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Father's Day can be sad for many

BY SUE QUIGLEY

For the majority. On Sunday, June 17, dads throughout the nation will be receiving cards, cakes and gifts from their loving children.

But, let's take a moment and spare a thought for the many for whom it will be a day of deep sadness. A day when the dads who are with us no more are remembered. The dads who have passed away and are just memories in our hearts.

When a father dies, you lose your one and only. It's a loss that's yours alone.

Some families celebrate Father's Day for their grandfather and uncles instead but, even so, the holiday is still a painful reminder of the real dad we miss.

For children, it is devastating. No matter how old the children may be, when a parent dies a piece dies within them dies too.

Losing a father hurts and leaves a huge gaping void. For those who say the grief "will go away in time," well, it's just not true.

Just like Mother's

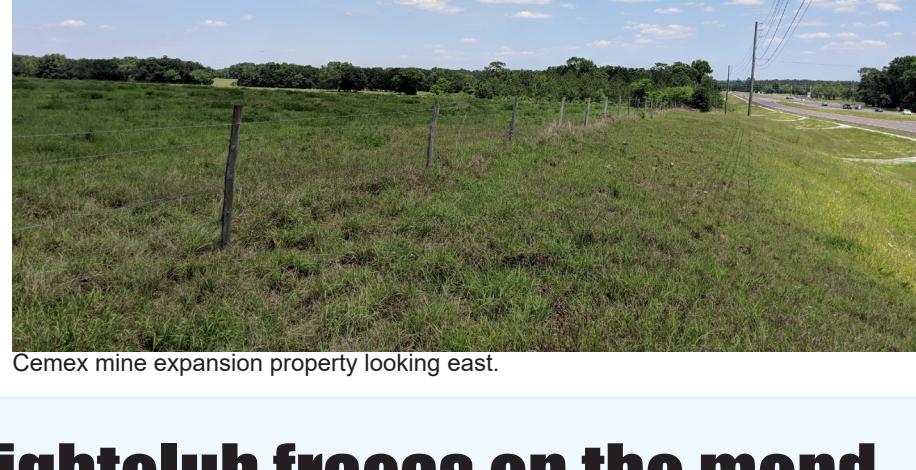
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Cemex mining operations expansion approvedBY LISA MACNEIL
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

County commissioners voted unanimously to approve the Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA), CPAM 1702 that will allow the Cemex Corporation to expand mining operations. At the regular Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on June 12, 2018, concerned citizens again filled the chamber to protest the plan. Employees of Cemex were also in attendance, however none spoke to the commissioners.

The request was first made in 2014, when the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) voted to recommend the BOCC deny a request to amend the Future Land Use Map for the 730-acre

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Cemex mine expansion property looking east.

Father shot in nightclub fracas on the mendBY MICHELLE ELIZABETH SALAZAR
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

A celebratory night out ends in total devastation. On February 10, 2018 Cristina Alonzo and her husband Jose, aka Chelo, went to local nightclub, Delirium, with friends and family to celebrate the culmination of some very hard work and new business ventures.

Everything was fine until they were leaving the club. They called Cristina's 19 year old son, Xzavier Ramos, to drive them home as the Designated Driver.

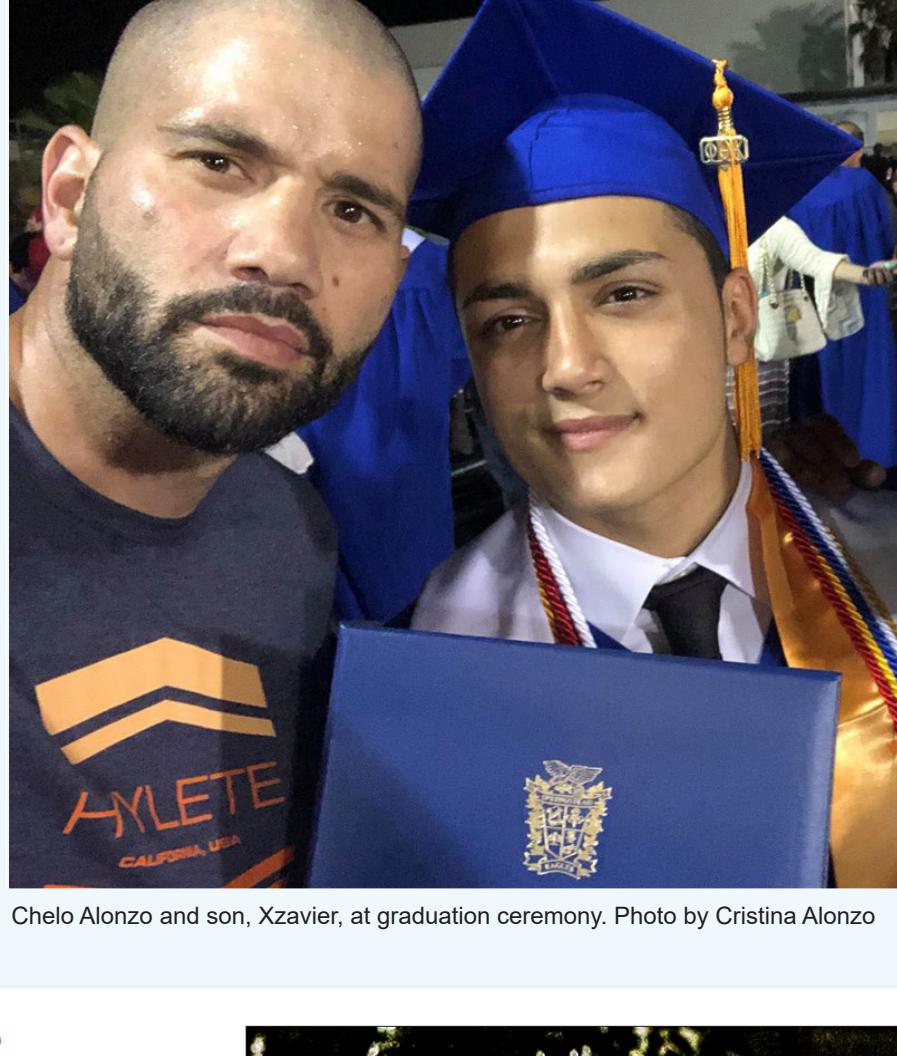
In the parking lot a woman was interacting with two men and didn't look happy about it. One of the men grabbed her by her arm and was being very aggressive. Chelo stepped in to speak to the men, believing he was saving a damsel in distress.

When Xzavier got to the scene, he saw a crowd of people in a scuffle and his stepfather, Chelo, being pushed. He jumped out of the car and rushed over to pull him away.

That's when gunshots rang out. Witnesses say it was over 10 shots from a .22 caliber gun. Xzavier was shot in the foot and Chelo was shot in the side.

However, this story is not about the about what happened that night. It's not about gun laws, or crime, or "What has our town become?" This story is about

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Chelo Alonzo and son, Xzavier, at graduation ceremony. Photo by Cristina Alonzo

SPORTS**The Hernando Sun 2018 All County Baseball Team**BY ANDY VILLAMARZO
HERNANDO SUN SPORTS WRITER
PHOTOGRAPHY CHERYL CLANTON

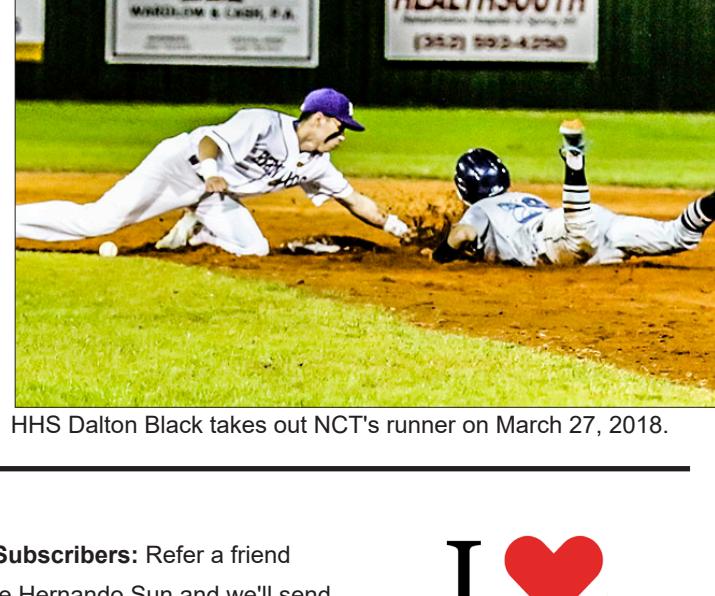
It was another stellar season of prep baseball throughout Hernando County, as no team finished with less than 11 wins. From the start of the season back in February all the way to the Class 5A state semifinals, there were plenty of individual performances that could be recognized along the way. We compiled a list of the top baseball players

from this past season with the Hernando Sun's All-Hernando Baseball Team.

P - Jonathan Gates, Senior, Nature Coast Technical: He was instrumental in the Sharks' run to the Class 5A state semifinals. Gates had a 1.05 ERA, 9-2 record and struck out 135 of the batters he faced. At the plate, Gates had a .430 batting average with 40 hits, 10 home runs and 48 RBIs.

P - Jack Jasiak, Junior, Spring-

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HHS Dalton Black takes out NCT's runner on March 27, 2018.

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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).

Great Hernando Debate

Silverthorn Country Club

Aug 02 2018, 6-9pm

4550 Golf Club Ln, Spring Hill, FL 34609

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Gubernatorial Debates Prior to the Primary:

2018 Florida Gubernatorial Republican Primary Debate on June 28th - Fox News

6:30-7:30 p.m- Moderated by Bret Baier and Martha MacCallum

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tract from Residential Commercial Overlay to Mining and Regional Commercial Overlay. The P&Z Commission voted 4-1 for the recommendation to deny.

On April 28, 2015, Cemex withdrew their application for the comprehensive plan amendment. At the time, comprehensive plan amendments required a supermajority vote (two-thirds or 4 out of 5) for approval, and two commissioners voted against the amendment.

In May 2017 the BOCC, with two new commissioners on the dais, voted unanimously to repeal the supermajority requirement.

Last February, the CPA was again brought before the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z), and the P&Z re-iterated their recommendation for the BOCC to deny the request. After more lengthy meetings, numerous pieces of correspondence from citizens, many of whom came to the meetings to protest, the BOCC voted unanimously to approve submitting the CPA to the state for approval.

This week, the board voted to adopt the plan. Assistant County Administrator Ron Pianta began the discussion by reading the correspondence from the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), "The state has identified no comment related to important state resources and facilities within the department's authorized scope of review that will be adversely impacted by the amendment if adopted ... If other reviewing agencies provide comments, we recommend the county consider appropriate changes to the amendment based on those comments." Pianta stated that comments that have been submitted in a staff report for review, but were not read aloud at the meeting.

Darryl Johnston, attorney of the local firm, Johnston and Sasser, spoke as the representative for Cemex. Focused on new topics for discussion, Johnston cited comments from a Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) letter citing a need for further details regarding adequate water supply for the commercial portion of this project. Johnston stated that the comment had been addressed, and was shown in the staff report that was previously given to the BOCC.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) commented on the potential need for a right-of-way on SR 50, to which Johnston stated his firm has no objection. The DEO and Florida Department of Agriculture had no comments.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) sent an observations and comments regarding the location of the property being "at or near the springshed boundaries for the Chassahowitzka and Weeki Wachee springs watershed and the potential nutrients impacting the springs." Johnston said that "Cemex will not be using any nutrients," and that they will continue to work with the DEP on the Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPS), which are in the process of being adopted.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) stated no objection, but sent a letter about following certain survey protocols. Johnston



stated that Cemex would provide information for the surveys at each phase of development.

Jane West, of Jane West Law provided a presentation in opposition of the CPA adoption, citing Policy Reformulation, social desirability and threats to endangered species. While no contributing experts were present at the meeting, West entered each's documentation and corresponding Curriculum Vitae (CV) into the record to comply with the Florida Sunshine Law on written correspondence.

According to West, the transmittal of a CPA

burden of demonstrating through competent and substantial evidence that mining is going to be a more compatible use than residential."

Citing additional objectives and policies, West showed Objective 1.10B of the existing Comprehensive plan, stating, "For all land added to the mining category - Protect ecological features and natural resources from the adverse impacts of resource extraction." It's corresponding policy, 1.10B(3) states, "Resource extraction shall not be allowed in areas of habitat known to support

\$40-thousand plus (salary). So there is going to be additional jobs, because common sense ... it extends the mining operation for decades."

Champion followed with, "My family -- five generations -- all worked in the rock mines. All had good jobs ... there's a lot of good jobs in the mining industries."

Commissioner Wayne Dukes recalled his spotting of wildlife along US 50 before it became a 4-lane road with several popular restaurants lining both sides. "No one person came up to this board and said, 'Don't let them build there'. But the wildlife were [sic] everywhere. The last time we had a room-full of people like we had today, was with that property in the center of Spring Hill. The gentleman bought 400 acres that had been in one family for years, it was woods, and he wanted to develop it. Now, he could have ... put 3000 houses (on the property), but he chose not to do that. He wanted to put houses with a town center, with stores ... that you could walk to ... and there was this many people that came and said 'We don't want it. Tell him to go somewhere else.' He bought 400 acres, and they didn't want him to touch it, because a man said (to the BOCC) 'I like to look out my window and see a tree.' But the tree didn't belong to him."

Dukes also recalled his personal connection to the mine, "When I got out of the military ... the first place I could get a job was at the rock mine. My brother worked there, my brother-in-law retired from there, my nephew works there now. There's a lot of people in this county who are not retired, and they need jobs, and that's one of the better places to work for as far as the jobs."

"So make more jobs," was called from the audience.

"No comment," said Dukes said, as he continued to describe his experience with limerock and MSBUs in previous years, "You can pick everything apart. I know you don't want the mine, but the fact is, there's nothing in my mind that's going to stop me from voting for it today."

Commissioner Jeff Holcomb asked Johnston to describe the reclamation process ... Johnston described the reclamation process, with adherence to certain standards of a 20-year reclamation process, including 8 feet of clay sand above the water table. According to Johnston, this is a higher standard than what exists in the current code.

According to Cemex representatives, more jobs could be created in the future.

HCSO ARREST SUMMARIES

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

"I just lost control and bit her on the face."



BROADFOOT, GEORGE ANDREW Jr
YOB: 1982
CHARGES: DOMESTIC BATTERY

Arrested at 06/04/2018 11:36

INDIAN TRAIL RD., BROOKSVILLE

Arrest Summary: "On 06/04/2018 while at the residence, the defendant George Broadfoot, Jr. and his wife, Lindsey Broadfoot were engaged in a heated verbal altercation on the front porch of the residence.

The defendant grabbed Lindsey during the altercation, pulling her head towards his face, where he proceeded to bite her on the upper lip causing superficial injuries.

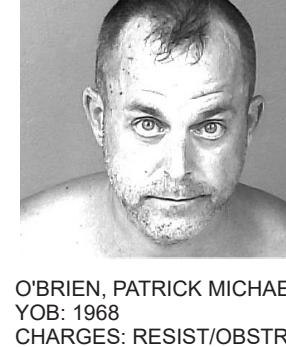
The defendant stated the argument was a misunderstanding over a joke that he made. The defendant stated, "I just lost control and bit her on the face."

A criminal history search revealed the defendant did have a previous conviction of battery on 11/15/2004, court case number

522004MM024507AXXXNO. The defendant was taken into custody and transported to the Hernando County Jail where he was turned over to detention staff without incident. The defendant was given a no bond status due to the domestic nature of this case."

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Didn't want to be found?



