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In Sports

Leopards Football Coach Bill Vonada steps down



BY ANDY VILLAMARZO
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

BROOKSVILLE — In what was somewhat of a shocker, Bill Vonada has stepped down as Hernando's head football coach early last week and penned a letter of resignation.

Below is the letter of resignation obtained by the *Hernando Sun* from Vonada to the school, as he points out that the ever growing demands of coaching high school football are being met with dwindling resources.

"I have recently realized that I am either too old or too young to just play games when it comes to coaching. In other words, high school athletics for me is not just about passing time or doing something for amusement. There are two parts to this thought process:

- *If we are keeping score, we are playing to win.*
- *It has to be about something more than the score and trophy.*

Coaching for me has usually included something more: Core values and priorities. I have found that this has made me a better person, as it has caused me to continually examine and improve my own core values and priorities, so that I might be a more effective coach and teacher. In the realm of high school football, both the need and the cost of winning has never been higher:

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The storms of 2017 left a path of destruction across Florida. Now is the time to prepare for 2018 hurricane season which starts soon.

Last year, we saw 17 named storms and 10 hurricanes, six of which were major, including Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. Harvey, Irma, and Maria impacted the U.S. mainland and territories and caused billions of dollars of damage. And forecasters are predicting another active season for 2018. According to a Colorado State University study, its initial prediction for the upcoming season is 14 named storms and seven hurricanes, three of which will be major. Considering the odds — and the sheer magnitude and frequency of storms in recent years—are we ready? Have we in the Tampa Bay area just been lucky or is the Florida Adventure Coast next on the hit list? The Atlantic hurricane season begins in just a few days and runs from June 1 to Nov. 30, with the peak occurring between mid-August and late October. Are you prepared?

2018 Storm Names

Alberto Beryl Chris Debby Ernesto Florence Gordon Helene Isaac Joyce Kirk Leslie Michael Nadine Oscar Patty Rafael Sara Tony Valerie William



See page 7 for helpful tips on what you can do before the storm comes



Local government boards convene to discuss school hardening

By LISA MACNEIL
STAFF WRITER



On Monday, May 21, 2018, the Hernando County School Board met with the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and Hernando County Sheriff Al Nienhuis. The special Interlocal Governmental Meeting's purpose was to bring the two boards together with the primary focus of finding funds to comply with new school security mandates, which are described in Senate Bill (SB) 7026. The school district estimates the cost of compliance to begin at \$22-million, and a state grant up to \$720,375 is available to the county.

SB 7026, also cited as the "Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act" is new legislation that raises the age to legally buy a firearm to 21 after a three day waiting period, and bans gun modifications called "bump stocks." The act also gives police more authority to seize weapons, and allows qualified staff to carry firearms on school grounds.

Following Governor Rick Scott's signature of the bill on March 9, 2018, the Office of Safe Schools was created to address the top three issues pertaining to school shootings; student mental health, physical hardening of school structures and changes to security practices within.

State Representative Blaise Ingolia was also in attendance, and spoke about particular facets of school funding. Ingolia commended both boards on assembling the Interlocal Meeting, and recommended future meetings annually or semi-annually. He went on to say that he voted against SB 7026 "for a myriad of reasons," citing primarily his concerns

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MUD ENDEAVOUR 10

Runners not afraid to get dirty

BY JULIE B. MAGLIO
STAFF WRITER
PHOTOGRAPHY BY
ALICE MARY HERDEN

Just under 1000 athletes descended on Wildlife Lane in Brooksville last weekend to participate in the Mud Endeavor 10 5K race. Runners mostly came from central Florida, but some travelled from as far away as Georgia, to experience the Brooksville mud run which takes advantage of the area's unique terrain and the property's access to water- essential for any respectable mud run.

This location is where it all started for Randy Yoho, race organizer and business owner. In 2012 Mud Endeavor held its first mud run at this location, which was once an old dirt mine. The entire course is visible for spectators to witness all the mud running action.

Yoho explained, "Every course is different every time. We always add new obstacles and delete others and this particular run, we actually ran backwards from the way we have run it in the past." Obstacles included

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Just under 1000 participants join in the return of Mud Endeavor for a 5k obstacle course in Brooksville, Florida. Photo by Alice Mary Herden

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Opportunities to learn about candidates

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 High School
 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.

Citizens unhappy with garbage rate hikes and MSBU for mandatory areas

By JULIE B. MAGLIO
 Staff Writer

The Board of County Commissioners found themselves in a quandary, having signed a contract with Republic Waste Management establishing several unpopular service changes including rate increases in the face of poor job performance by Republic. To not approve the Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) assessment establishment on the May 22, 2018 agenda would be in breach of their contract with Republic. In the end, the board voted unanimously to establish the MSBU.

The 6th amendment to the contract with Republic was adopted and signed October 24, 2017, and included the following:

- Mandatory Area Billing to be discontinued from the water bill to a non-ad valorem assessment effective January 1, 2019.

- Remove Consumer Price Index (CPI) references and replace with Water Sewer Trash Index (WSTI).

- Amend the age of the fleet clause to ten (10) years.

- Republic Services will purchase, distribute to County residents and maintain all automation carts containers for the life of this contract.

- Renew contract 11-0008 (Franchise Agreement) for a seven (7) year period upon BOCC approval of Amendment No. 6 period ending December 31, 2026, with requirement that Republic Services implement automation services during the current contract performance period ending December 31, 2018.

What is an MSBU?

The municipal service benefit unit is a non-ad valorem tax assessment placed your tax bill for a service rendered by the county or in this case, a county contractor.

Rate Change effective Jan. 1, 2019:

Mandatory Area (Spring Hill):
 Contract Collection Rate: \$13.27 (up from \$8.18)
 Property Appraiser and Tax Collector Expense (4% gross-up): \$0.55
 Early Prepayment Discount Gross-up (4% gross-up): \$0.58
 Total: \$14.40
 The annualized assessment = \$14.40 x 12 months = \$172.80

Non Mandatory Areas:
 From \$8.18 per month to \$13.49 per month

- Rate increase for Mandatory and Non-Mandatory Areas effective January 01, 2019.”

Republic cited significant revenue loss due to non-payment of service bills as the reason for the rate increases and the MSBU establishment. After the contract was signed, major service issues began to surface in the early part of 2018, which led to the county fining Republic \$150,000. Chairman Champion remarked in a meeting earlier this month, “The negotiated contract was a very good deal. Whether Republic is delivering or not, that’s a whole other argument. That’s why we fined them the \$150,000 and we’re working towards resolving that. From the latest report it looks like it is improving- of course it’s not perfect yet.”

The county received numerous letters objecting to the rate increases and the mandatory area assessment prior to the May 22 meeting. They also heard from a large number of citizens during that meeting. Whether written or communicated in person, there were concerns about the new 96 gallon automated trash bins being too large for elderly persons to manage or overkill for the amount of trash they produce.

There were questions about what happens if the automated trash carts are damaged or go missing.

Chairman Champion asked the Republic representatives to “confirm they will maintain the cans and not charge the citizens.”

Seth Weightman with Republic stated, “In our new contract, every can that we deliver to a paying customer will be maintained by Republic for the life of the contract. And that asset will become property of the county at the end of the contract.” He said that Republic will repair damage to cans as long as it is ‘normal wear and tear.’

He said that the cans all have a serial number stamped into it and coordinates on where and when it was placed.

CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE

John Timmerman on Baffin Circle in Spring Hill writes, “I am objecting to the garbage increase. I have 3 homes on Baffin Circle : 5551 Baffin Circle, 5570 Baffin Circle, 5560 Baffin Circle. The service is terrible. They don’t pick up on a regular basis. They throw the cans in rd. They leave most of the stuff behind. On brush day even when it’s neatly in a garbage can they miss it. They

missed Baffin Circle for three pickups of garbage in a row. When county renewal comes up we should be considering a new company.”

Anthony Palmieri, a frequent commenter at local government meetings writes, “Why it [MSBU] is not applied to the entire county? This is discrimination in case you do not know! What are the funds going to be use for? Your notice does not answers any of these questions. The people should know the reason for this proposed MSBU, what the funds are going to be used, and why this applies only to the SW area of the County. Whoever got this idea, must GO, that includes County Commissioners and County Administrator. This is the end for all of you!”

The Board at Timber Pines writes, “We are a Village Board of Directors in Timber Pines and object to this proposal .. If cost of Collection has gone up beyond current revenue we would suggest a once per week collection in place of the current twice per week schedule. If adopted this would cut the current cost by a large percentage. We hope you will give this some serious consideration...”

Brian & Judieth Neville write, “I am contacting you as probably a lot of other people will be re the above procedure and cost change. I can’t believe that you are going to charge a person for a service that they are not using. That is, charging us for a 12 month service when we only use it for a maximum of 6 months! Now if we could stay longer then one could maybe agree. However we can only stay 6 months yet you plan to charge us for

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Gov. Scott awards more than 220 Veterans with the Veterans Service Award at the National Guard Armory in Deland

DELAND, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott visited the National Guard Armory in Deland and awarded 224 veterans with his Governor’s Service Medal. Since 2013 Governor Scott has awarded more than 14,500 veterans with the Governor’s Veterans Service Medal.

The following Florida veterans were highlighted during today’s ceremony:

Staff Sergeant Ryan Bounds

Staff Sergeant Ryan Bounds enlisted in the Army at 17 years old, and has served for 14 years. He served in Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Among his many awards and achievements, he has received the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon and the Global War on Terrorism Service Ribbon.

Sergeant Christopher Creese

Sergeant Christopher Creese has served for 17 years, and deployed



to Iraq in 2009. Among his many awards and commendations, he has received the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon and the National Defense Service Medal.

Master Chief Charles Mayer

Master Chief Charles Mayer joined the Navy in 1959 during the Vietnam War. He continued to serve

for 25 years before retiring in 1984. Among his many awards and commendations, he has received the Good Conduct Medal, two Navy Commendation Medals, the Navy Expedition Medal, the Armed Forces Expedition Medal and the Meritorious Unit Medal.

Lance Corporal Charles Williams

Lance Corporal Charles Williams joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1965. He was deployed to Vietnam

as a Rifleman and participated with his unit in 14 campaigns in support of efforts against the North Vietnamese Army. For their part in the war, his unit was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation and Lance Corporal Williams received the Purple Heart for his injuries sustained in combat. Today, he focuses his talents on assisting veterans as the Commander of the Orange Baker Memorial American Legion Post 187 in DeLand.

HCSO ARREST SUMMARIES

Altercation Started over Facebook



SMITH, JAMES IRVEN III
YOB: 1982
TATTOO: "TRENTON"
CHARGES: DOMESTIC BATTERY

Arrested at 05/18/2018 01:26
xxxx CANTERBURY ST, SPRING HILL
Arrest Summary: "On 05/18/2018 I responded to xxxx Canterbury Street in reference to a battery complaint. The defendant, James Smith III, and Heather were engaged in a verbal altercation over each of them contacting other males and females on Facebook. The defendant struck the victim on her forehead with his forehead against her will causing minor injuries. Contact was made with the victim, Heather, who stated the defendant struck her during the argument. Heather provided a sworn written statement. Photographs were taken of Heather's injuries. Contact was made with the defendant, James Smith III. The defendant stated during the course of the verbal altercation his forehead did make contact with the victim's forehead. The defendant provided a sworn written statement. The defendant was later placed under arrest for Battery (domestic) and transported to the Hernando County Jail where he is being held on no bond."



8376 BLACKSTONE ST, SPRING HILL
Arrest Summary: "The victim Bruce advised that the defendant, Jennifer Swain (his roommate), stole his Oxycodone medication, by emptying the prescription bottle that was filled on May 16, 2018 and replacing them with Lamotrigine which is a medication for Bi-Polar. The prescription was for 120 tablets of 5 mg Oxycodone's. Upon making contact with the defendant I did read her Miranda warning via the Hernando County Sheriff's Office issued card. The defendant advised she did understand the Miranda warning and did agree to speak to me reference this case. The defendant did advise that she did retrieve the victim's medications from CVS Pharmacy. The defendant stole 24 of the Oxycodone's from the prescription bottle prior to giving it to the victim. The defendant then emptied the prescription bottle and stole the rest of the Oxycodone's. The defendant then advised she replaced the Oxycodone's with Lamotrigine 25 mg which looks similar to the Oxycodone's she stole. The defendant was then arrested for the above charges and transported to the Hernando County Jail without incident. The defendant has a court date of 06/26/2018 at 0900 hours in Courtroom D. The defendant was given a bond of \$2000.00."

law enforcement. The needle tested positive for methamphetamine using Reagent Test Kit C.

The defendant was taken into custody for driving while licensed suspended with knowledge prior conviction and possession of paraphernalia. She was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center without incident where and is currently being held on a \$2,000.00 bond."

"you know what, she did hit me."



KITTLE, WESLEY EARL
YOB: 1975
CHARGE: DOMESTIC BATTERY
Arrested at 05/19/2018 19:45
xxx PONCE DE LEON BLVD, BROOKSVILLE
Arrest Summary: "On 05/19/2017, I responded to the residence located at xxx Ponce De Leon Boulevard Lot #67 in Brooksville, Florida in reference to a battery. Upon arrival, contact was made with the victim, Roseanna, who advised that she was having an ongoing verbal dispute with her husband and the defendant, Wesley Kittle, over him seeing another woman. Roseanna advised that she had gone to apologize to the woman, who happens to be a neighbor, after the defendant had gone to do the same for their behavior. Roseanna advised that the defendant became irate that she had come and began pushing her to their residence. Roseanna advised that once inside of the residence, the defendant pushed her into the closet where she fell and sustained marks and scratches. Roseanna advised that the defendant had then taken her clothes and threw them outside, grabbed her and pushed her outside, where she fell and sustained lacerations which were bleeding to her legs and left elbow. Roseanna advised that the defendant had locked her out of the residence and refused to let her in. Roseanna was observed to have multiple injuries which were consistent with her statement. Contact was made with the defendant who advised that he never touched Roseanna. The defendant advised that Roseanna had followed her and attempted to fight the neighbor Melissa. The defendant advised that neither Roseanna or Melissa touched each other, but that Roseanna was "making a fool" of herself and kept falling. The defendant advised that he did throw Roseanna's clothes outside of the residence and locked her outside due to him not wanting her around the kids. Upon taking the defendant into custody, he began spontaneously stating that if someone can get away with throwing themselves on the ground and accuse someone of battering them, he will keep that in mind for when he gets out and will do so. The defendant also stated that if Roseanna where to batter him, would she go to jail also. The defendant further stated, "you know what, she did hit me." The defendant was irate and belligerent with law enforcement while being transported to the Hernando County Jail. The defendant was given the court date of 06/13/2018, in Courtroom C at 0900 hours. The defendant is being held on a no bond status due to the incident being domestic in nature."



TATTOO: ROMAN NUMERICAL II
CHARGE: POSS OF MARIJUANA, POSS OF MARIJUANA, POSSESSION DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, FLEEING/ATT ELUDE POLICE OFFICER
Arrested at 05/19/2018 22:44
PINEHURST DR & TARRYTOWN DR, SPRING HILL
Arrest Summary: "On 5/19/18, this affiant attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a tan Ford driven by the defendant, Jeremiah Ouellette (due to the defendant driving carelessly through a residential neighborhood at a high rate of speed). As this affiant activated my emergency lights, the defendant, began to accelerate at an even higher rate of speed throughout a residential neighborhood. The defendant continued his high rate of speed and turned southbound on Pinehurst Dr. The defendant then attempted to pass a black, Dodge pickup truck in a no passing zone, thus colliding with the black, Dodge pickup. After colliding with the pickup truck, the defendant struck a telephone pole and flipped his vehicle shortly after. As this affiant pulled up to the defendant's turned over vehicle, this affiant removed the defendant from the driver's side door and placed him into custody along with the passenger. Hernando County Fire Rescue responded shortly after to treat the defendant's minor injuries. The defendant stated that he was "scared" because he had "weed." This affiant was then able to observe a numerous amount of a green leafy substance scattered throughout the road and the trunk of the defendant's vehicle. This affiant was also able to observe a box of clear plastic bags, a scale, and two glass pipes. The defendant also stated that the glass pipes were his, and he used them to "smoke weed." The defendant also stated that the scale was his because he "sold" his "weed." The defendant was placed under arrest for the above offenses and transported to the Hernando County Detention Center. The green leafy substance weighed a total amount of 50.4 grams, and was weighed on a Ohaus scale (model: C305-S, serial number: 47871) at the Detention Center. The green leafy substance also field tested positive for THC (also conducted at the Detention Center) using test kit 7608. The defendant was issued a court date for 6/12/18, in Courtroom D, of the Hernando County Courthouse at 0900 hours. The defendant was also issued a total bond for \$10,000."

sibly be in the Masaryktown area of Hernando County. The vehicle in question is a blue Dodge Dakota owned by Michael Strang. I then observed the stolen vehicle traveling northbound on Broad St, within Hernando County. I followed behind the vehicle as it traveled north on Broad St, east on Ayers Rd, then south on Phillips Rd. The vehicle then sped eastbound on Phillips Rd and crashed into a fence located at 19137 Phillips Rd, which is owned by Joan Ebbecke, causing damage to the fence. The driver and front seat passenger then fled from the vehicle on foot. A perimeter was set up, and the Air Unit and K9 Unit responded. The two subjects who fled from the stolen vehicle were spotted in the area of 19259 Phillips Rd, which is a fenced-in residential property owned by James Hall. The two subjects climbed over the fence, into James' property, and hid under the cartilage of a barn-type structure on the property. K9 Deputy S. Miller responded to the area and gave commands for the subjects to surrender; however they refused. The K9 was deployed and bit the female passenger of the vehicle, and both subjects were apprehended. The subjects were identified as Kenneth Harbaugh and Sarah Mack. Post Miranda, Kenneth admitted to driving the vehicle and advised Sarah was the passenger in the vehicle. Kenneth also admitted he and Sarah fled the vehicle on foot, hopped the fence, and went on to James' property without permission. I attempted to interview Sarah; however, she invoked her Right to have an attorney present during questioning; therefore, she was not interviewed. I made contact with Michael Strang, who advised Sarah did not have permission to be in his vehicle. I made contact with James Hall, who advised Sarah did not have permission to be on his property. Sarah was transported to Bayfront Health Brooksville hospital where she was admitted to the hospital for medical treatment due to the K9 bite. I arrested Sarah and charged her with Trespass in a Conveyance, Resisting a Law Enforcement Officer without Violence, and Burglary of a Dwelling. Bond was set at \$12,000. I turned the paperwork over to the jail staff, who was to remain with Sarah while she was admitted at the hospital. Sarah was also charged with Violation of Probation under case # 2018-15395 and arrested for an active warrant under case # 2018-15391."

