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IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Brinzo



BY MICHELLE
ELIZABETH SALAZAR
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

A Memorial Mass for Ruth Thomasine Brinzo (08/05/1946 - 10/15/2017) was held at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Spring Hill on Friday, May 18, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. with placement at Florida Hills Memorial Gardens immediately after the service. Ms. Brinzo was a beloved retired math and computer science teacher in the county. When service information was announced on social media, many of her former students posted cherished stories, memories and condolences.

Ruth T. Brinzo lived in Weeki Wachee and was employed with Hernando County Schools from 1968 to 1999. Most of her career was at West Hernando Middle School. She also taught at

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June is PTSD Awareness Month

by SARAH NACHIN, STAFF WRITER

Although many people associate Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) with veterans, this debilitating condition can occur in anyone who has suffered through a traumatic experience. It could be a young child who has been verbally or physically abused, a police officer or firefighter, a woman who has been sexually assaulted, a student who has witnessed a mass shooting or a vet-

eran who has returned from combat duty. PTSD can happen to anyone. It is not a sign of weakness. A number of factors, many of which are not under that person's control, can increase the chance that someone will develop PTSD.

The statistics, just in the United States, are staggering. About 7 or 8 out of every 100 people will have PTSD at some point in their lives. About 8 million adults have PTSD

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Paul and his service dog, Hans bond at K9 Partners for Patriots in Brooksville.

Hernando County's 2018 Valedictorians and Salutatorians



Ashley Banas



Joseph Masotti



Trista Whiteaker



Magnolia Harper



Nicholas Vollmer

THE VALEDICTORIANS

Top Row, From Left to Right: Ashley Banas, Spring Hill Christian Academy; Joseph Masotti, Springstead High School; Trista Whiteaker, Weeki Wachee High School; Magnolia Harper, Faith Christian Academy; Nicholas Vollmer, Central High School; Bottom Row, From Left to Right: Alison Pager, Hernando High School; Hannah Lindsey Chua and Keryth Rowland, Wider Horizons School; Not pictured: Olivia Schlum, Nature Coast Technical High School



Alison Pager



Hannah Lindsey Chua



Keryth Rowland

The 2018 crop of Hernando County's valedictorians and salutatorians will continue their studies in a wide range of areas including law, philosophy, nursing, computer animation, mathematics, english education, biomedical and mechanical engineering. Most will remain within the State of Florida to continue their education, but a few will attend out of state colleges: Boston University, Liberty University in Virginia and Bob Jones University in South Carolina.

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S P O R T S

In first baseball state semifinal, Sharks struggle against Bulldogs

by JOE CARLINO
HERNANDO SUN STAFF WRITER
PHOTOGRAPHY BY CHERYL CLANTON

Last week in Fort Myers, the Florida High School Athletic Association held their baseball state semifinals and finals between some of the premier teams in each classification. This year had added momentum for our county, because the Nature Coast Sharks were one of the teams fighting for the glory. Coming off their impressive win over Alachua-Santa Fe last week to capture their first Class 5A regional championship, the entire team knew the real battles were coming up.

Sadly, their first trip to the big dance would end in disappointment.

At Hammond Stadium, the home of the Minnesota Twins in Spring Training and the Fort Myers Miracle in the

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JP Gates pitching during the May 16, 2018 Region Semifinal against Bishop Moore.



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LOCAL & STATE

Flooding concerns in Brooksville

BY ROCCO MAGLIO
HERNANDO SUN STAFF
WRITER

The area around where Croom meets US-41 in Brooksville tends to flood when it rains. There are roads in the Clover Leaf Farms Community that are covered by water. Kitty-corner at Lakeside Mobile Manor the lake approaches the mobile homes after a good rain. In between these two developments sits the Milk-A-Way Farms property. Much of the land is currently wet and some is within an A / E flood zone.

If the property is properly developed it may alleviate many of these flooding issues. However, if flooding is not properly accounted for issues could be exacerbated.

One of the issues is that the area around the potential Milk-A-Way Farms development has clay soil so much of the water winds up running off rather than being absorbed into the ground.

When the lake on the Lakeside Mobile Manor property begins to approach the mobile homes, the water flows through a culvert under 41 to the Milk-A-Way property.



ABOVE: Recent flooding in Cloverleaf off of 41 in Brooksville. BELOW: Milk-A-Way Farms property, just north of Cloverleaf

Water drains to this low lying area from many of the uphill properties towards downtown Brooksville.

Milk-A-Way Farms is a 440 acre property. The current plan is to build up to 999 dwelling units and 50,000 square feet of non-residential floor space. This development will affect the surrounding area by bringing shopping, residents, adding students to the schools, and changing flood dynamics.



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Opportunities to learn about candidates/amendments

Understanding the 2018 Florida Constitutional Amendments Hosted by Republican Liberty Caucus of Tampa Bay
Tuesday, June 19 at 6:30 PM - 8 PM
The Press Box
7385 Spring Hill Dr, Spring Hill, Florida 34606
Did you know that there are 13 Constitutional Amendments that will be on the 2018 Florida General Election Ballot? The issues will be ranging from Gambling, Taxes, Voting Rights, Education, Government Corruption, Victim Rights, Property Rights, Offshore Drilling and several other issues. Many of these Amendments will be covering different subjects in the same amendment. Are you prepared to make informed decisions on these votes? Do you want to be?

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).

Nature Coast 9-12 Group Meeting
The July 21, 2018 meeting of the Nature Coast 912 Group will have two guest speakers. They are:
Richard A. Harrison:
He serves as the Executive Director of "Floridians for a Sensible Voting Rights Policy, Inc". Richard is an accomplished lawyer specializing in the area of city, county, and local government law. Richard is frequently consulted by the media on matters relating to local government issues in the news, and has written and spoken extensively on local government topics. He serves as an adjunct professor of law and on the Board of Overseers for Stetson University College of Law.
Jeff Holcomb:
Hernando County Commissioner...Dist #4 running for re-election will also be one of our speakers
Date: July 21, 2018
Time: 11:30 AM
Locataion:Praise Family Worship Center 17920 Meridian Blvd. Hudson, FL

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during a given year. About 10 of every 100 women develop this syndrome sometime in their lives compared with about 4 of every 100 men. These statistics do not even count the friends, family and loved ones who are impacted by someone who has Post Traumatic Stress Disorder – the wife who doesn't understand why her husband is always angry, the child who wonders why his mother never wants to leave the house or the people who mourn when a friend commits suicide.

Among veterans, the statistics of reported and diagnosed PTSD are alarming. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, about 12% of



Lisa and her service dog Gunner during a training session at K9 Partners for Patriots

Gulf War veterans have PTSD in a given year. The National Vietnam Veterans Readjustment Study of the late 1980's found that about 15 out of every 100 Vietnam veterans were diagnosed with PTSD. It is estimated that about 30% of Vietnam veterans have had PTSD in their lifetime.

A Smithsonian Magazine article in July 2015 stated that psychological surveys suggest some 271,000 veterans of the Vietnam War may have had full Post Traumatic Stress Disorder at that time. The number of people who have unrecognized symptoms and are not treated are probably a lot higher.

According to Dennis Brown, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who works closely with veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, there are many symptoms of this condition. Not everyone will experience all the symptoms.

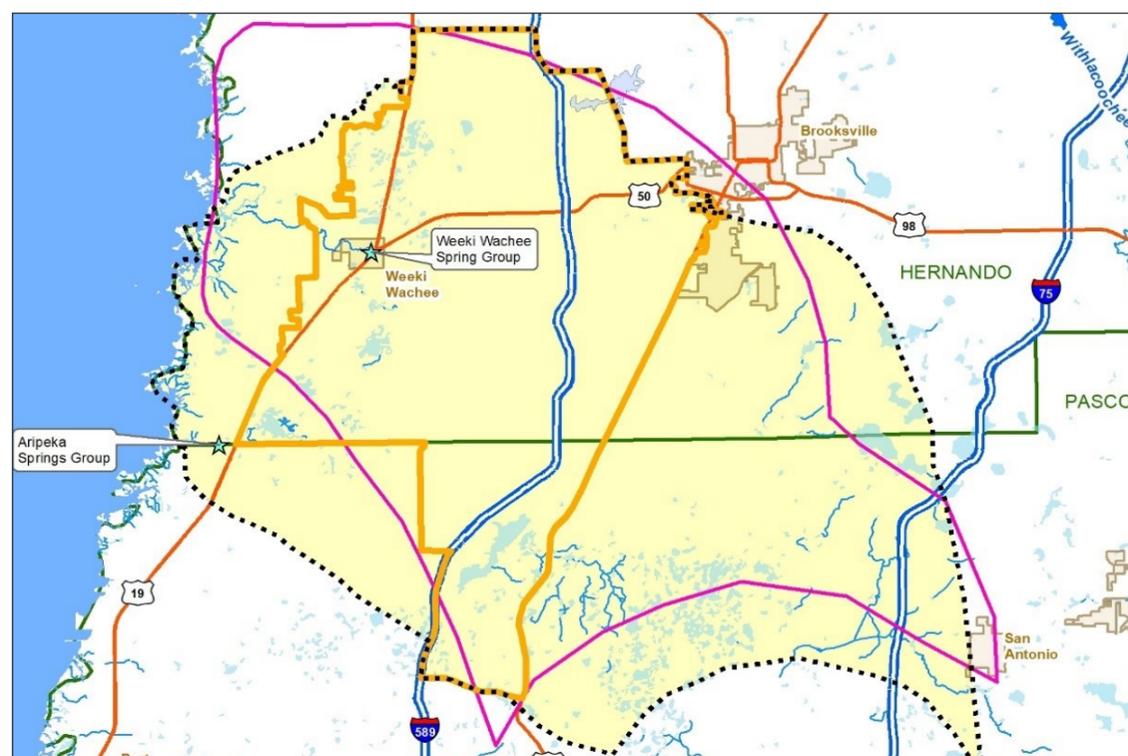
"Re-experiencing or reliving the traumatic event, which can occur in a variety of ways: memories, nightmares, flashbacks; avoiding situations or things that remind them of the traumatic event,

for example crowded or unfamiliar places. Others may have frequent negative thoughts, feeling sad or numb, guilt, self-blame, decreased interest in activities, isolation. Irritability or aggression, risky or destructive behavior, hypervigilance-constantly being aware of their surroundings, heightened startle reaction (for example fireworks during the holidays can be a very big trigger) and difficulty sleeping," Brown states.

Ron Flaville, a Marine Corps and Army veteran served almost seventeen years in the military and two tours of duty in the Middle East during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is one of the thousands of veterans who suffer from PTSD and, like many others, did not realize that he

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Revisions to come for Reclaimed Water Master Plan, Septic to Sewer project tabled for now



The entire Weeki Wachee Springshed Basin Management Action Plan Area. Septic to Sewer conversions for districts A and B near Weeki Wachee Springs Group are called for on the final BMAP, estimated to cost \$50 million. The entire springshed contains 19 districts A-S.

by LISA MACNEIL
HERNANDO SUN STAFF
WRITER

A workshop was held on June 5, 2018 for the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to consider the development of a Reclaimed Water Master Plan (RWMP) and hear updates on the status of the Septic to Sewer (S2S) project. Three members of the board decided to have staff review and revise the RWMP and not support the S2S project due to high cost and un-

certain funding. Commissioner Jeff Holcomb was not present at the meeting.

The Reclaimed Water Master Plan project is co-funded by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), with the purpose of outlining the policies and objectives for reuse of reclaimed water "in an effort to provide the most ecological benefit and cost-effective use of this product." During the workshop, the results of the research performed were presented and input

was given by the BOCC to re-examine current ordinances and revisions to the master plan.

The Reclaimed Water Master Plan project is a partnership with the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), with SWFWMD paying 50%. Multiple options for reuse are being considered, according to Hernando County Utility Director Gordon Onderdonk. The county is looking for the best environmental solution -- with geograph-

ical features of the county being considered.

Onderdonk noted that the unique fine sand of the western part of the county, is beneficial because there is a high infiltration rate and water streams underground toward the Gulf of Mexico, versus having the water sit a few feet beneath the surface.

According to Onderdonk, reclaiming water "was almost built out of necessity." The first responsibility is to get rid of the water and when that

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

HCSO ARREST SUMMARIES

Kicking and hair-pulling ensued ...

FULGIUM, JODI D
YOB: 1977
CHARGES: BATTERY ON LEO/OTHER OFFICER, RESIST OFFICER WITH VIOLENCE, TRESPASS OTHER THAN STRUCTURE OR CONVEYANCE
Arrested at: 05/30/2018, 08:43, 11430 CAMP MINE RD, BROOKSVILLE, FL, 34601



FULGIUM

Arrest Summary: On 5/30/18, I was dispatched to the Cemex mine area in reference to the defendant Jodi Fulgium illegally entering onto the Cemex property by passing multiple "No Trespass" signs and a fence. The defendant then fell or slid down into the dirt mine area where she was located by a Cemex worker. The defendant then entered into a Cemex bulldozer Upon my arrival, I attempted to get the defendant to exit the bulldozer by talking to her and instructing her that I had Hernando County Fire Rescue right outside of the bulldozer to check her out and make sure that she was okay. The defendant started to get very argumentative and aggressive at which point she kicked me (Deputy Karrin Harp) in the chest multiple times. I then attempted to detain the defendant at which point the defendant grabbed my hair as I attempted to gain control of her left arm/wrist area before attempting to get a hold of her right arm/wrist area. Once the defendant released my hair, I stepped back and a waited for Hernando County Fire Rescue to arrive on scene at which point two of the Hernando County Fire Rescue personal climbed up to the cab of the bulldozer with me. The defendant started to kick, swing her arms, and pull away from the three of us at which point one of the Hernando County Fire Rescue personal was able secure her feet, as another secured her left arm, and I secured her right arm behind her back. The whole time the defendant was pulling away and attempting to hit us. The three of us then assisted her on exiting the bulldozer. Upon exiting the bulldozer the defendant was secured into a Hernando County Fire Rescue, rescue tarp. The defendant was transported by Hernando County Fire Rescue to Bayfront Health Brooksville. Once the defendant was at Bayfront Health Brooksville she was placed under arrest and once cleared she was transported to the Hernando County Jail. The defendant is being held on a total bond of \$11,000 (Count I- \$5,000; Count II- \$5,000; Count III \$1,000) with a court date of 6/26/18, at 0900 hours, in courtroom B)

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"Ain't nothing but three of ya, we're gonna have a party."