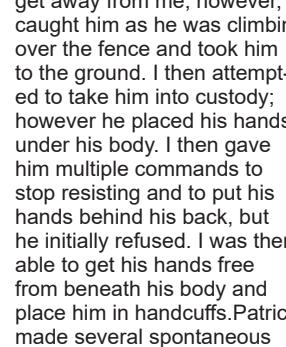
O'BRIEN, PATRICK MICHAEL YOB: 1968
CHARGES: RESIST/OBSTR OFFICER W/O VIOL

Arrested at 06/07/2018 16:57
21403 CANAL DR, BROOKSVILLE, FL, 34601

On 06/07/2018, Patrick Michael O'Brien was reported as a missing/endangered person. Later in the day, information was received that Patrick was at 21403 Canal Dr, within Hernando County. I responded to said location to attempt to recover Patrick. As I approached the residence, Patrick learned of my arrival and fled out the back door of the residence on foot. As I spoke to other parties on scene, I saw Patrick running through the neighbor's yards. Patrick made eye contact with me and saw me in my law enforcement uniform. I yelled at Patrick to stop; however, he refused and ran away from me. I then chased after Patrick on foot. He attempted to jump a chain link fence to get away from me; however, I caught him as he was climbing over the fence and took him to the ground. I then attempted to take him into custody; however he placed his hands under his body. I then gave him multiple commands to stop resisting and to put his hands behind his back, but he initially refused. I was then able to get his hands free from beneath his body and place him in handcuffs. Patrick made several spontaneous utterances, admitting that he saw me walking up to the residence and fled the residence to get away from me. He also admitted to running from me and attempting to jump the fence to get away from me. I transported Patrick to the Hernando County Detention Center where he was charged with Resisting an Officer Without Violence. Bond was set at \$1,000.00.

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Hidden in plain sight.



MORTENSEN, PAUL IVAN YOB: 1976
CHARGES: POSS OF METH-AMPHETAMINE

Arrested at 06/06/2018 01:15
CYRIL DR & CORTEZ BLVD, RIDGE MANOR, FL, 33525

The defendant was found in possession of methamphetamine. This was the result of a traffic stop which was conducted at Cortez Blvd and Cyril Dr. in Brooksville, FL. A traffic stop was conducted on the defendant's vehicle due to it not having a tag light. Upon completing my traffic stop, I asked the defendant if he, the defendant, would allow me to search his vehicle. The defendant did consent and allowed me to search the vehicle. Upon searching the vehicle located a clear bag in the center dashboard console. This clear bag was in plain view, and contained two crystal rock

like items within the small bag. This substance tested positive for methamphetamine. The methamphetamine was then weighed at the Hernando County Jail using Ohaus scale with model #C305-S and serial number 47871. This methamphetamine was weighed with the bag it was contained in and totaled 0.6 grams. The defendant was then arrested and transported to the Hernando County Jail. A court date of 07/06/2018, Courtroom E, at 0830 hours was provided. A bond of \$2000.00 was given.

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"Not my meth."

SMITH, REBECCA LEE YOB: 1991
CHARGES: POSS OF METHAMPHETAMINE

Arrested at 06/06/2018 12:31
13300 CORTEZ BLVD, BROOKSVILLE, FL, 34613

NO PHOTO AVAILABLE

On 6/06/2018 at approximately 1134 hours, I was conducting a Retail Theft investigation at the Walmart located at 13300 Cortez Boulevard, in Hernando County. Probable Cause was obtained for the arrest of the co-defendant, Christopher Chad Wilson, for Retail Theft. I then attempted to make contact with the defendant and co-defendant on the eastside of the Walmart parking lot. I observed the defendant and co-defendant enter into a U-Haul pickup truck that was bearing Arizona tag AH98179. I then made contact with the defendant on the driver side of the vehicle, where I asked the defendant to exit the vehicle.

When the defendant exited the vehicle, the driver door was left opened. When placing the defendant into handcuffs, I observed a clear plastic baggy on the floor board in plain view. The clear plastic baggy was located between where both the defendant and the co-defendant had been seated. Deputy B. Alonso then detained the co-defendant by placing her into handcuffs. I then placed the defendant in the rear of the vehicle, where I asked the co-defendant to exit the vehicle.

When the co-defendant exited the vehicle, the driver door was left opened. When placing the co-defendant into handcuffs, I observed a clear plastic baggy on the floor board in plain view. The clear plastic baggy was located between where both the defendant and the co-defendant had been sitting, on the floor board by the center console. Deputy B. Alonso then detained the defendant by placing her into handcuffs. I then placed the defendant in the rear of my agency vehicle. While in the rear of the vehicle, the co-defendant was read his Miranda Rights. Post Miranda, the defendant advised that the substance in the clear plastic baggy was not his and denied committing the theft.

I then made contact with the co-defendant. Post Miranda, I asked the co-defendant if the narcotics was hers. The co-defendant stated that the substance in the clear plastic baggy was "not my meth". The defendant stated, "He [co-defendant] uses that s***".

Both the defendant and co-defendant were denying ownership of the narcotics, however, the clear plastic baggy was in both of their constructive possession.

I then went back to the vehicle to take the narcotics for evidence purposes. I observed the substance in the clear plastic baggy to be a crystal like substance. I tested the crystal like substance using Narco Test Kit #923, which showed a positive result for methamphetamine. The defendant was then transported to the Hernando County Jail, where the methamphetamine was weighed using the OHAUS scale (serial #47871) and it weighed 0.9 grams.

The defendant was issued a bond of \$2,000 for Possession of Methamphetamine and a \$1,000 bond for Retail Theft. The defendant was issued a court date set for 7/06/2018 at 8:30 A.M. in Courtroom "E" at the Hernando County Courthouse.

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"No!"

BAKER, BRANDIE MARIE ANN YOB: 1980
CHARGES: RESIST/OBSTR OFFICER W/O VIOL

Arrested at 06/08/2018 00:09
75 BROAD ST, BROOKSVILLE, FL, 34604

On 06/08/2018, I conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of County Line Rd / Broad St, within Hernando County, due to the vehicle having an unassigned tag attached to it. I was in my marked patrol vehicle and utilized my red and blue emergency lights, and I was wearing my standard

patrol deputy uniform. As the vehicle started to come to a rest, a white female jumped out of the rear passenger seat and started to flee from the vehicle. I told her to stop, and she replied, "No!". She then fled from the vehicle on foot and ran through the nearby Speedway gas station parking lot. I yelled at her to stop, and she refused. I then chased after her and caught up with her. I asked for her personal identification information, but she refused to identify herself. I then attempted to detain her in handcuffs, but she attempted to pull away. I was eventually able to put her in handcuffs and detain her in the rear seat of my patrol vehicle.

Once she was secured, I was able to positively identify her as Brandie Baker. A check through FCIC/NCIC revealed she had an active Hernando County warrant for her arrest, for which she was arrested under case # 2018-17468. By running from the vehicle during the traffic stop, Brandie diverted my attention from the vehicle and other occupants of the vehicle, thus potentially putting me in danger and obstructing my investigation. I transported Brandie to the Hernando County Detention Center and charged her with Resisting an Officer Without Violence. Bond was set at \$1,000.00.

HCSO ALERTS

Detectives investigate parental kidnapping, children recovered safely

Submitted by the Hernando County Sheriff's Office

On 06-08-18, just before 10 a.m., Muhib Fahim Kursheed responded to a residence in Spring Hill where his four children live with their mother. Kursheed sat in his vehicle outside of the residence and waited for the children to come out. A short time later, when the children exited the residence, Kursheed took all four of them, in violation of a court order.

The mother of the children got into her vehicle and followed Kursheed's vehicle but lost sight of him in the area of Waterfall Drive and Spring Hill Drive. The mother of the children then called 9-1-1 to report the incident.

Deputies met with the mother of the children and reviewed the court order, which stated the mother was to have sole custody of all four children. It was noted on the court order that the father was not allowed contact with the children or their mother.

Major Case detectives were called in to investigate the case.

Detectives worked tirelessly throughout the day attempting to locate Kursheed, his vehicle, and/or the children. The mother of the children reported that Kursheed may attempt to leave the state and/or the country with the children, therefore several detectives were assigned to follow-up and investigate various leads.

In addition to investigating leads within Hernando County, detectives worked closely with law enforcement officers from other jurisdictions, including the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, the Clearwater Police Department, ICE, and the FBI in an effort to locate Kursheed.

At approximately 6:30 p.m., law enforcement officers from the Clearwater Police Department located Kursheed's vehicle at the residence of one of Kursheed's associates. Within a short time, Kursheed was placed under arrest by officers in Clearwater. The four children were located at the residence and were recovered safely.

The mother of the children responded to Clearwater to pick up the children. They were all in good health.

Muhib Fahim Kursheed B/M DOB/12-27-1979 was placed under arrest and charged with the following Hernando County warrants:

- Interference with Child Custody (4 counts)
- Violation of Injunction (5 counts)
- No bond.

Search warrant uncovers marijuana grow operation

The case is still active. Additional information will be provided when available.

On 06-08-15, detectives with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Vice and Narcotics Unit executed a search warrant at 26201 Whipperwill Street in Brooksville.

Detectives were alerted to the residence due to suspicion of power diversion.

Investigation revealed a marijuana grow operation occurring within the residence.

Upon arrival, detectives found the home to be uninhabited. The residence was being used only to grow marijuana.

The following items were seized from the residence:

26 marijuana plants (all being between 5 and 6 feet tall)

97.25 pounds of marijuana plant material

Various items of cultivation equipment.

The investigation continues.

HCFR Alert: Relocation of Fire Engine from City of Brooksville to Spring Hill Station 5

Submitted by Hernando County Fire Rescue

(Brooksville, FL) Effective today June 8, 2018, Hernando County Fire Rescue (HCFR) will be relocating HCFR Engine 10 from the city of Brooksville, where it currently shares a fire station with City units, to reconstitute HCFR Engine 5 in Spring Hill.

HCFR Station 5 is located at 9490 Eldridge

Road, Spring Hill, FL 34608. In February 2017,

HCFR immediately assumed fire protection services to the area of Hernando Beach after HCFR Administration was notified that Hernando Beach Volunteer Fire Department would be abruptly closing. At that time, it was decided to reassign HCFR Engine 5 and personnel to provide consistent and professional fire protection services

to the Hernando Beach Community.

As HCFR administration is continuously reviewing the delivery of service to the citizens of the County, it was determined that Engine 10 was providing approximately 1,700 of its calls in the City of Brooksville's (COB) fire protection area, and approximately 1,000 of their calls in the areas of the County that surround the City, over

the course of a year. In saying that, HCFR Engine 10 is being relocated to the area known as Zone 5, to cover the approximate 2,700 calls for service that occur throughout the course of the year in the County's area of Zone 5.

Fire Protection services to the citizens of the City is provided by the City of Brooksville Fire Department. Mutual Aid fire services between HCFR and the COB Fire Department

will continue as currently detailed in the current Mutual Aid Agreement, which is currently in the process of being updated.

HCFR currently provides Advanced Life Support (ALS) emergency medical transport services to the citizens of the City and will continue to do so.

FLORIDA MAN

Florida man who stormed Trump resort is formally charged

MIAMI (AP) — Prosecutors have formally charged a Florida man who stormed President Donald Trump's Miami-area golf resort and exchanged gunfire with officers, who shot him in the legs and arrested him.

The Miami Herald reports that 42-year-old Jonathan Oodi remained jailed Friday and did not appear at the hearing in Miami-Dade County criminal court.

The Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office filed charges of attempted murder of law-enforcement officers, armed burglary and armed grand theft.

Police said Oodi carried an American flag into the lobby of the Trump National Doral Golf Club last month and shouted about the president before trading gunfire with officers, who shot him in the legs and arrested him.

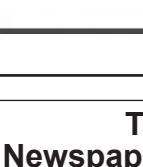
Oodi's attorneys, Christopher DeCoste and Tara Kawass, told the Herald that Oodi is "extremely remorseful" and thanked officers for defusing the situation "without loss of life and only minimal injury."

Information from: The Miami Herald, <http://www.herald.com>

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Supreme Court ponders question of cars as weapons

BY JIM SAUNDERS
FLORIDA NEWS SERVICE

TALLAHASSEE --- Florida Supreme Court justices appeared skeptical Wednesday of arguments that a car should not be considered a weapon in helping determine the sentence of a man convicted of fatally driving into another man after an altercation at a Jacksonville Beach bar.

The court heard an appeal from Adam Lloyd Shepard, who was convicted on a charge of manslaughter with a weapon after fatally striking Spencer Schott in January 2011. Under state law, the use of a weapon bumped up the manslaughter charge from a second-degree felony to a first-degree felony, carrying a longer prison sentence.

Shepard's attorney, Matthew Kachergus, focused heavily Wednesday on a 1995 court decision that dealt with what can be considered a weapon in reclassifying sentences. He said a car could not be considered a weapon

under that court precedent and that any change in the definition of weapons should be made by the Legislature.

But justices raised repeated questions about Kachergus' arguments, including whether items such as a baseball bat, a hammer, a rock --- or even a toaster thrown into a bathtub --- could be considered weapons. Chief Justice Jorge Labarga said the key is the intent in how items are used.

"Let's say a roofer drops a hammer from the roof and it lands on some poor guy walking underneath picking up debris, the intent is not there to enhance the sentence. However, if he picks up the hammer and throws it at him, that's another thing," Labarga said, adding that the court "can't lose common sense here."

"You've summarized my position admirably," Assistant Attorney General Kaitlin Weiss, who was arguing to uphold Shepard's sentence, quickly responded to Labarga, drawing laughter in the courtroom.

Justice Charles Canady acknowledged that the court might have to back away from the 1995 precedent in a case known as State v. Houck. But like Labarga, Canady and Justice Alan Lawson focused on intent in how items are used.

"If someone takes a baseball bat to a fight and beats someone with it, common understanding, would that be a weapon?" Lawson asked.

Shepard and Schott were University of Kansas basketball fans who watched a game at the Jacksonville Beach bar before getting into the altercation. Shepard, now 37, received a 30-year sentence on the charge of manslaughter with a weapon. A second-degree felony could carry a sentence of 15 years.

The 1st District Court of Appeal rejected Shepard's arguments last year about the car being considered a weapon but said its conclusion differed from a ruling by the 2nd District Court of Appeal in a separate case. Shepard then took the issue to the

Supreme Court, which agreed in January to hear it.

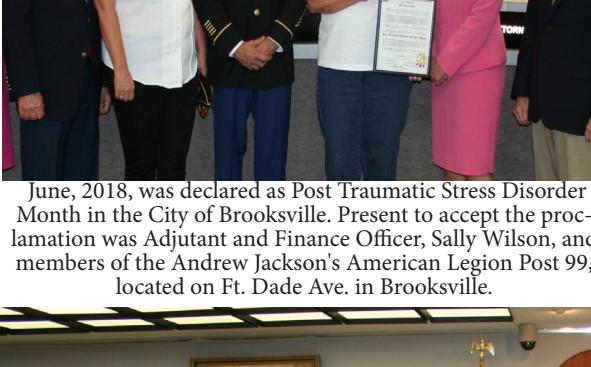
While other justices repeatedly questioned the arguments made by Kachergus, Justice Barbara Pariente raised concerns about too broadly defining weapons in reclassifying sentences. She said the law deals with reclassifying sentences, not whether crimes have been committed.

"My concern is, after this decision, the reclassification becomes automatic if we allow this definition for anything except for passive objects," Pariente said.

Similarly, Kachergus raised a concern about a "Pandora's box" getting opened by a broad definition of weapons.

Canady, however, disputed that argument.

"Why is that a Pandora's box? That escapes me," Canady said. "If someone uses an instrument as a weapon, why shouldn't it (the sentence) be enhanced?"

The City of Brooksville City Council Recognitions and Proclamations

June, 2018, was declared as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Month in the City of Brooksville. Present to accept the proclamation was Adjutant and Finance Officer, Sally Wilson, and members of the Andrew Jackson's American Legion Post 99, located on Ft. Dade Ave. in Brooksville.