"yes, there's meth, heroin, and pills in my black purse."



CALCASOLA, KRISTIN KATHLEEN
YOB: 1988
TATTOO: HEART WITH FLAMES AND DROPS
CHARGES: POSS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, POSSESSION DRUG PARAPHERNALIA
Arrested at 05/20/2018 00:43
SPRING HILL DR & AIRMONT DR, SPRING HILL
Arrest Summary: "On 05/20/2018, while on routine patrol I was driving east bound on Spring Hill Drive in the area of Treehaven Drive when I observed a 2005 black Nissan 4 door vehicle, bearing Florida tag Z54GXX, driving east bound without any tag lights making the Florida tag not visible during night time hours."

K9 was deployed and bit the female passenger of the vehicle,



MACK, SARAH MARIE
YOB: 1993
TATTOO: SPECIAL
CHARGES: BURGLARY DWELLING, TRESPASS IN STRUCTURE/CONVEY, RESIST/OBSTR OFFICER W/O VIOL
Arrested at 05/19/2018 22:38
19259 PHILLIPS RD, MASARYKTOWN
Arrest Summary: "On 05/19/2018, I received information that a stolen vehicle from Pasco County might pos-

"I then noticed a hypodermic needle on the floor"



POSEY, AMANDA M
YOB: 1982
CHARGES: DRIVE WHILE LIC SUSP 2ND OFF, POSSESSION DRUG PARAPHERNALIA
Arrested at 05/18/2018 18:38
1485 COMMERCIAL WAY, SPRING HILL
Arrest Summary: "On 5/18/18, law enforcement was called to the Walmart Super Center located at 1485 Commercial Way, Spring Hill, Hernando County, Florida in reference to a suspicious vehicle described as a white Mitsubishi 4 door vehicle, with a male in the front passenger seat, who appeared to be bleeding and passed out. The vehicle was also described to be at the end of the row near the Wine and Spirits. Upon arrival, I observed the vehicle in question bearing Florida Tag HUVA89, with a female driver, and a male passenger in the front seat, who appeared to be covering his face as if he were wounded. The vehicle was backing out of a parking space, and I also noticed the headlight to be taped together, as if it were broken. The vehicle was then found in a different parking space, in which contact was made with the female driver, identified as the defendant. When asked for an identification, the female stated she did not have a driver's license, and identified herself via her name, date of birth, and social security number. It was learned the defendant did not have a valid license and was suspended on 10/10/2011. I then noticed a hypodermic needle on the floor, in which the defendant admitted to "tossing" it due to being afraid when she saw

He Took Her Cell Phone and Forced Her to Follow Him



RANDOLPH, RUOSHAWN
YOB: 1984
TATTOO: SOUTH
CHARGES: BURGLARY-CONVEYANCE, GRAND THEFT, BATTERY
Arrested at 05/18/2018 14:33
9400 SPRING HILL DR, SPRING HILL
Arrest Summary: "The victim stated that the defendant, who is her ex-boyfriend that she was in a romantic relationship with until February 2018, followed her to the 7-Eleven located at 6016 Spring Hill Drive, and reached inside her open window, removing her keys from the ignition and taking her cell phone. The defendant told the victim to wait for him until he came out of the store. Upon exiting the store, the defendant returned the victim's keys to her, but not the cell phone, and instructed her to follow him to his house, located at 9400 Spring Hill Drive. The victim followed the defendant to that location and, upon their arrival, she exited the vehicle and the defendant began yelling at her, striking her with a closed fist to the face and head area, body, arms, and left knee. The defendant also grabbed the victim by the neck and lifted her off of the ground. The victim stated that she did not lose consciousness, nor the ability to breath. The defendant returned the victim's cell phone to her and she left the area and returned home. The defendant was located at his residence at 9400 Spring Hill Drive and placed into custody for battery, per Florida State Statute 784.03(2), and transported to the Hernando County Jail, where he was booked for the above charge, as well as burglary of a conveyance per Florida State Statute 810.02 and grand theft per Florida State Statute 812.014(2)(c)1. The defendant was held without bond for the charge of battery, a bond of \$5,000.00 for the charge of burglary of a conveyance, and a bond of \$2,000.00 for the charge of grand theft, per the bond schedule. The defendant was provided a court date of 06/12/2018 at 0900 hours."

Took the Oxycodone and replaced with Bipolar medication
SWAIN, JENNIFER DENISE
YOB: 1979
TATTOO: ROSES WITH BUTTERFLY / RIGHT CALF
CHARGE: GRAND THEFT
Arrested at 05/20/2018 10:59

LOCAL GOV & EDUCATION MEETINGS

School Board Workshop
5/29/2018 2:00 PM
Regular Meeting 6PM
District Office-Board Room
919 North Broad Street
Brooksville, FL 34601

Brooksville Council Meeting
Monday, June 04, 2018, 7:00PM
Location 201 HOWELL AVENUE, BROOKSVILLE, FL - JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON, III COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Board of County Commissioners Workshop
6/5/2018 9:00 AM
Government Center
John Law Ayers Room
20 N. Main Street
Brooksville, FL 34601

City of Brooksville Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund Board of Trustees
Thursday, June 07, 2018, 3:00PM - 5:00PM
Location 201 HOWELL AVENUE, BROOKSVILLE, FL - JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON, III COUNCIL C

Planning and Zoning Commission Regular Meeting
6/11/2018 9:00 AM
Government Center
John Law Ayers Room
20 N. Main Street
Brooksville, FL 34601

Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting
6/12/2018 9:00 AM
Government Center
John Law Ayers Room
20 N. Main Street
Brooksville, FL 34601

School Board Meetings 6/12/2018
11AM Informal
2PM workshop
6 PM Regular
District Office-Board Room
919 North Broad Street
Brooksville, FL 34601

Monday, June 18, 2018, 7:00PM
Location 201 HOWELL AVENUE, BROOKSVILLE, FL - JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON, III COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Contact City Clerk 352-540-3816

Brooksville Housing Authority
Tuesday, June 19, 2018, 5:00PM - 6:00PM

Metropolitan Planning Organization Regular Meeting
6/19/2018 1:00 PM
Government Center
John Law Ayers Room
20 N. Main Street
Brooksville, FL 34601

Brooksville Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Thursday, June 21, 2018, 5:15PM

Metropolitan Planning Organization Regular Meeting
6/19/2018 1:00 PM
Government Center
John Law Ayers Room
20 N. Main Street

HCSO Media Alert: Weeki Wachee High School student charged in campus threat

MAY 22, 2018-
Earlier today, staff members at Weeki Wachee High School contacted the School Resource Deputy regarding a campus threat. The threat consisted of an image/text that was being shared via social media. Deputy Nathan Brooks, the School Resource Deputy assigned to Weeki Wachee High School,

immediately launched an investigation. Soon after Deputy Brooks began the investigation, Sgt. Derik Deso and Detective Shawn Galarza arrived on scene to assist. Very quickly, the deputies determined that the person who was claiming to have received the information via social media was the same person who actually created

the post, from another social media account that was created for this purpose. Upon questioning, the student admitted to creating the post (which consisted of a threat to the entire campus) and sharing it. The student said she did this to "get out of school." Sheriff Al Nienhuis said, "This is another example of how well

the School Resource Deputies work their supervisors and detectives to get to the bottom of a threat to shoot up the school. I am happy to report that, because of their diligent work, there was little or no disruption to normal school activities. Unfortunately, this is yet another example of a student committing a very serious crime, simply

to avoid school. It is critically important that parents, teachers, and fellow students make this kind of behavior socially unacceptable in our schools. This threat could have easily ruined the final few days of school for many hard working students and faculty." The student, identified as Danielle Paige Suvantey W/F DOB/

xx-xx-2001, was placed under arrest and charged with the following Felony:

Written Threats to Kill or Do Great Bodily Injury.

Suvantey was transported to the Department of Juvenile Justice in Ocala.

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with the second amendment and the ensuing funding problems that he came to discuss.

Hernando County's Tax Base

Since tax increases are being considered, Assistant County Administrator Ron Pianta of Hernando County began the meeting by addressing the population of the county. Showing figures from the economic "boom and bust" that marked the beginning of the 21st century, Pianta reviewed the recession of 2007-2009. Following the official end of the "bust," some communities took longer to recover. Hernando didn't begin to see recovery until 2015.

Pianta cautioned that although the county is starting to see a stable and lasting growth trend, it is never known how long it will last. The population of the county as of April 2017 was 181,878. Estimating growth by approximately 2% per year, the population is expected to climb to 236,200 by 2040. Recognizing mistakes of the past, Pianta said that the prevention of making those mistakes again would depend on good decision-making going forward.

Several new developments are planned for the county, namely Spring Center, which will bring 3000 new residences, and Hickory Hill in the SR 50 / I 75 area, which is expected to expand Hernando county by 9000-10,000 new homes. Pianta gave an overview of the lifecycle



Central High School, Brooksville

of a development project to answer questions from the members of the school board.

Economic Development Manager Valerie Pianta acquainted the School Board and other attendees with how her department creates opportunities for businesses to succeed. She explained, "A business uses about 35 cents of every dollar that they generate in taxes, and a resident uses about \$1.30 for every dollar that they generate in taxes. It's important that we balance our tax base, and not balance it completely on our residents."

Ms. Pianta went on to report the increases in created jobs and retained jobs in the county in recent years. Quality of life matters is another focus of the Department of Economic Development. Such issues as housing affordability, availability of skilled labor, access to roadways and recreation opportunities are topics often cited when individuals and businesses consider moving to Hernando County.

Commissioner John

Allocco said of the future demographics of people moving into Hernando County, "We want to be attractive to our next generation of students (returning to work in the county). But we have to know what's attractive to them." Allocco, who runs a physical therapy practice, stated that he has difficulty recruiting young physical therapists because the county doesn't have enough apartments or multi-family residences. Young professionals more often choose to rent an apartment with plenty of recreation and amenities, rather than buy a home.

Members of both boards discussed housing, recreation and bringing business to the area that would be attractive to prospective residents, such as a hotel near the Brooksville - Tampa Regional Airport, and more "sit-down" restaurants.

A safety issue directly related to area schools, Public Works Director Scott Herring spoke to the school board of several planned sidewalk installation and extension projects.

Costs

Heather Martin, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, highlighted the immediate and future changes that will affect area schools. Immediately following the Parkland shooting, ten School Resource Officers (SROs) were added to elementary schools, ensuring that every Hernando county school has an SRO.

Further changes involve the management of student behaviors, mental health referrals and student access to social workers and other care providers.

According to Martin, the state-funded "Safe Schools" allocation for the 2017-2018 school year is \$489,407. The allocation for the 2018-2019 school year will be \$1,314,498. This allocation is specifically for additional SROs, and cannot be used for any other purpose.

The itemized list of other changes and costs to meet the state mandate has been divided into three phases, with the immediate needs appearing in phase one, and long-term requirements designated as phase 3. The first phase is estimated to cost \$6.2-million, which consists of securing access points and surveillance.

Phase 2 is still under development, and expected to cost \$8.8-million. The third phase will expand and enhance security implementations over the longer term and is expected to cost \$23.6-million to complete. The specific items were not discussed in-depth, due to time constraints, and also to protect students and current personnel. A "Shade Session" will be held on May 29, 2018, where the school board will discuss the confidential portions.

The grant available to the county which could be any amount up to \$720,375, is specifically earmarked for capital outlay and physical security. If awarded, the funds will be available January 15, 2019.

Currently, the school district spends over 81.14% of its budget on salaries and benefits. The remainder is spent on everything from utilities to office supplies. For the next school year, the district is expecting an increase in the number of students. Martin reported that a new funding mechanism will add \$2.7 million to the budget to account for the increase in number of students.

Martin also reported that part of the new mandate for improved mental health services

will bring in state funding of \$590,000, however there will be restrictions on how that money can be used.

Paying For It

If the millage rate is increased for two years, the HCSB can use funds for capital or operating expenses. In order to increase the rate for four years, the board can use the funds for operational expenses only. Other funding sources rely on the increase of sales tax by ½ to 1 cent.

According to Director of Finance & Purchasing Joyce McIntyre, extending the ½ cent sales tax

over ten years will yield roughly \$10.3-million per year, totalling around \$103-million. Considering millage rate increases, a 1 mill increase over four years would result in \$38-million, and 2 mills would yield \$76-million. It would be possible to renew a two-year millage rate at the end of the term, to allow for spending on capital expenses, which would fall under the purview of the school safety initiative.

Restoring impact fees to 2013 rates, as well as offering city bus passes to high school student to

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DATES TO REMEMBER:



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



GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 6, 2018
REGISTRATION DEADLINE
OCTOBER 9, 2018

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Hernando High student earns a delegate spot to medical congress event in Boston

By JULIE B. MAGLIO
Staff Writer

BROOKSVILLE, FL — Alyssa Nixon, an upcoming Senior at Hernando High School of Brooksville has been chosen to be a Delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Lowell, MA on June 25--27, 2018. She was nominated by Dr. Mario Capecchi, a molecular geneticist who won the Nobel Prize in Medicine for creating a method to breed mice in which a certain gene is turned off- they are coined "knockoff mice." Capecchi, born in Verona, Italy also serves as Science Director of the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. The nomination is based on Nixon's "academic achievement, leadership potential and determination to serve humanity in the field of medicine."



Alyssa Nixon, Hernando High School upcoming Senior

The Congress is designed for high schoolers who wish to become physicians or conduct medical research and is an honors-only program. The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists explains, "The purpose of this event is to honor, inspire, motivate and direct the top students in the country who

aspire to be physicians or medical scientists, to stay true to their dream and, after the event, to provide a path, plan and resources to help them reach their goal."

Nixon explains where her interest in medicine originated and her intended field, "I can't remember a time when I was not interested in the medical field. However, I knew with certainty which medical field I wanted to pursue

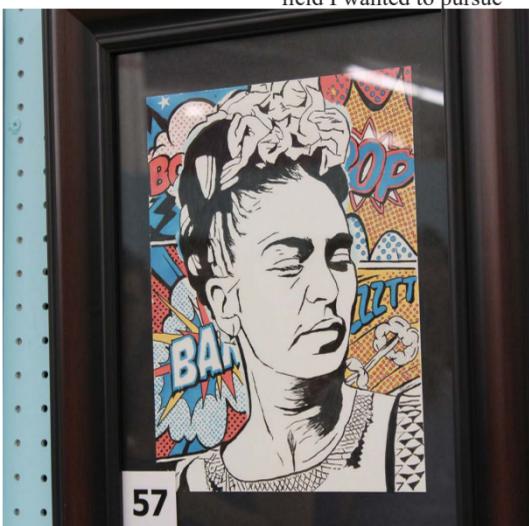
when my nephew was born prematurely and kept in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)."

Alyssa Nixon along with other delegates from across the country will listen to Nobel

Laureates and National Medal of Science Winners discuss leading medical research. There will be Ivy League and top medical school deans on hand to advise on expectations for medical school. Patients considered "living medical miracles" will tell their stories as well as teen medical science prodigies. Delegates will also learn about cutting-edge advances and the future in medicine and medical technology.

"This is a crucial time in America when we need more doctors and medical scientists who are even better prepared for a future that is changing exponentially," said Richard Rossi, Executive Director, National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. "Focused, bright

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Nixon's artwork on display at the school districts recent 'Wild About Art' Show



Some of the members of Oak Hill Hospital's Great Hernando Weight Loss Challenge teams show off their weight loss to the camera.

