueberry Roundup in Photos

The Hernando Blueberry Festival was widely attended and hosted many local businesses, showing off what makes Hernando County so special. Here are some of images from the weekend.

Photos from Matthew Vandenburgh, Donna Snapp and Julie Maglio

Joe Solomon heckles the crowd while awaiting his fate in the dunk tank.



Joe goes swimming (again) in the dunk tank. What a good sport he is!

There was a big crowd on Sunday too.

(L-R) Kimberly Poppke, Tammy Heon, Kristi Monaco and Shannon Werner from Florida's Adventure Coast were in attendance, making sure everyone knew all that was possible to do in Hernando.

Brooksville Senior FFA selling blueberries

The last eight blueberry cheesecakes from Little Lady Cafe

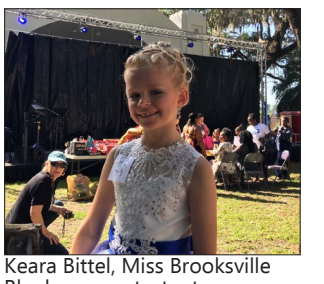
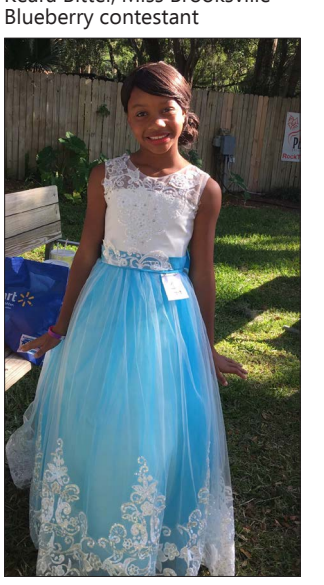
Rollo of Beasley Farms laying out his produce.

Parking areas were quite full.

Ruth's Friendship Bread was a popular stop, and for good reason. The Banana Nut bread was delicious.

Some aerial fun in the kids zone

Kingston Perkins, above, Mr. Brooksville Blueberry contestant. Right: Jada Fribley, Miss Brooksville Blueberry contestant



Keara Bittel, Miss Brooksville Blueberry contestant