On June 4, 2018, Brooksville City Council declared June, 2018, as Disaster Preparedness Month in the City of Brooksville. Accepting was Cecilia Patella, Hernando County Emergency Management Director.



At their meeting on June 4, 2018, Brooksville City Council recognized June, 2018 as Adopt A Cat Month. Present to accept was Cheryl Fagundo, President, Animal Rescue Friends Network and many volunteers with the organization.

City of Brooksville Announces Appointment of Ronald Snowberger as Interim Fire Chief

Submitted by The City of Brooksville

Brooksville FL -The City of Brooksville announces the appointment of Ronald Snowberger as Interim Fire Chief. Interim Chief Snowberger will assume the duties of Interim Chief on June 11, 2018. Interim Chief Snow-

berger will take over for current Interim Fire Chief Stan Mettinger who has served in this capacity since September 2017.

Interim Chief Snowberger has 34 years of experience in the fire service. Chief Snowberger served as a Lieutenant, Captain, and Chief of the Mount

Dora, Florida Fire Department and as Deputy Fire Chief in Deland Florida. He holds a B.S. in Fire Science and is pursuing a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

Interim Chief Snowberger will remain with the City of Brooksville for an indefinite period.

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.

Latest data from UF citizen scientists show air potato beetles flourishing in Florida

by SAMANTHA GRENROCK,
University of Florida

GAINESVILLE, Fla. --- Across Florida, thousands of small, red beetles have been battling the invasive air potato vine for the last eight years, one bite at a time.

And they appear to be prospering, according to the latest data collected through the collaborative efforts of the University of Florida, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and hundreds of citizen scientists.

"The data we've collected so far have shown how well the air potato beetle has established throughout the state," said Christopher Kerr, a scientist with the FDACS Division of Plant Industry, who manages its air potato beetle rearing program. "Most of the sites we received data from showed increased populations through the season."

UF and FDACS teamed up to create an educational series for the program, which teaches participants how to identify the air potato vine and beetle, and how to collect data on the status of the vines and beetles on their properties, after which they join the group as citizen scientists.

"These citizen scien-

tists make up the Air Potato Patrol, which now has more than 450 members in Florida", said Bill Lester, residential horticulture agent for Hernando County with UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Extension.

After a year of receiving data, the data collected indicated that the beetle population was growing, even on sites that had not received any releases. This is good news for the efforts to control the invasive vine, which is known to engulf existing vegetation and disrupt native ecosystems. The air potato beetle eats only the air potato plant, making it an excellent control agent. FDACS began releasing the beetles in Florida in 2010 with the goal of establishing a sustainable population.

In addition to submitting data, members of the Air Potato Patrol work with Lester to determine if the air potato problem on their properties requires additional beetles. Mary Estes, whose Hillsborough County property was overrun with air potato, received beetles through the program.

"The vine was chok-

ing out my plants and trees, and killed two of my orange trees," she said. "Given the nature of this vine, I think citizens have to be

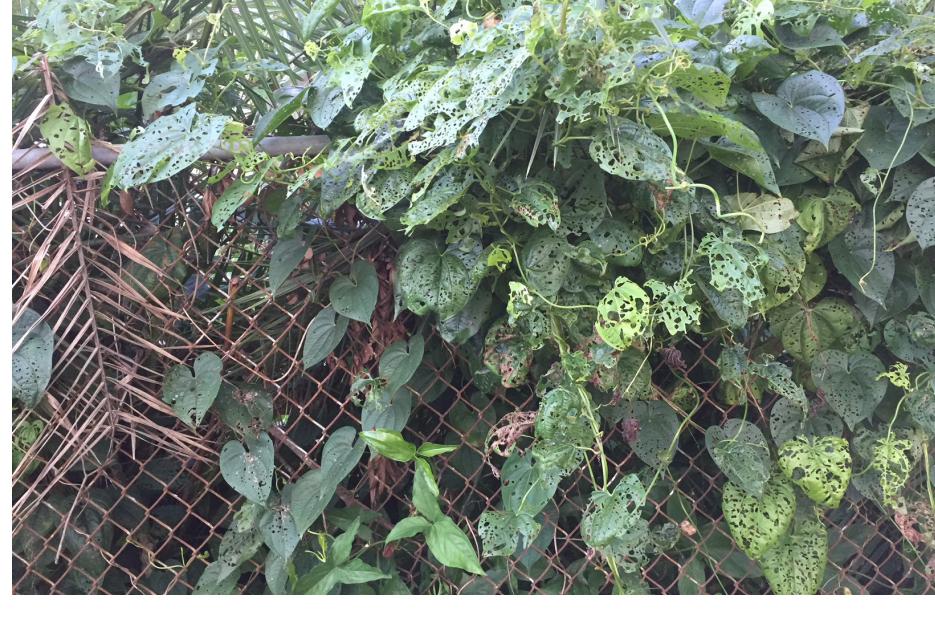
involved." For years, patrol member Donald Jones had been struggling to control air potato on his Polk County property, where it was smothering his live oak trees. Since introducing the beetles, he's seen no new vines. "I've learned, with UF's help, how to spot them. We have some native vines here that look very close to the air potato vines," he said.

To become a member of the Air Potato Patrol or learn more about the program, go to airpotatobeetle.com.



Air Potato Beetle will eat the invasive air potato vine and has been established throughout the state in order to control the vine.

Below is an air potato vine with leaves damaged by the beetle.



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Poll points to trouble for many ballot proposals

BY LLOYD DUNKELBERGER
FLORIDA NEWS SERVICE

TALLAHASSEE --- Only four of the 13 state constitutional amendments on the November ballot have enough voter support to be enacted, according to a poll from the Florida Chamber of Commerce.

The poll, conducted in late May and early June, showed four amendments with the necessary 60 percent of voter support. They are:

--- Amendment 1, which would expand the home-stead property-tax exemption. It was placed on the ballot by the Legislature, with the chamber survey showing 67 percent of voters in support, 22 percent opposed and 11 percent undecided.

--- Amendment 3, which would require voter approval of gambling

expansions in the state, including allowing casinos. The amendment, which was placed on the ballot through a voter petition drive backed by Disney World and the Seminole Tribe of Florida, was supported by 61 percent of voters, with 23 percent opposed and 15 percent undecided.

--- Amendment 7, which would require the payment of death benefits when law enforcement officers, paramedics, correctional officers and other "first responders" are killed while performing their official duties. The measure, which came from the Constitution Revision Commission, also would establish a governance system for the 28 state and community colleges and require a supermajority vote by university boards of trustees and the university system's Board of Governors when raising student fees. It has

support from 80 percent of voters, with 7 percent opposed and 13 percent undecided, the poll showed.

--- Amendment 8, which would impose an eight-year term limit on school board members. It would also allow an alternative process for approving public schools, including charter schools, rather than by local school boards. It would establish a requirement for teaching civic literacy in public schools. The measure, which came from the Constitution Revision Commission, has support from 75 percent of voters, with 11 percent opposed and 15 percent undecided.

In a memo sent Friday to members of the Chamber of Commerce's board of directors, Mark Wilson, the organization's president, noted support and opposition for the 13 amendments will be impacted by media

campaigns seeking to sway voter opinion.

"In other words, these numbers will change as November approaches," Wilson wrote.

He also noted that with the large number of amendments on the Nov. 6 general-election ballot, the most since the 1998 election, "voter fatigue is certainly a concern of ours." But he also said the survey showed nearly nine of every 10 voters said they planned to vote on the ballot measures.

Some ballot measures fell short of the 60 percent approval requirement but were close in the survey.

Among them was Amendment 9, which would ban offshore oil drilling and vaping in workplaces and restaurants. It was supported by 55 percent of voters, with 31 percent in opposition and 14 percent undecided.

Also, Amendment 12,

which would establish a new ethics standard for public officials and impose a six-year lobbying ban on state elected officials, state agency heads and local elected officials, had support from 55 percent of voters, with 18 percent in opposition and 27 percent undecided.

Among the measures with the lowest voter support was Amendment 4, which would restore voting rights to ex-felons who have served their sentences. The measure, which was the result of a petition drive, had support from 40 percent of the voters, with 17 percent opposed. However, 43 percent of the voters said they were undecided, showing there is room for supporters of the measure to persuade voters to back it.

Only 34 percent of voters supported Amendment 5, which came from the Legislature and would require

a supermajority vote by the state House and Senate when enacting taxes or fees. Some 36 percent of the voters were in opposition, with 30 percent undecided, the poll showed.

Another measure that would ban greyhound racing in the state had 47 percent support from the voters, with 36 percent in opposition and 17 percent undecided. Amendment 13, which came from the Constitution Revision Commission, is being contested in court by groups that support dog racing.

The Florida Chamber of Commerce poll was conducted by Cherry Communications between May 25 and June 2. Some 605 "likely" voters were polled, including 249 Democrats, 237 Republicans and 119 others. The margin of error was 4 percentage points.

Children lacking health insurance up slightly

BY CHRISTINE SEXTON
FLORIDA NEWS SERVICE

TALLAHASSEE --- While Florida has made strides in reducing the number of uninsured children, a national health-care expert warned Thursday that those gains are likely stalling, and she put part of the blame on increased scrutiny of immigration status.

Joan Alker, executive director of the Washington-based Center for Children and Families, said data released late last month by the National Center on Health Statistics shows that the number of uninsured children in Florida in 2017 rose slightly to 7.6 percent.

Alker said that while the small rise --- from 7.4 percent the previous year --- may be statistically insignificant, it could be "an early warning sign" that Florida's seven-year trend of lowering uninsured rates for children is at risk.

She attributed the increase in part to attrition of what she called "mixed" families, or families where a parent is an immigrant and the child is either a citizen or legally residing in the state.

"Because of all the

intimidation that is happening right now with immigrant families, we've heard lots of anecdotal evidence that they are very reluctant now to sign their kids up for coverage," said Alker who has spent years observing Florida's government-subsidized health insurance programs.

She suggested that other factors that could have played a factor in the slight hike include congressional efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act and a push to restructure the Medicaid program and reduce funding.

State Agency for Health Care Administration spokeswoman Mallory McManus said she wasn't aware of the new data and said that "ensuring that children have access to health care has always been a priority of our agency."

Combined, the subsidized Children's Health Insurance Program and Medicaid provide coverage to an estimated 44 percent of the children in the state.

The National Health Interview Survey data is collected through personal household

interviews. Alker called the data an "early sign," but said that the release in September of information from what is known as the American Community Survey will provide additional insight about health insurance. The American Community Survey is the largest household survey conducted by the Census Bureau.

While the 2017 percentage increase was small, Alker said it shows that Florida lost ground while states such as Texas

and California continued to make progress. Those states lowered their uninsured rates by 1 percent and 1.4 percent, respectively.

Alker made the remarks during a webinar where she discussed a new report called, "The New Federal Children's Health Insurance Law and What it Means for Florida's Children."

It is one of a series of reports that Alker has conducted about health insurance for Florida chil-

dren and was funded by the Florida Blue Foundation, the Health Foundation of South Florida, the Space Coast Health Foundation and the Winter Park Health Foundation, among others, operating under the Florida Philanthropic Network.

The report examines the impact of two recently passed extensions of the Children's Health Insurance Program and what they mean for the state. CHIP funding expired last year, and many states,

such as Florida, were forced to operate the program on carry-over funds from previous years. Congress agreed to extend CHIP funding in January and again in February.

CHIP funds subsidized insurance coverage for more than 345,000 children in Florida.

Under the extensions, Alker said Florida cannot make any future changes to the CHIP program that would make it more cost-restrictive, including increasing co-payments.

TIDE CHART

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IN, OUT & ABOUT

Library Programs

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

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

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

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

June 18

Email with Gmail - BV
6/18/2018 10AM - 12PM
Registration is open
Email is easy! Learn how to send, receive, and organize your email; how to send photos and other documents, and more

Meditation Mondays - WH
6/18/2018 11AM - 12PM
Make your Monday a more mindful Monday with us - meditation provides many health benefits for mind, body & spirit. First half discussion of resource followed by meditation.

Healthy Teeth, Healthy Kids! Children's Dental Care Workshop - WH

6/18/2018 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 - WH
6/18/2018 1:30 - 2:00 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.

Family Game Night - WH

6/18/2018 5 - 6:30 PM
Enjoy an evening filled with a variety of games that the whole family can play together. Games will include board games, tabletop games, card games, and video games.

June 19

Email with Gmail - WH

6/19/2018 10AM - 12PM
Registration is open
Email is easy! Learn how to send, receive, and organize your email; how to send photos and other documents, and more

Powered by STEAM - BV
6/19/2018 10:15 - 11:15 AM
Get your scientific brain working in the summer with these stories, demonstrations, crafts, and more all related to

STEAM.

Signing for Everyday Living - EH

6/19/2018 11AM - 12:30 PM
SEFL is a crash course in basic ASL for learners at any skill level.

Movies @ Your Library

6/19/2018 2 - 4PM

Special Adult Summer Reading Program movie showing on the big screen with free popcorn.

Classics Book Discussion - SH

6/19/2018 3 - 4:30 PM
Read the chosen piece, then join others to share responses to it in a fun and informal atmosphere. New members are warmly welcomed.

Art Attack! - WH

6/19/2018 4:30 - 6 PM
Registration is open Is there a future artist in your family? Come to the Library and let your kids be inspired by famous artists and works of art.

Kids between the suggested ages of 6 - 12 will learn about a famous artist and then make their own work of art. All materials provided!

June 20

Email with Gmail - SH

6/20/2018 10AM - 12PM
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Expedition Library - EH

6/20/2018 10:15 - 11:15 AM
Get ready to go on a journey with adventurers such as cowboys, pirates, and astronauts through a selection of stories, activities, crafts, and more.

Financial Management Series - BV

6/20/2018 2 - 4PM This month's topic: Personal Money Management

Let's Cook! - WH

6/20/2018 4:30 - 6:30 PM
Registration is open Tired of precooked, frozen, tasteless meals? Learn to cook from scratch!

June 21

Email with Gmail - EH

6/21/2018 10AM - 12PM
Registration is open Email is easy! Learn how to send, receive, and organize your email; how to send photos and other documents, and more.

Storytime Rocks - SH

6/21/2018 10:15 - 11:15 AM
Bring out your inner geologist with these rock and geology themed stories, activities, crafts, and more!

Book Discussion Group - BV

6/21/2018 11AM - 12:30 PM
Please contact the Main Library to obtain a copy of the book and the discussion questions.

Emoji Crafts - BV

6/21/2018 3 - 4:30 PM

Registration begins 6/7/2018 at 8:00 AM

Girls Who Code - SH

6/21/2018 5 - 6PM Registration open Come to the library to learn about the exciting world of computer coding.

Ukulele Beginner Strum and Sing - WH

6/21/2018 5 - 6:30 PM

June 22

Sonic Stories - WH

6/22/2018 10:15 - 11:15 AM Open

IN, OUT & ABOUT

What to do with Dad on Father's Day

Compiled by
SAVANNAH ALDAY
HERNANDO SUN

Nature Coast Father's Day Ride Saturday, June 16 at 9 AM

Nature Coast Father's Day weekend ride as Steve and Justin Lamb from Crystal Harley lead the pack with Doug and his son Neal from High Octane.

Riding is a great way to bring families together so please join us as we start out at Crystal Harley and ride to Cedar Key for lunch and then return to HO for a free live concert. Crystal Harley and High Octane bringing families together 2 wheels and 3 wheels at a time.