Oak Hill Hospital Loses Over 1,100 Pounds in weightloss challenge

Spring Hill, Florida (May 16, 2018) – The results of the Great Hernando Weight Loss Challenge are in. Oak Hill Hospital's teams lost a total of 1,162.52 pounds. Oak Hill also boasted second place male for the most weight lost: John Withee in Food & Nutritional Services (team 048) who lost 45 pounds. Second place overall female for the most weight lost in the Great Hernando Weight Loss Challenge was Jennifer Taylor (team 076) who also lost 45 pounds. Total weight loss by all teams during the challenge were 7,295 pounds. Each of Oak Hill Hospital's teams are as follows:

- 073 Oak Hill Downsizing, Juan Rios, EVS Director, -140.4
- 048 Oak Hill A Lot At Steak, Tim Krusko, FANS Director, -136.8
- 076 Oak Hill Dump Your Rump, Margaret Higginbotham, 3South Manager, -128.3
- 012 Oak Hill Big Pharma, Jennifer Sokol, Pharmacy Clinical Coordinator, -109.1
- 068 Oak Hill Thunder Thighs Jeanne Hancock, RN ICU, -100.9
- 008 Oak Hill Slinkydinks with Diminishing Returns, Terri Brooks, Supply Chain Director, -90.4
- 009 Oak Hill Flab-u-Less, Theresa Eatough, PAS Director, -87.4
- 057 Oak Hill Weapons of Mass Destruction, Tequila Fields, Rehab Director, -84
- 074 Oak Hill Lean into the ER, Kim Loucks, ER Director, -78.2
- 013 Oak Hill Skinny Minnies, Heather Bemis, HR One Business Partner, -73.5
- 075 Oak Hill Sugar Babies, Dorine Garcia, 3North RN, -52.22
- 002 Oak Hill Health Buddies, Katie Stacy, Marketing Coordinator, -51.4
- 035 Oak Hill Chunky Monkeys, Jennifer Evans, RN -29.9

The Great Hernando Weight Loss Challenge is a grass roots effort for the community to come together and form teams of 10 who commit to lose 10 pounds each over a 10-week period for an entry fee of only \$10 per person. The proceeds were to fund the event. The goal was to have as many possible community members engaged in improving their health and to have some fun along the way.

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12 months even though we can only stay for 6! This really doesn't seem to be the American way. While we may wish the cost was lower per month that fact that we pay for 12 but only can use it for 6; well that is just not right nor fair. Could I suggest it might even be unconstitutional?? Please reconsider. Yours Truly, Brian & Judieth Neville... Timber Pines, Spring Hill, 34606."

Paula Syles in Spring Hill writes, "I already am forced to pay for a

service that is only, at best, 50-75 % completed. Just this Monday, my trash was not picked up. I have even stopped calling to complain because it does no good. We don't even recycle anymore because they were so unreliable in that service, most of the trash just blew away."

Questions arose about yard waste and County Waste Management Director stated, "You'll still be able to put out the same yard waste you do currently." He said the yard waste is not going to be picked up by an automated arm and if

you put your yard waste in containers currently, you'll still be able to do so. Recycling will not be affected either.

Citizens unhappy with the rate increase and the establishment of the MSBU for the mandatory billing area inquired about signatures for a petition in order to put a referendum against the MSBU on the ballot. County Attorney Garth Collier said that they will need to speak with the Supervisor of Elections Office. Collier did caution that even if a referendum to eliminate the MSBU passed, the referendum would have no effect on an existing contract. The MSBU would only be eliminated after the contract is over Dec. 31, 2026.



LEFT: Republic garbage truck equipped with automated pickup

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offset transportation costs to the school board were also discussed.

Security in Practice

Another school shooting took place in Santa Fe, Texas just three days before this Interlocal Meeting took place. While millage rates, sales taxes and budgets are studied, the logistics of deterring an active school shooter seems to be at the

forefront of concern. Commissioners John Allocco and Jeff Holcomb questioned the wisdom of hardening existing school structures. Allocco's concern is that the layout of some campuses are simply not able to provide enough security to thwart unlawful entry. Holcomb described how military bases - known to have very high levels of security - have secure perimeters that protect the internal structures and people. Commissioner Wayne Dukes, an Air Force veteran concurred. School board chairman Mark Johnson said part

of the solution lies in the increased access to mental healthcare. Under SB 7026, it will be easier to "identify people who have issues, and correct that behavior before they act out." The school board will convene on May 29, 2018 in a private "Shade Session" to discuss safety remedies that will be kept from the public in order to protect students, staff and faculty.

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and determined students like Alyssa Nixon are our future and she deserves all the mentoring and guidance we can give her." Nixon is a well rounded student. She is a talented artist and treasurer of the Hernando High Art Club. She has been working with her peers on the mural for the Brooksville Women's Club. Nixon recently discovered boxing through a club offered at HHS, and she remarks, "I am having a lot of fun learning the sport!" She says her mentors are her mother and father.

"My father is a registered nurse who works in the Intensive Care Unit. He has taken me to the hospital with him whenever he has had the opportunity. Through that, I have been able to meet many other nurses in different fields and been able to see and experience the medical field from different perspectives. Along with his inspiration, my mother, who is currently going through school for nursing, has helped me tremendously when it came to the academic path I needed to take for the nursing field."

TIDE CHART

High/Low Tide Prediction Data Listing

Station Name: ROCKY CR., LITTLE PINE IS. BAY,, FL
Action: Daily
Product: Tide Predictions
Start Date & Time: 2018/5/25 12:00 AM
End Date & Time: 2018/6/1 11:59 PM

Source: NOAA/NOS/CO-OPS
Prediction Type: Subordinate
Datum: MLLW
Height Units: Feet
Time Zone: LST/LDT

Date	Day	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt
2018/05/25	Fri	06:38 AM	0.75 L	11:28 AM	3.06 H	7:26 PM	0.36 L		
2018/05/26	Sat	12:16 AM	2.74 H	07:25 AM	0.84 L	12:04 PM	3.23 H	8:12 PM	0.07 L
2018/05/27	Sun	01:07 AM	2.81 H	08:05 AM	0.93 L	12:37 PM	3.36 H	8:53 PM	-0.13 L
2018/05/28	Mon	01:52 AM	2.84 H	08:42 AM	1.02 L	1:09 PM	3.44 H	9:31 PM	-0.23 L
2018/05/29	Tue	02:32 AM	2.83 H	09:17 AM	1.11 L	1:40 PM	3.47 H	10:06 PM	-0.26 L
2018/05/30	Wed	03:11 AM	2.80 H	09:51 AM	1.19 L	2:11 PM	3.47 H	10:40 PM	-0.23 L
2018/05/31	Thu	03:48 AM	2.75 H	10:25 AM	1.26 L	2:43 PM	3.45 H	11:13 PM	-0.16 L
2018/06/01	Fri	04:25 AM	2.69 H	11:00 AM	1.32 L	3:16 PM	3.40 H	11:47 PM	-0.07 L

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

Preschool Storytime - WH
5/25/2018 11:15 - 11:45 AM
Stories, songs, fingerplays, and much more designed for children between the ages of 3-5.
SHINE - EH (individual counseling by appt. only)
5/25/2018 12 - 2PM Free Medicare and Health Insurance Counseling and Information during open enrollment period. By appointment only. Call 352-593-0705 for more information.
Signing for Everyday Living - SH
5/25/2018 1 - 2:30 PM SEFL is a crash course in basic ASL for learners at any skill level.
Tech Tutors - EH
5/25/2018 2:30 - 4:30 PM Not quite sure how to use your device? Do you have any questions or concerns? Grab your gadget and stop by!

-to inspire and be inspired. Your work starts with one word at a time.
Personal Creativity Book Group - SH
5/26/2018 3 - 5 PM Get inspired by reading and discussing books that encourage you to cultivate your creative self.
May 29
Cut and Paste - WH
5/29/2018 10AM - 12PM Registration is open Cut and paste remains one of Windows' most useful tools.
May 30
Cut and Paste - SH
5/30/2018 10AM - 12PM Registration is open Cut and paste remains one of Windows' most useful tools.
May 31
Staying Safe Online - EH
5/31/2018 12:15 - 1:15PM Registration is open The Internet is a Wild West place. Don't get caught in an ambush.
Writers Workshop - EH
5/31/2018 1 - 3PM Free and open to the public - meets every other Thursday. All levels of experience from beginners to published authors. Our group is ongoing and continuous, join at any time. Bring pen and paper.

For more information call 352-583-2441.
Minecraft Afternoon - SH
5/31/2018 4:30 - 5:30 PM Do you enjoy playing Minecraft? Well, now you can play it at the library! Join other Minecraft fans and spend the afternoon, building, exploring, and crafting!
Ukulele Beginner Strum and Sing - WH
5/31/2018 5 - 6:30 PM
Ukulele Beginner Strum and Sing - WH
5/31/2018 5 - 6:30 PM History and Biography Book discussion - BV
6/1/2018 11AM - 12PM
June 1
SHINE - EH (individual counseling by appt. only)
6/1/2018 12 - 2PM Free Medicare and Health Insurance Counseling and Information during open enrollment period. By appointment only. Call 352-593-0705 for more information.
Tech Tutors - SH
6/1/2018 2:30 - 4:30 PM Not quite sure how to use your device? Do you have any questions or concerns? Grab your gadget and stop by!

Please join us to discuss "Finding Gobi: The true story of a little dog and an incredible journey" by Dion Leonard.
Adult Coloring for Stress Relief and Relaxation - EH
6/2/2018 10AM - 2PM Drop in anytime between 10am and 2pm for soothing music, a cup of herbal tea, a dollop of art therapy and maybe meet a new friend or two.
Game On! - EH
6/2/2018 10AM - 4PM Enjoy

family gaming at the East Hernando Branch!
Anime Club - SH
6/2/2018 11AM - 12:30 PM Registration is open Are you a fan of anime, manga, or Japanese culture? Join Anime Club, where you can watch, read, and enjoy anime & manga with other fans.

CryptoQuote answer on page 15

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

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Florida National Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony

BUSHNELL, FL – The Florida National Cemetery Joint Veterans Committee (JVC) will sponsor the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Florida National Cemetery on Monday, May 28, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Executive Director of Cemetery Operations, Lisa Pozzebon, will be the Keynote

Speaker. Steve Jerve of WFLA TV News Channel 8 (Tampa) will be the Master of Ceremonies. There will be patriotic music prior to, and during the ceremony. Patriotic songs during the ceremony will be performed by Linda Burnette. Isaac Bobonis will play Taps. There will be a rifle salute and a presentation of the nation's flag, and flags from various military organizations.



Ye Mystic Air Krewe will provide a flyover. Guests are invited to arrive early and enjoy the patriotic and inspirational musical prelude which will begin shortly before the ceremony. Those attending are encouraged to arrive early, wear comfortable clothing, and bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit upon since seating is limited. The ceremony begins promptly at 11:00 a.m. – rain or shine.

The Joint Veterans Committee and the Florida National Cemetery extend an invitation to all veterans' organizations and the general public to take this opportunity to remember and honor the men and women who served and gave so much to protect our great nation. Organizations with colors are invited to participate in the massing of colors at the beginning of the program. Veterans' organizations should plan to arrive by 9:30 a.m.

The Avenue of Flags consisting of approximately 400 flags will be on display along the roadways of the cemetery. These flags were donated to the cemetery by the next of kin of deceased veterans and were once draped over the caskets or cremation urns of veterans.

For further information please contact the administration office M-F at 352-793-7740 between the hours of 8 am to 4:30 pm.

HURRICANE TIPS

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A hurricane can cause widespread devastation during and after it occurs. The ability to quickly recover following a hurricane requires preparedness, advance planning, and knowing what to do in the event of a hurricane. The Hernando Sun has prepared some helpful tips



load the FEMA app at fema.gov/mobile-app. Once you determine your evacuation route and shelter location, write them down on your Hurricane Preparedness Checklist, which can be downloaded at ready.gov. If you get separated from other family members, agree how to communicate or where to meet. Make a plan for your pet. To learn more, go to ready.gov/animals. Keep a battery-operated radio tuned to your local emergency station and monitor TV, radio, and follow mobile alerts and warnings. Download the FEMA app, receive weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five different locations anywhere in the United States.

Hernando County Government's Office of Emergency Management continues to monitor and inform our community about the possibility of severe weather as hurricanes impact Florida. Visit the following web and social media sites for more information.

For the latest local conditions and to identify open shelters and pet-friendly shelters, go to www.HernandoCounty.us/e. Sign up to receive weather alerts at www.AlertHernando.org. Follow us on Facebook @ [HernandoCoGov](https://www.facebook.com/HernandoCoGov). Follow us on Twitter @ [HernandoCoGov](https://twitter.com/HernandoCoGov)

For a complete guide to hurricane preparedness, visit ready.gov/prepare and download the Hurricane Preparedness Checklist. This helpful checklist will get you started. Make sure to include your entire family in the preparation and discuss your emergency plan with them. Post this checklist in an easily accessible location so it's always close by. Remember to keep in mind your family's unique needs as you complete the checklist.

Hernando County Emergency Management, 18900 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, FL 34601

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First-Aid kit



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Water
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Skipping through winding trails, spotting leaping frogs along creek beds and counting deer as they pass by the front porch are a few of the adventures in store for 6-year-old Georgia and her older sister, Eliza, when they visit their grandparents' home nestled deep in the



Wisconsin woods. What a delight for city kids from St. Louis! Like a page out of Laura Ingalls Wilder's classic, "Little House in the Big Woods" (set in Wisconsin), many of the girls' experiences mirror the lifestyle and pioneer spirit of the late 1800s.

For Georgia, walking on a dead-end road to the rhubarb patch in May to harvest giant leafy stalks and, together with grandmother Nancy, prepare rhubarb sauce to ladle over breakfast pancakes, and bake rhubarb custard pie for evening dessert is a delight.

"Georgia is the baker and loves to cook," says Nancy, a recently retired

school administrator. "She washes and dices the stalks, cracks eggs and measures carefully. It's fun!" she adds. "Cooking together is a way to share a common interest."

Like the first robin, the greening grass and the budding trees, add "first rhubarb pie" to your family's "signs of spring" list.

Whether you harvest rhubarb from your garden, or find stalks in your grocery produce section, give Nancy's winning rhubarb custard pie recipe a try with your kids while rhubarb is fresh and in season.

FRESH RHUBARB CUSTARD PIE

Pastry for 9-inch single-crust pie

- 1 1/2 cups sugar (add more according to taste)
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- Dash of salt
- 3 eggs
- 4 cups fresh rhubarb, diced
- 2 tablespoons firm butter

1. Preheat oven to 400 F.
2. Fit pastry into a 9-inch pie plate. Set aside.
3. Let your child measure and stir together sugar, flour, nutmeg and dash of salt in a mixing bowl.
3. Beat eggs until smooth.
4. Stir dry mixture into beaten eggs. Add diced rhubarb. Stir.
5. Fill the crust evenly with the rhubarb mixture. Dot with firm butter. (Cover edge with 2-to-3-inch strip of aluminum foil to prevent excessive browning, if you wish. Remove foil last 15 minutes of baking.)
6. Bake for 50 minutes.
7. Cool, and serve warm with vanilla ice cream.

NOTE: If you are new to fresh rhubarb, be aware that the large leaves are poisonous.

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

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Spring Lake Memorial Classic
2 Mile / 5K / 10K

Saturday, May 26, 2018

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FROM OUR TABLE TO YOURS
by Cheryl Clanton



Warm Potato Salad

Ingredients

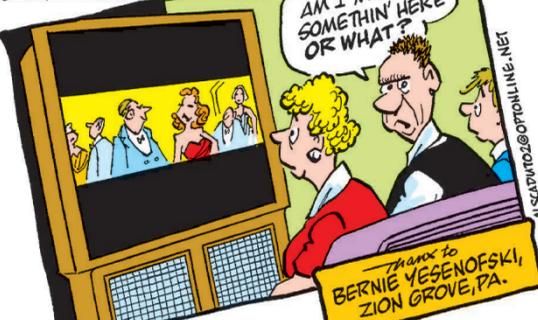
- 5 lbs Red Potatoes
- 1 pkg Bacon (crispy and crumbled)
- 1 large Onion (diced small)
- ¼ cup Vinegar
- 3 Tablespoon water
- 1 Tablespoon sugar
- Salt and Pepper to taste
- ½ cup Scallions (cut up)

Cook bacon until crispy and crumble up (add to your bowl)
 Cook your diced onion in bacon grease until tender (add to your bowl)
 Add other ingredients together in small bowl and pour into the bacon grease, cook for 1-2 minutes until thick.
 Pour over potatoes and toss until well coated.
 Sprinkle Scallions over salad
 Serve Warm

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AM I MISSING SOMETHIN' HERE OR WHAT?

THANK TO BERNIE YESENOWSKI, ZION GROVE, PA.

BY AL SCADUTO

PUZZLE PIC-FIND THE PARENTS WHO WENT INTO HOCK FOR JUNIOR'S RETAINERS SO HE'D HAVE STRAIGHT TEETH AND A WINNING SMILE...



WE WON! WAS A TOUGH GAME, BUT WE WON!

THANK TO CARL GALO, ROCKVILLE, MD.