JOHNSTON, JAMES ERIC
YOB: 1972
CHARGES: AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - LEO, CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, RESIST/OBSTR OFFICER W/O VIOL, TRESPASS IN STRUCTURE/



JOHNSTON

CONVEY
Arrested at: 05/30/2018, 15:11, SWAN LN, SPRING HILL, FL, 34608

Arrest Summary: The defendant was advised of the trespass warning and the consequences should he not adhere to said trespass warning. The defendant was asked if he understood the trespass warning but would not verbally or physically acknowledge. The defendant began to ball both his left and right fists then stated, "There are three of you." The defendant then requested to make a phone call to obtain a ride. The defendant placed his phone on a workbench located in the garage. The defendant starred at this writer, then Deputy Hyler, and then Deputy Jones. The defendant began towards the door leading into the residence when he stopped, turned, and pulled out a pocket knife from his right pocket. The defendant flipped open the knife while stating, "Aint nothing but three of ya, we're gonna have a party." As all three deputies took a tactical position and ordered the defendant to drop the knife, the defendant entered the door to his left which led to the interior of the residence. As the door was closing the defendant advised, "Today is my day to die, come and get me." The defendant refused to come out of the residence after being requested several times. The defendant yelled numerous times that he wanted to die. The defendant advised he wanted law enforcement to enter the home and stated, "I want to die, don't you wanna die?" The defendant stated he was going to destroy the residence at which time loud banging noises were heard from inside the residence. As other units arrived on scene, the defendant was ordered numerous times to exit the residence which he refused. Entry was made into the residence at which time he was ordered to drop the knife and get on the ground. The defendant ran towards a bedroom when he was ordered to drop the knife, at which time he threw the knife into the hallway. This affiant observed two walls in the residence which were damaged due to being punched and stabbed by the knife which was in the defendant's possession. Estimated damage, \$200.00. The defendant was taken into custody and transported to the Hernando County Jail.

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"I had to put my mom down..."

HARRIS, LAURA ANNE
YOB: 1988



HARRIS

CHARGES: AGG BATTERY
Arrested at: 05/31/2018, 16:01, LAKEFRONT DR, BROOKSVILLE, FL

Arrest Summary: On 05/30/2018 while at the residence of (her mother), the defendant, Laura Harris and her mother Patricia Harris, got into a verbal altercation which became physical. The defendant began knocking items over within the victim's residence. The defendant grabbed a white ceramic dinner plate and swung it into the right side of Patricia's face causing the plate to shatter. Due to the plate shattering against Patricia's face, it caused a one inch laceration above Patricia's right eyebrow. The defendant made a spontaneous statement while on scene that "I had to put my mom down, I'm not gonna deal with her disrespecting me." The incident was witnessed by a neighbor who called law enforcement for the victim in this case. The defendant was taken into custody and transported to Hernando County Jail where she was turned over to detention staff without incident. The defendant was given a no bond status due to the domestic nature of this case.

"I've just had way too much to drink."
JACOBSEN, JERAD
YOB: 1987
CHARGES: CRIMINAL



MISCHIEF, DISORDERLY INTOXICATION
Arrested at: 06/02/2018, 21:14, 205 E FORT DADE AVE, BROOKSVILLE, FL, 34601

Arrest Summary: On 06-02-2018, I was dispatched to the Hernando Park located at 205 E Fort Dade Avenue, in reference to a verbal disturbance which was later reclassified to an criminal mischief. Upon my arrival, I immediately observed all of the parks garbage cans to be laying on their sides in which garbage was spread all over the entire park. I also observed one of the wooden garbage can holders to be lying on its side, in which it appeared that the wooden planks had been torn off. I then observed the defendant (Jerad Jacobsen) to be inside the fenced off area of the park, in which he was screaming at a large group of subjects who were playing tennis. I then request the defendant walk over to me, in which he was unable to do so due to almost

falling multiple times. Upon speaking with the defendant, I detected a very strong odor of an alcoholic beverage to be emanating from his person and I observed his speech to be slurred and his eyes to be bloodshot. Upon asking the defendant what he was doing at the park, he stated, "I don't know what's going on anymore". The defendant then advised that he was in fact the one who threw garbage all over the park while he was damaging the garbage can holder. Upon asking the defendant why he did this, he stated, "I've just had way too much to drink". Contact was then made with the large group of people playing tennis in the park, who the defendant was yelling at. They advised that they were playing tennis, when the defendant began acting completely irrational, throwing the parks garbage cans all over the place. They advised the defendant then continued by slamming one of the garbage can holders on the ground and ripping the wooden planks off of it. They further advised that the defendant then proceeded to the west side of the park at which time he began kicking the metal fence, causing damage to one of the fence panels and to one of the gates. One of the subjects did record the incident on his phone which he then provided to me. The group of subjects

further stated that the subject then proceeded to where they were playing tennis, at which time he began screaming at their children while he attempted to jump over the fence to the tennis court. The adults of the group advised that they then intervened after seeing how intoxicated the defendant was, in which they did not want him around their children. I was also able to observe the damage to the fence in which one of the panels and one of the gates was bent. Contact was again made with the defendant in which post Miranda, he admitted to also kicking the fence and the gate. Contact had not yet been made with the City of Brooksville in reference to the damage, however upon completing a check online, I observed the fence panels to cost approximately \$75.00, the metal gate to cost approximately \$100.00, and the wooden garbage can holder to cost approximately \$50.00. At that time, the defendant was placed under arrest and transported to the Hernando County Jail without incident. The defendant was charged with 1 count of criminal mischief and 1 count of disorderly intoxication. The defendant was issued a combined bond amount of \$1,500.00 and given a court date of 07-06-18 at 0900 hours in Courtroom C of the Hernando County Courthouse.

LOCAL GOV & EDUCATION MEETINGS

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
Brooksville, FL 34601

Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting
6/26/2018 9:00 AM
Government Center
John Law Ayers Room
20 N. Main Street
Brooksville, FL 34601



Robbery and Attempted Sexual Battery - Bridgewater Club Apartment Complex

Submitted by the Hernando County Sheriff's Office

Entrance to Bridgewater Club Apartments
On 06-02-18 at approximately 2:10 a.m., Hernando County deputies were called to the Bridgewater Club Apartment complex regarding a Robbery and Attempted Sexual Battery that had just occurred.

Preliminary investigation reveals that a female resident was walking to her apartment, from another location within the complex, when she was attacked.

The victim told deputies that while she was walking, she was approached by a black male, in his early 30's, wearing a red shirt and unknown type/color pants. The male began making small talk with the victim. The two spoke briefly before the victim said goodbye and continued on her way.

Moments later, the suspect ran up behind the victim and knocked her to the ground. The suspect attempted to sexually batter the victim. The victim began screaming loudly, causing the suspect to flee the area on foot.

Before running away, the suspect took the victim's cell phone.

The investigation is still active and fluid. As details are verified, that will not compromise the investigation, additional information will be provided.

If you have any information on this case, please contact detective Chris Kraft at the Hernando County Sheriff's Office - 352-754-6830.

If you would like to remain anonymous - Please call Hernando County Crime Stoppers at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip via the internet at <http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com> . You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000 cash!

Deputies rescue man stranded on buoy in Florida's Tampa Bay

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Deputies say a man they found stranded on a buoy in Florida's Tampa Bay had jumped out of his friend's boat when its battery died and he became nervous.

Video from a Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office helicopter shows divers rescuing the man Sunday night roughly 3 miles (6 kilometers) north of Beer Can Island. The sheriff's office tells news outlets the man didn't know how to swim and wasn't wearing a life jacket.

Deputies say in a statement the man's friend had called 911 to report that he'd leapt from the boat and climbed the buoy.

Sheriff's office spokesman Danny Alvarez tells WFLA-TV the helicopter discovered the man clinging to the buoy using a forward-looking infrared camera.

Neither man was injured. Deputies didn't provide their names.

Information from: WFLA-TV, <http://www.wfla.com/>

HCSO ALERT

Underage Alcohol Sales and Compliance Checks

On 05-31-18, undercover detectives with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office conducted Compliance Checks and Alcohol Buys at various locations throughout Hernando County. A total of 10 convenience stores were visited throughout the evening.

At the conclusion of the operation, eight clerks did not permit the sale of alcoholic beverages to the underage customer, successfully following the law. Two businesses did allow the underage customer to purchase an alcoholic beverage, a violation of the Florida Beverage Law, F.S.S. 562.11.

In lieu of being charged, the of-

fenders agree to attend a Promoting Retailers Education Program which is administered by the Hernando County Community Anti-Drug Coalition. This program reinforces the importance of responsible alcohol and tobacco sales and service, and demonstrates practices on how to prevent alcohol sales to underage persons.

Stores in VIOLATION (allowed the sale of alcohol to underage person) were as follows:

- Country Express - 10455 N. Broad Street, Brooksville
- Marathon - 600 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville.

Stores in COMPLIANCE (did not allow the sale of alcohol to underage person) were as follows:

- Circle K - 16129 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville
- Country Food - 101 Ponce De Leon Boulevard, Brooksville
- Shop & Save Discount Beverage - 251 Ponce De Leon Boulevard, Brooksville
- RaceTrac - 9410 Cortez Boulevard, Spring Hill
- Speedway - 1950 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville
- 7-Eleven - 15310 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville
- RaceTrac - 16129 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville
- Beverage 50 Liquor - 16370 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville.

More operations of this nature are planned for the future.

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can't happen, it becomes a liability. That's when the need to shunt water to reclamation areas arises.

There is currently a reclaimed water line that runs the length of US Highway 19 from Glen Lakes to Timber Pines. A \$13-million dollar extension would run the length of County Line Road, then northward to the Brooksville Tampa-Bay Regional Airport (BKV).

Other proposed pipelines are: a connection from the US 19 pipeline to the planned Spring Center development, at a cost of \$25-million, (due to the large number of clients it would serve), a route in Ridge Manor to serve the planned Sunrise development at \$1.2-million, and a short route from BKV to Anderson Snow Park \$350,000.

Another scenario involves linking all three major areas (Glen Lakes, Timber Pines, BKV) for \$36-million.

Commissioner Wayne Dukes asked if a better short term goal would be to prioritize golf courses to receive reclaimed water before developments and communities that haven't been built yet. Several alternatives are being considered, including recharging the aquifer, residential irrigation and agricultural reuse.

While costs were the most-discussed values, the reclaimed water routes will generate revenue. At present, the Timber Pines operation generates roughly \$17,000 per month for 1.7-million gallons of reclaimed water.

Currently in place is a county ordinance that limits the amount of water that can be reclaimed. This ordinance will need to be reviewed, along with planned routes in a regular meeting to be scheduled in August.

S2S Project

In 2016, the Florida Legislature passed the Florida Springs Protection Act. The act called for the creation of Basin Management Action Plans (BMAP) for major springshed systems in the state. Each BMAP is created by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection with input from local governments. The purpose of the BMAP is to create a roadmap for "Total Maximum Daily Load" or TMDL pollutant reduction. The main pollutant of concern for the Weeki Wachee Springshed is nitrates and one of the major sources they found to contribute to groundwater nitrates is septic systems.

The BMAP requires reductions of nitrogen deposits into ground water in the Weeki Wachee springshed in designated areas. One of the projects listed on the BMAP for the Weeki Wachee Springshed is the \$240,000 Septic to Sewer conversion study- which has been completed. The study by Coastal Engineering, looks at the feasibility of converting 32,000 properties in the Weeki Wachee Springshed from septic to sewer in 19 districts (A-S). The total price of doing so, is estimated around \$700 million.

District A and B septic to sewer conversions from the conversion study have made it onto the final BMAP. Districts A and B are located just north of Weeki Wachee Springs. The price for completing both conversions is roughly \$50 million. There are 900 septic systems to convert in District A and 1,310 septic systems to convert in District B.

According to Onderdonk, "the Weeki Wachee [river] is impaired." The condition, known since 2016, sparked the BMAP in order to repair the springs feeding the river to restore the nitrate levels to acceptable levels within twenty years. Onderdonk remarked that 30% of the

nitrogen levels are being contributed by septic systems. Another contributing factor is fertilizer runoff, contributing over 40%.

The proposal is for all properties within the BMAP area (Districts A and B) of one acre or less convert to county sewer service. The area is shown as an irregular mapping, with a northernmost border at Centralia Ave, points west of US Highway 19, and eastward to US Highway 41. It extends south to County Line road, into Pasco county.

The next question is money. While turning existing septic customers over to sewer, the county does gain paying customers, which offsets the cost of the project.

The chart shown depicted credits, rather than actual dollar amounts for several projects that could reduce the nitrate count of the Weeki Wachee. By implementing a certain project, the county is awarded a number of credits by FDEP. Commissioner John Allocco asked Onderdonk, "Is someone actually measuring that it does what it says, or is it playing a government game ... to see who gets the most points?" Onderdonk responded that the resulting metrics are "highly theoretical."

The actual cost of the conversion project (for districts A and B) would be \$50-million, estimated to cost \$22,000 per home. The state of Florida would pay 50%, with Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) paying 25% of the balance. Hernando County would pay the remaining 25%.

"What happens if we don't do this at all?"

- BOCC Chairman Steve Champion asked. Champion, seeing the project as an expansion of government, reiterated all the positive points cited earlier about Hernando County's soil, location and natural filtration. He went on to say,

"This is not a health concern. There is just some green in the spring."

State Representative Blaise Ingoglia was at the meeting, and spoke about the legislation at the root of the discussion. According to Ingoglia, the 75% funding available currently may decrease in the future, leaving some taxpayers with a higher assessment than others. Statewide, the conversions are expected to cost up to \$1-billion.

"We have to solve this problem. The challenge is that we have a piece of legislation that was written in 2016, with an implementation date of 24 months ... it's causing havoc in the marketplace. It will be a huge, massive tax increase on homeowners throughout the state," Ingoglia remarked.

Commissioner John Allocco concurred, stating "We need a constitutional amendment against unfunded mandates." Allocco also said that many "staff hours are wasted in situations where we don't know what the end-game is."

Since the meeting was a workshop, and not a regular meeting, no vote was held, but the consensus among the commissioners was to not support the project at this time. Onderdonk and staff will continue to work with the Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies to come to a resolution.

Florida judge lifts stay on smokable medical marijuana

By JOE REEDY, Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Floridians allowed to use medical marijuana are one step closer to being able to smoke it.

Leon County circuit court Judge Karen Gievers on Tuesday lifted a stay on her May 25 ruling that the Florida Legislature's provision banning smokable medical marijuana is unconstitutional. The state's Department of Health had filed an appeal of Gievers' ruling, which automatically put it on hold. Attorney John Morgan and two patients with terminal illnesses then filed an appeal of that stay.

The stay will officially be lifted on June 11. Gievers wrote that delaying her ruling any further would create irreparable harm to patients.

She also wrote that the stay returns the law to its previous state after voters approved a constitutional amendment in November 2016 allowing the use of medical marijuana.

When the Legislature passed the laws to enact the amendment last year, they included a section banning the sale of products used to smoke marijuana, citing health risks. The laws, signed

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FLORIDA MAN

Florida man found incompetent stunned after fleeing trial

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A Florida man has been subdued with a stun gun after running out of a courtroom when he was found incompetent to stand trial.

Leon County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Shonda Knight tells the Tallahassee Democrat 41-year-old Michael Bair was not in custody before Tuesday's trial and was not placed in restraints before being found incompetent. He ran out of the courtroom upon being turned over to the sheriff's office.

He was later found in a courthouse hallway, where he was captured by a state attorney's office investigator. Deputies then used a stun gun to subdue him.