There will be lots of giveaways so please get your free raffle ticket at sign up. As of right now we have Flat Screen TV, 2 Amazon Alexa's, Yeti Cooler, Out-door fryer to just name a few with plenty more. Registration & Raffle tickets are free at sign up. Don't have a bike no problem you have plenty of time to stop in Crystal Harley and take advantage of the great deals low interest rates. Sign up and registration will be at 9am to 10am with kick stands up at 10:30am

We were asked if Jeeps could join the ride so we created a separate event for the Jeeps to trail ride. Let's see if we can make this the largest turn out of Bikes and Jeeps.

Father's Skate Free The Locomo Skate-Dance-Party Sun June 17, 1 pm-4:30 pm

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"American Flags: The Stars and Stripes in American History and Culture" is also included with admission.

Dads and families are encouraged to visit the museum and dine at the waterfront Columbia Cafe located inside the History Center. The Cafe features indoor and outdoor seating along the Riverwalk.

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Tampa, FL 33602

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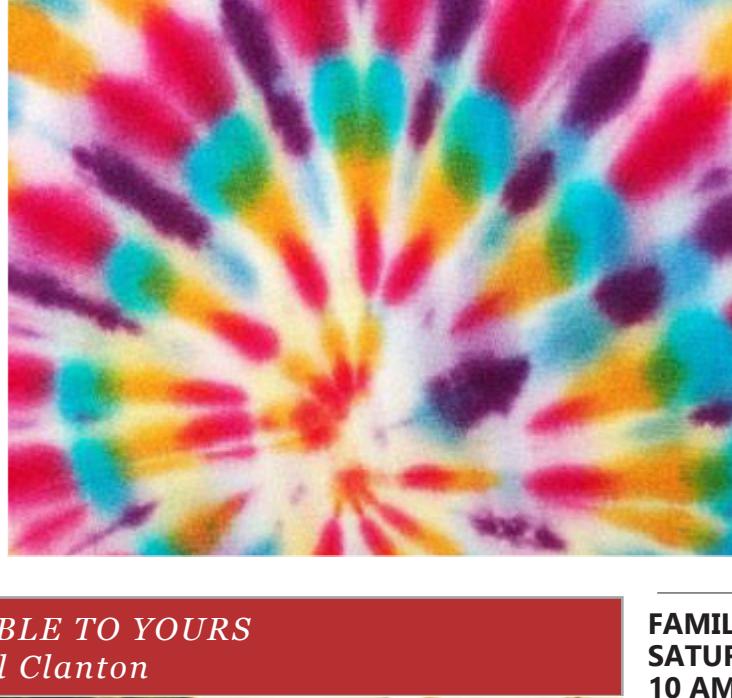
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Upcoming events that will get you out and about...



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TIE DYE BLOCK PARTY SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018 11 AM TO 3 PM

Join us in our pop-up Library tent on Saturday, June 23 right before or right after your "Target run"! All supplies will be provided for you to make and take a fun t-shirt craft project just in time before July. Ideas range from firecracker patriotic, unicorn or a mermaid-inspired wearable craft. White t-shirts of various sizes will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, you're welcome to bring your own. Light refreshments will be provided by Target. The Tie Dye Block Party will happen rain or shine. All ages are welcome. This is a FREE event.

The Tie Dye Block Party will be held at 3101 Aerial Way, Brooksville, FL 34604

FROM OUR TABLE TO YOURS by Cheryl Clanton



Quesadillas with Pico de Gallo

Ingredients

2 tablespoons olive oil
12 large flour tortillas
3 cups grated cheese
2 lbs skinless chicken breasts
2 pkg taco seasoning
butter for frying
below options
1 yellow bell pepper seeded & sliced strips
1 bell pepper seeded & sliced strips
1 large onion sliced
Pico de Gallo
3 red onions
2 cups cilantro leaves chopped
12 roma tomatoes
2 oz. white vinegar
salt, pepper, 1 tablespoon fresh diced garlic

Directions

Dice chicken into cubes, place in skillet with olive oil, salt and pepper and taco seasoning. Cook until done. Set cooked chicken aside. In skillet place onions and peppers and cook until done, remove and set aside. In Skillet or griddle on medium heat, place a flour tortilla in skillet, build the quesadillas by laying grated cheese on tortilla, and arrange cooked chicken & peppers, finish layers with some more cheese. Top with a second tortilla. When tortilla is golden on the first side, Carefully flip Quesadilla to the other side adding additional butter. Finish cooking second side until golden. Repeat with

remaining filling and tortillas. Cut each quesadilla into wedges and serve with Pico de Gallo.

Pico de Gallo
In large bowl dice up onions and tomatoes, chop up cilantro and place in bowl. Add white vinegar, salt & pepper, diced garlic. Add more or less seasoning to your taste. Serve Quesadillas topped with Pico de Gallo

FAMILY FIELD DAY SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018 AT 10 AM TO 1 PM

Get your competitive spirit on and join us for our second annual family field day. We will have classic events such as sack races, relay races, and much more. This event is FREE and fun for the whole family! We will be collecting donations for Bright Hopes (a homeless resource organization) and Sunrise of Pasco County (a domestic violence resource organization) in lieu of entry or parking fee. -Unused Socks, Non-perishable Food, Toiletries (deodorant, sunscreen, shampoo, chapstick, hand sanitizer, conditioner, bug repellent, lotion), Monetary donations also accepted

Pioneer Florida Museum and Village is located at 15602 Pioneer Museum Rd, Dade City,



WOMEN INSPIRING WOMEN AT THIRD ANNUAL PURPLE GOWN PARTY AND FUNDRAISER AT SILVERTHORN COUNTRY CLUB

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018

6:30 PM TO 10 PM

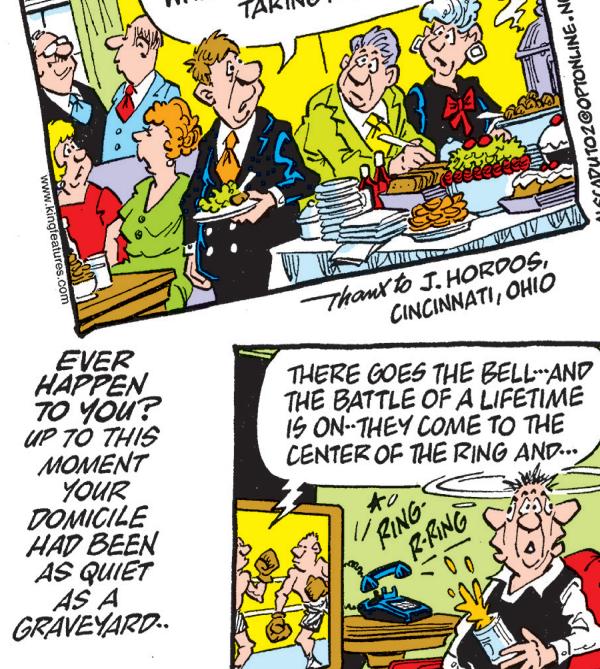
Fundraiser to benefit 18-year-old Brianna Goble, a young teenager in our Hernando County community that was a victim of Gun Violence in October. She survived the attack but recently found out that she will have to undergo surgery to repair her neck and restore her mouth. Your support will help greatly to assist the family during this time. The event includes dinner at \$4

Each year key women who have overcome obstacles, trials and tribulations along their path are invited to share their stories of survival, perseverance and personal growth with our audience. These stories are very moving but also inspire the women in attendance to see more than the hurdles and struggles they have and will face in their lives to see hope. This evening fills them the hope and courage to overcome these circumstances and gives them the drive to achieve their own personal and professional successes.

Our theme this year is "Bridging the Gap" and our intention is for these amazing women to help move our audience to see beyond a "moment" and help them overcome and move past some of the trials they may already have experienced in life or prepare them with strength for what they may be encountering in life at a later date. Our hope is that after this event, more women will step out with their gifts and talents and inspire the each other to do the same. www.ticketor.com/flocalevents/tickets/women-inspiring-women-s-3rd-annual-purple-gown-event-119516#buy

Silvertorn Country Club is located at 4550 Golf Club Ln, Brooksville,

THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME



Calendar of Events

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

Wildlife ranger camps offered at state park

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

3rd Annual Purple Gown Event

WHEN: Saturday, June 23, 2018 6:30pm – 10:00pm
WHERE: Silverthorn Country Club 4550 Golf Club Ln, Brooksville, Description: 3rd Annual Women Inspiring Women's Purple Gown event. First Fundraiser to benefit #BriStrong - Our theme this year is "Bridging the Gap." Each year key women who have overcome obstacles, trials and tribulations along their path are invited to share their stories of survival, perseverance and personal growth with our audience. These stories are very moving but also inspire the women in attendance to see more than the hurtles and struggles they have and will face in their lives to see hope. This evening fills them the hope and courage to overcome these circumstances and gives them the drive to achieve their own personal and professional successes. This year's event will give back a portion of the proceeds to #BriStrong. BriStrong was created to assist Brianna Goble, a young teenager in our Hernando County community that was a victim of Gun Violence in October. She was shot in the face by a former boyfriend at the age of 18. She survived the attack but recently found out that she will have to undergo surgery to repair her neck and restore her mouth. Your support will help greatly to assist the family during this time. The event includes dinner - tickets are \$40 each. Visit www.ticketor.com/filocalevents/tickets/women-inspiring-women-s-3rd-annual-purple-gown-event-119516#buy.

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.

Family Field Day Pioneer Florida Museum

WHEN: Saturday, June 23, 2018 10am – 1pm
WHERE: 15602 Pioneer Museum Rd, Dade City, Description: Get your competitive spirit on and join us for our second annual family field day. We will have classic events such as sack races, relay races, and much more. This event is FREE and fun for the whole family! We will be collecting donations for Bright Hopes (a homeless resource organization) and Sunrise of Pasco County (a domestic violence resource organization) in lieu of entry or parking fee. -Unused Socks, Non-perishable Food, Toiletries (deodorant, sunscreen, shampoo, chapstick, hand sanitizer, conditioner, bug repellent, lotion), Monetary donations also accepted

Tie Dye Block Party

WHEN: June 23, 2018 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
WHERE: 3101 Aerial Way, Brooksville, FL 34604
Description: Join us in our pop-up Library tent on Saturday, June 23 right before or right after your "Target run"! All supplies will be provided for you to make and take a fun t-shirt craft project just in time before July. Ideas range from firecracker patriotic, unicorn or a mermaid-inspired wearable craft. White t-shirts of various sizes will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, you're welcome to bring your own. Light refreshments will be provided by Target. The Tie Dye Block Party will happen rain or shine. All ages are welcome. This is a FREE event.

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 28- July 1

Booster Days 2018- Hudson's 4th of July Celebration

WHEN: Thursday, June 28, 2018 - July 1, 2018
WHERE: Lakefront Park, 505 First Street, Hudson Annual Independence Day celebration sponsored by Hudson Boosters Club. Carnival, food, bingo, contests and Live Entertainment! No Admission Fee. Parade - Saturday, June 30 at 11 am in Downtown Hudson. Parade registration form is available on Booster's website. Fireworks - Sunday, July 1 at Lakefront Park at dusk. Carnival:

Thursday, June 28, 5 pm - Close.

Friday, June 29, 1 pm - Close

Saturday, June 30, 12:30 pm - Close

Sunday, July 1

Call 715-386-8411. Visit: www.hudsonboosters.org - click on booster day tab on main menu bar

Under the Tuscan Moon - The Arc Nature Coast

WHEN: Thursday, June 28, 2018 6pm – 8pm
WHERE: Papa Joes Italian Restaurant, 6244 Spring Lake Hwy, Brooksville, Description: You're invited to join us for an evening of exquisite gourmet food and wine! Served over five courses, each one is accompanied by a unique wine pairing. Pamper yourself and others as we share an enchanted evening of fine food, wine & spirits; surrounded by old world Tuscany-inspired ambience and service and warm friends. Join us for a moonlit evening and an opportunity to support a wonderful local charity in our community. Tickets \$75.00 each; Table of eight \$600. Purchase online at www.tancinc.org or contact us at: (352) 544-2322 x109 info@tancinc.org; Call 352-544-2322 x109

June 29 - 30

2018 KIA Fest New Port Richey

June 29 @ 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm
What is more fun than Apple Pie and Ice Cream, Fireworks and 4th of July? New Port Richey's Main Street's annual Independence Day celebration, KIAFEST Main Street Blast in Sims Park. It's a grand salute to America's Independence Day celebrated in true hometown style! Bring the whole family down to the 19th Annual Friendly KIAFEST Main Street Blast and enjoy classic rock music, food & beverages, Beer Garden, Military Vehicles on display, kids' games and much more. Great thanks to the friendly folks at Friendly KIA we can host two days of FREE concerts! Get a group together and enter to win the Trolley Pull! 1st and 2nd place teams will win prizes! Finish off the fun on Saturday with a fabulous fireworks display cosponsored by Friendly KIA and Greg Henry Restoration over Orange Lake (weather/conditions permitting) but get there early, more than 25,000 people enjoyed New Port Richey's fireworks display last year! This event received "Honor Award for Best Event Main Street Event" by Florida's

Movie Times

GTC BEACON CINEMA

12961 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34613

Friday, 15 June 2018 - Thursday, 21 June 2018

Adrift (PG13)	Daily except Tues, Thurs: 1:20PM, 4:10PM, 7:25PM, 10:00PM Tues: 12:15PM, 4:10PM, 7:25PM, 10:00PM
Book Club (PG13)	Daily except Thurs: 12:20PM, 3:20PM, 6:15PM, 9:45PM
Boss Baby, The (PG)	Tues, Thurs: 10:00AM
Deadpool 2 (R)	Daily except Thurs: 12:45PM, 3:45PM, 6:45PM, 9:40PM
Hereditary (R)	Daily except Thurs: 12:25PM, 3:35PM, 7:00PM, 10:00PM
Hotel Artemis (R)	Fri, Sat, Mon, Tues: 1:20PM, 7:20PM
Incredibles 2, The (PG)	Daily except Wed, Thurs: 11:30AM, 12:00PM, 2:30PM, 3:00PM, 4:25PM, 5:30PM, 6:00PM, 9:00PM, 9:30PM
Incredibles 2, The (GTX)	Daily except Thurs: 1:00PM, 4:00PM, 7:00PM, 10:00PM
Incredibles 2, The 3D (PG)	Daily except Thurs: 8:30PM
Jurassic World	Thurs: 8:00PM, 9:00PM
Fallen Kingdom (PG13)	
Jurassic World	Thurs: 7:00PM, 10:00PM
Fallen Kingdom GTX (PG13)	
Ocean's 8 (PG13)	Fri, Sat, Mon, Tues: 1:40PM, 3:50PM, 7:25PM, 9:50PM Sun: 1:40PM, 4:40PM, 7:25PM, 9:50PM Wed: 1:40PM, 4:30PM, 7:25PM, 9:50PM
Raiders of the Lost Ark (PG)	Sun: 2:00PM, 7:00PM Wed: 4:00PM, 7:00PM
Solo: A Star Wars Story (PG13)	Daily except Thurs: 11:40AM, 2:45PM, 6:15PM, 9:20PM
Superfly (R)	Daily except Thurs: 12:45PM, 3:45PM, 7:15PM, 9:55PM
Tag (R)	Daily except Thurs: 1:30PM, 4:15PM, 7:15PM, 9:55PM

Secretary of State and was named one of the "Top 20 Events in the Southeast" by Southeast Tourism magazine. KIAfest opens at 5 pm Friday until 11 pm and then on Saturday from noon to 11 pm. Live music on the main stage in Sims Park, arts and crafters, classic car cruise-in, KIA trolley pull and lots of fun and games!