HOME FRONT PROGRESS REPORT- THE DAY YOUR LIFE CHANGES... ASK HARD-WORKING MOM-SHELL TELL YOU--



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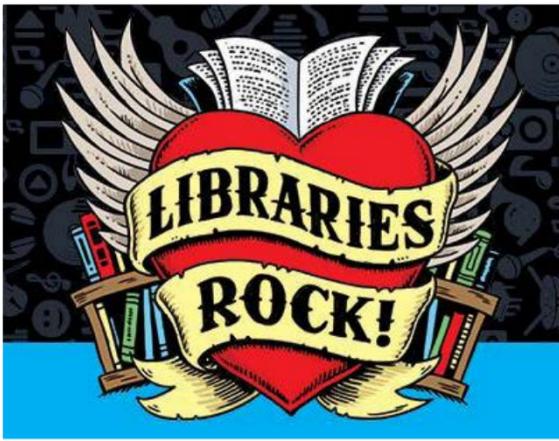
HEY, HON--LOOKIT--LI'L WOMBO LEARNED HOW TO CLIMB OUT OF HIS PLAYPEN-- TERRIFIC, AHH?

GLOO...

THANK TO R.H. THEISS, ATLANTA, GA.

Event Previews

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



Join your local library at the Marker 48 local brewery for fun giveaways! A librarian emcee will test your musical knowledge as we kick off the 2018 Adult Summer Reading Program, Libraries Rock. This is a FREE event for adults 21 and over only. Attendees may purchase drinks at their expense and registration is not required. Visit <http://hernandocountylibrary.us/> or call (352) 754-4043 for more information.

Marker 48 Brewing is located at 12147 Cortez Blvd, Spring Hill, FL 34613, USA

HARRY CONNICK JR. MONDAY AND TUESDAY, JUNE 5-6, 2018

Returning for his seventh appearance at Ruth Eckerd Hall after a sold out performance in 2015, Multiple GRAMMY® award and Emmy® award winner Harry Connick Jr. celebrates the 300th birthday of his hometown with the sounds of New Orleans. The foundation of Connick's art is the music of his native New Orleans, where he began performing as a pianist and vocalist at the age of five. He has established himself as a musician, singer and composer par excellence, a legendary live performer and a best-selling artist with millions of CDs sold around the world. His biggest hits include It Had to Be You, A Wink and a Smile and The Way You Look Tonight. Connick has also made his mark as an actor in films (appearing in over nineteen films. Tickets are \$225, \$150, \$85, and \$45.

Ruth Eckerd Hall is located at 1111 McMullen Booth Rd Clearwater, FL 33759



TREE RINGS - DENDROCHRONOLOGY SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2018 10 AM - 11 AM

Join us for a fun informal program on analyzing rings and dating trees. Dendrochronology (or tree-ring dating) is the scientific method of dating tree rings (also called growth rings) to the exact year they were formed in order to analyze atmospheric conditions during different periods in history. Dendrochronology is useful for determining the timing of events and rates of change in the environment (most prominently climate) and also in works of art and architecture, such as old panel paintings on wood, buildings, etc. It is also used in radiocarbon dating to calibrate radiocarbon ages. Call (352) 754-6722 or visit Chinsegut@MyFWC.com

Chinsegut Conservation Center is located at 23212 Lake Lindsey Rd, Brooksville,

JOHN REEVES INCIDENT BEER RELEASE AND UFO PARTY SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018 12 NOON TO 5 PM

The John Reeves Incident beer release and UFO party memorial weekend! Join us Sunday, May 27 for an out of this world party at Marker 48 celebrating The John Reeves Incident and Brooksville's history as UFO capital of the world in years past. Beginning at noon we will begin selling bottles of our special release beer- a hazy double IPA brewed with galaxy, simcoe, and several experimental hops to create a delicious balanced double IPA heavy in citrus and tropical flavors that will send your tastebuds into outer space! Only a limited number of bottles will be available for purchase and we will be tapping a few kegs the day of release as well. Our UFO party will begin around 6:30pm with special live music by the Ally Venable Band from Texas. There will be an alien/ UFO costume contest at 9pm with prizes awarded for best female, best male and best couple! The crazier the better! Photo booth will be available to capture the crazy. Food trucks on site day and night.

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THE SWEENEY FAMILY BAND
Country Comedy Band

The Sweeney Family Band is a musical comedy act that blends country, folk and gospel music with knee slappin' humor.

Their comedy and performance style is in the fashion of The Grand Ole Opry meets Hee Haw.

The Sweeney Family Band has performed alongside some great acts like The Charlie Daniels Band, The Oak Ridge Boys, and The Marshall Tucker Band.

TICKETS \$25 Desserts & Lite Snacks Available for Purchase
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 4136 Barker Drive, New Port Richey, FL 34652

JIMMY FERRARO'S DESSERT THEATRE SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018 AT 2 TO 5 PM DOORS OPEN AT 1 PM

Featuring the Sweeney Family Band, a musical comedy act the blends country, folk and gospel music with knee-slapping' humor. Their comedy and performance style is in the fashion of Grand Ole Opry meets Here Haw. The band has performed alongside some great acts like The Charlie Daniels Band, The Oak Ridge Boys and the Marshall Tucker Band. The show will take place at the CARES Elfers Center, 4136 Barker Drive, New Port Richey. Tickets \$25. Desserts and lite snacks available for purchase. Tickets available at the CARES Elfers Center. For more information, call 727.847.1290.

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Calendar of Events

May 25

Artist Reception Uptown Art Gallery

When: Fri, May 25, 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Where: Brooksville City Hall, Brooksville, FL 34601
Description: Join us at the Uptown Art Gallery located in historic Brooksville City Hall for the May 25th Artist Reception celebration. This is the famed Gallery's 20th Anniversary! Beautiful local artwork will be on display with exciting entertainment and delicious refreshments. The new Stage West Community Playhouse Travelling Troupe will be there to perform a few songs for your enjoyment. This a "free" event for the public. Hope to see you there!

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

Crystal River Sprint Triathlon – 3 Race Series (#1)

WHEN: Saturday, May 26 @ 6:00 am - 11:00 am
WHERE: 14024 W Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, Description: A high energy race hosted by DRC Sports in Crystal River: Triathlon, Duathlon, and Aquabike. This is the first of 3 race dates, of which athletes can register for one, or compete in all 3. Future races are Sept. 1 & 29. Events include refreshments and an awards ceremony immediately afterward. Only 100 Series Special Discounts are available. For more information, go to DRC Sports at (352) 637-2475

May 30

Free Class: Turf Talk

WHEN: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 10:30 a.m.
WHERE: Hernando County Utilities Building , 15365 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville
Description: Residents are invited to attend a free class, "Turf Talk." This class will be presented by Florida Friendly Landscaping™ Program Coordinator Lilly Browning and Hernando County Master Gardener, Bernie Bathauer. This will be an informal Q-and-A session focusing on Florida turf, its care and its problems. No registration is necessary. Please call (352) 540-6230 for more information.

Wildlife ranger camps offered at state park

WHEN: June and July, 2018
WHERE: Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, 4150 S Sun-coast Blvd., Homosassa, will offer two-week wildlife ranger camps from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the park this summer. From June 19 to 23, is for children ages 8 and 9; and the second camp, from July 17 to 21, is for children ages 10 to 12. Applications are available in the park's Visitor Center. Each program is limited to 24 campers and allocated on a first-come basis, with preference to those who have not attended previously. 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. Cost per child is \$75 and includes supplies and a T-shirt. Applicants are asked to write a short essay on "an animal that lives in Florida and why you think that animal is important. Contact: Rene Poppe at (352) 628-5343, ext. 1004.

June 1

Damsels and Dragons

WHEN: Friday, June 1, 10am – 11am
WHERE: 23212 Lake Lindsey Rd, Brooksville, FL, 34601 (map)
Description: Join Dr. William Lester from Hernando's very own UF/IFAS office for a fun look at damsels (damsellies) and dragons (dragonflies). This program is ideal for kids and families.

June 2

Tree Rings/ Dendrochronology

WHEN: Sat, June 2, 10am – 11am
WHERE: Chinsegut Conservation Center, 23212 Lake Lindsey Rd, Brooksville, Description: A look at dendrochronology or tree-ring dating. Trees can provide critical information on environmental conditions if you know what to look for. **Join us for a fun informal program on analyzing rings and dating trees. No registration required. Best suited for ages 10+. Chinsegut@MyFWC.com (352) 754-6722**
Nature Pathway
WHEN: Sat, June 2, 11am – 3pm
WHERE: Nature Coast Gardens 1489 Parker Avenue Spring Hill Florida 34606 (map)
Description: The Spring Hill Garden Club is having brick path-

ways installed in the Gardens so that all visitors, regardless of their physical ability, can enjoy the beauty of the gardens. While the installation of the pavers has begun, there is still a long way to go before all Garden pathways are paved. Progress so far has been funded by donations and fees charged for weddings. On Saturday, 2 June, the Club will hold a Pathway fundraiser to continue rising the \$23K needed for the completion of the project. We will have raffles, vendors throughout the gardens, and hot dogs, chips, and soda. Make it a family outing and enjoy the day. Any donations are accepted. Donations of \$500 or more will entitle the donor to a memorial brick in the pathway.

June 4

2018 Youth Summer Acting Camp-Beginners & Advanced

WHEN: June 4-8, 2018
WHERE: Stage West Community Playhouse, 8390 Forest Oaks Blvd, Spring Hill, FL 34606
Description: Stage West Community Playhouse is offering a SUMMER BEGINNERS ACTING CAMP which will be held June 4- June 8 from 9am until 3:30pm daily. The ADVANCED ACTING CAMP begins Saturday, June 16 – for 6 weeks. A great Summer experience for youth ages 8 to 16 years old. Please contact the Box Office for information and applications. \$150 per child. second child in family \$125. Stage West Community Playhouse, 8390 Forest Oaks Blvd, Spring Hill, FL 34606 352 683-5113 StageWest@att.net. www.StageWestFlorida.com / https://www.facebook.com/events/158873304835675

June 8

Friday Night Live

WHEN: Friday, June 8, 2018 5 p.m. -10 p.m.
WHERE: 205 E. Ft. Dade Avenue
Description: The Friday Night Live concert series includes a food truck rally and a full bar. The next Friday Night Live will be held on June 8, 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. This is a family friendly event. You are welcome to bring chairs or blankets as this is a general admission seating event. No outside food or drink allowed at the venue site. There is no formalized parking, as there is ample self-parking surrounding the venue site. All alcohol sales require ID check AND an arm band. Stay up to date with the latest by visiting the "Discussion" section on our Friday Night Live event page: https://m.facebook.com/events/2108738572743162 For more information call Tina Marie Polson at 352-540-6476.

Friday Night at the Movies

WHEN: Friday, June 8 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
WHERE: Valerie Theatre, 207 Courthouse Square, Inverness, Description: The Big Chill: The Big Chill is a 1983 American comedy-drama film. The plot focuses on a group of baby boomers who attended the University of Michigan, reuniting after 15 years when their friend commits suicide. The soundtrack features soul, R&B, and pop-rock music from the 1960s and '70s, including tracks by Creedence Clearwater Revival, Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye, The Temptations, The Rolling Stones, and Three Dog Night. Cost is \$6.

June 9

Lip Sync Battle NAMI Fundraiser

WHEN: Saturday, June 9, 2018
WHERE: The Heritage Pines Club, 1524 Scenic Hills Blvd. Hudson
Description: Cocktails: 5:00 P.m. | Dinner: 6:00 P.m. | Show-time: 7:00 P.m.

June 13

NASP BAI Certification Course

WHEN: Wed, June 13, 8:00am – 4:30pm
WHERE: Chinsegut Conservation Center 23212 Lake Lindsey Rd, Brooksville, Description: If you would like to become certified as a NASP (National Archery in Schools Program) instructor, the course is offered annually at Chinsegut. Local area teachers who are certified through NASP are permitted to use the facilities and equipment at Chinsegut for their programs until they can acquire their own. There is a 60.00 fee for registration. register at NASPSchools.com. Ages 18+ only.

June 15

Friday Night Thunder – Inverness

WHEN: Friday, June 15 @ 5:00 pm - June 16 @ 8:00 am
WHERE: Courthouse Square, Inverness, Description: Spend an evening in downtown Inverness with live music, car cruise-in hosted by Citrus MOPARS and dining and shopping specials every third Friday of the month.

June 16

Bug Hotel

WHEN: Saturday, June 16, 10:00am – 11:30am
WHERE: Chinsegut Conservation Center, 23212 Lake Lindsey Rd, Brooksville
Description: Making space for wildlife can be a fun for all ages. Learn how to recycle materials, where to get free materials and how to put those recycled things to use creating living space for crawly critters. Class includes a live demonstration with audience participation of bug house creating and information on Florida Backyards program to get backyard wildlife identified. Open to all ages, no registration required.

Movie Times

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Friday, 25 May 2018 - Thursday, 31 May 2018

Avengers: Infinity War (PG13)	Daily except Thurs: 1:00PM, 4:30PM, 8:00PM
Book Club (PG13)	Daily except Thurs: 12:15PM, 3:30PM, 7:15PM, 9:50PM
Breaking In (PG13)	Daily except Thurs: 1:15PM, 4:15PM, 7:25PM, 9:55PM
Deadpool 2 (R)	Fri, Sat, Mon, Tues: 12:00PM, 1:00PM, 2:00PM, 3:00PM, 4:00PM, 5:00PM, 6:00PM, 7:00PM, 8:00PM, 9:00PM, 10:00PM Sun, Wed: 12:00PM, 1:00PM, 2:00PM, 3:00PM, 4:00PM, 5:00PM, 6:00PM, 8:00PM, 9:00PM, 10:00PM
Grease (PG13)	Sun: 2:00PM, 7:00PM. Wed: 4:00PM, 7:00PM
Life Of The Party (PG13)	Fri: 12:35PM, 4:30PM, 7:30PM, 10:00PM. Sat, Mon, Tues: 12:35PM, 4:15PM, 7:30PM, 10:00PM. Sun: 4:45PM, 7:30PM, 10:00PM. Wed: 12:35PM, 7:30PM, 10:00PM
Show Dogs (PG)	Daily except Thurs: 12:25PM, 4:15PM, 7:25PM, 9:45PM
Solo: A Star Wars Story (PG13)	Fri: 11:45AM, 1:15PM, 2:00PM, 3:00PM, 4:00PM, 5:15PM, 6:15PM, 8:30PM, 9:30PM, 11:00PM. Sat, Mon, Tues, Wed: 11:45AM, 1:15PM, 2:00PM, 3:00PM, 4:30PM, 5:15PM, 6:15PM, 8:30PM, 9:30PM, 11:00PM. Sun: 11:45AM, 1:15PM, 2:00PM, 3:00PM, 4:30PM, 5:15PM, 6:15PM, 8:30PM, 9:30PM. Thurs: 11:45AM, 3:00PM, 6:15PM, 9:30PM
Solo: A Star Wars Story 3D (PG13)	Daily except Thurs: 7:45PM
Solo: A Star Wars Story GTX (PG13)	Daily: 12:30PM, 3:45PM, 7:00PM, 10:15PM

June 17

Jazz Society Performs

WHEN: Sunday, June 17, 2018 2 P.M.
WHERE: The Wellington Clubhouse at 400 Wexford Blvd, Spring Hill.
Description: A fun afternoon listening and dancing to your favorite tunes. Sit-ins are welcome. Admission: HJS members Free, Singles \$10, Couples \$15. The Sioux City Grill be offering a cash bar and buffet for purchase. For more information call Ike Johnson at 352 263-8579.

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

June 20

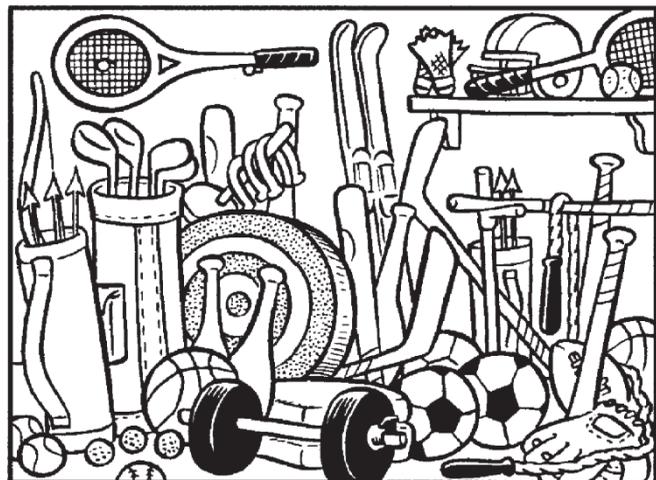
Historic Downtown Inverness Walking Tour

WHEN: Wednesday, June 20 @ 9:00 am - 10:00 am
WHERE: Inverness Tour
Description: Experience walking through quaint parks, around beautiful lakes, and viewing architecture rich with history while listening to stories of early to present-day Inverness on a historian-guided tour. Tours are on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, leaving promptly at 9 a.m. from the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum. Must call ahead for reservations! All proceeds benefit the exhibition, programs, and operations of the Inverness Cultural Heritage Council at the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum. For more information or to reserve your spot, call (352)341-6428.