Bair was originally charged with possession of ammunition by a convicted felon. He is now charged with resisting arrest without violence and additional charges are pending.

It's unclear whether he has a lawyer. Information from: Tallahassee (Fla.) Democrat, <http://www.tdo.com>

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AUGUST 28, 2018
REGISTRATION DEADLINE
JULY 30, 2018



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NOVEMBER 6, 2018
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Voter Outreach Schedule for June 2018

Shirley Anderson, Hernando County Supervisor of Elections, is pleased to announce the following dates for voter registration and outreach for June 2018. "It is important to provide opportunities for the residents of Hernando County to register to vote, change political parties, request a vote by mail ballot, or update their address and signature on their voter record. We are grateful to our community partners for helping us Promote the Vote," stated Shirley Anderson, Supervisor of Elections.

June 8, 2018
1:30pm-4:00pm
Summer Reading Kickoff
West Hernando Branch Library
6335 Blackbird Ave.
Weeki Wachee, FL 34613

June 14, 2018
11:00am-1:00pm
Flag Day/Member Appreciation Day
YMCA
1300 Mariner Blvd.
Spring Hill, FL 34609

June 21, 2018
Time - TBD
Summer Kick-Off Party
Weeki Wachee Springs State Park
6131 Commercial Way
Spring Hill, FL 34606

June 23, 2018
10:00am-2:00pm
2nd Annual Man Rally
Kennedy Park
899 Kennedy Blvd.
Brooksville, FL 34601



Sheriff Al Nienhuis, center, administers the Oath of Office to the nine former Brooksville Police Officers.

Former Brooksville PD officers are sworn into Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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HERNANDO SUN
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of everyone's support of the deputy in their family.

Giving a brief overview of the orientation later imparted to the deputies, Nienhuis began with a focus on the citizens that the new deputies will serve. "It's so critically important for us to leave a good impression with the citizens." He ended his address to the deputies by wishing success to each.

Nienhuis then administered the Oath of Office, beginning the ceremony led by Major James Powers. A member of each family then pinned each deputy's badge to their uniform as photos and video of the historic event were taken by family, friends and the attending media.

Nine officers of the former Brooksville Police Department (BPD) were sworn in as Hernando County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) deputies on June 1, 2018.

Following the placement of the flags by the Honor Guard, and invocation by Reverend Frank Prestigiaco, Sheriff Al Nienhuis began the ceremony by welcoming the deputies and their families and friends to the HCSO family. "Law enforcement is a family ... and I encourage that we do become family with the new people coming in." Nienhuis spoke to the deputies' friends and relatives about difficulties law enforcement officers face, and the importance



Hernando County Sheriff's Office deputies welcome their new colleagues.

New Deputies:

Deputy Joshua Caldwell
Deputy Shane Derryberry
Deputy Scott Fredricksen
Deputy Jacob Gaustad
Deputy Jeff McDougal
Deputy Randal Orman
Deputy Joel Rodriguez
Deputy Edward Serrano
Deputy Alan Whitacre

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tion of the state, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of Hernando County Deputy Sheriff of which I am about to enter.



BELOW: Sheriff Al Nienhuis, far left, with the nine new deputies.



BELOW: Family members pinned badges on new deputies. ABOVE: Presentation of Colors by the Sheriff's Honor Guard



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PTSD
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had a problem at first. "When I was having panic attacks, I would basically push my family away. I didn't want them to suffer because of my internal issues. It was my own coping mechanism. I had outbursts of anger; I didn't leave my house very much. I was never physically violent, but I was quick to yell. My wife was the one who recognized it. The VA [Veterans Administration] put me on medication."

Although medication is one method of treating PTSD, it is not the only method.

"Common treatments include Cognitive Therapy, Exposure Therapy and group therapy. People react differently to various treatments depending on a wide range of factors and what might be effective for one person, others might not have that same experience. We have seen encouraging results from the research that has been conducted at St. Leo University regarding the effectiveness of a veteran having a service dog," Brown comments.

For Ron Flaville, K9 Partners for Patriots has been a lifeline. He already had a female German Shepherd (Sophia) and Ron's wife noticed that when he was having moments of anxiety or anger, Sophia would come over to him and start pawing at him and getting his focus onto her.

"My wife had seen a veteran with a service dog and started doing research on getting our dog trained as a service dog. She contacted Mary Peter at Stillwater Dog Training and arranged a time for the two of us and Sophia to meet with Ms. Peter. And the rest is history."

Since that time, Mary Peter founded K9 Partners for Patriots, an organization that matches dogs to veterans and trains both for this specialized task. Ron's dog was a good candidate for the program and



Cynthia and her service dog Cody in training at K9 Partners for Patriots

Flaville has become Chief Operating Officer of K9 Partners for Patriots.

"I have seen many positive changes in so many of our veterans who go through the nineteen-week training course. Some of the possible reasons for the positive changes - the dog gives unconditional love and acceptance; the dogs can help wake up veterans from nightmares; they help get the veteran out of the house because the veteran has to walk the dog so they are getting more physical exercise; the dog can help the veteran refocus their attention on something positive, all of which can help reduce their overall anxiety and depression," states Brown.

In the light of so many tragedies that have happened in the past few years - from mass shootings to natural disasters and because of the pervasiveness of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Congress has declared June to be PTSD Awareness Month. "It's an invisible illness," Flaville states.

"In addition to raising basic awareness about the effects of PTSD and that there are effective treatments available, I

would say that acceptance is also a big part of it as well. There is often such a stigma associated with PTSD or any other mental illness. Having PTSD does not make you weak - in fact quite the opposite in my opinion. Some of the strongest and most resilient people I have met have been diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. PTSD is just something that can develop when someone experiences or witnesses a traumatic event. We wouldn't say someone is weak if they came back from war with a physical injury," Brown concludes.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month is dedicated to raising awareness about this life-long struggle and the people it affects and how each of us can help make their lives just a little easier.

If you or someone you know is struggling with PTSD, reach out. There are many resources. Mental health centers and The Veterans Crisis Hotline (1-800-273-8255) are just two.

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by Gov. Rick Scott last June, state that patients can use cannabis through vaping and in food, oils, sprays and tinctures.

Morgan, who led the push for the constitutional amendment, filed a lawsuit challenging the ban two weeks after Scott signed the bill. He was joined in the suit by Cathy Jordan and Diana Dodson, who say that smoking medical marijuana has prolonged their lives.

In her four-page ruling, Gievers cited the harm that could be caused to Jordan, who has had ALS since 1986, and Dodson, who has had HIV since 1991, if the stay was extended.

"First, they cannot legally access the treatment recom-

mended for them. Second, they face potential criminal prosecution for possession and use of the medicinal substance," she wrote.

Morgan asked Gov. Scott on Tuesday via social media to drop his appeals.

"Every day you waste taxpayers' money with this frivolous appeal sick people, veterans, cops, firefighters and cancer patients suffer!" Morgan wrote on Twitter. "Where is your compassion man?"

Even with the stay being lifted, smokable medical marijuana will not immediately be available for sale at treatment centers. That's because the Department of Health must come up with rules to cultivate, distribute and sell, which could take several months.

As of last Friday there were 117,522 patients and

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Date	Day	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt
2018/06/08	Fri	04:40 AM	0.85 L	09:56 AM	2.88 H	5:45 PM	0.89 L	10:25 PM	2.56 H
2018/06/09	Sat	05:42 AM	0.96 L	10:41 AM	3.07 H	6:46 PM	0.51 L	11:36 PM	2.69 H
2018/06/10	Sun	06:39 AM	1.05 L	11:23 AM	3.26 H	7:38 PM	0.12 L		
2018/06/11	Mon	12:37 AM	2.83 H	07:31 AM	1.13 L	12:03 PM	3.45 H	8:26 PM	-0.21 L
2018/06/12	Tue	01:32 AM	2.93 H	08:18 AM	1.21 L	12:43 PM	3.62 H	9:13 PM	-0.47 L
2018/06/13	Wed	02:24 AM	2.98 H	09:04 AM	1.28 L	1:24 PM	3.75 H	10:00 PM	-0.62 L
2018/06/14	Thu	03:14 AM	2.96 H	09:49 AM	1.34 L	2:07 PM	3.82 H	10:46 PM	-0.65 L

2,644 doctors in the state's medical marijuana registry. The Department of Health also says that 94,023 patients have received their ID cards, which allow them to receive cannabis at state-approved

treatment centers. Florida Department of Health spokesman Devin Galetta said in a statement that department officials are reviewing the ruling. Any further appeal would

be heard in the state's 1st District Court of Appeal in Tallahassee.

The health department is involved in six other cases dealing with medical marijuana, ranging from the pro-

cess of awarding treatment center licenses to allowing a Tampa man to grow it at home for juicing.

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

June 9

Game On! - EH
6/9/2018 10AM - 4PM Enjoy family gaming at the East Hernando Branch!
Spring Hill Writing Group - SH
6/9/2018 1 - 2:45 PM Beginning writers are welcome--to inspire and be inspired. Your work starts with one word at a time.

June 11

Working with Computer Files - BV
6/11/2018 10AM - 12PM Registration is open Learn to save, organize, find, edit and delete your computer files.
Books ROCK - Talking about

Our FAVORITE BOOKS! - WH
6/11/2018 1 - 2:30 PM Registration is open Need some ideas for your next read? Readers gotta read, & we love to talk about our favorite books - & for this special Summer Adult Reading program, we will do just that!

Healthy Teeth, Healthy Kids! Children's Dental Care Workshop - BV
6/11/2018 1 - 1:30 PM Every superhero needs a super smile! Join Premier Community HealthCare for a fun and interactive children's dental care workshop.

Healthy Teeth, Healthy Teens! Dental care workshop for teens - BV
6/11/2018 1:30 - 2 PM Your best outfit is your best smile! Join Premier Community HealthCare to learn how to take good care of it in this interactive teen's dental care workshop.

June 12

Working with Computer Files - WH
6/12/2018 10AM - 12PM Registration is open Learn to save, organize, find, edit and delete your computer files.
Move it and Groove it - BV
6/12/2018 10:15 - 11:15 AM Get your groove on with this collection of stories, songs, dances, crafts, and more that will keep you moving all day long.
Signing for Everyday Living - EH
6/12/2018 11 AM - 12:30 PM SEFL is a crash course in basic ASL for learners at any skill level.
Rock, Paper, Scissors! - the Art of Paper Crafting - WH
6/12/2018 1 - 3 PM Registration is open "Get to Crafting."
Minecraft Afternoon - SH
6/12/2018 2:30 - 4 PM Registration begins 5/29/2018 at 8:00 AM Minecraft fans, this is the program for you! Come play Minecraft on our giant screen,

and discuss the popular gaming series while participating in Minecraft themed crafts, games, and more.

Death Cafe - WH
6/12/2018 5 - 6:30 PM What is death? Why do we fear it? You are invited to join us and share your philosophy, experiences and fears about death and dying.

SCORE Workshop - Tax Implications for Small Businesses - SH
6/12/2018 5 - 6:45 PM Tax Implications for Small Business The seminar discusses Federal and Florida business entities, and how to create them. We will also cover other state and local licensing requirements. We'll also review Federal and state employment taxes, such as FICA, FUTA, withholding, and reemployment. The seminar will also cover Federal and state income taxes.
Ukulele Beginner Strum and Sing - EH
6/12/2018 5 - 7PM Join other beginning ukulele players for some laid-back strumming and singing. All ages and levels welcome.

June 13

Working with Computer Files - SH
6/13/2018 10AM - 12PM Registration is open Learn to save, organize, find, edit and delete your computer files.
Rainbow Reads - EH
6/13/2018 10:15 - 11:15 AM Explore the world of color with these stories, activities, and crafts. Come wearing your favorite color!
Writing Your Life Stories - WH
6/13/2018 10:15 - 11:45 AM Registration is open "When writing the story of your life, never let anyone else hold the pen." Don't allow those irreplaceable personal & family stories to be lost. Come join us - for an informal, enjoyable

experience!
Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program - SH
6/13/2018 10:30 AM - 12 PM Topic: Rain Gardens
Financial Management Series - EH
6/13/2018 2 - 4PM This month's topic: Personal Money Management
Riverdale Party - SH
6/13/2018 5 - 6:30 PM Registration begins 5/30/2018 at 8:00 AM Celebrate 2 seasons of The CW's Riverdale with a variety of crafts and activities related to both the hit television series and the Archie comic series. Food will be provided including homemade milkshakes that will be made during this celebration of the classic Archie characters.

June 14

Working with Computer Files - EH
6/14/2018 10AM - 12PM Registration is open Learn to save, organize, find, edit and delete your computer files.
Books with a Beat - SH
6/14/2018 10:15 - 11:15 AM Rock to the rhythm to a collection of musical books, activities, crafts, and more!
Choose to Quit - BV
6/14/2018 1 - 3 PM Get the tools you need to quit smoking now with this 2 hour tobacco cessation course. The course includes a one month supply of nicotine replacement patches, lozenges, or gum (participant's choice) absolutely free!
Writers Workshop - EH
6/14/2018 1 - 3PM Free and open to the public - meets every other Thursday. All levels of experience from beginners to published authors. Our group is on-going and continuous, join at any time. Bring pen and paper. For more information call 352-583-2441.
Movies @ your library - SH
6/14/2018 2 - 4PM A superhero known as Black Panther defends

Wakanda, a technologically advanced country in Africa that has hidden itself away from the rest of the world. Now, he must face a dissident who wants to sell the country's natural resources to fund an uprising.
Rocks Rock! The Geology of Florida - WH
6/14/2018 5 - 6PM Come and learn some interesting facts about the various layers below Florida's land surface.

June 15

Rock Your Socks Off! - WH
6/15/2018 10:15 - 11:15 AM Continue celebrating the summer by coming to the library and enjoying this collection of

stories, activities, crafts, and more all about clothing and the human body. Come wearing your favorite pair of socks!
SHINE - EH (individual counseling by appt. only)
6/15/2018 12 - 2 PM Free Medicare and Health Insurance Counseling and Information during open enrollment period. By appointment only. Call 352-593-0705 for more information.
It's JAZZ! - SH
6/15/2018 3 - 4:30 PM Join us for another special musical program in our ongoing series about the Golden Age of Jazz. Presented by former NPR Jazz Radio Announcer Peter LaMattina.

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CryptoQuote

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IN, OUT & ABOUT

Lakewood Retreat: A place to rest and have fun

BY HANNA FOX
SPECIAL TO
HERNANDO SUN

As a Christian Camp, Lakewood Retreat's statement of purpose is "Sharing God's love through service by providing a setting in which to experience Jesus Christ."

Their service they explain is "in response to Jesus' command to His disciples in Mark 6:31; 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'"

Rest and spiritual camaraderie is what you will find at Lakewood Retreat, owned by the Southern Mennonite Camp Association, situated in a peaceful, rural area of the county off of Spring Lake Highway in Brooksville. The opportunity to reflect in nature abounds, whether it is on the lake or along a beautiful hiking trail in the woods.

After you do get some rest, there is a large variety of activities to enjoy like a petting

zoo, canoeing, swimming, volleyball, gaga ball, tennis, basketball, archery, team building, soccer, football, a game room, a playground, zip lining, and much more.