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 well 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

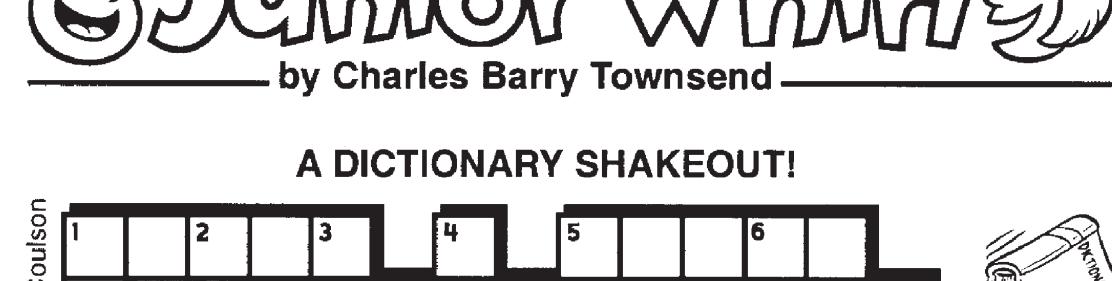
July 4 Celebration at the Bandshell

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.

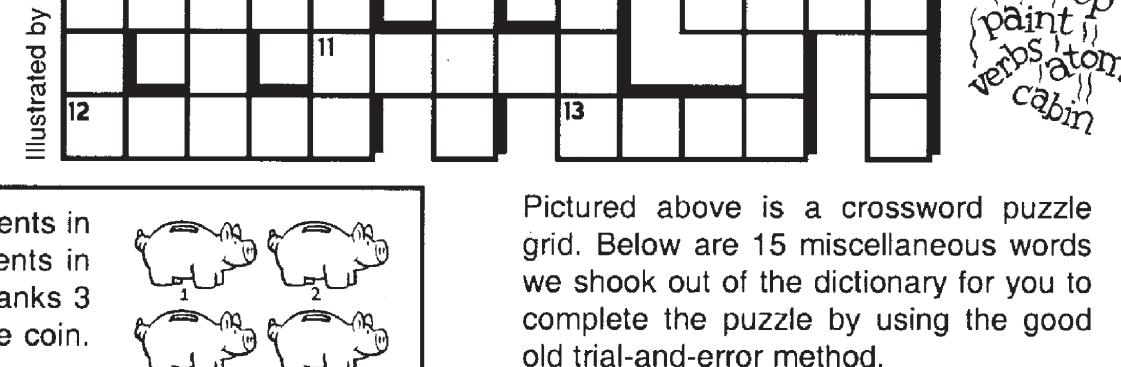
July 12

USA Dance Adventure Coast

WHEN: Second Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 9:30 pm (July, 12, 2018)
WHERE: The Lake House, Kenlake Avenue, Spring Hill
Description: Join our monthly dances at "The Lake House." Waltz, Tango, Rumba, Cha-Cha, Fox Trot, Swing. \$6 members / nonmembers \$8. At 7 pm, DJ Pete gives a lesson which is included in price of admission Complimentary snacks, coffee and tea. Beverages and water available, or you can bring your own. Dances are held Monthly on the second Thursday, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Call Christine at 352.515.5008 or 631.220.7029 or email at m3chris_berna@hotmail.com or visit usadanceadventurecoast.org/



A DICTIONARY SHAKEOUT!



Pictured above is a crossword puzzle grid. Below are 15 miscellaneous words we shook out of the dictionary for you to complete the puzzle by using the good old trial-and-error method.

4-Letter Words: 5-Letter Words:

ATOM	BABEL	LATHE
EGOS	BARGE	NAMES
EMIT	BERET	PAINT

BEBOP	PIECE	IDEAL
VERBS	CABIN	VERBS

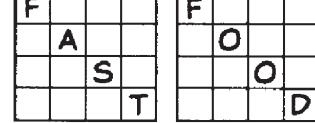
Answers: (Across) 1. Bebop, 5. Paint, 7. Ideal, 9. Verbs, 11. Cabin, 12. Lathe, 13. Egos, 14. Paint, 15. Piece, 16. Atom, 17. Beret, 18. Names, 19. Barge, 20. Egos, 21. Cabin, 22. Lathe, 23. Egos, 24. Paint, 25. Piece, 26. Beret, 27. Ideal, 28. Verbs, 29. Cabin, 30. Lathe, 31. Egos, 32. Paint, 33. Piece, 34. Beret, 35. Ideal, 36. Verbs.

THESE PIGS HAVE A LOT OF (\$CENTS)! The cents in bank 1 equal one-third of banks 2 and 4. The cents in bank 4 is one-fifth of bank 2. The total cents in banks 3 and 4 is three-fifths of bank 1. Each bank has one coin. What are they?

Answer: 1 = dime, 2 = quarter, 3 = penny, 4 = nickel.

IT'S FAST FOOD TIME! Below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid B contain the same letters as the corresponding words in Grid A.

1. Bus charge.
2. A fast food.
3. Stockings, socks.
4. Result of fender-bender.



Answers: 1. Fare-fear, 2. Taco-coat, 3. Hose-shoe, 4.

Adopt Today

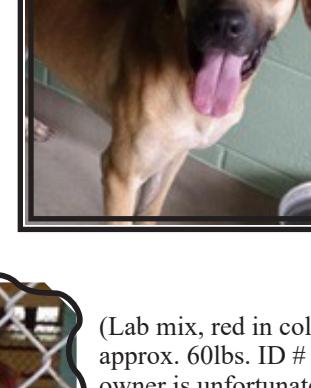
**DEER HOMO SAPIENS,
WIL YU PLEEZ COM TO THE SHELTR
AND SEE US WE WUD LOV YU TO ADOPT
US WE WANT TO BRIN' YOU JOY. WE NOW
THAT EVERY HUOMAN NEEDS A CUDDLY
SOL MAT, SO LET US BE THE ONS. COME
AND SEE US 19450 OLIVER ST. BROOKSVILLE, FL.**



Morgan (black and white, female, ID # 10315314) not Moooo...though I do look a bit like a cow! I am an adult female Pointer mix. I enjoy the company of other dogs, am playful but not hyper and would love to join your family. Seems to get along with other dogs but the shelter encourages a meet and greet. Please come meet Morgan! Hernando Animal Services, 19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, FL 352-796-5062.



Snooki (Grey, female ID #10315571), she's a lowrider, super petite, looks like a puppy but she is fully grown. Another dog disposed of by a backyard breeder. She's a sweet girl who is a little shy at first, good on leash, and seems to like other dogs. Help us find Snooki a home! Hernando Animal Services, 19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, FL 352-796-5062.



(Black Mouth Curr, tan with black in color, male, adult, approx. 48lbs ID # 10315687.) This dog was found by a citizen at Fort Dade graveyard and transported to the shelter. This dog was friendly at intake. This dog becomes property of the shelter on 6-8-18 Hernando Animal Services, 19450 Oliver St. 352-796-5062.



(Lab mix, red in color, male-neutered, adult, approx. 60lbs. ID # 10315744.) This dog's owner is unfortunately deceased and next of kin was unable to care for him. This is a super sweet, loves everyone kind of dog, well socialized, crate trained and all around wonderful. Available now to a loving home. Hernando Animal Services, 19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, FL 352-796-5062.



(Dach mix, black and tan in color, female, senior, approx. 10lbs, ID # 10315746.) This dog was found by a citizen on Woodside St. Spring Hill and transported to the shelter.

This dog was mild mannered at intake but is lethargic in shelter and has severe dental disease. This dog becomes property of the shelter on 6-13-18. Hernando Animal Services, 19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, FL 352-796-5062.



(Black and white in color, adult, ID # 10315748.) This cat was found by a citizen on Inverary St. and transported to the shelter. This cat was able to be handled a bit fearful at intake. Hernando Animal Services, 19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, FL 352-796-5062.

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)

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 nlcw.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 fbcbrooksville.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,

Local Summer Camps

- **Wider Horizons School in Spring Hill** offers educational summer programs. Call 352-686-1934 for more information.

2nd - 6th grade: 9am-2PM, \$125/week, Full Day \$150/week

JUNE 18-22: SAFARI

JUNE 25-29: PAINTING

JULY 2-6: BUGGING OUT

JULY 9-13: DR. SUESS

JULY 16-20: FIESTA

JULY 23-27: COOKING

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

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

- YMCA of the Suncoast has many options of full and half day camps. <https://www.ymcasuncoast.org/summcamp>

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

Week 4: 06/25/18 - Minute to WIN It Field Trip: Fun Spot

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.

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For more information, please contact the Hernando County Branch at 352-688-9622.

Dates: From June 25, 2018 to June 29, 2018

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.hernandosherrif.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 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.

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

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

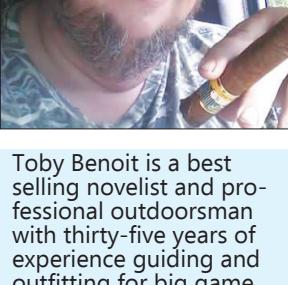
- Weeki Wachee Springs State Park, offers summer programs which include Junior Mermaid, Junior Lifeguard, and Junior Ranger. <https://www.weekiwachee.com/camps/>

- Hernando County Public Library offers an array of events for kids and teens see the full list, times, and location: <https://hernando-countylibrary.us>

SPORTS

HUNTING

I've got gators on my mind



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

It's that time of year again that all of us Gator hunters have been submitting our permit applications to the Florida Wildlife Commission. Thus far I've been shut out on the drawings, but expect I'll be able to purchase a few leftover permits up in the Panhandle region. But down here locally, obtaining a permit is a fairly difficult feat.

As big as Hernando County is, with as many alligators as can be found around here, the state

has limited the permit availability to just four permits. Now, each permit issued by the Florida Wildlife Commission for the State Alligator Harvest Program comes with two CITES tags for the harvest and possession of two alligators, bringing the total of them big swamp lizards available for harvest to only eight. That kind of leaves me scratching my head in wonder as I spend a huge part of my time in the woods and on the water and it seems that I see gators nearly everywhere I go.

Only recently, I spent some time fishing on the bank of the Withlacoochee River, in Croom by the old Iron Bridge and in three hours of fishing I counted six gators cruising lazily by in the water.

I happen to know that there are quite a few gators up in those areas, mostly in the lakes and backwater sloughs off of the rivers, but it's a pretty good drive to get to them. I may get lucky and draw closer, Baker, Duval and Alachua had a small number of permits available when I entered the second phase of the statewide drawing, so my fingers are crossed.

Now, if you haven't

range. So, why is it that there are so few tags available? A couple of phone calls to the FWC haven't revealed much. I'm still awaiting a call back from the regional biologist as I write this. But, I hope to have an answer before too long, which I'll happily update you with next week. Now North of the county line, there are forty-five permits available; that's ninety gators up for harvest. Curious, right?

Now, for anybody else interested in obtaining gator permits, as of the last stats there are a number of permits available up north in Gulf and Hamilton Counties and a few other places throughout the northern part of the state.

Four of those gators were good eating sized critters, between six and eight feet while two of them would measure out well in excess of nine feet in length. And to see some really big swamp lizards, a short boat ride South toward Silver Lake, can just about ensure an encounter or two with some in the eleven and twelve foot

range.



hunted alligators in Florida, we do it a bit differently than they show on the popular TV shows depicting alligator hunting. No baited hooks or lines and no firearms. We can snag them in open water, I prefer a surf rod with a snatching hook, then wrestling the big lizard alongside the boat for a pop on the noggin with a bang stick, or hatchet behind the head, either way is quite effective at inviting him into the boat for an honored spot amongst your dinner entrees.

And as always, if you have any feedback, suggestions or even just want

ABOVE: My daughter Brittany and I with a ten-footer destined for our freezer.

to share a good hunting story, give me a shout at Toby@HernandoSun.com.

God bless and good hunting!

SPORTS

"Steelers" 2018 TBXFL Superbowl Champs Boys2Men

ARTICLE AND
PHOTOGRAPHY
BY CHERYL CLANTON
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

On Friday June 8, 2018 Hernando Sun attended the Boys2Men Awards Banquet, held at the Women's Club on Main Street in Downtown Brooksville. Ms. Kimberly Kincade and Ms. Sherri Collins, born and raised in Hernando County and have strong ties in the community, they bonded together five years ago and started Boys2Men Foundation Incorporation nonprofit. Boys2Men a youth football and cheer camp.

The young men and women that join the camp are provided with mentoring, discipline, education and help with a chance to play sports with an organized structured camp at a cheaper cost. Boys2Men works hard with the kids to educate and get them ready for

adulthood with manners, respect, responsibility and perform at their very best and to excel in their futures to be whatever they want to be. Both Ms Kincade and Ms Collins wanted to help the community and low income families with multiple children, so that all the children in the community could have a chance to participate in sports and programs that they offer. Boys2Men hold car wash events, fundraisers, accept donations from local businesses and restaurants. The staff, coaches, teams, cheer squads and families all get involved in the events that are held for Boys2Men. Boys2Men is always open for new sponsors and ideas for any upcoming events. All events and donations go to help with new equipment, uniforms and transportation to practice and thru out the county for games.



Boy2Men PeeWee Division



Coaches

They just finished the 2018 TBXFL Spring Football games, taking the Midgets Superbowl Championship with a 7-0 record. The Banquet that was held awarded athletes with a spread of great food, desserts and drinks. The trophies were given out to MVP players, in the Pee-Wee Division: Offense #6 Jaylon Moss, Defense #38 Xavier Figueroa.

Supers Division trophies went to: Offense # Tayshaun Young, Defense

#30 William Figueroa. Midgets Division MVP went to: Offence #6 Evan Spears, Defence, #17 Stanley Young.

The Superbowl Championship MVP awards went to Offence #34 Jayden Skipper and Defense #32 Tarell Sherman. All others in each division were awarded Appreciate Participation Certificates. Smiles on their faces was of pure joy of being recognized.

Boys2Men, Team Name: Steelers are feeling blessed to start the up coming season in August 2018 with Pop Warner in Springhill, FL. The Leagues they have participated in are Pop Warner 5yrs, American Youth Football 1yr and Tampa Bay Youth Football 3yrs. Boys2Men record: 4 Superbowl Championships and 1 Conference Championship.

The Organization looks for/in their coaches to mentor, determination, dedication, time and patience. And to have the same vision, which is all about the youth in the community, giving them a better chance in life and in their future.

Practice started 6/09/2018 for the up coming season already. If interested, contact Boys2Men by emailing them at Boys2menfoundationinc@gmail.com



MVP Winners.