June 23

Zephyrhills SummerFest 2018

WHEN: June 23, 2018 4 PM to 9:30 PM
WHERE: Zephyr Park, 5th Avenue, Zephyrhills
Description: The SummerFest Zephyrhills event is the only fireworks show in downtown Zephyrhills. The event begins DJ Xpress running dance and watermelon eating contests for the kids and ends with 30 minutes of fireworks over the lake. Food vendors, bounce houses, family games, and a crafter area. This is a great family event that fills the park with patriotic fun to get you ready for summer. This event is FREE to enter and FREE to park. Just bring your lawn chairs and come early to enjoy the vendors, entertainment and pick a great spot to watch the show at sundown.

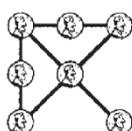


THE COACH IS GIVING the sports locker a spring cleaning. Try counting up every single item in the locker and see if you come up with our total.

Answer: We found 41 items.

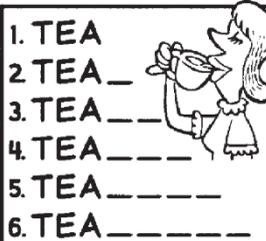
A TRICKY CHALLENGE!

Place seven coins on the table and challenge your friends to arrange them in four rows, each row containing three coins. One solution is shown to the right.



LET'S HAVE A "TEA" PARTY! In this puzzle all of the words get progressively longer, and they all start with TEA. The following hints should help:

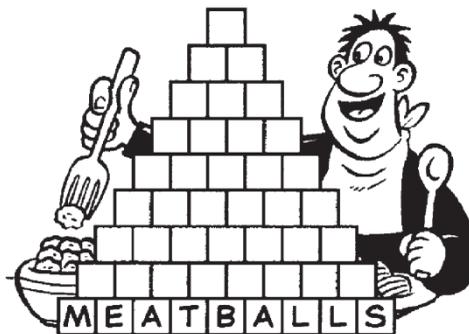
1. TEA (in place).
2. A hard wood.
3. To enlighten.
4. A tough problem.
5. Fortune-tellers hang out here.
6. A freight hauler.



Answers: 1. Tea. 2. Teak. 3. Teach. 4. Teaser. 5. Teaspoon. 6. Teamster.



THE PYRAMID OF WORD POWER



Starting with the given word **MEATBALLS** at the bottom of our word pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. The following helpful hints are in ascending order, beginning with MEATBALLS.

1. Italian treats.
2. To scold sharply.
3. Mexican treats.
4. Found in the ground.
5. Yesterday's bread.
6. Dark bluish-green.
7. To consume.
8. In or near.
9. Your score if you get this far.

Answers: (from the bottom up): Meatballs, lambaste, tamaras, metals, stale, teal, eat.

Illustrated by David Coulson

SPORTS

Spring football recaps: Weeki Wachee 18, Anclote 14; Central 12, Hudson 8

BY ANDY VILLAMARZO
HERNANDO SUN WRITER
Photography:
CHERYL CLANTON

Last week, most teams in Hernando County concluded spring practices by playing in their spring scrimmages against teams from out of the county. We take a look at a couple of the matchups, as Weeki Wachee traveled down to Holiday, FL to face Anclote and Central also traveled to Pasco County and faced off against Hudson.

Weeki Wachee 18, Anclote 14

In what could be labeled one of the most exciting spring contests amongst those that included a Hernando County club, Weeki Wachee was able to overcome a 14-point deficit and comeback to defeat Anclote in a thrilling 18-14 victory last Thursday night.

The Hornets were able to get a big night from running back Sebastian Class, who is coming off a 1,000-yard season in 2017, with the senior rushing for 178 yards on 27 carries. Class was under wraps in the opening half against a stiff Sharks' defense, that held him to around 50 yards.

The second half was a different story, however, as Class started to find holes in Anclote's defense and ended up scoring the go-ahead touchdown late in the fourth quarter. Weeki Wachee quarterback Victor Sykora completed 9-of-24 passes for 152 yards in the win for the Hornets. Hornets coach Jacob Gray liked how his team competed and overcame adversity late and believes Class is the real deal on the next level.

"What I know is we've had a lot of (college scouts) come through here and take a look at Sebastian and they look

at him as a second level offer guy. I think a lot of those schools are making a big mistake," Gray said.

Central 12, Hudson 8

It was the head coaching debut for Central's John Warren and his first impression wasn't a bad one. The Bears used a strong rushing attack and a solid front defense to defeat Hudson 12-8 in defensive showdown at Cobra Stadium last Friday night.

Warren, who was named the head coach at Central after Chris Sands stepped down and took the same position at Eau Gallie, showcased the Bears more as a ground-orientated club on offense. Central relied

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Central No. 55 Jesse Sorensen and No. 1 Jaylon Hall in play during a spring scrimmage against Hudson



No. 7 Fred Scivens takes a look at the field during the Hudson scrimmage

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County launches new website

Hernando County Government launched a new website on Wednesday, May 23. The new and completely redesigned site at www.HernandoCounty.us will provide quick and easy access to government services people use most, as well as easy to find contact information for every department.

The attractive, clean and uncluttered design has improved function-

ality, relevant content and lays the foundation to make it accessible for those with disabilities.

Home page photos, donated by local photographer Sonny Vergara with Skyshadow Photography, showcase Hernando County's natural beauty, culture and charm.

Rustic-styled icon buttons link to services most sought by website visitors; including: agendas and minutes,

animal services, jobs, forms and applications, fun and public notices.

A comprehensive list of meetings, events and news will also keep our viewers informed of county business, status of projects and more.

The Board of County Commission meetings and other government meetings will continue to be streamed live.

Porky on the plate

There are few critters that I enjoy hunting more than feral hogs. They are wary, large, destructive, have no bag limits and in most places can be hunted year-round — and they are delicious to eat.

Living in this county, we are surrounded by great hog hunting and although I've taken porkers in several Southern states, none provided any better opportunities than I find right here at home. My preferred method of hunting is establishing a bait station in an open area near thick cover and feed them up until

they begin to visit the site daily. Then, I select an ambush location depending upon the direction of the wind (stay downwind as their noses are incredible) and pass a broadhead tipped arrow where it will do its job. I'll pass up the largest, stinking boar in the group to take out eighty to one hundred-pounders for my cooler as they provide the best dining.

And fine dining is the whole point of all of the effort! I've prepared wild pork in a variety of ways, in fact just about any way you would prepare commercially raised and store-bought pork. Except, to my taster, wild pork is far better. It possess a much better flavor, is far leaner and you have the satisfaction of dining of truly organic protein derived from your own skills. But, wild pork does come with a caution as they can be carrying some undesirable parasites, most significantly, Swine Brucellosis.

Swine brucellosis does not affect the edibility of the meat, but it should be thoroughly cooked to an internal temperature of 160 degrees. The prolonged heat will kill any unsavory parasites or potential diseases, whether they exist in your meat or not. The point is, not to take

any chances and never serve your wild pork rare.

One Thanksgiving I brined an 18-pound bone-in hindquarter for 24 hours then smoked it for 18 hours until it reached an internal temp of 185 degrees. I then pulled the meat right off the bone and served pulled pork BBQ sandwiches right alongside the turkey. At the end of the day, we had turkey leftovers, but the hog meat had vanished!

I'm clearly a huge fan of cooking wild hog meat, but I have to stress the importance of taking precautions when butchering and handling the raw meat as well. The bacterium *Brucella suis* may not only be contracted via ingestion, but humans can contract swine brucellosis if blood, fluid or tissue from an infected animal contacts with the eyes, nose, mouth or a skin cut. Although few humans die of such an infection, the disease can be chronic and debilitating. If an avid hog hunter gets sick with flu-like symptoms, remember to inform the doctor of any contact with a wild hog.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the following precautions when field dressing feral hogs: Wear eye protection

and rubber or latex gloves when handling carcasses.

Avoid direct contact of bare skin with fluid or organs from the animal.

Avoid feeding raw meat or other parts of the carcass to your dogs.

Wash hands as soon as possible with soap and warm water for twenty seconds or more and dry hands with a clean cloth.

Thoroughly cook the meat (internal temp 160 degrees as previously mentioned) and be aware that freezing, smoking, drying and pickling do not kill the bacteria that cause brucellosis.

With just a bit of awareness and proper caution, there is no reason not to harvest and partake of that harvest in order to feed your family the best tasting pork you can provide. In fact, here is a great recipe my own family has enjoyed for many years and was featured in my 2014 cookbook, *Carnivore Country*:

Wild Hog Jambalaya

¼ cup olive oil
1 onion, chopped
½ green pepper, chopped
¼ tsp garlic powder
1 can tomato paste
1 can tomato sauce
2 cans of water
¼ tsp black pepper
1 tomato, sliced



Alice Ann and mother Rebecca Spradley admire a live caught boar hog.

3 cups wild hog meat, browned
24 shrimp, peeled and veined

In a large cast iron skillet, heat the oil and brown the pepper and onion. Add the garlic powder, tomato sauce, tomato paste, pepper, thyme, water and tomato and stir well. Let the mixture simmer for about ten minutes the add in the hog meat and simmer for another ten minutes before adding the shrimp and cook until the shrimp are pink and done. Serves six to eight.

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!



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



A Citrus County sounder coming in to the bait station.

SPORTS

Sharks ride another Gates masterpiece to first region final

BY JOE CARLINO
HERNANDO SUN WRITER
Photography:
CHERYL CLANTON

On Tuesday, May 15th, the Nature Coast Sharks and Bishop Moore Hornets were set to do battle in a FHSAA Class 5A, Region II semifinal matchup, with the winner advancing to the region final. Roughly an hour prior to first pitch, a small blip on the radar caused a 10-minute shower with enough rain to put first and third base underwater, forcing the teams to play on Wednesday night.

Seems as though this extra day proved beneficial to the home team, and they have their MVP to thank for it.

Riding another stellar performance from senior pitcher J.P. Gates, the Sharks defeated the Hornets 3-0, advancing to the first Elite Eight berth in school history. Coming into this game, Bishop Moore was ranked as the 23rd best team in the state of Florida and had a 15-game winning streak.

The scoring started early for the Sharks, when

senior catcher Brandon Riera laced a two-run double to right-center field, scoring Zach Funkhouser and Jayden Crawford. The final run was scored in the third inning with the bases loaded.

Gates finished the game on 81 pitches, surrendering only one hit and walking two while racking up 12 strikeouts, consistently stifling a powerhouse in the state. His stat line in these two wins almost reads like a typographical error: 14 innings pitched, no runs, three hits, four walks, and 24 strikeouts.

After the game, Gates was happy for his team's progress: "This is the farthest we've ever made it in school history. Bringing three straight titles to NCT is a great accomplishment, but this is huge making it to the Elite Eight".

Sharks head coach Frank Vitale had confidence in this group of young men, saying: "This is something we've done all year, scoring runs in the first inning. If we can get on the board early, we're in good shape".

For the visiting Hornets, starting pitcher Jake



NCT Pitcher JP Gates pitches during the Region II Semifinal game against Bishop-Moore

McRae was credited with the loss, surrendering three runs on two hits with a walk and two strikeouts in 2.1 innings pitched. His reliever, McGwire Holbrook, pitched the

remaining 3.2 innings, surrendering two hits and no runs with three strikeouts.

Hornets head coach

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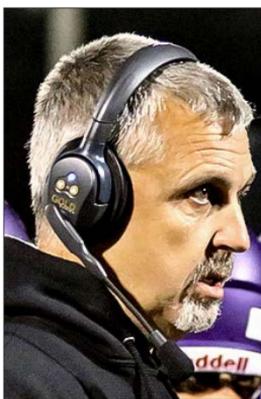
Vonada steps down ...from Page 1

• **NEED**—Sports are so much more visible than they used to be; patience is much less existent. Players, parents, and communities all want a winner, as it is sure to propel them onto bigger and better things. A coach can be a sensation one year, on "the hot seat" the next, and can be the hottest commodity around after that. It's all part of the deal when you are cashing in the big-time paycheck of coaching (high school coaches who read this are laughing loudly now).

• **COST**—The arms race is not just limited to powerful countries, but has developed its own niche in football. Teams are constantly searching for the new product, scheme, or activity that will put them over the top. More and more resources (time and money) are used to take a program to the next level. Improvement must be constant; if you're not moving forward, you're falling behind. The increased cost of football means a couple of things:

1. If a team is going to be competitive, they have to be willing to pay the price. If they want to be champions, they have to go above-and-beyond the average. There is no way around this—the price for victory must be paid or it cannot be obtained.

2. If parts of the program are not willing to ante up their share, others must pay more from their resources.



Coach Vonada on the sidelines during the game against NCT on Oct. 26, 2017 Photo by CHERYL CLANTON

The demands of the job are growing—not only in the area of "what it takes to win", but also in what is expected of the coach. He is expected to not only win, but also: to get his players to college; solve all problems associated with members of the program ("Your star can't remember to bring a pencil to class and drives too fast in the parking lot; what are you going to do about it?"); and, to be on call most hours of the day.

The hindrances for coaching are growing. Things like increased paperwork requirements (currently 7 different forms for every player) combined with lack of access to facilities make the job harder. The demands of the job are growing; the hindrances to the job are

growing; the resources are not.

I find myself lacking resources. My choices then become to change the priorities of the program (character development and winning), change my values and priorities in order to make up the difference, or change the leadership of the program. I find that I can no longer be the type of person I want to be and still run the type of program I want to run in the current environment. It is for these reasons that I have decided to tender my resignation as Head Football Coach of Hernando High School.

I have enjoyed the experience of working with some excellent people while here, and thank you for the opportunity to do so. I wish you continued good fortune with both the success of your program and in the development of the young men of character that our world so desperately needs.

Respectfully,
Bill Vonada"

Hernando played Sunlake last week in a spring scrimmage and was able to defeat the Seahawks 7-0 in the Leopards' first game without Vonada on the sideline. Vonada was 17-21 during his tenure at Hernando.

He coached football for 14 seasons in Hernando County, 10 with Springstead and the last 4 with Hernando High.



Central's No. 14 Foster Hawthorne and 51 Chris Murphy on defense against Hudson

RECAPS

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upon the legs of running backs RJ Harrington and track star Tayvon Brown. Both backs had a 40-plus

yard run against Hudson's defense and should each see plenty of time in the backfield.

Central had to hang on for the victory late, as Hudson made several

attempts to go for the game-winning drive. The Bears' defense kept the Cobras' offense in check and held onto the narrow victory to end spring football.

Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps



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

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

- 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.

Bocce Tournament & Italian Feast

BY ROCCO MAGLIO
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

Una Famiglia Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge 2882 put on the second annual Bocce Tournament and Italian Feast on Saturday May 19 at Delta Woods Park. When Italians get together there is always good food and this event was no exception- sausage and pepper, meatball sandwiches and Zeppole (Italian Doughnuts).

Bocce is a sport of Italian origin. The object is to roll as many of your bocce balls closer to the pallino ball than your opponent. The pallino ball



is much smaller than the bocce balls and is thrown first.

The were sixteen four man teams. There were a number of creative team names including: Son of a

Bocce, Chewbocce, Boccelism, and You talking to me. The Special Olympics were represented with a team. They play every week so they were quite formidable. There was even a team from the Upper Keys Una Famiglia Lodge.

Proceeds of the event went to the Una Famiglia scholarship fund. The bocce tournament prize was a \$100 for the winning team. The winning team was the Upper Keys Una Famiglia Lodge. They donated their winnings to the scholarship fund.



ABOVE: Garlic breadsticks LEFT: Tournament Winners Bocceano Paesano's from the Upper Keys. They donated their winnings to the scholarship fund.



Measuring the distance between the bocce ball and pallino to determine the number of points in the Final Match-Up Bocce Bella v. Bocceano Paesano's from the Upper Keys



NCT Zack Funkhouser during NCT - Bishop Moore Region II Semifinal



NCT Reilly McCarthy takes a swing in the NCT - Bishop Moore Region II Semifinal

Solution to Crossword on page 15

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Paddington or Pooh
- 5 That guy's
- 8 Edinburgh native
- 12 Soft cheese
- 13 Shril bark
- 14 Perspiration outlet
- 15 Laos neighbor
- 17 Leak out slowly
- 18 Single
- 19 Timesaving type of necktie
- 21 PC shortcut
- 24 Ring out
- 25 Persia, now
- 26 Sheer undergarment

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- 30 Part of RSVP
- 31 "Family Guy" dog
- 32 Skillet
- 33 Race for a seat
- 35 Flex
- 36 Ceremony
- 37 Wild West show
- 38 Acid neutralizer
- 41 Scatter seed
- 42 Skeletal
- 43 Alabama's state flower
- 48 Fencing sword
- 49 Past
- 50 Deserve
- 51 Lecherous look
- 52 Journey segment
- 53 Colored
- DOWN**
- 1 Telly letters
- 2 Mound stat
- 3 Intent
- 4 Given new energy
- 5 Jekyll counterpart
- 6 Square root of IX
- 7 Astronaut, usually
- 8 Goes bad
- 9 Henhouse
- 10 Pasta resembling rice
- 11 Adolescent
- 16 Yoko of music
- 20 Rested
- 21 Uncategorized (Abbr.)
- 22 Met melody
- 23 Tranquil
- 24 Baseball's Satchel
- 26 Decisive
- 27 Newspaper pg.
- 28 Highway division
- 29 Within (Pref.)
- 31 \$50, in Monopoly
- 34 Orison
- 35 Tackled tenpins
- 37 Fish eggs
- 38 First victim
- 39 Easy bounding gait
- 40 Elbow counterpart
- 41 Urban pollutant
- 44 Time of your life?
- 45 Secular
- 46 Anger
- 47 As well as

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SHARKS

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Tony Mehlich was highly complimentary of his opponent's ace, stating "He (Gates) was phenomenal. He's the best arm we've faced all season, and his professionalism is something else. With his talent, the sky's the limit."