Some folks might not know exactly what gaga ball is. I didn't know about it until I went to Lakewood Retreat last year. Gaga ball, which originated in Israel, is sort of like dodgeball. It's played in a ring by a group of individual players, two teams or just two people. If you get hit on or below the knees with the ball you're out. Our school group had so much fun playing gaga ball, now we have our very own gaga ball pit on our school campus.

Lakewood Retreat was founded as a Mennonite camp in 1966. At that time, racial tensions were problematic for the integrated Mennonites

and many Christian camps were not willing to host the Mennonite programs. The founders purchased 83 acres at Lakewood's current location and much work was needed to turn the property into a suitable summer camp. In 1969, the inaugural summer camp program took place with two cabins and 25 campers per week for five weeks of camp.

Today Lakewood Retreat is 135 acres and provides an outreach for all Christian denominations. It is open year round for school groups, family reunions, bereavement groups as well as youth camps. There are over 220 beds, 55 campsites, a dining hall that seats up to 200, seven meeting rooms and an activity center.



Kids enjoy playing gaga ball at Lakewood Retreat



Archery at Lakewood



Lakewood Retreat Dining Hall



Brandon and Demetri on the zipline at Lakewood Retreat

License free fishing weekend June 9 & 10

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Today, Governor Rick Scott announced that June 9th and 10th will be a license-free freshwater fishing weekend for Florida residents and visitors. Fishing licenses are not required on these weekends.

Governor Scott said, "Florida is known as the Fishing Capital of the World, and taking advantage of these license-free fishing weekends is the perfect opportunity

for Floridians and their families to get outdoors. I appreciate the hard work of FWC to ensure that Florida remains the Fishing Capital of the World."

Bo Rivard, Chairman of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said, "Summertime in the Sunshine State is great for getting on or near the water. I hope the different opportunities to fish license-free during the next two weekends will inspire new anglers to

give it a try. Established anglers, I encourage you to take a friend or family member out and introduce them to the Fishing Capital of the World!"

FWC offers eight total license-free fishing days each year. Bag limits, closed areas and size restrictions apply on these days. To learn more about license-free fishing days, visit MyFWC.com/License.

For fishing tips, visit MyFWC.com/Fishing.

High Point July Fourth Parade seeking entrants, participants

The annual High Point July Fourth Parade will be on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 at 9 a.m. Parade participation and attendance is open to all residents and organizations of Hernando County by golf cart, walking, bike, truck, van or car, bands, music, floats, dance groups, etc., or just come and watch.

Prizes are given in 9 categories for best decorations! The parade will start at 9:00 am at High

Point Blvd., just beyond the Community Information Booth, travel left down High Point Blvd. to Club House Road, and right on Club House Road to the Community Center located at 12249 Club House Road. Following the Parade the American Legion Post 186 Color Guard will post the Colors in front of the Community Center. Refreshments will be served in the Community Center following

the Color Guard service. Buy raffle tickets for the Patriotic Outdoor Bench, or a number of gift cards donated by local merchants.

Call High Point Community Property Owners at 352-596-2397 for a parade entry form, or to donate a raffle gift certificate. For more information, contact lynda6260@aol.com.

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Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

DIY Gift Wrap

It's that time of year when a flurry of invitations and announcements for events and celebrations arrive all at once — graduations, bridal showers, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, and yes, Father's Day on Sunday June 17!

Make your gift-giving special with two of my favorite and easy DIY ideas that you and your kids can do together for gift wrap that show your special touch, creativity and pizzazz.

USE FABRIC GIFTS AS THE WRAP

Like a beach towel! If there is a birthday in the house, or if your child is going off to summer camp, a colorful beach towel and items for "summer fun" are an ideal present. Instead of purchasing a gift bag, use the bright towel to wrap it all up. Fold the towel in half lengthwise. Make a triangular fold at the bottom and continue to make triangular folds until you reach the top — like folding a flag. If there is extra toweling at the top, fold it under. Pinch the two side end points and cinch them with ribbon or twine. Open the middle space to create a triangular pocket for tucking additional small gifts, such as flip flops, sunglasses, sunscreen and healthy snack bars. If there is space, roll up a fun magazine or comic book and a little bouquet of flowers for that pizzazz factor.

Or, are you giving ...
A cookbook? Tie a colorful dishtow-

el folded in half crosswise around it, and tie in a knot with a set of measuring spoons.

A baby gift? Roll it up in a light summer baby blanket with ribbons cinching the ends. Tie in a cute rattle.

A picnic basket? Pick up a vintage 1950s tablecloth to wrap around the basket for an eye-catching retro look.

A jewelry box? Wrap it in a fashion scarf twisted around and around and tie in a bow or loosely knot it and tuck inside the twists.

LET NATURE WRAP IT UP

Giving a bouquet of flowers? Instead of presenting the blooms in ho-hum tissue paper, newspaper or plastic from the florist or market, trim the stems and arrange in a canning jar or large recycled, clean glass jar. Wrap a woody



looking piece of birch bark (from fallen branches or your wood pile) around the container, and tie together tightly with twine to hold in place.

Or wrap with fresh large leaves, such as garden hosta. They are striking wrapped around a container, too.

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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Event Previews

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



2018 NAMI Lip Sync Battle
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2018 Lip Sync Battle – We Love the 80’s! NAMI FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018
 COCKTAILS: 5:00 P.M. | DINNER: 6:00 P.M. | SHOWTIME: 7:00 P.M.

All proceeds will benefit NAMI Hernando and Vincent Academy Adventure Coast. Distinguished Performers: Kevin Carroll, Lisa Judge, Karen Dove, Christie Williams, PHSC Students and choreographed by John Vincent Leggio
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FLORIDA BAY SCALLOPS

June 21st | 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Pasco Hernando State College Spring Hill Campus
 450 Beverly Ct, Spring Hill, FL 34606 | Building B Conference Room

Speakers
Dr. Stephen Geiger
 Research Scientist with FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute
Brittany Hall-Scharf
 Florida Sea Grant Agent with UF/IFAS Hernando County

At this seminar, attendees will learn:

- How to make Scallop Gyoatoku
- Scallop biology
- Management
- Changes to this upcoming season
- Boating safety

For any questions or concerns contact [Brittany Hall-Scharf](mailto:Brittany.Hall-Scharf@ufl.edu)



RECREATIONAL SCALLOPING SEMINAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2018
 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

*Seminar will take place in Building B Conference Room
 Join us for our second annual recreational scalloping seminar. Attendees will be able to try their hand at scallop Gyoatoku (while supplies last) and learn about scallop biology, changes to the upcoming seasons in Pasco and Hernando County, and boating safety.
Speakers:
 - Dr. Stephen Geiger, Research Scientist with FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute
 - Brittany Hall-Scharf, Florida Sea Grant Agent with UF/IFAS Extension Hernando County. This is a free event. For questions, please contact Brittany Hall-Scharf at bhallscharf@ufl.edu

Pasco Hernando State College, Spring Hill Campus is located at 450 Beverly Ct. Spring Hill, Florida 34606*

FROM OUR TABLE TO YOURS by Cheryl Clanton



Kids All-American Drink

Ingredients

- 1 Can Cherry Sprite
- 1 oz. Grenadine
- 1 Cup Pina Colada mix
- 1 cup Blueberry Koolaid

Directions

- Large Glass with Ice
- Pour Cherry Sprite with grenadine a 1/3 full
- Add pina Colada mix another 1/3 if glass
- Last pour Koolaid
- Hint: Top with cherry



BUG HOTEL FOR CRAWLIES

SATURDAY, DAY, JUNE 16, 2018 10 AM TO 11:30 PM

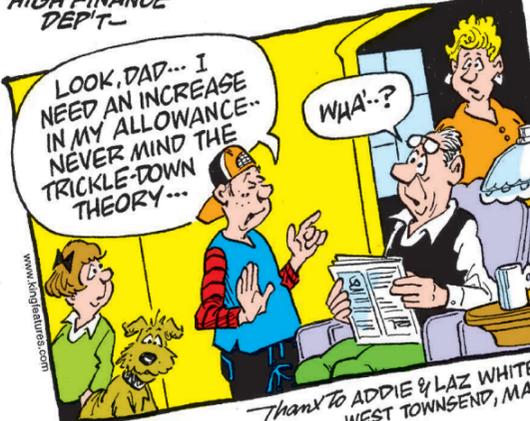
A bug hotel is a summer and winter habitat for beneficial insects — those garden critters that helps keep what the bad bugs do under control. Organic gardeners make sure that beneficial insects can safely lodge for the winter so when they wake up next Spring, and lay eggs, and sweep your plants clean of aphids and mites, you will be thankful. Learn how to recycle materials, where to get free materials and how to put those recycled things to use creating living space for those crawly critters. It's fun for all ages. 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.

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



THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

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LOOK, DAD... I NEED AN INCREASE IN MY ALLOWANCE... NEVER MIND THE TRICKLE-DOWN THEORY...

WHA--?!

Thank to ADDIE & LAZ WHITE, WEST TOWNSEND, MA.

BY AL SCADUTO

RIGHT QUESTION—WRONG ANSWER—HOPING THE GALS WILL SOON BE READY TO WORK...



DO YOU GIRLS KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS?

OH, YES, SIR... IT'S TIME FOR OUR COFFEE BREAK...

Thank to G. GELTNOR, ST. LOUIS, MO.

11TH ANNUAL RAP RIVER RUN

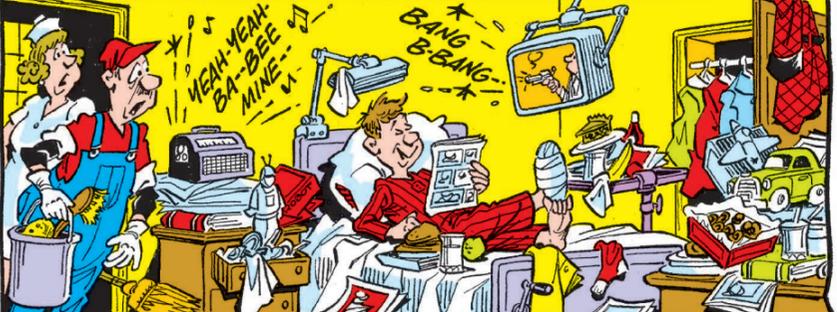
SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018
 6:30 AM

Many of the youth who arrive at the shelter hate school, feel frustrated and some are contemplating running away. For some their problems are compounded by drugs or alcohol. These youth ages 10-17 need someone to talk to. RAP House is that special place. Join us for the 11th Annual RAP River Run on June 9th at Sims Park in downtown NPR. Races include: 10K; 5K Run/Walk; Kid's Adventure Run with Obstacle Course Run along the shady river on USATF Certified Courses. All finishers receive: - custom medal - colorful tech shirt - goody bag - great post-race party

Go to: <http://www.rapriverrun.com/>
 Sims Park (Downtown New Port Richey)
 6400 Circle Blvd.; New Port Richey, FL

YOUNG HEKKIE WAS UNEASY BEING HOSPITALIZED... SO NURSE NELLIE TOLD HIM TO BE AT EASE... RELAX AND MAKE HIMSELF FEEL AT HOME... AND HE DOES, BUT LIKE, WE MEAN HE DOES...

Thank to STEVEN C. MASSAPEQUA, N.Y.



MEAN-MEAN-BEE-MINE...

BANG-B-BANG!

GIVE A PET A FOREVER HOME

VISIT OR CALL
 Hernando County Animal Services
 19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, FL

Calendar of Events

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.

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 18

SHAA 2018 First Date of Official Pre-Season training at Veterans Park
 WHEN: Sunday, June 18, 6pm – 8pm
 WHERE: Veterans Park 12254 Spring Hill Dr. Spring Hill,
 Description: Pre-Season Mini Camp Begins Monday June 18th, 2018 from 6pm-8pm. Pre-Season Mini Camp is Monday through Thursday for the week of June 18th and June 25th. Football participants will be notified of team assignment and practice schedule / location before the week of July 2nd. For more information and Online Registration available Visit www.shaaeagles.com for full details of Football & Cheer.

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.

Old Homosassa Fireworks
 WHEN: June 23, 2018 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm
 WHERE: Homosassa Riverside Resort
 Description: Homosassa's Fireworks display can be seen from MacRae's of Homosassa or Homosassa Riverside Resort starting at approximately 9:15 P.M. Come early for live music and other festivities starting at 1pm and lasting till 10 pm. For more information, call (352) 628-2602.

June 25

Arachnid Photography
 WHEN: Sunday, June 24, 10am – 2pm
 WHERE: Chinsegut Conservation Center, 23212 Lake Lindsey Rd, Brooksville, FL 34601, USA (map)
 Description: Learn about program mode, aperture priority mode, f-stop settings, exposure compensation, on-camera flash, flash compensation, focus and framing to capture that best shot of spiders in their natural environment. A macro lens is highly recommended for this workshop. Program offered by GreenFly Media, visit Creative-Nature-Photography.com to register. 20.00 Fee

June 30

Moon Over Croom 21M, 14M, 7M Trail Run
 WHEN: June 30, 2018 5:00 pm - 10:30 pm
 WHERE: Croom Park, Brooksville
 Description: The Moon Over Croom is brand new trail run that will take place in the evening at Croom Park in Brooksville — so you will be running in the dark. The course will use B-C Loop and the C-Loop making it a 7 mile loop. Great t-shirts, food, and an experience you won't forget so you don't want to miss this one. For the 2017 race, there is a limit of 250 runners. The main running trail is a 7 mile loop. The trail will be marked will be well marked for both daytime and the night running will utilize glow sticks to mark the course. Everyone will be required to have a headlamp/flashlight. Water stops approximately every 2 – 2.5 miles on the course. Race packets can be picked up from 4:45pm-8:00pm the day of the race. Start Times? 21 Mile – 6:00 pm, 14 Mile – 7:00 pm, 7 Mile – 8:00 pm. The start/finish is at the Tucker Hill Fire Tower.

Fourth of July

July 4 Celebration at the Bandshell
 Celebrate America! with your family, friends, and neighbors on July 4, at Brooksville's iconic Bandshell, capped by a thrilling concert by our own Hernando County Symphony Orchestra. From 4 – 8pm, the Hernando County Fine Arts Council will sponsor an afternoon of old fashioned fun and games complete with a petting zoo, storytelling, food, and other vendors. Pre-concert entertainment by Live Oak Theatre Company, Memories Quartet, Vicki Roush, and Al Chance. There is no admission charge, bring the entire family! For more information visit HernandoArts.org, or call the Hernando County Fine Arts Council at 352-587-8062.