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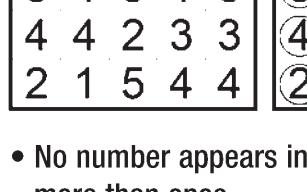
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Belly Dancing	Tuesdays	5:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Spring Hill Lake House	Jaynellen Phone: (352) 540-1568 Email: jaynellen333@sbcglobal.net
Baton	Tuesdays	3 - 8 p.m.	Kennedy Park	Diane Sorvillo Phone: (352) 212-6077
Tae Kwon Do (beginners with advanced class 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.AllAmerican-Youth.org
Dance	Tuesdays	6 - 8:45 p.m.	Delta Woods Park	All American Youth Phone: (813) 885-2292 www.AllAmerican-Youth.org
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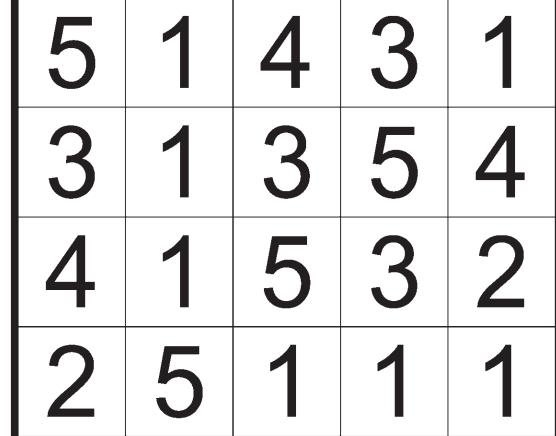
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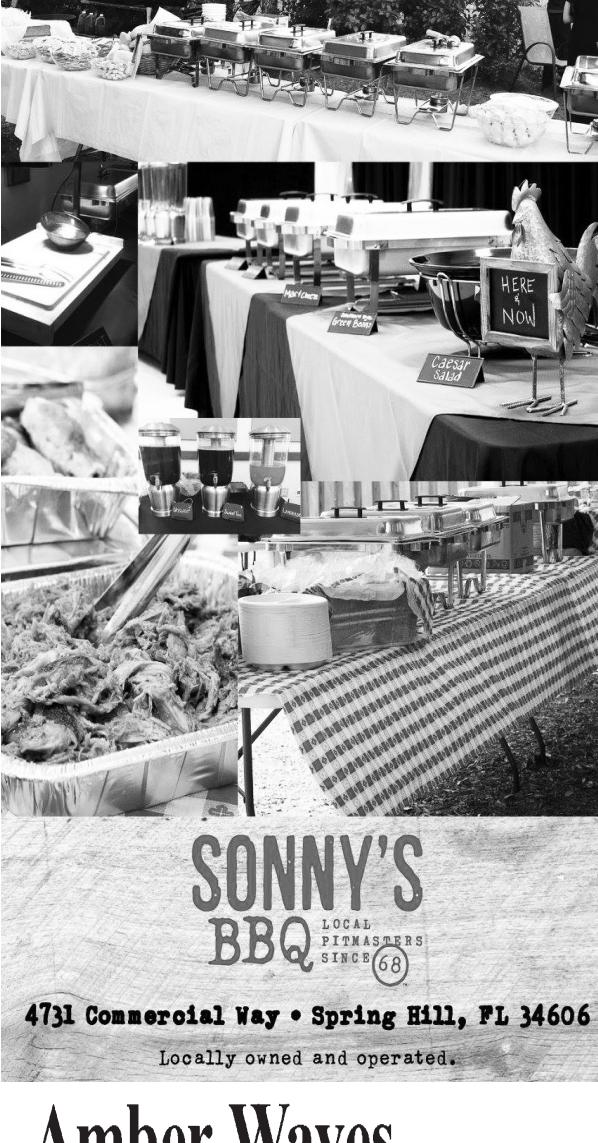
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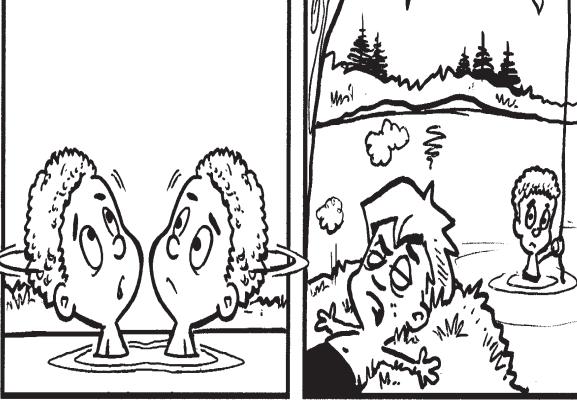
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BASEBALL

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stead: He went 7-3 with a 1.60 ERA, with 86 strikeouts and 13 earned runs through 12 appearances. Jasiak pitched four complete games and only walked 12 batters of the 244 he faced.

C - Brandon Riera, Senior, Nature Coast Technical: He committed only two errors while hitting .312 with 18 runs and two homers.

INF - Connor Morgan, Sophomore, Hernando: The sensational sophomore batted .489, drove in 34 runs and belted four home runs.

INF - Jordan McMath, Sophomore, Nature Coast Technical: McMath provided solid fielding for the Sharks, only committing one error all season. McMath was also a solid pitcher for the Sharks, going 8-2 with an earned run average of 3.05.

INF - Collin Greer, Sophomore, Weeki Wachee: He hit .333 and had 22 hits while playing solid in the infield for the Hornets.

INF - Anthony Urso, Senior, Hernando: Combined with Morgan to give the Leopards a strong infield. He also had a .398 batting average on the season.

OF - Tyler Adler, Senior, Central: He scored 21 runs, 35 hits and 19 RBIs to go along with a .385 batting average.

OF - Dalton Black, Junior, Hernando: Black was a big part of Hernan-



Springstead's Kevin Tomas at bat on March 14, 2018.

do's small ball lineups and 16 bases on just 17 attempts.

OF - Zach Funkhouser, Senior, Nature Coast Technical: The right fielder had one of the best batting averages for outfielders in the county at .453 and scored 49

runs. He also had 39 hits on the season.

UTL - Kevin Tomas, Senior, Springstead: Tomas batted .322 with 15 RBIs. On the mound, he also had a 1.86 ERA with a 7-4 record and 61 strikeouts.

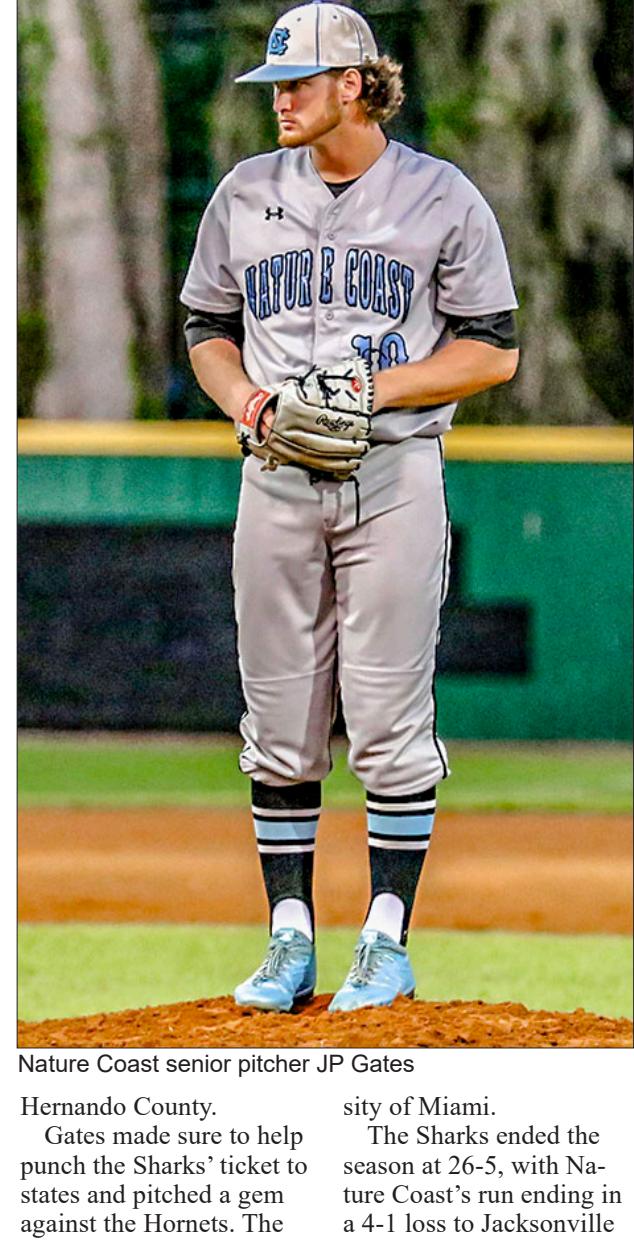
Nature Coast's JP Gates receives POY honors

BY ANDY VILLAMARZO
HERNANDO SUN
SPORTS WRITER

BROOKSVILLE- It wasn't going to take long for many to notice, once the 2018 prep baseball season was over in the state of Florida, that one player in specific from Hernando County, had one of the top campaigns out of anyone around. One baseball publication did take notice and made the honor announcement earlier this past week.

Nature Coast senior pitcher JP Gates was named Prep Baseball Report's Player Of the Year, after putting together a memorable run that led the Sharks to the Class 5A state semifinals. Gates boasted a record of 9-2 on the season and racked up 135 strikeouts and held opponents to a stellar earned run average of 1.05. Gates didn't just do it from the mound, though, as he was excellent at the plate as well. The left-handed pitcher batted an impressive .430 and belted out 10 home runs.

The Sharks enjoyed the best season in school history behind Gates' big numbers he was able to put up all year long. For a school that had never gone to the region final, nonetheless the state semis, Nature Coast was able to ride the left arm of Gates for most of the journey. Nature Coast's biggest win on the season came in the postseason in the region semifinals against the heavily vaunted Orlando Bishop Moore, which had an impeccable track record heading into



Nature Coast senior pitcher JP Gates

Hernando County.

Gates made sure to help punch the Sharks' ticket to states and pitched a gem against the Hornets. The senior ace struckout 12 batters on just 81 pitches in Nature Coast's 3-0 victory over Bishop Moore. What was even more impressive was that the Hornets were in the midst of a 15-game winning streak, which all came to a halt against Gates and the Sharks. The left-handed prodigy has already committed to playing baseball collegiately at the Univer-

sity of Miami.

The Sharks ended the season at 26-5, with Nature Coast's run ending in a 4-1 loss to Jacksonville Bolles in the state semifinals. Nature Coast will return a bevy of veteran players, but losing Gates will be a player that's going to be hard to replace for the Sharks in 2019.

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Local student wins a first, 2 Stakes Champion ribbons at horse show



Kelsey Painter a Hernando High School Sophomore and her horse Ziggy. They placed first in the Western Country Pleasure Driving in the Open, and Youth classes.

BY PHILLIP ADAMS
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

One of Brooksville's own attended the Orange Blossom Miniature Horse Club show at the Ocala Livestock Pavilion on Saturday, June 9, 2018.

Kelsey Painter a Hernando High School Sophomore and her horse Ziggy placed first in Western Country Pleasure Driving in the Open, and Youth classes, and came home with two Stakes Champion ribbons.

Ziggy (show name Ozark

Mtn White Time Raven) is a 2017 Pinto World Champion halter horse, who Kelsey has broken to drive a cart in the last 9 months. While training her horse, Kelsey has also maintained straight A's in honors classes at Hernando High School as a freshman, and we expect her Sophomore year to continue this path.

Kelsey also earned her invitation to the AMHR National Show in Tulsa, OK this coming September, where she will compete amongst her peers.

Her work ethic with her

horses, is amazing as she does show a loving bond with each of them, and wakes up early during the school year to feed and water them.

Her parents are extremely proud of her, because win or lose, she always maintains a happy go lucky attitude and does this out of pure love for her horses and the bond she creates with them.

Phillip Adams, and I can be reached at (727) 835-9300.

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By JACKIE CAMPBELL
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The Emergency File Should Include:

1. Contact Information:

- Emergency Contacts
- (Nearest Relatives)
- CPA
- Attorney
- Financial Advisor(s)

2. Password Lists:

Current list of your online, phone and computer passwords. This will allow the keys for your digital life to also be turned over.

3. Legal Documents:

Original documents should stay with your attorney, but include copies in your file.

- Power of Attorney
- Last Will & Testament
- Medical Directives: Living Will and Health Care Surrogate
- Living Trust

4. Vital Personal Records:

- Social Security Card
- Passport
- Birth and Marriage Certificates
- Any Other Official Documents

5. Financial Account Information:

Account information with banks, investments, debts (credit cards and loans) and safe deposit box.

6. Insurance Policies:

Information for life, disability, long-term care, homeowner's, auto and medical policy numbers and contact information.

7. Health Records:

List of medications, allergies, immunization records, dietary restrictions, and other necessary medical information. Also, contact information for your primary doctor.

8. Pet Information:

Veterinarian contact information and important medical information about your pets.

9. Personal Property:

Auto information and title, home deeds, and other personal items such as

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BUSINESS & COMMUNITY**Got Clutter?**

Organizing in a Snap has the perfect solutions for people who need help organizing their belongings and their life.

By SUE QUIGLEY
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

Who, amongst us, hasn't tuned in to those home improvement television programs where, in an hourlong show, a home is transformed into "house beautiful" with a place for everything and everything in its place?

The presenters make it look so easy but, in reality, it's not that simple. Some of us are just not naturally organized or capable of tackling what to do with all of our "stuff." So, just as accountants prepare our taxes; Realtors help us buy or sell a home; or lawyers who take care of our personal matters; a professional organizer can help us to declutter our homes and give guidance on how to keep them decluttered.

"It's not just a case of buying some containers and then sifting through items to keep, trash or donate," said Michelle Winarsky, a Professional Organizer and owner of Organizing in a Snap. "Some people don't know how to get organized or where to start; they're overwhelmed and stressed or they simply don't have the time or inclination to do it themselves," she said.

She explained it's more about getting to know people, helping them move past their bad habits, and make progress not just with their "stuff," but with their lives too. Professional organizers can definitely help in these situations, but there's a lot more to the profession than that.

Michelle Winarsky has been a licensed mental health counselor since 1999 and her credentials also include some 18,000 plus hours of professional organizing experience in the last 6 years alone.

Helping busy families, professionals, and small business owners clear their clutter to create a more relaxed, productive and manageable lifestyle is Winarsky's passion. She also customizes simple systems to suit each of her clients so it's easily maintained. "I work hands on, side by side with my clients to go through the decluttering and help them make decisions about letting go of sentimental items and dealing with life's everyday challenges," said Winarsky.

"Some may suffer from OCD (Obsessive Compulsive Disorder), ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) or perhaps an addiction to shopping or hoarding," she said. "But mostly, I find that people are not taught or trained to organize their spaces and then become overwhelmed when they don't know where to start or how to do it."

Organizing in a Snap can help with a variety of tasks such as closet design, space planning, paperwork management, downsizing, home staging, moving and more. She is able to customize a plan for each client based on their individual needs.

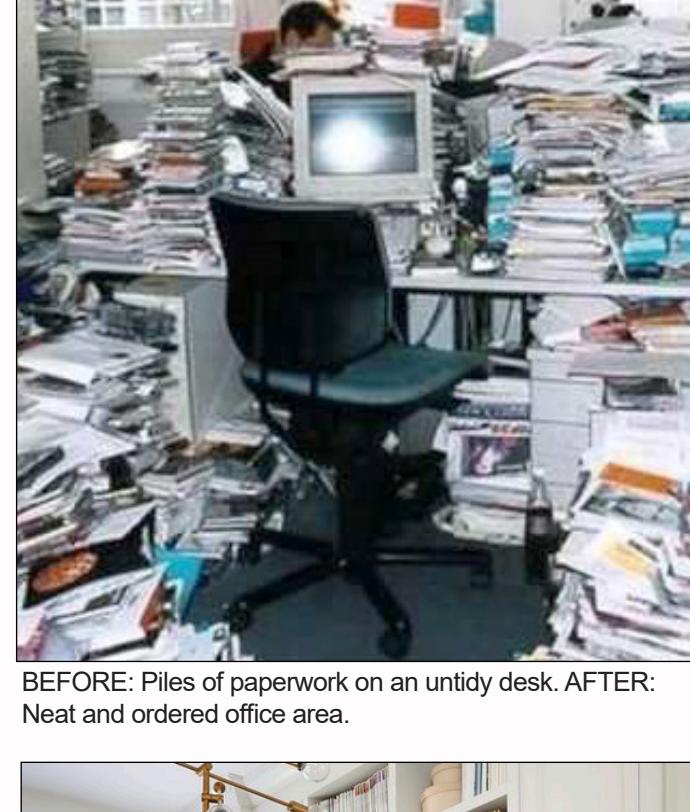
For some, organizing their spaces may be a lifelong issue. Not only does Michelle work with those who have chronic disorganization issues but she also works with those who have a hoarding disorder if they are ready for help. It can be starting with one room or organizing the entire house at a pace that is manageable for the client.

For others, it might simply be purging their paperwork and setting up files or organizing their closets. Numbers of sessions are planned based on the client's time and budget.