With this win, the Sharks now stand one step away from their first berth in the baseball state semifinals in school history. On Tuesday, May 22nd at 7:00, the Sharks will travel to Alachua to face the Santa Fe Raiders, who came back from a 4-1 deficit entering the bottom of the seventh to stun Tavares, 5-4. Whoever wins this game will advance to the semifinal game on May 31st at 10AM against the 5A Region I champion. That region's champion will either be the Bolles Bulldogs, Marianna Bulldogs, or Rickards Raiders.

UPDATE 5/23/18- The Sharks have moved onto the State Semifinals.



NCT Ryan Watson

Hernando Sportsmans Club Events Calendar

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May 18 - 26, 2018

25 OR, TRAP, SKEET & FIVE STAND 9-2

26 OR, TRAP, SKEET 9-3

200 MTR OPEN 9AM
2 GUN MATCH N BAYS 9AM

27 OR, TRAP, SKEET & FIVE STAND 9-3

BULLSEYE MATCH 9AM

HUNTERS ED ONLINE 200 MTR 8AM

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RANGE CLOSED

29 OR, TRAP, SKEET & FIVE STAND 9-2

BULLSEYE 50 YD 9AM
IDPA PRACTICE N BAYS 9-11 & 200 YD 11-2
COWBOY 9AM
NIGHT OR & TRAP 5-9

30 OR, TRAP & SKEET 9-2

STEEL PRACTICE N BAYS 9AM

31 OR, TRAP & SKEET 9-2

HI PWR & MOD F PRACTICE 200 MTR 9-1
COWBOY N BAYS 9AM
NIGHT OR & TRAP 5-9

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Virus Scanning Software



Rocco Maglio

Today computers are under constant threat. Antivirus software can help keep computers clean of certain types of malware. Antivirus software is not foolproof, it only matches known software and often notifies you when the software is already on your computer.

The way antivirus software generally works is it looks for the fingerprint of software known to be viruses and malware and removes that software from your machine. The virus scanners generally will not recognize software that has been modified, but will stop many known threats.

There are a number of antivirus software that I have used for home use. Windows 10 comes with Defender which has been scoring pretty well on tests. There is a free virus scanner Avast which I currently recommend. It will bug you to pay for it, but you can run it for free. Other people recommend Norton, McAfee, and Bit-defender which should all cost around \$20.

The issue with some of these antivirus programs is that they can cause your computer to slow down since they are constantly scanning memory. I have run into issues where computers run exceedingly slow while running Norton and McAfee.

Even if you are running antivirus software you still need to avoid sites that are sketchy, don't open things that you are not sure of and think defensively. Paying attention and not being very trusting are also necessary.

Many of the antivirus programs provide additional functionality of firewalls and email scanning. This functionality may be redundant and can be turned off.

Usually the antivirus has a main status display where you can turn off any redundant functionality. If you are unsure of how to turn off an unwanted feature,

I recommend performing an Internet search on how to accomplish this with your software.

Author, Stephen Shaskan entertains at Spring Hill Elementary School

BY SARAH NACHIN
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

On Monday, May 14, 2018, children's author Stephen Shaskan enthralled the kindergarten classes at Spring Hill Elementary School with animated readings of his books. He also led the children, while accompanying himself on the guitar, in a spirited sing-along of popular songs like "If You're Happy and you Know It." Stephen's mother, Karen Shaskan, a member of the Reading Buddies and the Glen Lakes Book Club arranged the visit.

The Minneapolis author has written and illustrated six children's books and illustrated several others written by his wife, Trisha Speed Shaskan. Working as a preschool and after-school art teacher is what inspired Shaskan to write his books.

"I bring my experiences working with children into what I write and it's always great to see children responding favorably to my books."

Pat Shopmeyer Gagliano started the Reading Buddies program fourteen years ago. Approximately fifteen volunteers go to Spring Hill Elementary School one day a week to read one-on-one with the children there.

"The most satisfying thing [about reading with the children] is to see the kids get up to grade level and above. I don't know who enjoys it more in the long run - the kids or the buddies," Karen Shaskan states.

Mrs. Shaskan is also a member of the Glen Lakes Book

Club which meets monthly to discuss a book they have read. In addition, the club raises about \$900 a year to purchase books for Spring Hill Elementary and Winding Waters K-8 second graders. At Christmas they also donate books for each child.

"Our active membership is about sixty. We go through a four month nomination process [to decide what books to read]. In September, members nominate up to two books, stating the title, author, brief summary and an evaluation of the book. I compile the list and give one to each member at the November meeting. At our December meeting, the person who nominated the book tells us why we should pick their book and then we vote," states Lois Oberlander, the club's founder.

Stephen explains how he comes up with ideas for his books.

"Many of my ideas come directly from the children I've worked with. Max Speed is a story about a child with a big imagination who engages in adventurous pretend play; The Three Triceratops Tuff was based on three students who were pretending to play the Billy Goats Gruff as dinosaurs; Big Choo was from working with a child with autism and Downs Syndrome who loved Thomas trains."

Shaskan continues, "Creating a picture book is a challenge because you have to tell a story that relates to children, use a limited word count (typically under 500 words) that parents want to read over and over and



Stephen Shaskan plays the guitar in a presentation to kindergarteners at Spring Hill Elementary on May 14. Photo by Sarah Nachin



Several books written/illustrated by Shaskan on display at Spring Hill Elementary photo by Sarah Nachin

have a strong use of poetic language. And it all has to make logical sense. I have book ideas I've been working on for nine years that I haven't gotten right yet."

In addition to children's books, Shaskan and his wife have also collaborated on a series of young graphic novels, Q & Ray, about a second grade

hedgehog and a rat that solve mysteries.

Programs such as Reading Buddies and author's presentations at schools instill a love for reading in children who may one day go on to join book clubs or perhaps become authors, themselves.

Applebee's of Seven Hills grants the wish of local child



By HERNANDO SUN STAFF

After a month-long fundraiser for Make-A-Wish, Applebee's of Seven Hills presented a check for \$10,436 on Wednesday, May 2, to 11-year-old Madison, a local Seven Hills child battling cancer. With the help of its guests and the local community, Applebee's was able to raise the full amount necessary to grant Madi's wish of embarking

on a Disney Cruise with her mother, father, and younger sister. Applebee's of Seven Hills commemorated Madi's wish with a wish reveal celebration and check presentation event, where she and her family were the guests of honor as the Applebee's team presented her with the funds raised to make her special wish come true. Madi, who loves hide-and-go-seek, riding her bike and spending time with her sister,



Madi (Center), her younger sister (Right of Madi), Dawn Davis, General Manager, Applebee's of Seven Hills (Left of Madi), various Applebee's team members and contributing guests. left: Madi, left, and, Dawn Davis, General Manager, Applebee's of Seven Hills, right

was also presented with a basket of her scrapbooking favorites while she and her family enjoyed dinner together. On her Disney Cruise, Madi hopes to see Rapunzel, Cinderella and Winnie the Pooh, as well as swim with dolphins,

eat ice cream, spend time with her family and enjoy the various water slides. The funds were raised via in-restaurant donations, where 100 percent of the net proceeds were donated to helping fulfill the wishes of local children through a

once in a lifetime experience. Donating guests were recognized with a Make-A-Wish paper star, displayed in restaurant as a sign of support for the local community.



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Arc of the Nature Coast Spring Fling Dance

by MICHELLE ELIZABETH SALAZAR HERNANDO SUN WRITER
PHOTOGRAPHY BY BETH ANSLOW

Even though school is almost out, it's still spring-time and love is in the air! On Friday, May 11th 2018, The Arc of Nature Coast had their annual Spring Fling Dance. It was held at their education center, 6495 Mariner Blvd in Spring Hill. The education center provides Life Skills Development services for over 250 adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities from Pasco and Hernando Counties.

The Arc Nature Coast holds 5 dances a year and they are open to the public. There is the Sweethearts Dance in February, Spring Fling in May, Summer Sizzler in August, Halloween Costume Party in October, and a Christmas Dance in December. The Halloween Dance is very popular because there is a costume contest and the Christmas Dance is a community favorite because Santa visits and gives everyone a gift. The dances are held from 7pm to 10pm, and there is always plenty of pizza, drinks, and snacks to go around. The cost is \$5 for



Nieja Menendez dancing with her Aunt Tomiko Gonzalez

each attendee but parents and volunteers get in free. There are door prizes and a raffle at the end of the night. The Arc Nature Coast hires a deputy for the night to ensure everyone's safety.

This Spring Fling was the first dance since their dear friend and volunteer, Joe Capote passed. Joe's wife, Gail, is an instructor at the education center and their son, PJ the DJ Lobato was the amazing

DJ for the night, cranking out all the fun tunes for people to dance to. At the end of the night, PJ and Gail were presented with a memorial brick paver that will be placed in the donor courtyard of the education center in honor of Joe's service to The Arc Nature Coast.

Nancy Stubbs, who has been with the arc for 17 years, says that they put on the dances because the people they serve enjoy them. It's a way for them to socialize with their friends and make new friends. The dances originally started about 25 years ago, hosted by the Arc Nature Coast's Parent Support Group. Since then, the Parent Support Group has disbanded, however the dances are so popular that the tradition has continued.

Most of the prep work for the dance is done by the enrichment center, but other Arc volunteers help out as well.

The facility is used until 3pm for Arc programs, so there's only a few hours to get everything ready. Anyone interested in donating door prizes for future dances or volunteering with this wonderful group should contact Nancy at nstubbs@tancinc.org.



Tomiko Gonzalez and Lori Anslow all dolled up for the dance.



Kyle Honer enjoying the food



Lori Anslow dancing with PJ the DJ Lobato



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Oak Hill Hospital Recognizes Its Nursing Staff

Oak Hill Hospital recently recognized the hospital's Nurse of the Year, New Nurse of the Year, Physician of the Year, and Resident of the Year at its annual Nursing Gala held at Silverthorn Country Club. The nurses are nominated by physicians who feel that nominees support the mission, vision, and philosophy of nursing, as well as for their dedication to provide excellent service to every patient, every time. Physicians and residents are nominated by nurses who feel that the physicians support the mission, vision and philosophy of at Oak Hill Hospital and for their dedication as team



Nurse of the Year Jessica Urello

members to provide excellent service to every patient every time.

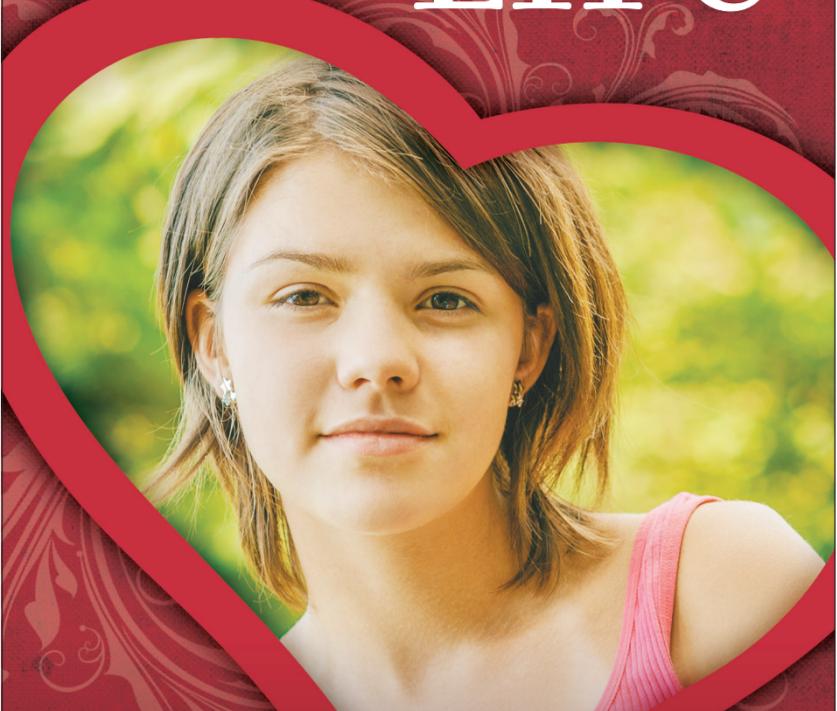
The winners of each award are as follows:

- New Nurse of the Year—Ashley Legner, RN, Telemetry
- Nurse of the Year—Jessica Urello, RN, Telemetry
- Resident of the Year—Dr. Zaid Tabbaa, Internal Medicine

• Physician of the Year—Dr. Abdulmagid Eddib, Internal Medicine

“Our Nursing Gala is the culmination of a week-long tribute to the care and compassion shown to every patient, every time by our team of experienced nurses,” said Chief Nursing Officer Leanne Salazar. “The majority of our nurses are now board certified in their specialty. While the Gala announces the winners in each category, many of our nurses, residents, and physicians are honored with nominations in the four categories. This allows everyone to share in this evening of recognition,” she added.

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Spanish Moss: What is it?

BY DR. KATHLEEN SHIELDS
UF/IFAS EXTENSION
HERNANDO COUNTY
MASTER GARDENER

nutrients from the air and rainwater, and they make their own food. Spanish moss does not have any roots. It uses its long, scaly stems to wrap around the host tree and hang down from the branches. The stems are covered with cup-like, permeable scales that retrieve moisture and nutrients from the air and from pockets on the surface of trees. The plant's tissues can hold more water than it needs, so it can withstand long dry periods, and in extreme droughts, it becomes dormant until moisture returns. When the tissues plump up after a rain, Spanish moss appears greenish, and as the water is used, it returns to a gray hue.

Spanish moss is not a type of moss; it is a



bromeliad, related to pineapples and many popular houseplants. It does not exist in Spain but is native to Central and South America and the southeastern US.

Native Americans called it Itpa-okla, which meant "tree hair", but early French explorers thought it looked like the Spanish conquistadors' long beards, so they called it

"Spanish Beard". One story is told of a Spaniard named Goz who bought a Native American maiden for a yard of braid and a bar of soap. She ran away from him and he chased her to the top of a tree. The maiden dove into the water and escaped, but Goz's long beard got tangled in the tree, and there he died, resulting in the "greybeard" that we see in trees today. Over time, Spanish beard became Spanish moss.

Spanish moss produces tiny seeds with feathery appendages that allow them to float through the air, but it is more likely to propagate from fragmented pieces carried by birds or the wind. Many animals use Spanish moss for protection, taking cover in the thick mass-

es. Several species of songbirds use the plant material for nest building or weave their nests in clumps of moss. Warblers are especially fond of these sites, as are bats. Many reptiles, amphibians, insects and mites (especially chiggers) are common residents in Spanish moss, especially on the ground, so be careful if you handle it. While the plant is not parasitic, heavy accumulations can weigh down branches and over-shade existing foliage. Dead and declining trees generally have numerous bare branches that easily catch wind-blown moss, while healthy trees generally outgrow any moss that lands on them. You do not

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Hernando County Crime Stoppers

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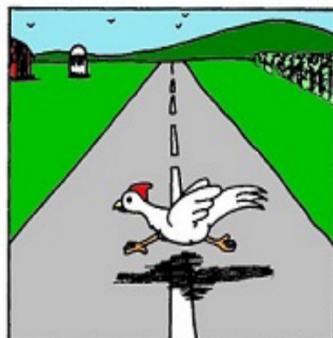
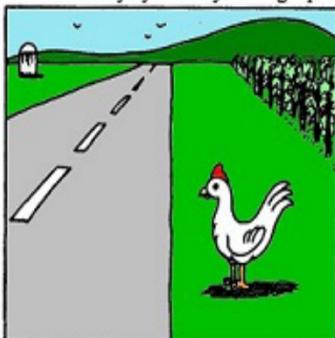
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Local pilot gives 100 kids joy of flight

Sanctum Awry by Zachary Cardegim published 2018 in The Hernando Sun



James Chorvat in flight

BY JULIE B. MAGLIO
STAFF WRITER

Mr. S. James Chorvat of Brooksville, Florida has graciously donated his time to teach 100 children about the joy of aviation. As a volunteer pilot with the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) "Young Eagles" aviation program, he took to the skies with each child

in a free demonstration airplane ride. The kids are briefed on the safe operation of airplanes and principles of flight before the short trips.

The goal of the Young Eagles program is to allow young people to experience positive activities and discover the possibilities available to them within the world of aviation.

"I'm very honored to have been apart of this program for Young Eagles of the EAA, Experimental Aircraft Association," says Chorvat.

Chorvat explained that as a third and "unofficially 4th" generation pilot, Chorvat's interest in flight began with his family. He also remarked, "The dream though was owning my own plane, that I held onto



James Chorvat

half my life until it finally happened. I've been happily flying friends and family often since the early 90's and young eagles since November 2006."

There are 50,000 EAA Young Eagles program volunteers world-wide and 200,000 EAA members. The program commenced

in July 1992 and has now flown more than 2 million youth between the ages of 8 and 17.