Movie Times

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Friday, 08 June 2018 - Thursday, 14 June 2018

Action Point (R)	Daily except Thurs: 7:20PM, 9:50PM
Adrift (PG13)	Daily except Thurs: 1:30PM, 4:15PM, 7:25PM, 10:00PM
Avengers: Infinity War (PG13)	Daily except Thurs: 1:15PM, 5:25PM, 9:00PM
Book Club (PG13)	Daily except Thurs: 12:45PM, 3:45PM, 6:30PM, 9:30PM
Deadpool 2 (R)	Daily except Thurs: 12:45PM, 3:45PM, 6:45PM, 9:45PM
Ferdinand (PG)	Tues, Thurs: 10:00AM
Hereditary (R)	Daily except Thurs: 12:30PM, 3:35PM, 7:15PM, 9:35PM
Hotel Artemis (R)	Daily except Thurs: 1:15PM, 4:15PM, 7:15PM, 9:45PM
Incredibles 2, The (PG)	Thurs: 6:00PM, 9:00PM
Incredibles 2, The (PG)	Thurs: 5:00PM, 8:00PM
GTX (PG)	
Ocean's 8 (PG13)	Daily except Thurs: 12:30PM, 3:15PM, 6:15PM, 9:15PM
Ocean's 8 GTX (PG13)	Daily except Thurs: 1:00PM, 4:00PM, 7:00PM, 10:00PM
Show Dogs (PG)	Daily except Thurs: 12:45PM, 4:00PM
Solo: A Star Wars Story (PG13)	Fri, Sat, Mon, Tues: 1:15PM, 2:00PM, 4:30PM, 5:45PM, 7:40PM, 9:15PM. Sun, Wed: 1:15PM, 4:30PM, 7:40PM, 9:15PM
Space Jam (PG)	Sun: 2:00PM, 7:00PM. Wed: 4:00PM, 7:00PM
Upgrade (R)	Daily except Thurs: 1:00PM, 4:00PM, 7:00PM, 10:10PM

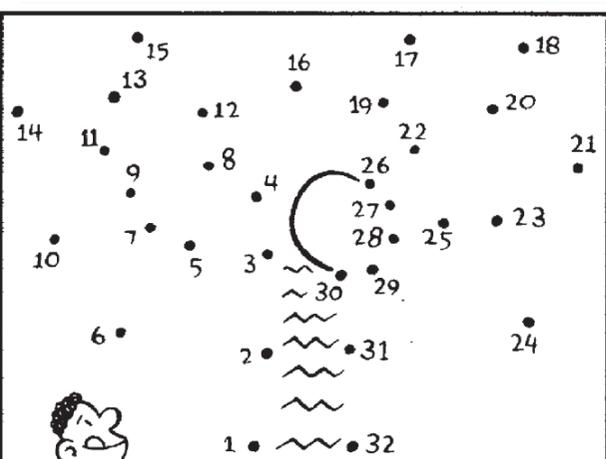
July 14

Mushrooms
 WHEN: July 14 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am
 WHERE: Zephyrhills Public Library, 5347 8th St, Zephyrhills
 Description: Workshop on small scale mushroom farming. Topics include mushroom cultivation and species selection. Please register for this FREE UF/IFAS Pasco Extension workshop which will take place at the Zephyrhills Library. Registration required.

Hernando Bowling Challenge
 WHEN: Saturday, July 14, 2018 13:00–18:00
 WHERE: Strike City3544 Mariner Blvd, Spring Hill, Florida 34609
 Description: Join us for the 1st Alzheimer's Family Organization Hernando Bowling Challenge. A 32 team - Double Elimination Tournament! Enter your Team today!!!! <https://alzheimersfamily.org/bowling/>
 If you are interested, there are several levels of sponsorship, opportunities to form a team, and prize donations! Participate in a fun TEAM BUILDING exercise with your staff or your family, and help raise money for an important resource for the community!

July 18

Politics in the Park
 WHEN: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 from 5 pm - 9 pm
 WHERE: Nature Coast Technical High School, 4057 California Street, Brooksville.
 Description: Meet and greet the local 2018 candidates at an old-fashioned political rally. This is your opportunity to meet local, state and federal candidates and discuss important election issues facing our community. Free admission. Straw Poll. Register to vote on site. Fun, food and more. For more information, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 352-796-0697, like our Facebook page, and visit our website www.hernandochamber.com for this and other upcoming events.



DO YOU KNOW what nut is a pleasant winter's drink? Connect the dots and find out!
 Answer: COCOA Nut.

A LUCKY PROBLEM! Professor Flunkum challenges you to write a math expression, using seven 7's, that will equal 100. You have seven minutes to pass this test.
 One Answer: $(7 \times 7) + (7 \times 7) = 49 + 49 + 2 = 100.$

CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.
 Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Dirk, dirt, dirt, dirt, dirt, dirt, dent, dens, debts, debt.



FIND THE BIG WORDS

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Illustrated by David Coulson

Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Dirk, dirt, dirt, dirt, dirt, dirt, dent, dens, debts, debt.



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

- DEFINITIONS:**
- What you get for speeding.
 - A military base jail.
 - No longer in fashion.
 - A nuclear plant accident.
 - A tough biscuit.
 - Seaward pull of waves.
 - To argue in favor of.
 - Type of door lock.
- ANAGRAM:**
- teed + tick
 - odes + tack
 - duet + mood
 - town + meld
 - dart + hack
 - rude + town
 - toad + cave
 - load + debt
- Answers: 1. Ticked. 2. Stockade. 3. Outmoded. 4. Meltdown. 5. Hardtack. 6. Undertow. 7. Advocate. 8. Deadbolt.

Adopt Today

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



Gabe (tan colored dog, male, about 40 lbs, ID # 10315461) and Santini (brown/black colored dog, male, about 45 lbs, ID#10315460). These good-looking boys came in together and are sharing a kennel. They have been friendly and outgoing towards people and no aggression has been seen towards other dogs. They are playful, young, sweet and lovable. Would be nice to get them adopted together, but not a must. Good, suitable home is most important. Both will need a little training as far as leash walking goes. Need a secure fenced in yard with supervision outside. Hernando County Animal Services, 19450 Oliver St, Brooksville, FL.



Renegade (black and brown colored dog, male ID # 10315345). He came into the shelter with many other dogs, mostly Shepherds because he was confiscated from his owner. He's a senior but he has been neglected for quite some time. Yesterday we took him out and gave him a nice bath which he really enjoyed. He's a kind and gentle old soul that would love to spend his senior years in the cool and maybe a nice couch or dog bed to rest his body. If you love Shepherds, Hernando County Animal Services has many lreedy for adoption. Come visit on Tuesday! Hernando Animal Services, 19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, FL 352-796-5062.



(White and brown colored dog, male ID #10315391) Sweet male American bulldog mix. Seems sad at the shelter. Seems good with other dogs. Pretty good on leash. Did excellent while getting a bath yesterday. Please make sure to ask for him because he is on inside of a kennel. Hernando Animal Services, 19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, FL 352-796-5962.



(Black colored dog, female ID # 10315490) This is a sweet female lab mix picture doesn't do her justice. She young and very playful so difficult to get a good picture. She also loves being close to you jumped right into my lap when I sat down. Please come visit her! Hernando Animal Services, 19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, FL 352-796-5052.



(Black and white colored cat, ID #10315613) This cat was trapped by a citizen on Lonsome Rd. and transported to the shelter. This cat was not able to be handled at the time of photo, may come around with some time. This cat becomes property of the shelter 6-6-18. Hernando Animal Services, 19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, FL 352-796-5052.



(Black colored cat, female, ID #10315603) This kitten was trapped by a citizen on Fraser St. and transported to the shelter. This kitten is not well socialized, scared, may come around with some time. Hernando Animal Services, 19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, FL 352-796-5052.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

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

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

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

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

Grace World Outreach Church, "Bible Bootcamp" June 18-22, 9AM to noon; free to children age 5 to 11; Contact: Pastor Jesse Wilson (352) 796-3685 Address: 20366 Cortez Blvd.

Nativity Lutheran Church, "SonRise National Park" June 18-22 9AM to 12:15PM free to children age 3 (toilet trained) through 12. Teens 12+ are welcome to be junior guides. Address: 6363 Commercial Way, Weeki Wachee. A free lunch will be provided at noon daily, courtesy of Hernando County Schools. Early registration is encouraged; forms are available at nlcwv.org, nativitylutheran63@gmail.com or in the office. Call (352) 597-1456.

First Baptist Church of Brooksville, "GAME ON!" June 18-22 6PM to 8:30PM Free to children age 3 through sixth grade. Online registration is available at fcb-brooksville.org/events/ Call (352) 796-6791 Address: 420 Howell Ave., Brooksville Brooksville First United Methodist Church, "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus" June 25-29; 9AM- noon; For children in kindergarten through fifth grade (preschool spaces accepted on a waiting list) from 9 a.m. to noon. A donation of \$15 is requested. Register at fumcbrooksville.com/vbs-2018/ Call (352) 796-3363; Address: 109 S. Broad St., Brooksville

Ridge Manor Community United Methodist Church, "AMPED!" July 16-20; 9AM to Noon; Free to children from pre-kindergarten (toilet trained) through fifth grade (rising). Register between June 1 and July 14 online at rmcumc.net or at the church's Facebook site. Registration is also available at the church. Call (352) 583-0111. Address: 34350 Cortez Blvd.

First United Methodist Church of Spring Hill, "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus" July 23-27; 8:30 a.m. to noon; Free to children age 4 through fifth grade. To register, call (352) 683-2600/2015 to have forms emailed or stop by the church. Call (352) 683-2600. Address: 9344 Spring Hill Drive.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Free Bible School for adults and children July 24-26; 6:30 to 8 p.m. Families will praise and worship God together, followed by an age-appropriate Bible study, using the theme of 2 Peter 1:3. Registration not required. Call (727) 856-8336. Address: 14236 County Line Road, Hudson,

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Session: Week 2: 06/11/18 - Backyard Games
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Fantastic News: Breakfast & Lunch will be provided for each camper daily.
Campers should come prepared with tennis shoes, comfortable clothing, swimsuit, towel, spray sunscreen, (2) snacks and a refillable water bottle.
For more information, please contact the Hernando County Branch at 352-688-9622. Dates From June 11, 2018 to June 15, 2018
Times: 9am to 4pm
Facility: Hernando County Activity/Teen Center
Open for registration

Week 3: 06/18/18 - Happy Holidays
Field Trip: Celebration Station
Scheduled camp day is from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Morning care starting at 7:30 am and Afternoon care ending at 5:30 pm is available at NO additional fee.
Fantastic News: Breakfast & Lunch will be provided for each camper daily.
Campers should come prepared with tennis shoes, comfortable clothing, swimsuit, towel, spray sunscreen, (2) snacks and a refillable water bottle.
For more information, please contact the Hernando County Branch at 352-688-9622. Dates: From June 18, 2018 to June 22, 2018
Times: 9am to 4pm
Facility: Hernando County Activity/Teen Center

• **Hernando County Schools is offering a Springs Coast Environmental Camp** find out more and sign up here: <https://www.hernandoschools.org/Page/4615>
SESSIONS: June 18-22; June 25-29; July 9-13; July 16-20

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

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

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

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

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

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

• **Saint Leo University is offering a summer program for kids 15-18**, which runs from June 24-29. The focus is on CSI Crime Scene Investigation, and is a hands on camp, which allows the student to also see what it's like to live on campus. For more informa-

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After a dozen or so conversations during the last week seeking information on trail-cameras, I thought I'd share a few things I've learned about their usage over the last few years. But, before I do, I want to just suggest that a good trail-camera is no replacement for basic woodsman-ship. Learning to read sign properly can give you the same information as the camera.

The only advantage the camera has been for me, has been to provide photographic evidence of the deer I'm planning to hunt.

Now, a proper trail-camera setup is a very important part of their use and oftentimes the most overlooked. Too many of us expect to throw a camera on a tree and have deer walk past. Though it's not quite that simple, by taking your time and following these steps, you will generate better photos which will give you a better idea of the bucks on your property and locations to hunt them.

Location

Let's face it, you will not get pictures of deer if there aren't any deer around. Just like hunting, you want to pick a location that deer are frequenting at that given time of the year. This could include a water hole now in the heat of the Summer, field entrances to cut hay fields or the upwind side of a timbered ridge where deer will bed down to take advantage of the breeze. The more evidence of deer in the area, the more photos you'll find on your SD card

Direction

What goes up must come down. I'm talking about the sun. Make sure your camera is not facing directly into the sunrise or sunset. Many times we forget this simple step and get blurred or whited-out photos from the sun's glare. It's best to face trail-cameras north or south, but at least try to avoid facing the shutter due east or west. Also, if placing a camera on a trail, orient it at a 45-degree angle to the trail instead of head on. This will not only give your trail-camera wider viewing and more potential to trigger and catch a deer in the frame as it moves along, but it also keeps the camera out of the deer's face for less chances to spook it.

Height

Get those cameras up! When setting up a trail-camera, I believe you should always make sure the camera is at least as high as your head. I think deer are much less likely to notice cameras placed six feet or more off the ground. Trail-cameras placed lower can be right in a deer's face, making it more likely they will notice the camera.

Might be just a little picky, but by simply moving your camera up the tree and angling it down, you'll improve your odds.

Now, some believe it can be more difficult to estimate the age of bucks in photos taken from a high angle because features like belly and neck lines are less visible. When age is important, like with a trail-camera survey this time of the year, keep cameras lower but make some effort to conceal it.

If you've figured out a proper set up for your trail-camera, the proof will be in the photos! So, keep these simple steps in mind and see what you get, then adjust your setup as you go to continue improving your success. Good luck!

And 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!



Left: A Trail-camera photo of a doe and wild turkeys and, above, a doe with her fawn in Citrus County.

SPORTS

Hernando County 2018 baseball wrap up

BY ANDY VILLAMARZO
HERNANDO SUN WRITER
PHOTOGRAPHY BY
CHERYL CLANTON

With Nature Coast Technical High School's 4-1 loss to Jacksonville Bolles in the Class 5A state semifinals, prep baseball finally concludes in Hernando County and caps one of the best seasons the county has seen in recent memory. The Sharks were able to ride the hot arm of pro prospect Jonathan Gates, who is surely going to be drafted by a Major League Baseball team this week in the 2018 MLB Draft. Hernando was able to have another tremendous season under Tim Sims, in which the Leopards finished second in Class 5A, District 7 behind Nature Coast. Springstead clinched a

postseason spot in Class 6A and had another stellar season, despite coming up short against Dunnellon in the region semifinals. Central and Weeki Wachee showed progress throughout the 2018 campaign, with both teams having great promise for the 2019 season. We now go team by team and look back on the 2018 prep baseball campaign.

Central (13-13): The Bears ended up finishing fourth in Class 5A, District 7 and despite not reaching the postseason, Central saw plenty of improvement throughout the season. Central was able to defeat Hernando during the regular season, which showed signs that the Bears are on the right track moving forward.

Hernando (22-7): Tim Sims' ball club completed what was another impres-



NCT celebrates the region win against Orlando Bishop Moore on May 16, 2018

sive season of baseball, as the Leopards finished second in Class 5A, District 7 behind Nature Coast Technical. The Leopards have plenty of talent coming back for the 2019 season, including Carson Lashley, who batted a team-high .489 with 44 hits. Hernando was solid on the base pads, stealing 75 bases this past year.