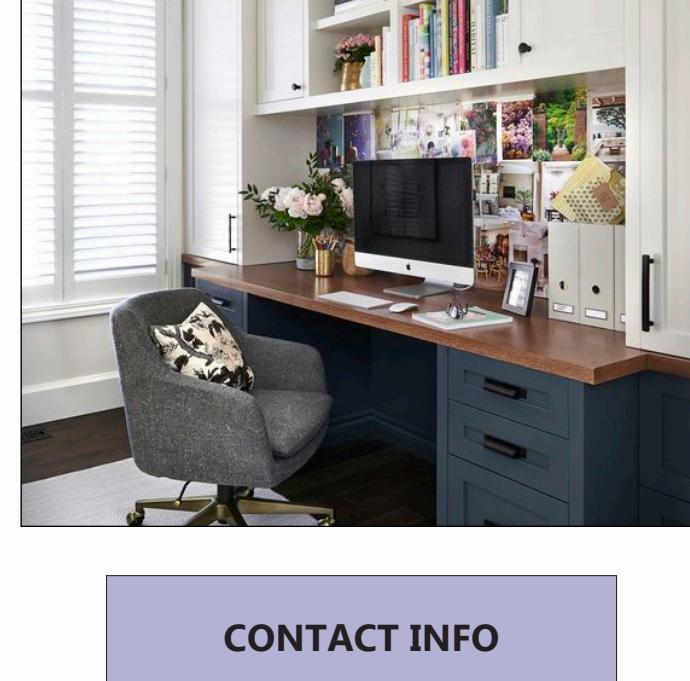
"My focus is not only to help clients get organized or decluttered," said Winarsky. "My goal is to help my clients find simple solutions so they can easily maintain their spaces after my work is done" she said.

Over the years, Organizing in a Snap has built a bank of resources to call upon to solve clients' challenges. "I work closely with professional movers and junk haulers, handymen, contractors and trades people of all types, supply

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BEFORE: Piles of paperwork on an untidy desk. AFTER: Neat and ordered office area.



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Preparing for the storm with dementia

The state of Florida has truly had its eyes opened on the proper need of dementia training for their special needs shelters after last year's Hurricane Irma. I have been extremely grateful to take on the task of educating and training Florida's Health Department employees on dementia care and awareness, starting with Volusia County.

NOAA's 2018 hurricane forecast predicts 10-16 named storms this season. Please be prepared.

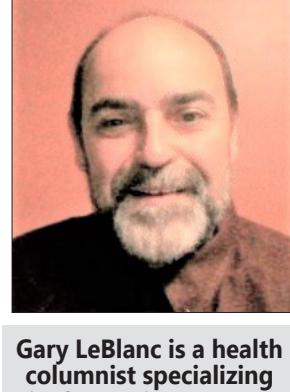
If you should find yourself caring for loved ones living with dementia during a natural disaster, you will most likely find yourself facing two major disasters; the oncoming storm and the tempest resulting from the mass confusion of the patients. If this should happen to you, chances are you will not have time to think; you must plan ahead.

If you find yourself

in such a situation, you cannot rely on other people for help as they will probably be caught up in making their own preparations.

In the event of an impending hurricane or storm, these loved ones will most likely be frightened and possibly uncooperative. Anxiety levels will be high. If the decision to evacuate has to be made, this can prove to be exceedingly difficult for those who are memory impaired, and also for their caregivers. Any change in routine—never mind a change in surroundings—will be very disturbing.

As I said, plan ahead. Research where it is you may need to go. If you have a nearby friend or relative who is willing to open their home to you, try to get there early enough so that those living with dementia can be settled into their new



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

Alzheimer's Disease. I assured him time and again that his pet's welfare would be well looked after.

Do the best to maintain a calm demeanor. Be reassuring in your manner and have calm conversations with them as often as possible. Frequently remind them that you're there to assist with their needs, whatever they may be. Be patient, for it will probably be necessary to repeat yourself often throughout this ordeal. It's essential that you don't get yourself into a frenzy. The calmer you appear, the less unnerved they will become.

The best thing you can do is be prepared comfortably ahead of time. This isn't going to be an easy task; you're just going to have to wade through it.

Your local Chamber of Commerce will have all the information needed in the event it becomes

necessary to seek out a public shelter. In 2015, Florida put a law into place that those diagnosed with dementia are able to seek special need shelters in your county that are designated for people with disabilities. This would be a much better choice. Do your research ahead of time and find one that will best suit your needs. Please make sure you're pre-registered. You can find the form online by Googling (your county + special needs shelter).

Keep in mind; people dealing with dementia do not perform well in noisy, crowded places. In fact, this may be the worst situation for them to endure. As I stated earlier, a friend or relative's house will be

a more composed environment for them.

Even the stable individuals that are waiting out the storm in a public shelter are going to be nervous wrecks, worrying if their houses will still be standing when they return home. The anxiety in that building is going to hit the ceiling and these loved ones are going to sense this.

Sadly, you also need to plan that there's a chance you may not be able to go home for a while due to destruction or loss of power.

Today is the perfect day to start your storm preparedness and evacuation plan. Don't procrastinate!

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NAMI Lip Sync Battle themed after the 80s era of rock, rebellion and big hair

by SAVANNAH ALDAY

HERNANDO SUN WRITER

'Girls just wanna' have fun.' But sometimes the whole family wants to join in too! Girls, guys, and kids alike were all jamming out to the hits of the 80's at the Heritage Pines Clubhouse on Saturday, June 9.

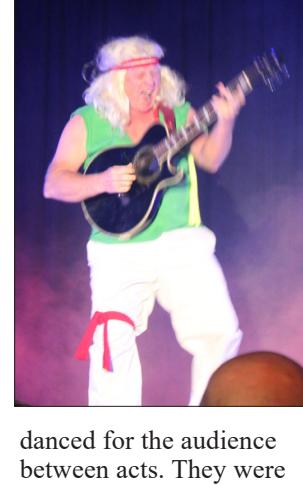
Over 200 guests purchased tickets and filled the tables in unity together for a night of fun and nostalgia while supporting a worthy cause.

NAMI of Hernando is the local branch of the nationwide organization, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Formed in 1979, NAMI credited for spreading mental health awareness and building support groups throughout the United States. They pride themselves in educating the public on the true realities of mental illnesses and its effect on individuals, as well as their family and

friends. NAMI fundraisers occur many times per year and range from various activities to help promote awareness and raise funds, due to NAMI being a non-profit organization. The proceeds went to NAMI of Hernando, as well as Vincent Academy Adventure Coast. This particular fundraiser was a Lip Sync Battle, themed after the 80's era of rock, rebellion, and big hair.

Guests began filing in at around 5 pm, that evening, and were free to drink from the open bar, snack on hors d' oeuvres, sing karaoke, and mingle. Officially beginning at 6 pm, guests were seated at tables facing the main stage and were served a full course of dinner and then dessert. With stomachs full, the guests excitedly watched as the lip sync battle commenced.

John Leggio's eleven performers who had travelled from New York especially for the event,



danced for the audience between acts. They were an energetic, extremely talented troupe who seemed tireless. John Leggio, a Hernando County local, is a director, choreographer, and teacher, and was the owner and artistic director of John Leggio's Center for the Performing Arts, located in Spring Hill.

Leggio is a former Broadway dancer who performed in the musicals CATS, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Showboat, and My Fair Lady. He had made a special trip from New York to train and work with the dancers and lip sync contestants for this event.

The Lip Sync Battle and the extra dance routines in their entirety were choreographed by the talented Leggio. The happenings of the night were announced by celebrity Emcee, Justin Shea, who has battled mental illness throughout his life. He was a member of the Vincent House in Pinellas Park in 2004 where he was given help and a place for recovery.

The incredible performers of the Lip Sync Battle included Kevin Carroll, representing the Hernando County Fire Department, Lisa Judge (Primoris Distribution Center), Karen Dove, (Dove Dream Developers), Christie Williams (Hernando County Parks and Recreation), and Pasco Hernando State College Students- Natalie Washington, Kelly Cannon, and Jason Raynor.

The dedicated contestants performed lip syncs from classics such as 'Love Shack', 'Rhythm Nation', 'Thriller', and more. In between each act, the John Leggio dancers performed various hits from the 80's, keeping the crowd lively and energized. The ending act for the night was Kevin Carroll from the Hernando County Fire Department. Carroll took lip syncing to a whole new level as he and his crew were dressed as Twisted Sister doppelgangers, from the giant, long hair to the ripped

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Hernando County Crime Stoppers

Please Call !

WANTED !

Name: Jonathan D. Rodriguez
DOB: 09/10/1992
Hgt: 5'06" Wgt:135
Brooksville, FL

WARRANT

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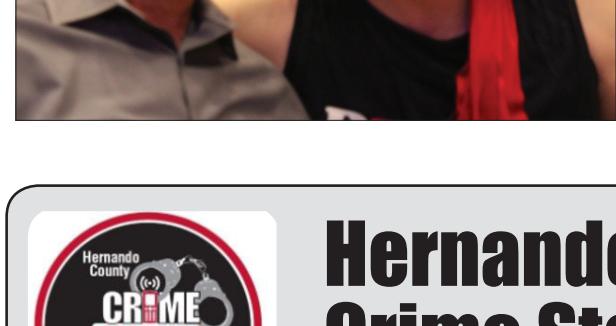
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF THE JUNE 26, 2018 SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given that the School Board of Hernando County, Florida will hold the following meetings on June 26, 2018 in the School Board Room, 919 N. Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34601:

Workshop at 2:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting at 6:00 P.M.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the agency at least five (5) days before the meeting by contacting Kelly Pogue at (352) 797-7000. If you are hearing impaired, please contact the agency by calling (352) 797-7202.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the School Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a copy of the official record of the meeting. The official record of any School Board meeting consists of the official minutes approved by the Board including any back-up materials or documents submitted to it and a transcript of the audio and/or visual recording of the meeting if any made and maintained by the District. It is the responsibility of the party requesting a copy of audio/visual recording to have it transcribed for appellate purposes.

Originated by Mark Johnson, Chairperson of The School Board of Hernando County, Florida

By: Lori M. Romano, Ph.D., Ex-Officio Secretary and Superintendent of Schools

(06/15/2018)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

CASE NO.: 18000664CPAXMX; PROBATE DIVISION;

IN RE: ESTATE OF DONALD ALAN MANDEL, JR., Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Donald Alan Mandel, Jr., deceased, whose date of death was April 27, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hernando County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 20 North Main Street, Brooksville, Florida 34601. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is June 8, 2018.

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JANIS MANDEL
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Philadelphia, PA 19148

(06/08/2018), (06/15/2018)

William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse
3341 Power Inn Road
Sacramento, CA 95826
Case # 18FL01682

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:

James Airhart (In Pro Per) Petitioner/
Husband,
and
Kimberly Ann Airhart Respondent/
Wife

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: Kimberly Ann Airhart
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 6235 Sardina Ave Spring Hill, FL 34608

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse whose address is 3341 Power Inn Road Sacramento, CA 95826 on or before July 15, 2018. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

The action is asking the Court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: Petitioner is requesting equitable distribution of the marital assets, debts and liabilities of the parties, taking into consideration the factors enumerated in Florida Statutes, Section 61.075.

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

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

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

(06/15/2018), (06/22/2018),
(06/29/2018), (07/06/2018)

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es after my work is done" she said.

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Personal Representative:
LYNN GERALD KETCHUM
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(06/15/2018), (06/22/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Ronald P. Bassett and Lorinda S. Stover, co-owners, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "Once Upon a Vine, LLC" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

(06/15/2018)

RIBBON CUTTING - VIVIFY BY VACARE

Date: June 26, 2018

Time: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM EDT

Event Description:

You're Invited to come and Celebrate with Vivify by Vacare. We are kicking off this summer with an official Ribbon Cutting! Come in and Cool Off with ice cold refreshments and fun summer foods.

Location:

675 Harvard Street
Brooksville, FL 34601

Contact Information:

352-616-0038

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 18-000455
Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF VERNON CECIL RIALS
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Vernon Cecil Rials, deceased, File Number 18-CP-000455 by the Circuit Court for Hernando County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 20 North Main Street, Brooksville, Florida 34601. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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The date of the first publication of this Notice is June 5, 2018.

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(06/15/2018), (06/22/2018)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE INTEREST OF

Name Shane Daniel Powell

Case No. 17JC000117

Year of Birth 2004, A Male

NOTICE OF REVIEW HEARING
Publication
Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2237

TO: Daniel Gordon Powell:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court alleging that the child named above is a Child in Need of Care. The Court may find that the parents are unfit by reason or conduct or condition which renders the parents unable to care properly for a child, the conduct or condition is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future, the parental rights of the parent should be terminated, and a permanent custodian should be appointed for the child.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for the 16th day of July, 2018 at 4:00PM in Division 8. At the hearing the Court may issue orders relating to the care, custody and control of the child. The hearing will determine if the parents should be deprived of their parental rights and the right to custody of the child.

The parent(s), and any other person having legal custody are required to appear before this Court on the date and time shown, or to file your written response to the petition with the Clerk of the District Court prior to that time. Failure to respond or to appear before the Court at the time shown will not prevent the Court from entering judgment as requested in the petition, finding that the child is a Child in Need of Care, removing the child from the custody of parent, parents or any other present legal custodian until further order of the Court, or finding the parents unfit, and entering an order permanently terminating the parental rights.

An attorney has been appointed as guardian ad litem for the child: Kansas Legal Services. You have the right to appear before the Court and be heard personally, either with or without an attorney. The Court will appoint an attorney for any parent who desires an attorney but is financially unable to hire one. The Court may order one or both parents to pay child support.

Date and time of hearing: July 16, 2018 at 4:00PM

Place of hearing: Division 8, Courtroom #B6 of the Shawnee County Courthouse in the city of Topeka, Kansas.

(06/15/2018), (06/22/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that RAISING A CHAMP1 CORPORATION, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "CHAMP1 Research Foundation" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

(06/15/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that RYAN KRESS, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "SOUTHERN GUY BONSAI" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

(06/15/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Leslie H. Abbott, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "Advanced Veterinary Technician Home Health Care" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

(06/15/2018)

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OPINION

ADON TAFT



Flag = People Divided or not

A simple "Just call me Flag" is the way the late comic, Robin Williams, introduced himself in his hilarious — yet reverent — routine in which he presented himself as "Old Glory," "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

But what the banner called "the most recognized symbol of freedom and democracy in the world" by North Carolina Congresswoman Virginia Foxx, chairperson of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, represents is as complex and controversial — if not more so — this Flag Day as ever in the 241 year history of the pennant.

Example:

Since they don't share with Donald Trump the meaning of the red and white striped cloth with a blue field of 50 white stars that flutters over the White House nor the hallowed strains of the national anthem that often reverberate there, members of the Philadelphia Eagles football team and the Golden State Warriors basketball team have declined invitations to follow the tradition of championship sports teams to be honored by the President.

Such a divide between those who see the nobleness of the personal freedoms and benefits of a great economy here and those who see the injustices in our society is not new.

It was Adrian Cronauer, the Air Force sergeant on whose life the character played by Williams in the movie "Good morning, Vietnam!" was based, who said: "The American flag represents all of us and all the values we hold sacred."

About the same time, Henry Miller, the well known author/playwright famous a half-century ago for pushing the morality envelope to its extreme, contended that, "We have two American flags always: one for the rich and one for the poor. When the rich fly it, it means that things are under control; when the poor fly it, it means danger, revolution, anarchy."

There's even controversy over the making of the first flag.

Clever as Williams' recounting of the story generations of us learned in elementary school, Betsy Ross, at the prodding of a committee led by George Washington in 1776, never produced the original flag of 13 alternating red and white stripes and a blue field holding a circle of 13 white five-pointed stars representing the original 13 colonies that would become the United States of America.

It turns out that was fake news. And the Philadelphia seamstress never uttered Williams' exclamation, "This could be the start of something big!"