"There is truly nothing better to me during the program than seeing the kid's faces light up with fascination. Some of them even have parents that have never flown, and it's

all new. This is where the program shines bright. It's that introduction that these young people- both boys and girls can do it themselves for both pleasure and as a career...It's a blessing I've been able to participate and I'll continue to give back all I can, into the future." said Chorvat.

BUSINESS / COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Florida SBDC Announces Second No-cost Cybersecurity Seminar

The Florida SBDC at University of South Florida is offering a new cybersecurity service to small businesses. As a component of the service, the Florida SBDC at USF is also hosting a no-cost cybersecurity training seminar. Cybersecurity Basics for Small Businesses will be

held at the Florida SBDC at USF regional office in Tampa at the Port Tampa Bay Building on Channelside Drive, Friday, June 8, from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

The Cybersecurity Basics for Small Business workshop will cover four topics: basic cybersecurity threats, why cybersecurity matters, best practices for cybersecurity and resiliency, and cyber resources. The foundation for

these workshops is a new in-depth cybersecurity resource guide, which offers business owners information and affiliated resources to help meet the challenges of doing business in cyberspace.

The goal of the "Byte-Size Small Business Cybersecurity Program" is to provide small businesses with a sound understanding of the risks of cyber-attacks, common cyber threats, and to equip them

with strategies to safeguard their business, customers, employees, and profits. In addition to training, Florida SBDC at USF professionally certified business consultants will also work one-on-one with business owners to help address their individual needs and can also assist business owners through the development of a comprehensive cybersecurity plan. Learn more about the Florida

SBDC's Cybersecurity Basics for Small Business training by visiting <http://bit.ly/sbdc-cyber>. The event will feature a panel of experts, including: Robert Lindsey of Regions Bank; Adam B. Brouillet of Trenam Law; and Doug Stopper of Cyber Risk Consulting. A key takeaway and the foundation for these workshops is a new in-depth resource guide, which offers user-friendly information to

help your business become more cyber-secure.

Hernando County Tourist Development Council Vacancies

The Board of County Commissioners is accepting applications from individuals wishing to serve on the Hernando County Tourist Development Council (TDC).

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LEGAL NOTICES

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

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION
 CASE NO.: 2017-CA-000678
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 DELMA J. FRANCE AKA DELMA JEAN FRANCE, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DELMA J. FRANCE AKA DELMA JEAN FRANCE; FORT DADE MOBILE HOME PARK ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2
 Defendants.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 17, 2018, in the above-styled cause, the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on June 14, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 245, of the Hernando County Courthouse, 20 N Main Street, Brooksville, FL 34601, the following described property:

LOT 4, BLOCK, 8, FORT DADE MOBILE HOME PARK, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT BOOK 16, PAGES 31-34, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH A 2007 REGEN-CY, NOBILITY MANUFACTURED HOME, RMS MODEL, 48 X 28 AND HAVING SERIAL NUMBER: N110285A AND N110285B.

Street address commonly known as: 34990 Major Dade Drive, Ridge Manor, FL 33523.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Name of Person Served (By Mail) (see next page)

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 Quintairo, Priolo,
 Wood & Boyer, P.A.
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 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
 Co-Counsel for Plaintiff

David Merkur, Esq.
 Greenspoon Marder, P.A.
 Trade Centre South, Suite 700
 100 West Cypress Creek Road
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
 Counsel for Plaintiff

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 Delma Jean France
 Unknown Spouse of Delma J. France
 a/k/a Delma Jean France (PUB)
 34990 Major Dade Drive
 Ridge Manor, FL 33523

Delma J. France a/k/a
 Delma Jean France
 Unknown Spouse of Delma J. France
 a/k/a Delma Jean France (PUB)
 443 Bell Avenue
 Brooksville, FL 34601

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 2963 Macland Road
 Dallas, GA 30157

Fort Dade Mobile Home Park Association, Inc.
 c/o Connie Valentine
 34904 Romar Street
 Dade City, FL 33523

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court April 19th, 2018.

DON BARBEE JR., CLERK
 HERNANDO CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ signature
 Deputy Clerk (Court Seal)
 (05/18/2018), (05/25/2018)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 18 CP 000499
 Division J. Neal

IN RE: ESTATE OF JULIA FREELS CHWALIK Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Julia Freels Chwalik, deceased, whose date of death was January 4, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hernando County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 20 N. Main Street, Brooksville, FL 34601. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is May 18, 2018.

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 420 Sunrise Way
 Juno Beach, Florida 33408

Lucille F. Chwalik
 2912 Saturn Road
 Brooksville, Florida 34604
 (05/18/2018), (05/25/2018)

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Hide-Away Storage - Spring Hill located at 1000 Commercial Way Spring Hill FL 34606 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 6/13/2018 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Michael Madison unit #0103; Tammy Burden unit #3067. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

(05/25/2018), (06/01/2018)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 2018-CP-000437
 IN RE: ESTATE OF ANITA DIANE DUFFY, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The ancillary administration of the estate of ANITA DIANE DUFFY, deceased, whose date of death was 10/29/2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hernando County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 20 N. Main Street, Brooksville, FL 34601. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. The estate is testate.

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

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The date of first publication of this notice is May 18, 2018.

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 Telephone: (407) 365-5696
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Personal Representative:
 BRIAN DUFFY
 4605 Dubois Blvd.
 Brookfield, IL 60513
 (05/18/2018), (05/25/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is Hereby Given That: Maus Nissan of Brooksville, LLC, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "Maus Nissan of Brooksville" 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.

(5/25/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Denise Griffith and Hannah Griffith, co-owners, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "Royal Highlands Riding Center" 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.

(5/25/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Carlos Hernandez, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "CVH Trucking" 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.

(5/25/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Jennifer M Prosper, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "Woke Monkey Yoga" 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.

(5/25/2018)

Retired Circuit Judge John W. Booth, 94



Retired Circuit Judge John W. Booth, 94, passed away at home on May 20, 2018 surrounded by his loving wife of 55 years and two daughters.

A fourth generation Floridian, John was born on January 13, 1924, and then raised in Gainesville. He was the only son to John and Gertrude Booth. After serving in the Army Air Force during World War II, John attended the University of Florida, where he made many close and life-long friends. John graduated from UF in 1949 and Stetson Law School in 1951. After practicing law for several years in Palatka and Leesburg, John was appointed as Lake County Judge in 1967 and then elected in 1968 as 5th Circuit Judge, where he faithfully served for 31 years, plus a number of years serving as a Senior Judge. He lived his personal and professional life following Socrates, "to hear courteously, to answer wisely, to consider soberly, and to decide impartially."

John was an avid hunter and fisherman and will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife, Marie, and daughters Rebecca (Wylie) Hill of Leesburg, FL and Suzanne Booth of Atlanta, GA and four grandchildren: John, Matthew, Nash and Andrew. There will be a private family service at his beloved lake home in Melrose, Florida. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the St. James Memorial Fund, Leesburg, FL.

Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg, FL.

Scuderi Margaret, age 77, passed away on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Margaret is survived by 2 daughters, Regina and Debbie; 2 sons, Kevin and Christopher, 8 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren. Src; Brewer

Donations of dog and/or cat food and money to cover pets' medical expenses such as neutering and required annual shots would be also greatly appreciated. Science says people with pets are happier and healthier. Please give to this cause. Call 941-932-6351 for more information or to schedule a pick-up.

Hernando Youth Orchestra needs instrument donations. If you have a musical instrument you don't want, the Hernando Youth Orchestra would love to hear from you! We accept most donated instruments, pick them up, fix them up, and give them to talented young musicians, so your donated instrument helps the Orchestra—and the young musicians—grow. Your unused instrument may hold the key to an artist's future. Call 352-600-9555 to schedule a pick up. Check us out: www.HernandoYouthOrchestra.org

Chamber Ribbon Cuttings Tuesday, May 29 at Noon Northcliffe Baptist Church 10515 Northcliffe Blvd., Spring Hill Pastor Jeff Dye, (352) 683-5882

Wednesday, May 30 at 12:00 Noon Healthy Lisa's 12560 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill Lisa Miner, (352) 835-7503

BUSINESS / COMMUNITY BRIEFS FROM PAGE 16

PHSC ranks fourth overall best in state

Pasco-Hernando State College (PHSC) has been ranked fourth overall best college among the 28 state and community colleges in the Florida College System by Schools.com.

"This latest ranking validates our diligence in providing high quality, accessible and affordable educational opportunities to the communities we serve," said Timothy L. Beard, Ph.D., president, Pasco-Hernando State College.

Schools.com evaluated the 28 member institutions in the Florida College System, including traditional community colleges and state colleges that provide bachelor's degrees as well as associate's degrees. Schools.com relayed that Florida's efforts to develop a more well trained and educated workforce have garnered national attention and the Florida College System, and the state's top performing colleges, have been a key factor in this endeavor. The statistical methodology used to rank colleges included affordability, graduation rates, transfer rates and student-faculty ratio.

PHSC ranked fourth behind Valencia College (Orlando), followed by Eastern Florida State College (Cocoa), and Lake-Sumter State College (Leesburg), respectively.

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Handmade Quilts for Children in Need

Oak Hill Hospital's Pediatric ER was recently presented with four handmade quilts to be distributed to young children in need who are experiencing a traumatic event and need an additional comfort. The quilts were made by the "Quilting With Grace" group from Grace Presbyterian Church in Spring Hill.

UUCIP Collecting to Help Pets

The Unitarian Universalist Church in the Pines is collecting your old blankets, towels, dog bowls, dog toys, leashes and harnesses to help low/no income families and individuals care for their pet(s).

OBITUARIES

Corbisiero Antoinette, age 95 of Weeki Wachee, passed away on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Antoinette is survived by her sons; Anthony, Vincent, and Joseph; 4 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Src; Downing

Byrd Ruby Deloach, age 92, of Brooksville, passed away on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. She is survived by her sons: Richard and Grover; 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Src; Merritt

Vaughn Maryetta Jayne Shearer, passed away on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. She is preceded in death by her husband, Irvin Willis Vaughn, by her son, Robert Irvin Vaughn, infant grandchild, Jeffrey Andrew Vaughn. Maryetta is survived by her daughters: Dona (Ron), Faye (Allen), Linda (Peter), Bermuda, Carol (David), Cheryl, 10 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, 3 step-great-grandchildren, and 1 step-great-great-grandchild. Src; Merritt

Gerber Talon Matthew, age 21, passed away on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Talon is survived by his Mother and Stepfather Karen and David; Father Jesse; sister Meranda; Step Brothers Joel and Brett; Paternal Grandparents Edward Martha, and 2 nieces. Src; Turner

Andersen Robert Scott, Jr., age 28, of Spring Hill, passed away on Wednesday, May 16, 2018. He is survived by his parents: Robert Sr., & Lisa Andersen. Src; Merritt

Lansaw Gerald Lee, age 67 of Brooksville passed away on Wednesday, May 16, 2018. He is survived by his wife Barbara; daughters, Christina (Donald); Amber; Crystal; step-son, Chris, and 1 grandson. Src; Brewer

Kreeger Palma Ann, passed away on Wednesday, May 16, 2018. Src; Turner

Mullen Evelyn Clairce, age 95 of Brooksville passed away on Thursday, May 17, 2018. Src; Brewer

Burks Dolores Joann, age 80, of Brooksville, passed away on Thursday, May 17, 2018. She is survived by daughter Susan (Neil); Step daughter: Debbie; and 3 grandchildren. Src; Merritt

Coviello Rosemarie T., age 78, passed away on Friday, May 18, 2018. She is survived by her husband, Joseph; 4 children, Rosemarie, Sally, Joseph, (Maria) and Claudia. Src; Brewer

Harte Matthew P., age 81 of Brooksville, passed away on Friday, May 18, 2018. Matthew is a U.S. Army Veteran. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor; Daughter, Tara and 2 grandchildren. Src; Downing

Furr James R., age 88 of Spring Hill, passed away on Friday, May 18, 2018. James is survived by his wife, Bobbie; Sons, Gary, Stanley, Terry and Van; Daughters, Patricia and Pamela; 11 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Src; Downing

Malecki Dean Thomas, passed away on Friday, May 18, 2018. Src; Turner

Marasco Matala Paul, passed away on Friday, May 18, 2018. Src; Turner

Hines Evelyn, passed away on Friday, May 18, 2018. Src; Turner

Allain Jill E., age 82, of Spring Hill, passed away on Saturday, May 19, 2018. She is survived by her children Yvette (Mark), Ralph and Gary; 7 grandchildren; and 3 great grandchildren. Friends will be received on Saturday, May 26, 2018 from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. at Turner Funeral Home, Spring Hill, FL followed by a Celebration of Jill's life at 2:00 P.M. at Turner Funeral. Src; Turner

Thomas Vattakattu C., passed away on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Src; Turner

Kitchens Sheron Beth, age 71 of Spring Hill, passed away on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Sheron is survived by her husband Robert; Son, Robert; Daughter, Amy (David) and 3 grandchildren. Src; Downing

Hambleton Karen, age 57, of Brooksville, passed away on Saturday, May 19, 2018. She is survived by husband, Donald Lester; and daughter, Kristen Goodman. Src; Brewer

McManamin, Carol A, age 82 of Spring Hill, passed away on Saturday, May 19, 2018. She is survived by her daughter, Theresa (Larry); 3 grandchildren; and 5 great grandchildren. Src; Merritt

Obenshain Dennis Lee Sr., age 73, of Brooksville, passed away on Sunday, May 20, 2018. He is survived by his wife: Rita; sons: Dennis and Tristan L. Obenshain; and 3 grandchildren. Src; Merritt



by Freddy Groves

Save Time With VA Health-Care Apps

All you need to connect to health care at the Department of Veterans Affairs is a computer, tablet or smartphone. In August, officials unveiled a special app (The VA Video Connect), and so far 20,000 veterans have used it to increase their access to 4,000 VA providers and cut down on travel time.

This is huge. With the app, you can connect to a virtual medical room, just like you were meeting in person. You can have an appointment without ever having to leave home. Go online to mobile.va.gov/appstore and read the FAQ. Unlike some of the VA pages, this one is well-done.

Note the link to the test site to ensure that your device is compatible. If you have an iPhone, you'll end up at the Apple app store for your free download. For an Android, you'll find instructions linked from the page.

One hint: If you signed up back in August on an iPhone and now your app doesn't seem to work, there's a good chance you got the older version and need to get the new app. Computers, tablet and Android phone apps still should work correctly.

On the same page are other available VA apps. There's a scheduling app so you can make appointments for primary care. (There's also a user manual.) See the Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) app for help with managing daily struggles due to PTSD. It was developed by VA's National Center for PTSD with input from veterans and service members who are in ACT consultation. Two apps contain the airborne hazards and open burn pit registry, and the clinical portal for those. If you have a problem with mood, check the Anger and Irritability Management Skills app.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

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Solution on page 18

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Puzzle on page 11

MARRIAGES

- Mcdowell Roy Lamar and Billey Travis Michael Destiny 5/16/18
- Ricketts Kim Lynn and Raptis Cathy 5/16/18
- Bourret Michael Timothy and Atkins Karolann Elizabeth 5/16/18
- Wexler Wesley Warren and Concepcion Amie Marie 5/16/18
- Mcnamara Edward George and Alexander Lisha Luane 5/16/18
- Arsenault John Edward and Correia Donna Marie 5/16/18
- Barrett David Wayne and Drury Angelia Beth 5/16/18
- Bianco Timothy John and Mcgrath Breann Lynn 5/17/18
- Kulak Radoslaw Tomasz and Matys Ewa 5/17/18
- Ressler Gregory Lynn and Zakharova Marina Alexeyevna 5/17/18
- Ramsey Christopher Michael and Taylor Mallory Rose 5/18/18
- Miller Scott D and Miller Sarah Kay 5/18/18
- Schirmer Christopher Kyle and Coba Winona Ruth 5/18/18
- Dearth Ernest Aaron and Conklin Ginger Ann 5/21/18
- Vanderham Eric Lee and Richards Kerrie Denise 5/21/18
- Horner Charles Edward and Dunn Aarika Leigh 5/21/18
- Cook Wayne Eugene and Smith Patricia Ann 5/21/18
- Cancel Isabelo and Mercado Mildred 5/22/18
- Schwamer Scott Thomas and Carn Christina Louise 5/22/18

Solution to Sudoku on page 15

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Lydia in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 1 Corinthians 11, because of "what" did Paul say women should have a "symbol of authority"? *Life, Trust, Love, Angels*
3. In Acts 10, who said, "Not so, Lord, for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean"? *Herod, Peter, Thomas, John the Baptist*
4. Whose four daughters were considered prophetesses? *Gad, Philip, Jonah, Noah*
5. From Hebrews 7, who was the only king said to have neither mother nor father? *Solomon, David, Melchizedek, Sargon*
6. Whose biblical name means, "God has helped"? *Solomon, Paul, Lazarus, Amos*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Angels; 3) Peter; 4) Philip; 5) Melchizedek; 6) Lazarus

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Sow with a view to righteousness, reap in accordance with kindness; break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord until He comes to rain righteousness on you.