Nature Coast (26-5): No team in Hernando County had a better run through the regular season, districts and the playoffs than Nature Coast, whom reached the Class 5A state semifinals, before falling to Jacksonville Bolles. The Sharks will go into a little bit of a rebuilding mode after losing top pitcher Jonathan Gates to graduation. Nature Coast notched a very impressive postseason win over the always good Orlando Bishop Moore.

Springstead (18-11): The Eagles will be losing one of its top pitchers from 2018 in Kevin Tomas, who graduated this spring. Springstead will lean more upon the arm of senior Jack Jasiak, who was the other ace on the pitching staff. For the Eagles, they should be a contender once again in Class 6A, District 6 with Dunnellon and fellow

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HERNANDO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

SPORT/ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Belly Dancing	Monday / Wed	5:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Hernando Park Community Activity Center/ Teen Hall	Jaynellen; Phone: (352) 540-1568 Email: jaynellen333@sbcglobal.net
Belly Dancing	Tuesdays	5:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Spring Hill Lake House	Jaynellen Phone: (352) 540-1568 Email: jaynellen333@sbcglobal.net
Baton	Tuesdays	3 - 8 p.m.	Kennedy Park	Diane Sorvillo Phone: (352) 212-6077
Tae Kwon Do (beginners with advanced class to follow)	Mondays	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Delta Woods Park	
Tae Kwon Do (beginners with advanced class to follow)	Fridays	6 - 7 p.m.	Kennedy Park	
Cheerleading (class times vary by age)	Thursdays	6 - 8:45 p.m.	Delta Woods Park	All American Youth Phone: (813) 885-2292 www.AllAmericanYouth.org
Dance	Tuesdays	6 - 8:45 p.m.	Delta Woods Park	All American Youth Phone: (813) 885-2292 www.AllAmericanYouth.org
Tennis	Schedule with Instructor	Schedule with Instructor	Delta Woods Park	Doug Haskedakes Phone: (352) 848-7539

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Carson Lashley at bat against NCT, May 4, 2018

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Central team talk before they face off in the district game against Hudson on May 1, 2018

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16121 Commercial Way, Brooksville, FL 34614
June 8 - 16, 2018

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

200 MTR CLOSED

16 OR, TRAP, SKEET 9-3

IDPA MATCH N BAYS 9AM
100 YD HI PWR 200 MTR 9AM

GUN CLASS 50 YD 9AM

17 OR, TRP, SKT & F STD 9-3 IHMSA & 22 RIFLE SILH 200 MTR 9AM FAST DRAW 9:30 AM PPC 2 GUN N BAYS 9AM 4-H 1 PM TRAP & 50YD

18 RANGE CLOSED

19 OR, TRAP, SKEET & FIVE STAND 9-2 BULLSEYE 50 YD 9AM IDPA PRACTICE N BAYS 9-11 & 200 YD11-2 COWBOY 9AM NIGHT OR & TRAP 5-9

20 OR, TRAP & SKEET 9-2 STEEL PRACTICE N BAYS 9AM

21 OR, TRAP & SKEET 9-2 HI PWR & MOD F PRACTICE 200 MTR 9-1 COWBOY N BAYS 9AM NIGHT OR & TRAP 5-9

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

23 OR, TRAP SKEET 9-3

2 GUN MATCH N BAYS 9AM APPLESEED RIFLE 200 MTR

Amber Waves



SOLUTION PAGE 17

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

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

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Bleacher Talk Play by Play: NCT vs. Bolles in Baseball 5A State Semifinal

ARTICLE AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY CHERYL CLANTON

On Thursday May 31, 2018 Nature Coast Technical baseball team made it to the 2018 FHSAA 5A State Semi-Finals game #1. Bolles Bulldogs vs Nature Coast Sharks. This time I'm giving you the play by play from my home watching it on live stream. My dogs looked at me kinda weird as I cheered throughout the game. The Hernando Sun congratulates the Sharks for making it to state.

Now on with the game play by play. Play Ball.... Sharks are up first to bat.

Top of 1st inning

First to bat is Zach Funkhouser, base hit up the center and on 1st. Way to start it off.

JP Gates steps up next and hits to Bulldog shortstop Max Ferguson. Ferguson throws Zach Funkhouser out at second, tried for the double but Gates safe on first. 1 Out. Brandon Riera steps into the batter's box, in the meantime Bulldog pitcher Hunter tries to take out Gates- out on first. Brandon Riera hits again to Bulldog shortstop, but this time the Bulldogs complete the double play making 3 outs.

Bottom of 1st

For the Bolles Max Ferguson was first up to bat, he hit out to right field. Sharks right fielder over throws second and Ferguson extends his hit to a double. Mac Forrester stepped into the batter's box and stepped out- striking out, 1 out. Hunter Barco steps up and makes a shot to left center, got an RBI and got on third base. Paul Kuehn was up and hit to right field, caught by Funkhouser making two outs. Funkhouser misses, stepped too late to get the ball home to stop Barco



NCT after their Region semifinal win

from making the second run for the Bolles. Bryson Kirksey steps up to bat with two outs, and strikes out to make three outs.

Top of 2nd

Brandon Frangione is up first this inning and hits a shallow right field fly, caught by Jack Brady. 1 out. Brennan Cross hits shallow fly and caught by second baseman Jack Brady. 2 outs. Chase Davis steps in the batter's box with two outs against the Sharks, and goes down swinging making three outs. Three up, Three down for the Sharks.

Bottom of 2nd

Cal Henrichsen is first up for the Bolles, JP Gates strikes out Henrichsen-shuts him down. 1 out. Will Shepherd hits to right field for a base hit. JP Gates tries to pick Shepherd off on first a couple times with no luck. Jack Brady steps into the batter's box next. Gates throws pitch and Shepherd goes for the steal to second, catcher Brandon Riera throws to second and it goes into center field. Shepherd safe. Gates in constant watch of Shepherd. Gates

throws pitch and it takes a bounce and Shepherd is stealing third. Catcher Riera catches the bounce, throws to third but it goes out to left field, Shepherd runs home making the third run for the Bulldogs. Sharks need to settle down, Gates focuses on Brady. Gates racked up on balls with a 3 - 2 count to Brady and Brady is walked to first. Jackson Mayo is up, Gates throws the pitch to Mayo and Brady is stealing second, catcher Brandon Riera takes the throw to second to Zeth Rodriguez to make the second out. Full count against Mayo, and is walked to first. Next up is Max Ferguson with two outs against the Bolles. Gates throws and Mayo steals second, Riera throws to second and Zeth Rodriguez takes Mayo out to make three outs.

Top of 3rd

Sharks up to bat, Jonathan McMath stepping up to plate. McMath chopped to first and out 1. Designated hitter Kevin Funkhouser is up to bat, Hunter Barco threw the pitch and hit Kevin Funkhouser. Funk-

houser went to first. Zeth Rodriguez hits a shallow fly to left field making the second out for the Sharks. Top of lineup- Zach Funkhouser is up to bat, and his younger brother Kevin Funkhouser is on first. Zach Funkhouser leads the state with 49 scores. Pitch is thrown in the dirt and Kevin Funkhouser steals second. Zach Funkhouser is two for two with RBI hit out to left center field as Kevin Funkhouser comes in at home. Funkhouser brought in Funkhouser for the Sharks to put them on the board with the first run of the game. Zach Funkhouser stands on first and JP Gates steps up to bat. Hunter Barco tries to pick Zach Funkhouser off a few times at first without luck. Barco throws to first, Funkhouser goes for second and first baseman Paul Kuehn throws Zach Funkhouser out at second for the Sharks third out.

Bottom of 3rd

Bulldogs start off with the top of their lineup with Max Ferguson. Ferguson smoked it out to right center and gets a double. Next up Mac Forrester, bunts to move Ferguson to third. Gates picks up the bunt and fires to first to get Forrester out on first. Lefty Hunter Barco is in the batter's box, hits out to center for the second out while a run comes in. Making the Bolles fourth run. Paul Kuehn is up and pops up in the infield and caught by Chase Davis making three outs.

Top of 4th

JP Gates backup to bat, chops to second Jack Brady

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who throws Gates out on first. Brandon Riera gets walked to first. Brandon Frangione hits out to left center field- caught making the second out for the Sharks. Brennan Cross hits out to left field making the third out.

Bottom of 4th

Bryson Kirksey hits out to right center field, Sharks Zach Funkhouser comes in sliding to catch the first out against the Bolles. Cal Henrichsen hit up to first for the second out. Will Shepherd was walked to first. Jack Brady steps up to the plate, grounds to JP Gates and is thrown out at first making third out.

Top of 5th

Going into the top of the fifth inning Bulldogs with 4 and Sharks with 1 run. The first up this inning for the Sharks is Chase Davis. Davis hits out to right field caught by Mac Forrester for the first out. Sharks Jonathan McMath steps up to the plate and is walked to first. Kevin Funkhouser grounded to second and McMath is taken out for the second out. Kevin Funkhouser on first. Zeth Rodriguez grounds to shortstop and Funkhouser is thrown out on second for the third out for this inning.

Bottom of 5th

Jackson Mayo up for the Bolles, hits out to center field which is caught by Brandon Frangione making the first out. Top of the lineup Max Ferguson steps up, hits shallow to right center field for a base hit. Mac Forrester is struck out

by Gates for the second out. Hunter Barco is walked to first, with Ferguson on second. With Paul Kuehn stepping into the box and hitting to right field as Zach Funkhouser catching the ball for the third out.

Top of 6th

This inning Sharks start off with the top of the lineup- Zach Funkhouser. Funkhouser battles with Hunter Barco but goes down swinging for the first out. JP Gates hits to center field and is caught by Bryson Kirksey for second out. Brandon Riera hits grounder to to second and thrown out at first, making third out.

Bottom of 6th

Bryson Kirksey hits a chopped ball to third and is thrown out at first. 1 Out. Gates walked back to back batters Cal Henrichsen and Will Shepherd. Jack Brady steps up hit to second and is thrown out on first - 2nd out. Connor Stoll hits chopped ball to third and Sharks get the third out at first.

Top of 7th

Sharks keeping the Bulldogs to a 3 run lead, but need to step it up to either tie or more to keep this game going. Brandon Frangione steps in the box for the Sharks, hits to third and thrown out at first. 1 out. Breenon Cross steps up and goes down swinging. 2nd out. Chase Davis steps up to the plate, it's a must to keep it going for the Sharks. Davis struck out for the 3rd out. Bolles take the Win 4 -1.

STATE from page 1

Florida State League, the Sharks bats couldn't get their rhythm going, and the team would lose their Final Four game to the two-time defending Class 5A champion Jacksonville-Bolles Bulldogs, 4-1.

Both teams had their ace pitch the entirety of the game. Sharks ace J.P. Gates threw 85 pitches in the loss, finishing with four strikeouts and six walks, and Bolles junior Hunter Barco threw 99, finishing with four strikeouts and two walks. Gates mentioned how good their lineup was, saying "They (Bolles) were good from one to nine. There wasn't anybody in the lineup I felt I could just blow it by them."

Bolles head coach Mike Boswell, in his third straight Final Four appearance, wasn't counting out NCT at all. "They're an up-and-coming school, had a great year. They didn't seem intimidated at all about the big stage. They came out ready to play from the first pitch. Their pitcher is really good, and it was fortunate to get him early and leave it up to our big guy and his arm."

The Sharks collected the first hit of the game, with senior right fielder Zach Funkhouser lacing an early offering to center. However, the next batter

grounded into a double play, and the threat was ended.

From there, Bolles started to show why they were the defending state champions. Senior shortstop Max Robinson sent a Gates pitch to right, and the throw in was slow enough to where he could lace out a double. From there, Gates struck out the next batter, but couldn't get past Barco, who took a pitch to deep left-center for a RBI triple. A sacrifice fly to right field would score Barco, who narrowly beat the laser throw from Funkhouser.

Another run in the second would make the score 3-0 before the Sharks struck. With one out in the third, freshman Kevin Funkhouser was hit by Barco, stole second base, and then scored on a single by his older brother. "That was nice, being able to score him. I just wish we could've gotten a few more," Zach said afterwards.

The final run of the game was scored in the bottom of the third, when Ferguson laced his second double, advanced to third on a sacrifice, and then scored on a sac fly to center.

After the game, Sharks head coach Frank Vitale summed up the team's bats going cold: "We had solid contact all game, but almost all of ours went right at the defenders,



NCT hat and glove left at first base

while their's found the gaps. But that's baseball. We played well, they played a little better."

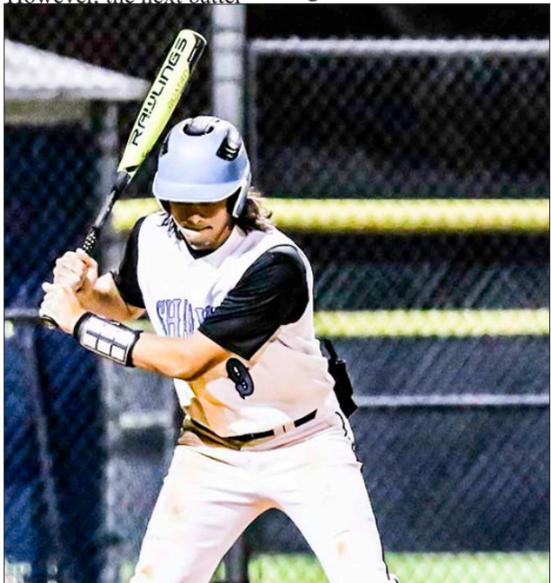
With the loss, the Sharks close one of the best high school preparatory careers in history, as Gates currently has two options coming up: he will either go pitch at the University of Miami, where he committed as a sophomore, or he could be selected in the upcoming 2018 MLB Entry Draft. Regardless of which path he takes, Gates is certain to do one thing: stifle opposing hitters with his craft.

That said, the Sharks have no reason to hang their heads, as the made history for the school this year. According to Gates, "We're not a baseball school. We put baseball on the map these last few years, winning three straight district championships, and now this (Final Four appearance). The school even televised it for our students who couldn't make it here, but the amount of people who did, it was flabbergasting. And now we're going to get a banner put up in our school, which has never been done before. It's

WRAP UP from page 11

Hernando County rival, Weeki Wachee.

Weeki Wachee (11-14): With notching 11 wins on the season, the Hornets were competitive with everyone they faced throughout the 2018 campaign, but they'll be losing ace pitcher Dalton Mosser to graduation. Weeki Wachee should remain in contention, however, in 6A-6 with plenty of returning talent to the



Zach Funkhouser March 1, 2018

Solution to Crossword on page 15

King Crossword

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2018 Valedictorians and Salutatorians

F.W. Springstead High School

Valedictorian: Joseph Masotti



GPA: 4.71
College: Florida State Honors College
Planned Major: Philosophy
Extracurricular Activities: Model United Nations, Springstead Political Initiative (SPI), National Honor Society
Most looking forward to: New friendships and working towards a law degree
Who helped along the way: My parents
Most Thankful for: Family that supported me through school

Salutatorian: Briana Morgan



education for Students of Other Languages, with a minor in Women's and Gender study
Extracurricular Activities: VP of National Honors Society, academic team captain placing 4th at State, Spanish Club scoring superior at State, Thespian State Festival
Most looking forward to: A different environment, with the diversity found in a big city
Who helped along the way: My family and our IB Coordinator Mr. Imhof
Most Thankful for: The IB community I was able to be apart of for the last four years, and the close family that it created.