We now know that Washington did not know Ms. Ross and the Continental Congress did not authorize a flag until June 14, 1777. That act specified the red and white stripes and the white stars in a blue field but not in any particular formation. Who made the first one has never been established.

As the nation added states, the flag changed and it was not until President William Howard Taft signed an executive order in 1912 that even the proportions of the flag were established. An executive order by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on Aug. 21, 1959, fixed the present arrangement of the stars in nine rows staggered horizontally and eleven rows staggered vertically.

It was during the stressful time of the battle between the states that ended in the tragedy of our Civil War that Henry Ward Beecher, the Congregational preacher and activist in the abolition movement, proclaimed:

"A thoughtful mind, when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag only, but the nation itself; and whatever may be its symbols, its insignia, he reads chiefly in the flag the government, the prin-

Adon Taft, retired, was a reporter for The Miami Herald for 48 years.

During the 37 years he was the religion editor he won numerous awards including the Supple Memorial Award, the top prize in the field of the reporting of religion news. He now lives in Brooksville, FL.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Pay Attention!

There are federal laws and regulations, state laws and regulation, county regulations and ordinances, city regulations and ordinances. Sometimes one conflicts with another. So, that if you follow one law you break another. Many people are shocked to discover that they can be arrested for things they did not even know were illegal.

While medical marijuana is legal in Florida, the federal government says it is illegal.

So, many Floridians rush off and get their medical marijuana card, because it has been legalized in Florida. But the new Florida marijuana law may affect your ability to own/purchase a gun.

To purchase a gun you

have to fill out the "Firearms Transaction Form."

Question 11.e on this form asks "Are you an unlawful user of, or addicted to, marijuana or any depressant, stimulant, narcotic drug, or any other controlled substance. Warning: The use or possession of marijuana remains unlawful under Federal law regardless of whether it has been legalized or decriminalized for medical or recreational purposes in the state where you reside?" You have to check off a box "Yes or No."

If you check off "No," and you use marijuana, you could be arrested for perjury (2 years potential prison time). If you check the "Yes" box you will be denied the ability to purchase a gun.

According to a Sept. 21,

2011 "Open Letter to All Federal Firearms Licensees" from ATF, holders of state-issued medical marijuana cards are automatically "prohibited persons" under 18 U.S.C 922 (g)(3) and "shipping, transporting, receiving or possessing firearms or ammunition" by a medical marijuana card holder is a violation.

This violation can result in up to 10 years in prison pursuant to 18 USC § 922(g) & (n).

So, under current law you must decide which do you want — the medical marijuana or your Second Amendment Rights.

Watch out for this trap.

— Caroline Zoes
Hernando County

Rock Hammer Vacation

GOOFY STUFF
By VINCENT CARDEGIN

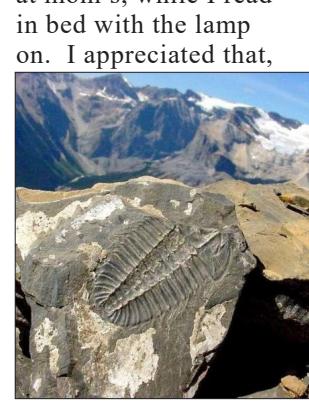
my lower legs resting on the small table below the widow. I don't have a button I can push to call, "Help, I've somersaulted and I can't get up!" and my mother couldn't have possibly pulled me free, nor my wife, and so I would have had to wait for EMS to arrive, and that would just be embarrassing.

The other annoyance in the room is that there is no TV. When I was a teenager and a young man I always read books at night. At some point along my married way, my wife started complaining about my having the light on.

I got a book light, one of those little clip-ons, but she didn't like that either. So I started watching TV, and she didn't mind that, despite there being lots

of light from the screen, and sound! Inexplicably, she didn't complain at all for six days straight at mom's, while I read in bed with the lamp on.

I appreciated that,



Next, I want to stay in a hotel. The last time we visited mom, I found that she had placed a second mattress on the bed in the room we slept in, so it was as high as my mid-thigh.

My first morning there I started to put on a pair of socks while sitting on the foot of the bed, and fortunately I came to my sleepy senses, otherwise I would have tipped over onto my head and rolled forward so that I was wedged on my back with

ples, the truths, the history which belongs to the nation that sets it forth."

But for John Philip Sousa, the composer and band leader whose marches celebrate the flag, "the red and white and starry blue is freedom's shield and hope."

In his memorable portrayal of our flag, Williams noted that it has been all over the world and to the moon; through many wars, times of famine; periods when it was spit upon, trampled and burned; times when displaying it was not chic.

and I'm befuddled by it, and I would have rather watched TV; I've now done so for 35 years.

So I want to vacation in a hotel with a low bed and a TV, and I want to eat breakfast there so my mother doesn't feel obligated to cook. We'll drop by around ten for some conversation, eat some local cuisine for lunch, explore the town in the afternoon, and then have one or two home-cooked meals for supper before we leave. And that's the other aspect of this preferred vacation: there are never more than two days' worth of things to talk about or see in a place I've been before, so I want to head home on the third day. But my wife always insists on a long vacation, and of course renting a room is expensive, so I have to consent with staying with family, which they insist on anyway. It's simply best not to go anywhere. I have an iPhone now: Facetime!

There is one place I wouldn't mind spending a week or a month or even a year. I might have to live in a tent and dig a latrine, and cook on coals, but I'd love it! I want to crack open slabs of Burgess shale in Yoho National Park.

Better yet, I'd rent a big Winnebago, pick everyone up, and we'd all head to Canada. I promise that everyone will have their own rock hammer.

"But at the dawn's early light, I'm still here," he reminded us.

As our flag, Robin Williams concluded:

"When you salute me, you are saluting yourselves. I'm a symbol. I represent the people. Long may you wave!"

WILLIAM F. HOLLAND



MINISTER / CHAPLAIN

It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood

I'm sure that many of you remember the man who portrayed the friendly neighbor in the popular children's program known all over the world as Mister Rogers. Who can forget the childlike song that asked the question, "Won't you be my neighbor?" With the macho crowd, he was labeled a sissy and downright creepy but to children, he was always a nice, polite, and comforting role model. There have been many false accusations about him through the years like the rumors about him having to wear long sleeve sweaters to hide his offensive tattoos. But these have all been proven to be nothing more than overactive imaginations and a display of how cruel our human nature can be. How sad to witness the moral convictions of our society falling so far away from God's standards that when someone is acting normal the world believes they are weird. This reminds me of the scripture found in Isaiah chapter five that warns, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that exchange darkness for light, and light for darkness; that trade bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter." Unfortunately, this is another example of how the harsh attitudes of the oppressors are always seeking to bully and criticize decent individuals who are trying to make the world a better place.

Actually, most of this negativity can be explained when we realize his presentation was never intended to impress or entertain adults. His focus and passion were completely dedicated to providing an honest and wholesome ministry to children. He did not care about what people were saying, he was communicating with the young ones and took his responsibility very seriously. Apparently, he was not trying to become famous or a television star, he was just using the broadcast as a vehicle to reach more children. He designed Mr. Rogers Neighborhood as an outreach ministry to the world and extension of his service for Christ. The show began in 1968 and filmed 895 episodes before ending in the year 2000. He is quoted, "I went into television because I was convinced there was some way of using this fabulous instrument to help nurture those who would watch and listen." He approached his young audience with respect and directness about issues such as self-control, imagination, honesty, creativity, appreciation for diversity, cooperation, patience, and kindness just to mention a few. I recently heard about a movie being made about his life and Tom Hanks was mentioned to possibly play the lead role. I for one certainly hope this represents Fred Rogers in a favorable expression of honesty and integrity. He was diagnosed with stomach cancer in 2002 and quietly passed away in 2003 with his wife Joanne at his side.

As an ordained Presbyterian minister, Fred McFeely Rogers graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 1963. I'm sure that most people did not think about it, but he was more like a Sunday school teacher that used simple props and themes to tell stories about everyday life. He was a pup-

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RECOVERY

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Triumph and Tragedy- Not the board game, not the Winston Churchill book, not even the 90's song by screamo band, Grade. This story is about The Alonzo family, how our amazing community joined together to support them in their time of need, and how they persevered through incredibly difficult times.

During the 59 days that Chelo was in the hospital, he encountered a myriad of problems. There were multiple surgeries and blood transfusions. At some points he was hypothermic, hypoglycemic, developed an abscess, and even became septic and was incredibly close to death. Cristina was by his side every single day. She slept in a recliner at the hospital every night. It the morning she would go home, shower and change, spend time with Xzavier, run errands, and head back to the hospital. She took photos and videos of the progress and complications while staying on top of the Drs and nurses. Chelo says, "What my wife has done is hard. If it wasn't for her fighting every day... keeping track of everything... I can't thank you enough My Lioness Queen."

Neither Cristina nor Chelo could earn income at the business ventures they had just celebrated that fateful night in February. Cristina's daughter, Annalice Morales, also in her senior year of high school, had to quit her job to help out. Since the Alonzos lost so much income, the community came together and had many fundraisers to

"This Father's Day is special because I'm grateful for my life, family and my community."

— Chelo Alonzo

help them keep up with normal expenses. Some people even cooked for them. Family members that they hadn't seen in a while came to help with everyday living. Prayer chains were started all across social media and love poured in like the summer rains of Hernando County.

The Alonzo Family believes that God was watching over them. Chelo says, "God makes the impossible possible... God equals love. He showed me His grace and blessings through my family and the community."

This type of tragic event would normally destroy a family, but throughout the adversity, The Alonzo Family became stronger. Chelo's two children from a previous relationship, Jose Alonzo Jr and Nyasia Alonzo, along with Cristina's two children, Annalice and Xzavier, united and acted as one family unit. Even though Xzavier was in a lot of pain, he still persevered and was able to finish all his school classwork, completing his senior year and walking across the stage at graduation with his sister by his side. Not only that, but this determined young man was dual enrolled at Springstead and Pasco Hernando State College and he continued his college coursework

despite the pain, doctors' visits, and utter chaos. Family members drove him to classes on campus so that his grades would not suffer due to lack of attendance.

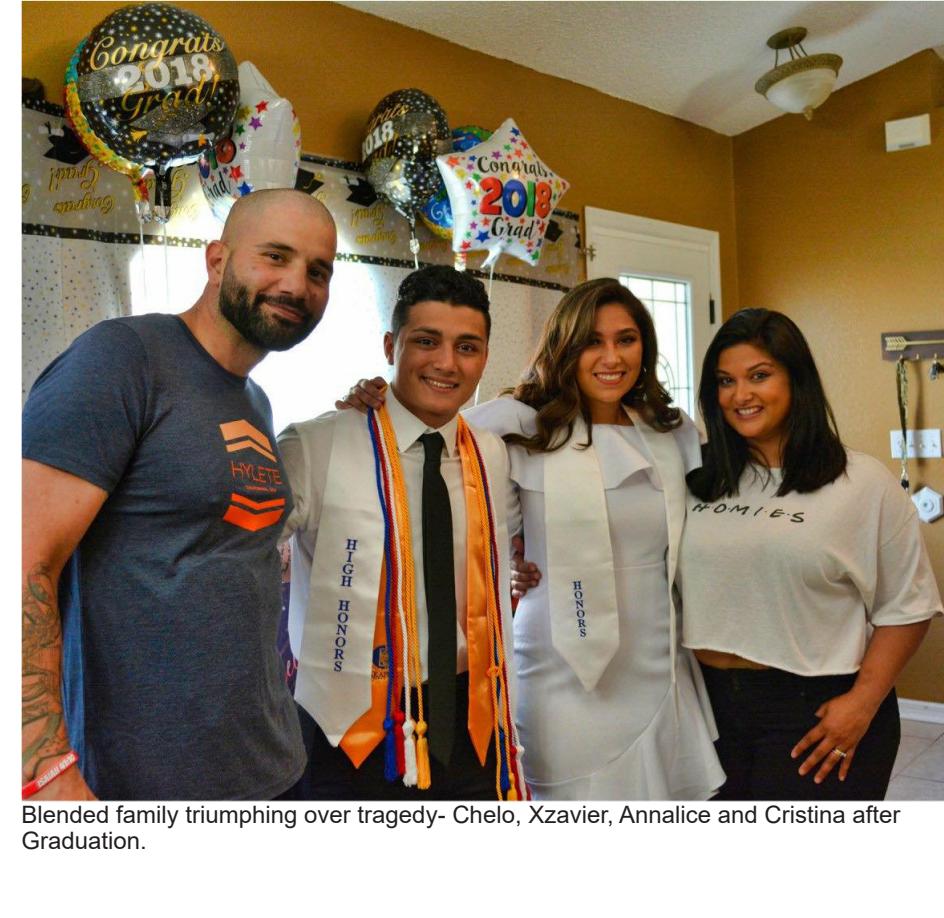
Not only did Xzavier graduate high school less than four months after this tragedy, but he also graduated PHSC with his associate's degree. This kind of tenacity will definitely help him be a successful attorney in the future. Meanwhile, his stepfather was released from the hospital for good in April, and has made gradual progress since then.

One thing that helped this family get through such adversity was meditating on Isaiah 41:10, which says, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God."

I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

This Father's day, the Alonzo family is thankful that their family survived and is back on the right track. There is still a long road of recovery left, but it was a dream come true for Annalice and Xzavier to graduate and have their mom and stepfather there to watch it all. Chelo says, "This father's day is special because I'm grateful for life, my family, and my community."

The Alonzo Family wanted to sincerely say thank you to Karma, Waste Management, The Lively Fitness Center, OCR United, Delirium, The Haehnel Family, and old and new friends who helped out, their families and everyone in the community.



Blended family triumphing over tragedy- Chelo, Xzavier, Annalice and Cristina after Graduation.

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"it" blared through the hall as guests rocked out to the classic throwback. Instead of putting out a fire, the Fire Department was igniting one... literally. Throughout the song, flames burst up from both sides of the stage to add to the rock and roll concert effect, while the John Leggio dancers performed wildly in the background.

Obviously, the HCFD were 'on fire' as they took home first place, for the second year in a row.

Raffle tickets were also given out generously for several different prizes, as well as a silent auction, to keep the audience entertained as the judges were deliberating their final decisions.

The judges panel consisted of John Allococo (Hernando County Commissioner), Barbara

Manuel (Owner/General Manager of WXJB 99.9 FM, WWJB 1450 AM, 103.9 FM, 92.3 FM), Barbara Crowley (President/CEO of the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce), Angie Bonfardino-Walsak, (Executive/CEO of United Way, Hernando County), and Alice Delgado, M.Ed. (President/CEO of United Way, Pasco County).

An array of noteworthy organizations/businesses and local government was represented through the diversity in judges. Their goal and common ground of advocacy and awareness for the greater good of our county and the surrounding areas was evident throughout their time at the Lip Sync Battle and the support and love shown towards NAMI of Hernando County.

At the end of the evening, NAMI Hernando Board President, Jay

Rowden, presented awards to distinguished members of the community who had offered their aid generously towards the 2018 Lip Sync Battle.

"What a difference a year makes, and 2018 has been a year full of effective and efficient resources for those persons living with mental illness! All of this could not be done without the support of our board, our members, our government, and most importantly our community!" Rowden stated of the current year's results, thus far.

To donate to a worthy cause or to volunteer your services for NAMI of Hernando County, visit their website at <https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved> or call them at 352-684-0004.

He is quoted, "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." This optimistic outlook and positive thinking approach is a choice all of us make.

We can be like Eeyore and always complain about the glass being half-empty, or we can develop a humble awareness to thank God for the glass and also for it being half-full.

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peteer and used his own voice for the many characters in the show. With a degree in music composition, he wrote 200 songs including the theme, "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood." He was not necessarily acting a like someone else but was simply being himself. He was devoted to his Christian faith and used his platform to demon-