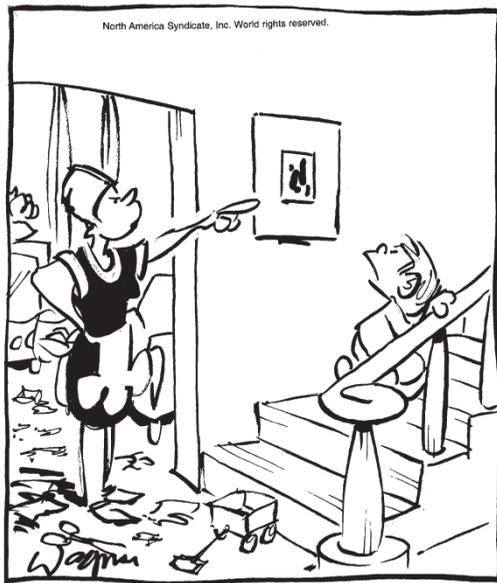


"Man with Scythe in Wheat Field and Other Figures" by Vincent Van Gogh, 1890

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GRIN & BEAR IT



"Just wait until I'm the caregiver around here!"

LAFF-A-DAY



"It's nice—but I miss the peace and quiet of the city."

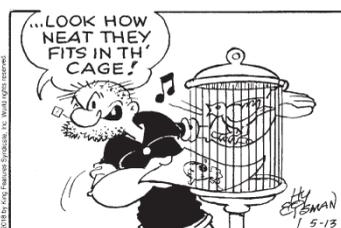
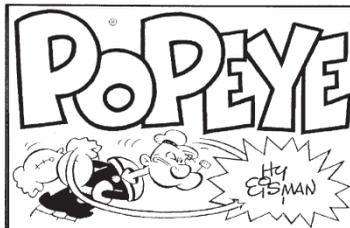
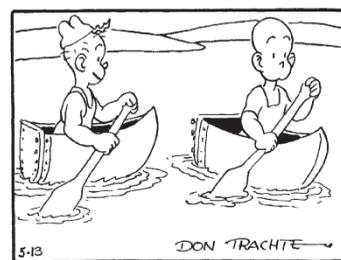
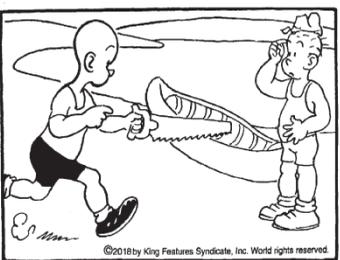
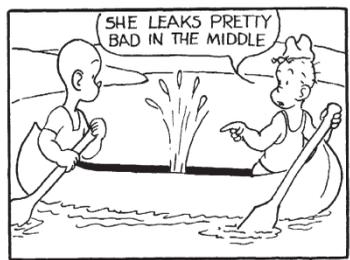
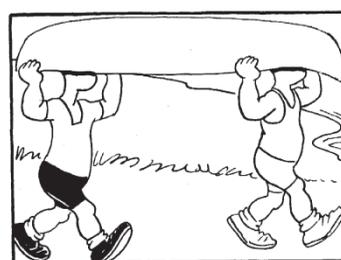
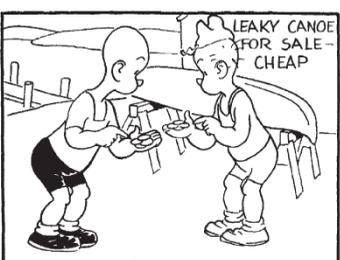
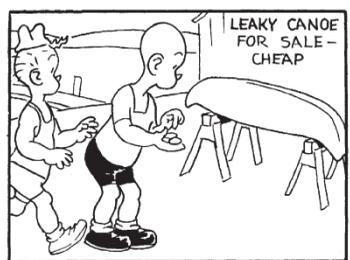
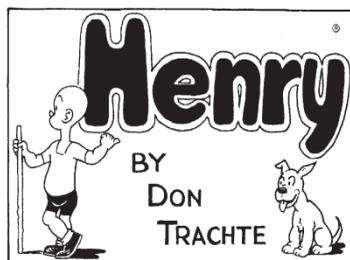
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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6,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

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phillips



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OPINION

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Traditional Realist

Boys need to be, and should be ...boys

Our culture has to stop emasculating boys or men will quickly become a rarity in our nation. Men may be considered to be toxic to radical feminists but they are necessary to have a viable, diverse and healthy society. Without men our nation could not survive. American men have been the main warriors to preserve democratic governments throughout WWI, WWII, The Korean War, the Cold War, and turmoil with the Islamic terrorists that continue today.

Nineteen-sixty radical feminists and their feminist converts in women's study programs foolishly blame every past evil of our civilized history on men. They do this by creating a biased anti-male narrative while ignoring the impact women had on these events. The "us against them" feminist mentality has distorted and convinced young minds of both genders against normal and natural traits of males and females. Duke University's Women's Studies Program concerning toxic males purports to reprogram men by "deconstructing toxic masculinity" while learning to worship femininity. Being a "good boy" today means a boy has to take on the behavior, attitudes and mannerisms of a female.

Boys fight each other then usually make up as friends, while girls often hold a grudge and back stab each other for long periods of time. Highly competitive boys who play to win are punished in public school. Most of the physically competitive activities have been eliminated in school. The energetic child who would rather run around outside rather than sit passively in a classroom is usually classified negatively by school personnel. In the past they were considered disinterested or rowdy pupils. This phase was followed by "poor students, or emotionally disturbed" when young to juvenile delinquent tendencies as teens.

Today these behavior classifications have been solidified into mental disabilities such as ADHD, Conduct Disorder, ADD, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, anti social personalities or others. When boys react against being confined in a feminine school environment, predominately taught by females, they are often reprimanded by the teacher. Rather than altering the educational environment the boys are labeled. Schools have become so unfavorable to males that they currently comprise only 40% of the graduates from college.

Boys need to be and should be boys, as our society needs tough men to remain viable and strong. Men are not only essential for procreation, protection, providing, being warriors and most importantly for raising healthy children especially the males. Fathers are more firm, no nonsense-obedience trainers, who gives their sons definitive parameters needed to remain away from anti social behavior. Male role modeling and the direct teaching of their children to deal with the harsh realities of life are imperative for the success of children.

The father sees the world from a different perspective. They understand the advantages of being risk takers with a strong dose of courage to gain advantage over other people competing for the same prize. Fathers understand the male subculture and that perseverance, mental toughness, and ability to handle adversity is the path to success. Compassion, tolerance, politeness, consensus making, manners, proper appearance, and compromise are values, attitudes and behaviors that are highly touted by the female. This difference between the male and

They reside at attention in long straight lines on fields of grass without a blade out of place,



Long forgotten and hidden from sight amongst the Oaks, Hickories and Wildflowers.



weatherworn on lonely hilltops,



Take time to search them out, for they all have stories they wish to share.

ADON TAFT



Memorial Day is more than a holiday

Like so many holiday weekends, this is one of those times when folks are happy for a chance for some fun at the beach, on the water, in the mountains or just any place to get away from it all and rest. But few have any idea why they have the time off in the first place.

Even if you know this is Memorial Day weekend, you may be wondering: what are we memorializing in this observance that began 150 years ago? (Which most of us probably didn't know either.)

Controversial as it may seem to some, it is a day to memorialize those who died in wars rather than to celebrate the victors.

No matter how you feel about war in general or any particular war, most Americans feel obligated to somehow honor those men and women who gave their lives to protect and uphold their country. Consequently, the Tomb of the Unknowns, The Vietnam Wall and similar memorials.

And that's what this weekend is all about.

The observance started back in 1868 when some veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic set a day in May (when flowers would be in bloom) as a time to decorate with bouquets the graves of the dead from the Civil War, now estimated to be 750,000 Union and Confederate soldiers

Following the requisite speeches by suitable officials, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR, singing hymns and reciting prayers as they went, made their way through the Arlington National Cemetery strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves there.

That was the first official Decoration Day (because of the flowers) ceremony although it was preceded by a handful of similar events, some called Memorial Day, scattered throughout the North and South where businesses closed and flags fluttered at half-mast.

As civic ceremonies marking the day have pretty much faded from the picture the appearance of the poppy after World War I has grown to symbolize the meaning of the observance which Congress made a national holiday in 1971. Meanwhile at least 642,000 additional members of the armed forces are in graves from 25 more conflicts since the Civil War, nearly 7,000 of them in 5 major engagements since 9-11.

Over the weekend, you might see an older man or woman in the uniform of some veterans organization— maybe the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion or Disabled American Veterans — or their auxiliaries handing out silk or plastic paper poppies in shopping malls or at busy traffic intersections in hopes of a donation.

Inspiration for making the poppy a symbol for the occasion came from a popular poem, "In Flanders Field," written by a Canadian doctor, John McCrae, as a tribute to the soldiers who had died and were buried in a Belgium field during "the war to end all wars" in which he had served.

The poem prompted Moina Michael, a professor at the University of Georgia, to make silk copies of the flower to sell to aid disabled veterans in her classes and their families.

Utilized by the FFW since 1922, at least 10s of millions of those poppies (whose red color represents the blood shed in war) will be distributed this year to raise several hundred millions

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Dear Editor:

As a taxpayer and a citizen I was upset about having traffic rerouted, with traffic jams, and the expense to have Central High School searched and the waste of time that was spent because of one student. If I were in charge I would let all students know that they have to be in school for the required period of time or the district will lose funding and the students will not have the opportunity to

learn their subjects, and that the school year is set up to accomplish that goal with some extra days to account for emergencies, such as hurricanes, fires, sickness, etc. Thus, I would announce at the beginning of each year that if any precious learning time is stolen for unlawful activities, such as bomb threats, that the time will be made up at the end of the school calendar, and thus, graduations would be postponed and students could not

move to the next grade level. This would be a deterrent. We would then teach the students by expectations and not necessarily punishment.

Also, I would propose a statute whereby the parents are jointly and severally liable for damages, and expenses caused by their children's actions.

— Cordially,
Caroline Zoes
Brooksville

Speed Watching

My brother, Night Stocker, called the other day, and for once we didn't talk about Exwork. Instead we spent forty-five minutes discussing our watching habits of television and movies. Turns out we're quite alike. We both speed watch—not to be confused with "speed reading," which was a huge commercial scam in the eighties, and for a shorter time in the aughts. (But it wasn't like Pet Rocks, exactly. Those were knick-knacks, and I think there should have been cages for zoo rocks, and little houses for domesticated rocks with rock families. They could have made even more money with such things during that insanity.)

Speed watching is fast-forwarding. The older we get the less patience we have for delays, and that's especially true for documentaries and documentary-like shows. "What on Earth" is the worst. I record everything so I don't have to watch commercials, but that show wastes so much time with aliens and government conspiracies that I've learned to handle the remote like my grandkids work their game controllers. I want to know what it really is, and so I fast-forward until I see someone walking across the ground at the site of the satellite picture. (And by the way, Science Channel, putting two or

GOOFY STUFF By VINCENT CARDEGIN

three old episodes together does not make it new!)

My brother and I look forward to future conversations that will include such critical banter as:

"Hey, that movie's finally out on DVD and Streaming."

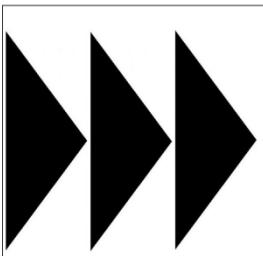
"Yeah, I just fast-forwarded through it the other day."

"How was the ending?"

"Not bad. I could probably fast-forward through it again." (That's high praise.)

"How many arrows?"

"I give it a 3.5. I fast-forwarded at three for the first half, and four for the rest."



And that's how we grade movies, now. We don't use stars or thumbs up. We use arrows, and the higher the number the worse the movie. Arrows are the triangles you see on screen when you fast-forward (right arrows)

and rewind (left arrows). I seldom use left arrows. My DVD player allows me five arrows, while Netflix and On Demand only have four, but we use five for judging, and five means I don't need to watch it again, and I'm pissed I rented it.

I finally binged the Lost In Space remake. I consider it a nine-hour movie, and I give it a 3 arrow rating. I can accept the robot being alien, and Dr. Smith being a woman whose name isn't really Smith, but please make some 3D-Printer guns, you morons! Makeshift spears won't work! Even LISOS had laser weapons! And if you absolutely must be PC about it, make guns that only stun, and zap the creatures so they'll go away and maybe not come back. And if there's any intelligence in those alien skulls, perhaps they'll tell the other monsters about it, and they'll all stay away!

There's only one movie I've seen recently that I really like, and I went out and bought the DVD after renting it On Demand. I'm not sure why I like it, except it's kind of like James Bond, and a Jane Bond, in space: Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets. I did not fast-forward, and probably won't start forwarding to get to my favorite parts until I've seen it ten times. I give it zero arrows.

female perception is the reason why a two parent: father and mother family, gives the children of both genders a firm foundation for functioning in a world made of both male and female perspectives. The distinctive difference in their approach, ideals, mannerisms and means of reaching their objectives creates interdependency between the sexes. This balance creates harmony needed in high functioning and united civilized society.

When one gender dominates the culture, eventually the nation is weakened. When women are disrespected for all they do, the family and

the nation suffer. The same happens for the males when they are not appreciated for all they do. Disunity destroys the cohesiveness that binds the male and female together making the entire unit suffer.

The Boy Scouts accepting girls in their program does not change the differences between the genders. It does eliminate important experiences where boys can be boys that give radical feminists a victory of disbanding another sanctuary for them. Yet the biological and other differences remain. These differences between the sexes attract and bond them

together.

Boys and girls are hardwired and physiologically different because each has different functions in life to perform. God's grand design cannot be socially engineered out of existence without causing great harm to the individuals and the very survival of the species.

Boys and girls should be proud of their differences, not be ashamed of them. A radical, small interest group has no right to trample on young boy's nature to satisfy their insane and selfish interest to punish half of our population.

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MUD
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100 foot water slides and challenging hill climbs. Yoho remarked that in organizing the races, he enjoys, "First the runners. Second the challenge of always coming up with new creative obstacles."

Mud Endeavor will be hosting another mud run in Brooksville on September 22: The Castle Canyon. This mud run will be located on the old Camp Castle mine property 10444 Beggs Lane Brooksville, FL 34601.

To register for a Mud Endeavor run go to: website <http://mudendeavor.com>

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The Mud Endeavor race included 3 water slides within the obstacle course. Photo by Alice Mary Herden



Participants start their wave during the 2018 Mud Endeavor 5k Obstacle race in Brooksville. Photo by Alice Mary Herden



Shannon Hess, Dacey Hughes and Billy Hughes participated in the 2018 Mud Endeavor. Photo by Alice Mary Herden

CAPTION THIS !

We asked our readers on Facebook to come up with a caption for this photo. Here are some responses...



Doug Roth: All the important things are tied down.

Gregg Sutton: This photo has been re-touched! It should have shown the guy with camo swimtrunks and a beer in his hand.

Nancy Riera: Common guys take me You won't even know I'm there.

Mae Denney: Hey! Ya'll come along-we going to my Aunt Luci's and gonna go swimmin in her great big blow up pool! It'll be fun (but don't tell

Uncle Dick cause we got us some Ripple AND Mad Dog 2020!! Are ya chicken???

John Harason: Going to aunty Mayes house, she's just got a cement pond put in the back yard.....

Eric Stone: They're headed north on 19 to turn and go towards the river. Those are the exact kind of people you don't want on the river when you go.

Karen Alsdorf: Were goin to the river Hey wheres Uncle George.

Sharon Prather: Good ole Boys having a Good Day at Weeki Wachee.

Justin Triplett: 2018 Dodge Ram cargo holder

Mary Rettig Barrientos: you might be a redneck if

Myka Thomas: Look ma! No hands!

Marion Masek: Flow Rider!

Debbie Clark Vandenburg: Surf's up!

Jean Hull Cross: Stupid is as stupid does.

MOSS
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need to remove Spanish moss from your trees, but if you do not like the look, use gloves or a hook to remove any accumulations.

Spanish moss has had many uses. Native American women made dresses from it. American colonists mixed it with mud to make mortar for their houses, some of which are still standing. Dried moss has been made into blankets, rope and stuffing material in automobile seats, furniture, and mattresses. Today, it is used as tinder for fires, packing material, and garden mulch. It is widely used in the floral industry as decorative material and to hold in moisture around the base of plants.

For answers to your gardening questions, contact UF IFAS Extension Hernando County at 352-754-4433, (<http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/hernando/>). Master Gardeners are in Lowe's Garden Center in Spring Hill on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 10:00 to 2:00. The Master Gardener Nursery, 19490 Oliver Street, specializes in native and Florida-friendly plants and is open every Wednesday and Saturday from 9:00 am until noon. Extension programs are open to all persons without regard to race, color, sex, age, disability, religion, or national origin.

Sources: Florida Forest Plants – Spanish Moss (http://www.sfrc.ufl.edu/extension/4h/plants/Spanish_moss/)

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of dollars in donations that will compensate the needy veterans who make them, and help maintain state and national rehabilitation and service programs for veterans, their widows and orphans.

Any ceremony marking the day now will try to conform to the order of Maj. Gen. John A. Logan who was in charge of that first official Declaration Day observance. He directed posts under his command to: "Decorate graves with the choicest flowers of

springtime." He urged us to "let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic."

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