College: Honors College at Boston University
Planned Major: English Edu-

Spring Hill Christian Academy

Valedictorian: Ashley Banas



Children's church, volunteering in Vacation Bible School, Youth Group Council member, Student Council member
Most looking forward to: The experience of being on a college campus and experiencing campus life while furthering my education.
Who helped along the way: Many people have helped me along the way including my pastors, my teachers and my friends. My mom has been my biggest supporter and always encouraged me to always do my best and be the best I could be.
Most thankful for: My relationship with God. I am thankful to my parents, my family and friends, and my teachers for always being there with me in the good times, and for helping me when times have been tough.

GPA: 4.28
College: Bob Jones University - South Carolina
Planned Major: Master of Science in Exercise Science
Extracurricular Activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, X-Country, volunteering at my church as a teacher in

Salutatorian: Austin Farmerie



Pursuing a degree. I am also excited to explore and live in a new place and see what it has to offer. I am also looking forward to making new friends and moving forward to my future.
Who has helped you along the way: God, my mom, my family and my friends. They have always encouraged me to keep going and have taught me to be the best version of myself. My mom has always been my biggest supporter with everything I do.
What are you thankful for: I am thankful for the unconditional love shown for me throughout my whole life. Without God and each person alongside me on my journey, I would not be the person that I am today. I am also thankful for the ability to have an education, because it is the stepping stone for my future.

GPA: 4.21
College: Liberty University - Virginia
Planned Major: Mass Media / Communications
Extracurricular Activities: Karate, Volunteering and teaching the PreK Kids at my church. I also enjoy making YouTube Videos.
Most Looking Forward to:

Weeki Wachee High School

Valedictorian: Trista Whiteaker



GPA: 4.54
College: PHSC
Planned Major: Pediatrician
Extracurricular Activities: Cheer, soccer, work, helping/working with children
Who helped along the way: Parents, teachers, coaches, and a special thanks to my mom and Mr. Fierro! Couldn't of done it without them.
Most Thankful for: Having the opportunity to partake in the dual enrollment program that gave me a head start into my future.

Salutatorian: Victoria Goldner



Sign Language, sailing in college, earning dive certification, and my intended career rehabilitating and restoring coral reefs.
Who helped along the way: Coaches, teachers, several other mentors, and most importantly, my amazing Parents. I would not be who or where I am today without these people and I am forever grateful for the impact they've had on my life.
Most Thankful for: Everything in my life thus far, whether positive or negative; without all those experiences, I would not be the individual I am today. I am most thankful, though, for my parents, who love, encourage, and support me in everything I do and do absolutely everything they can to help me succeed.

GPA: 4.5
College: New College of Florida
Planned Major: Marine Biology
Extracurricular Activities: Marching Band (head drum major), Track & Field (high jump school record holder, district champ), National Honor Society (president)
Most looking forward to: Learning

Hernando High School

Valedictorian: Alison Pager



very excited to embark on this next journey in continuing my education! I plan to pursue a career in prosthetics and health technology and, eventually, health care reform. My time at Hernando has taught me so much, and one of the most important factors is that I want to be successful in my future and be able to give back to others and help others.
Who has helped you along the way: I am very thankful for my leopard family at Hernando, all of the teachers, staff, students, and administration have been the most amazing people I could ask for in my life. My family has played such a huge role in my life, I am so thankful for their never ending love and support!
What are you thankful for: I'm super thankful for the opportunities that this county and HHS have presented to me over the years. We are part of such a loving community and I am so appreciative of all of their support and encouragement!

GPA: 4.723
College: University of Florida
Planned Major: Double major in Biomedical and Mechanical Engineering to pursue a career in prosthetics, health technology, and bionic robotics.
Extracurriculars: President of National Honor Society, President of Key Club, Secretary of Interact Club, Secretary of the Class of 2018, Secretary of the School Advisory Council, HHS Senior Student Delegate, Academic Team Captain, Envirothon Team Captain, U.S Presidential Scholar Semifinalist, received AA degree from PHSC.
What to look forward to: I am

Salutatorian: Karli Kimbrough



GPA: 4.69
College: University of Florida
Extracurriculars: All County Athlete, starter in volleyball, basketball and softball; In tennis district/regional champion

Central High School

Valedictorian: Nicholas Vollmer



GPA: 4.27
College: PHSC then University of South Florida
Planned Major: Mathematics
Extracurricular Activities: NHS and Beta Club
Most looking forward to: Being a fun math teacher one day like Mrs. Kelton and Mrs. Trowell
Who helped along the way: Mrs. Kelton and Mrs. Trowell
Most Thankful for: That I've had really great teachers that didn't get mad when I'd throw humor into assignments rather than just doing a boring, simple assignment.

Salutatorian: Lydia Irvani

GPA: 4.23
College: Florida State University
Planned Major: Exploratory
Most looking forward to: The opportunities that the future holds
Who helped along the way: Parents, family, teachers
Most Thankful for: The opportunities I have been given.

Wider Horizons School

Valedictorians



Hannah Lindsey Chua



Keryth Rowland

GPA: Unweighted 4.0
Completed AA degree at: PHSC
College: USF Honors College, Pre-Nursing
Planned Major: Nursing, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesia
Extra Curricular: singer-songwriter-guitarist, Phi Theta Kappa, National Honor Society
Looking Forward to: Studying abroad,
Who helped along the way: Parents, brother, aunt and uncles, and friends
Most thankful for: Endless support and love from my family and friends

GPA: Unweighted 4.0
Completed AA degree at: PHSC
College: Full Sail University
Planned Major: Computer Animation
Who helped along the way: Parents, Sisters, Family

Faith Christian Academy

Valedictorian: Magnolia Harper



GPA: 3.73
College: PHSC
Planned Major: Completing Associates in Arts Degree
Extracurricular Activities: Several statewide academics competitions for quizzing, spelling, writing and Bible, Volleyball and Basketball.
Who helped along the way: Principal
Most Thankful for: Parents and teachers for all their help

Nature Coast Technical High School

Valedictorian: Olivia Schlum
GPA: 4.57
College: University of Florida
Planned Major: Studying Law

Salutatorian: Justin VanCleave
GPA: 4.56
College: Florida State University
Planned Major: Economics and Statistics.

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BY SUE QUIGLEY
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

Located in Brooksville, Natures Pet Loss is offering pet owners a unique method of cremation known as aquamation.

Owner Joyce Moreau feels saying goodbye to a beloved family pet is never easy.

"It's not just about the pet, it's also about the "pet parents" and the grief they're going through," she explained. "I like to be here for the parents day or night.

Moreau, who previously worked in the human funeral industry, launched Natures Pet Loss more than 5 years ago. She said the popularity of pet cremations almost doubles annually as an ever-growing number of pet owners wish to give their animals a dignified and respectful send-off.

"Aquamation is a more compassionate and dignified process to take care of your loved ones than the traditional extreme heat of a 1600°F flame cremation Florida State Law requires," she said.

Aquamation was first developed as an eco-alternative to burial and cremation. With land for burials dwindling and conventional flame cremations that produce chemicals into our atmosphere, aquamation is now seen as the greenest method for after-life care, whether it be for pets or humans.

When preparing the body of a pet, Moreau's professional staff first take clippings of the pet's hair, fur or feathers and makes its paw print in soft clay, along with the pet's name. The clay is then baked allowing it to harden and given to the owners to cherish. Aquamation can include

any pet from 2 grams to 400 pounds — fish, mice, gerbils, hamsters, rabbits, reptiles, felines, dogs — any family pet member you can think of, including horses under 400 pounds.

Each pet also receives a custom stainless steel tag that stays with the pet at all times throughout the process to maintain the integrity of each pet and that no commingling takes place.

The process is called alkaline hydrolysis — a method that speeds up the natural way a body breaks down.

"The pet is put in a stainless steel container and placed into the aquamation chamber followed by warm water mixed with alkaline and heated to 202 F," said Moreau. "This first step takes about 24 hours and the body breaks down to its natural by-products of amino acids, sugar, salt, peptides and bones."

The next step is drying process. The bones are placed in an environmentally controlled room and air dried from two to seven days.

"We take extreme measures that each pet and only that pet keeps its integrity at every stage of the process," said Moreau. "I personally guarantee that the pet remains are intact and not commingled."

(This is not the case with flame cremations — see Florida Statute 497.608) Finally in the process, the remains are then broken down in another controlled environment and placed into the urn of the pet owner's

choice. "With the aquamation process, we get at least 20 percent more remains than with a flame cremation," Moreau said. "The entire process — from receiving the pet and giving back the remains to the owner may take anywhere from four to seven days."

"We do not rush the process," she added, "Taking our time and caring for the family pet is extremely important to us." Another benefit of aquamation is that it does not destroy artificial implants like pacemakers, hip and knee replacements or prosthetics allowing them to be reused. Microchips and breast implants are also undamaged using the process whereas in a flame cremation, all would be destroyed or damaged beyond repair.

"What's left from the whole aquamation process after only the bones remain is fertile water containing no DNA or RNA, making it completely sterile.

Natures Pet Loss center is staffed by Moreau and four technicians. There's also a tastefully furnished viewing chapel where families can gather for a remembrance service.

The Natures Pet Loss shop and website offers a wide selection of funeral urns for both pets and humans. There's also jewelry and keepsakes in all designs, materials and sizes. Very popular now are the biodegradable urns, planted with a small tree or shrub to complete the circle of life.

As the first privately owned facility in the US dealing with the public to feature aquamation, your beloved pet will receive the dignity, compassion and care it deserves from Moreau and her staff.



Joyce Moreau, owner of Natures Pet Loss in Brooksville



A pet paw imprint.



The viewing chapel to say a last goodbye.



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Facebook: NaturesPet Loss/
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Middle schoolers plant for the future

BY MICHELLE ELIZABETH SALAZAR
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

On Wednesday, May 30, 2018 42 Hernando County students planted smooth cordgrass salt marsh plants at a restoration site in Linda Pedersen Park. Seventh grade students from Gulf Coast Academy of Science and Technology charter school have been growing this marsh grass on campus throughout the school year. It was funded by a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection, Hernando Environmental Land Protectors and fundraisers.

The money went towards getting supplies to build the nursery, building it, and obtaining equipment such as salt and ph meters as well as for supplies for learning activities.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission donated the original 1,000 plants which were harvested from a donor marsh in Manatee County. This was the 20th anniversary of their first donation.

Last summer, a pond-like nursery was built on school grounds at Gulf Coast Academy of Science and Technology before the students got there. As part of the oceanography



Staff and students make their way into the water to begin planting on May 30, 2018

section of the curriculum for Mr. Walker's seventh grade science class, a total of 42 students got to participate in this hands on learning experience. The curriculum was modeled after Tampa Bay Watch "Grasses in Classes" program.

Mr. Walker's students grew the plants at school and took turns cleaning algae, adding salt, making mud, putting in trays, testing the water quality as well as monitoring the progress. They learned how to use the instruments as well as about pollution and ecology.

The project seems to have been very successful since the students received 1000 plants in September and propagated them to 3000.

The plants were transported from the school that morning and the students were scheduled



Juncus roemerianus or black needlerush grass

volunteers, interns and employees pressed on and persevered through the storm, got in the water and planted the grass.

Brittany Hall Scharf, Florida Sea Grant Agent, says, "The kids were very eager" about the project from start to finish.

She also explained that there are two main marsh grasses that are dominant in Hernando County-Smooth cordgrass which is low marsh grass that tolerates being flooded well and Black needlerush grass which is high marsh grass and does not tolerate being flooded as well.

They chose to plant smooth cordgrass this year because of the pecking order of the grass. Next school year they will be planting the black needlerush grass. What an exciting way to end the year!



Spartina alterniflora or smooth cordgrass



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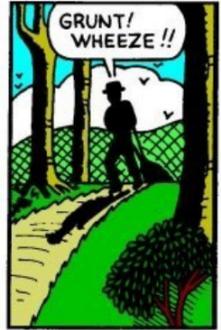
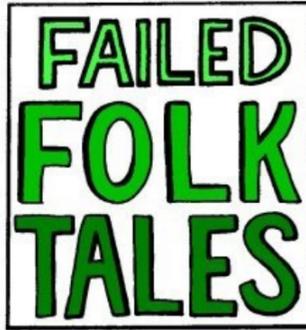


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Uptown Art Gallery celebrates 20 years

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By MICHELLE ELIZABETH SALAZAR
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

Did you know that Hernando County is home to many incredibly talented artists? Take a stroll around The Uptown Art Gallery located inside Brooksville City Hall and you can see for yourself. The City of Brooksville hosts exhibits for all types of art- including handcrafted jewelry, photography, acrylic, oil, watercolor, pastels, and even sculptures. All local artists are welcome to show off their creative talents at this gallery. The Uptown Gallery was founded in 1998 as a cooperative effort between the City of Brooksville and the Hernando Fine Arts Council. City Hall is the perfect location for local and regional artist to display their work. The Gallery hosts five exhibits a year. Each exhibit has a reception that is sponsored in part by the Brooksville Junior Service League and Hernando County Fine Arts Council. All receptions are free and open to the public. Each piece of artwork has the artist's information and most are for sale.

Former Brooksville city clerk, Karen Phillips, and Mary Alice Queiros partnered 20 years ago to provide the community with art in public places. They wanted to enhance the arts and the city by creating a place for local

artists to display their works. These women had the foresight and fortitude to bring the gallery to fruition and their efforts have made life more interesting and full for the people of Hernando County. The first art reception was on June 18, 1998.

On May 25, 2018 the city celebrated the 20th anniversary of this wonderful gallery. Art Coordinator, Judy McIntire, and her volunteers worked hard getting this latest reception and exhibition together. This current exhibit is the largest one they have had in their 20 year history. City Council member, Joe Bernardini, was in

attendance and said a few words about the founders of the gallery. The reception also included refreshments and live music as well as a live poetry reading by two members of the Just Poets Society, a local group for all poetry lovers. Anyone interested in joining the poetry group can show up at the monthly meetings which happen on the second Thursday of each month and are held at the Foggia (West Hernando) Branch Library on Cortez at 3:00 pm. Bring any poetry that you want to share with the group, whether it is your own or someone else's.

The Uptown Art

Gallery in Brooksville belongs to the people. All ages are encouraged to enjoy and even participate in this inspiring part of local history and culture.

Brooksville City Hall is located at 201 Howell Avenue Brooksville, FL 34601. The Uptown Art Gallery hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Assorted works on display at the Uptown Gallery



Student artwork on display above. Below: Live entertainment during at opening night.





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the sole provider of blood to Oak Hill Hospital, Bayfront Health Brooksville, Bayfront Health Springhill, Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center and Citrus Memorial Hospital. Blood donated with LifeSouth directly helps patients at these hospitals. Those who do not know their blood type or have never donated, now is a great time. Blood donors who have not donated recently are also encouraged to donate, and

consider donating platelets. Donors must be at least 17 years old, or 16 with parental permission, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good health. A photo I.D. is also required. For more information or to find a blood drive, call 888-795-2707 or visit lifesouth.org

Hernando water rates among lowest in the area

Recent research shows that

Hernando County Utilities Department (HCUD) customers pay significantly less for water and wastewater than the surrounding area. On average, nearby residential water and wastewater utility customers pay \$87.05 per month for service. In comparison, HCUD customers pay \$66.11 per month for similar service. This water rate comparison for a residential water meter was calculated by HCUD under current rates and

assumes an average monthly use of 7,000 gallons of water per month (an approximate average water use for utility customers). The chart below compares rates from neighboring utilities. Contact the HCUD at (352) 754-4037 or visit www.HernandoCounty.us for more information.

Free first-time homebuyer's classes available

The Hernando County

Housing Authority, in partnership with Solita's House, will be providing two free First-Time Homebuyer's Classes. Classes are open to the public and will be held at The ARC Nature Coast Education Center located at 6495 Mariner Boulevard in Spring Hill. The first class will be held on Saturday June 9, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A Spanish only class will be held on Saturday June 23, 2018

OPINION

DOMENICK J. MAGLIO, PH.D.



Traditional Realist

*Progressive
playbook is
Mafia-style
racketeering*

The First Amendment to our Constitution protects our right to freedom of speech. This has been a hallmark of the USA since its inception. The progressive movement is insidiously attacking it. Unlike the traditional liberals who believed in debating ideas to reach logical and rational decisions, the progressives rely on the ends justifying the means to intimidate and eliminate the other side any way necessary. The goal is for their elite cohorts to gain total control of virtually everything. Accomplishing this objective they have concluded that free speech has to be replaced by politically correct, "group think."

We have clearly seen this process on college campuses. Any student or speaker who has non-progressive views is shouted down, humiliated or physically attacked. Professors holding traditional viewpoints in universities on average are less than 10% of all professors. These few traditionalists understand the precarious position and self-censoring needed to keep their positions.

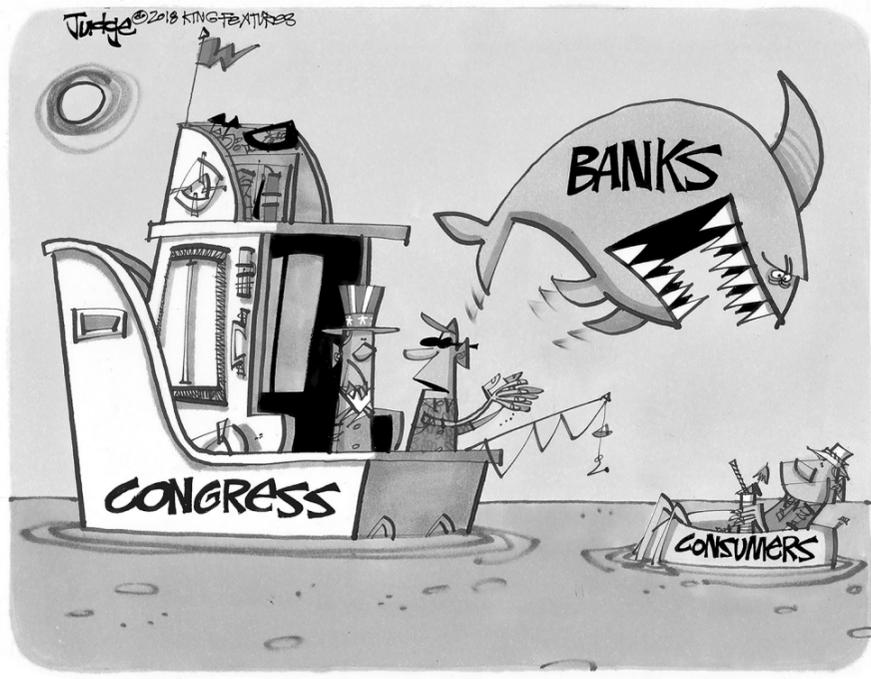
Our politically correct media are progressive advocates who create false narratives to push their elite agenda. The selection and perspective taken are always highlighted to demonstrate the positives of the progressive proponents and negatives of everyone else. The traditional side is labeled as racist, intolerant, mean spirited, and regressive or other pejorative statements to destroy their credibility and personal character. Their personal life is investigated and exposed to eliminate them from the stage.

Media bias is part of the progressive strategy. Publix, a large supermarket corporation, had the audacity to give money to Adam Putnam, a candidate for governor who supports the NRA. Even though Publix announced it would suspend political contributions the media still featured a "Die-In" protest in Publix. This was produced and directed by the progressive darling, David Hogg, and supporters of Parkland school shooting fame. The inclusion of this "Die in" after Publix's capitulation was to solidify Hogg's credentials, additionally it was a statement or warning to other corporations to follow the group-think script or else.

Rosanne Barr, a top money making television sitcom actress, was cancelled like lightning after her stupid Tweet about an Obama administration advisor. This incident clearly demonstrated the media's double standard. When many others: Joy Behar of "The View" said "Christianity is like a mental illness," Kathy Griffith held a "severed head of Trump", Madonna spoke of wanting to blow up the Whitehouse, and many others made slanderous statements about President Trump none suffered any repercussions.

The hit men to keep everyone in line are political "media dons." Reverend Jesse Jackson shook down corporations to donate to the Rainbow Coalition or they would be attacked as racist. Lois Lerner, Internal Revenue Service, refused to grant non-profit status to any pro Tea Party organization eliminating groups countering Obama and investigated donors who supported them. Eric Holder, head of the justice department, pursued corporations with the full force of the law. The business would be found guilty of an obscure ruling and would be forced to pay a fine that would go to promote a progressive cause. Now the corporations, like the

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DR. WILLIAM HOLLAND



MINISTER / CHAPLAIN

*Wisdom,
knowledge two
different things*

When it comes to having spiritual wisdom, it's not how much we know but how much we understand. It's one thing to have bags of information seeds stacked up in the barn of our mind, but more importantly, how many seeds have been planted and nurtured to take root within our heart? The devil and all of his helpers have worlds of spiritual knowledge but they do not allow it to penetrate their conscience and change who they are. Likewise, humans can also learn and accumulate information and then select what they believe because each person has been given the gift of free will. So, when it comes to spiritual knowledge, just because we read about how to live a victorious Christian life does not mean we will automatically be converted into a victorious overcomer. We must absorb His Word through our brain and into our spirit all the while learning how to surrender our will and discipline our flesh. Whew! These powder-puff sermons about strolling through life enjoying the overflowing storehouses of blessings are deceiving, to say the least. In reality, the true Christian life is not easy, in fact, the more serious we become the more difficult it will be. If we are genuinely born again, our spirit is connected with God's Spirit and we have a wonderful opportunity to channel His energy into our being. If we can prevent our old corrupt nature from talking us out of it, we can be saved from ourselves but it's going to take a burning passion and a total commitment. Being a follower of Jesus means we are accepting a golden opportunity to transform the way we think which will literally change who we are.

Persistence and stubbornness can be good if we can incorporate them into following Christ. Yes, being stubborn for God can be considered as faith, however, being stubborn against God is an attitude of rebellion. He appreciates and blesses us for being persistent but when He tells us no and we still keep pushing forward, we have fallen into disobedience and rebellion. There have been times in my life when I did not know whether to stop believing or to keep proceeding. Have you ever felt that way? I've had doors slammed in my face and my share of disappointment, but I kept knocking even to the point of trying to force them open with a bulldozer. To say the least, this is not always the right way to proceed. Maybe God never intended for them to open and our demolition attitude just makes a huge mess including the misery and discouragement from resentment and confusion. To understand if the dark-side is working against us or if the Lord is directing us we need discernment which comes from seeking God's still small voice with all of our heart.

It's also important to make sure we know our direction. Pray and research thoroughly before you move. If you are standing in a crossroad and not sure where to go, do something positive while you are waiting for His confirmation. If you've been praying for a long time and have not heard anything, I once heard someone say, "while waiting for a door to open, praise Him in the hallway." If you are really serious, you can declare a personal fast in order to become more spiritually sensitive. There is no need to broadcast this on social media or tell everyone

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Cyber Hats

GOOFY STUFF
By VINCENT
CARDEGIN

A year ago my grandson, Maestro, graduated from High School. It took two hours and thirteen minutes for the ritual. Most of that were people on stage talking to the students.

One girl, the Valedictorian I think, talked for so long and in such a way that we the audience kept thinking she was done. Like everyone else, I heard eight distinct conclusions in her speech, and so we applauded over and over, with gradually less intensity of course. And that's why when she was finally finished it took a while before anyone started clapping. We didn't know. I am not a fan of ritual, and so the whole thing was torture to me. When we could finally leave, I calmed myself with the knowledge that it would be a whole year before I had to do this again.

I don't know where the year went, but a couple of weeks ago my granddaughter, Sneaks, graduated from High School. It, too, was full of speeches, and I'm reminded of a book I read about the 1860s when politicians would pontificate for four or more hours. People could tolerate it then because they didn't have TV or cell phones. Such oratory bloat was their

entertainment. It took us another thirty minutes to get out of the quagmire of cars. We left the house at six-twenty and got home at nine-fifty.

But it wasn't over. The next night was her graduation party. There was great food, all home cooked, and a lot of people. But I am also not a party guy: I have about ten minutes worth of interesting things to say, and then I want to go home to my stuff. We went there at six-fifteen and got home at ten-forty.

While this is only the beginning of the twenty-first century, I am nevertheless disappointed that graduations are not held on-line. Every member of the faculty, and every student, parent, grandparent, sibling, and friend should be able to don 3-D glasses and attend a virtual ceremony like a video game. It would still be orchestrated with pomp and circumstance, with the audience clicking to clap, and students maneuvering their gown-clad characters

to receive their diplomas, and what fun it would be to see if they can all toss their cyber hats in the air at the same time. And there are the added benefits of not catching a cold from all the strangers around you and being able to get up from my office chair and go to the bathroom whenever I want.

Still, beyond all the things I deem boring, I am most impressed and proud of my two older grandchildren: Maestro joined the Air Force, and Sneaks is going to be a nurse. There are few nobler pursuits.

And yes, I do console myself that this time it'll be six years before I have to suffer such durations. I can only hope that those six years don't pass as fast as this last one.

Anyway, Chickweed (she has several nicknames) I congratulate you for finishing High School. But you'll find that it won't take long before nobody cares about that. It only matters what you do from now on. Good choices (not luck) to you. Love, Papa.



small, local shops of the past, pay protection money and rationalize it as the cost of doing business.

Proposition 8- Defense of Marriage proposal in California 2008, stated that "only marriage between a man and a woman is valid." After the voters approved the proposal the progressives staged a massacre of all supporters of Proposition 8. They published the names of anyone who gave money to help pass the law. These donors were personally and viciously attacked and many lost their positions. The state of Utah was boycotted, websites sprung up to make emotional appeals for voters to alter their vote. Churches who were

pro Proposition 8 were labeled as homophiles. This scorched earth racketeering policy shut down enough voting supporters of the vote to reverse the results of Proposition 8.

The progressive strategy is to intimidate anyone who is considered a potential rival by making an offer they cannot refuse. Anyone who challenges progressive ideology will be personally targeted and annihilated. When a person surrenders and plays ball they are protected and can become clandestine members of the "ruling gang." Paying up by supporting and saying the right things is simply extortion to stay in business.

The blatant racketeer-

ing of the progressive movement should be an insult to every freedom-loving citizen of the United States. These "banana republic" tactics are meant to frighten us to self-censor our First Amendment rights. Instead, Americans have to do their duty to listen and forcefully voice their opinions.

Citizens need to stand up and utilize our Freedom of Speech even if it means sacrificing our power and money to illustrate these brutal uses of power. Only fearless patriots can salvage our exceptional republic from these Deep State Mafia style thugs.

The Hernando Sun adopts two cats

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yellow (sensational) journalism at the end of 19th century.

Pulitzer and Hearst haven't been much help in advising us on yellow journalism or newspaper related tasks in general but, they do provide much comic relief. Hearst was thinking about taking up photography at the paper, but found the camera strap to be of more interest than the camera. They can't really seem to stay awake while on the computer either.

Like the real Pulitzer and Hearst, owners of the rival newspapers The New York World and The New York Journal respectively,

our Pulitzer and Hearst are quite competitive. If Pulitzer is using the facilities, Hearst will position himself on top of the litter box to get a good swat in while his brother is doing his business or pounce upon him as he exits. Pulitzer cannot let Hearst get the upper hand and this will result in a high speed pursuit around the office as well as personal attacks (mostly aimed at the neck).

All in all our two cats here at *The Hernando Sun*, keep our spirits high and we can now proudly tout ourselves as having a Pulitzer and a Hearst. Now what other newspaper can say that?



ABOVE: Our yellow journalists, Pulitzer and Hearst.



RIGHT: Hearst has a go at photography, but can't get past the strap.



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Hernando County Animal Services: 19450 Oliver St. Brooksville (352) 796-5062.

Humane Society of the Nature Coast: 7200 Mobley Rd, Brooksville (352) 796-2711

LEFT: Hearst's solution to the stress of the office. RIGHT: Pulitzer, can't stay awake while on the computer. BOTTOM: Pulitzer helping out with renewal notices.



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Auxiliary Awards scholarships

American Legion Auxiliary, Charles E. Murray Unit 186 in Brooksville recently presented scholarships to graduating seniors. F.W. Springstead High School senior Chelsey Jones was awarded a \$500.00 Education Scholarship. Nature Coast Technical High School graduating senior and Valedictorian Olivia Schlum-Hughes was awarded a \$500.00 Education Scholarship. Central High School graduating senior Dina Tamburrino was presented a \$500.00 Past Presidents Parley Scholarship. Pictured with Auxiliary Education Chair Lynda Anderson are Chelsey Jones and Olivia Schlum-Hughes. Not pictured is Dina Tamburrino.



Pictured from left are: Lynda Anderson, Auxiliary Education Chair and Chelsey Jones, 2018 graduate of Springstead High School

BELOW from left are: Lynda Anderson, Auxiliary Education Chair and Chelsey Jones, 2018 graduate of NCT, Olivia Schlum-Hughes



influence others, give you favor, and present opportunities but most of the time, it's our diligence and perseverance that helps us to be in the position to press forward. He is preparing a path for you behind the scenes that can utilize your strengths and will be a perfect fit for you. However, our obedience and patience are critical factors as we follow His plans and not our own.

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you see. By the way, fasting is not always just about food but can be the denial of other activities along with dedicating quiet time alone with Him. When you discover all of the basic fundamentals and requirements that are associated with your goals, you may realize you are simply not ready to proceed with your goals at this time or maybe not at all. Yes, God can move mountains but He does not put the cart before the horse or force you to cooperate. He can

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