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## Out of this world



Venus takes a leap during the performance of *The Solar System Space Saga*.

**Fourth Graders at Chocachatti Elementary School in Hernando County give an 'Out of this World' performance in *The Solar System Space Saga*. Story and photography by Cheryl Clanton on Page 5**

## Florida's Mosquito County

*"A man ... would not immigrate into Florida ... no, not from hell itself!"*

- Congressman John Randolph of Roanoke



John Randolph of Roanoke, by John Wesley Jarvis, 1811

by ROCCO MAGLIO  
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

Hernando County has relatively mild winters, but the original settlers had to suffer through stifling summers and mosquito swarms. Air conditioning made the heat much more bearable, but Florida has always struggled with mosquitoes.

Mosquito control has made life in Florida more comfortable. The spraying, mosquito fish and reducing standing water lessens the mosquito population allowing Floridians to enjoy the outdoors and reduce the diseases that are spread.

In its early days, Congressman John Randolph of Roanoke was staunchly against the purchase of Florida from Spain. He argued it was "a land of swamps, of quagmires, of frogs and alligators and mosquitoes!" Randolph followed that up with "A man ... would not immigrate into Florida ... no, not from hell itself!"

John Randolph was against the expansion of the United States. He argued against the Louisiana purchase and against the purchase of Florida. Some of what he says can be attributed to his desire to keep America from expanding and his propensity for rhetorical flourish.

When Florida was originally formed in 1821 there were two counties: See **MOSQUITO**, Page 16

## Local couple win award for their blackberry farm

BY SARAH NACHIN  
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

Most people associate strawberries with Plant City and blueberries with Hernando County but for Gene and Ann Altman blackberries are their passion. Together the couple own and operate Bramble Creek Farms in Brooksville.

Recently the Florida Farm Bureau recognized them for environmental stewardship. They received the 2018 "Hernando County CARES" designation which is the first CARES awarded in Hernando County.

Gene, a fifth generation Floridian, started his agricultural interest with his father on a two hundred-acre farm in Sumter County where they grew peppers, cucumbers, eggplants and watermelons.

After several tough weather and economic years, he decided to go to college to get a degree in Civil Engineering. Gene then started working at Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) developing best management practice projects and flood maps in several counties.

Although Ann did not come from a farm background, she was raised by her Mom who loved fresh fruits and vegetables, canning and making jams. Ann has inherited the love of canning, pickling and making jams and puts these skills to good use at Bramble Creek Farms.

The Altmans planted their first crop of blackberries in 2003 and realized their first harvest the following year.

They grow a thornless blackberry, a hybrid strain that was developed at the University of

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Gene and Ann Altman of Bramble Creek Farms.

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# LOCAL & STATE

## THE GENERAL ELECTION 2018

### HERNANDO COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2

**WAYNE DUKES (REP)(INCUMBENT)**  
**CANDIDATE BIO**  
 PROVIDED BY CANDIDATE:

Commissioner Wayne Dukes is a native of Hernando County, born and raised in Brooksville and a graduate of Hernando High. He is a proud veteran of the US Air Force, Vietnam-era. He has been married to Silvia Dukes for 32 years. Commissioner Dukes' educational background includes a Bachelor of Science Degree and two Associate of Applied Science Degrees. He earned all three degrees while working a full-time job.



Mr. Dukes retired after a 32-year career working as a Federal Civil Servant for the U.S. Air Force in Civil Engineering and Fire Service. During his career, he accumulated extensive experience in contract management, budgeting, construction review, space allocation, and infrastructure. After his retirement, he returned home to Hernando County.

Commissioner Dukes was elected in 2010 to the Hernando County Board of Commissioners and has served as Chairman three times. His educational and professional experience work hand-in-hand to serve the needs of the

people of Hernando County and as a long-time Hernando County resident, Commissioner Dukes has a unique insight into the very issues that are important to his fellow Hernando County residents. Commissioner Dukes represents the interests of Hernando County citizens in numerous organizations and committees such as Chairperson to the Metropolitan Planning Organization, member of Gulf Consortium to the BP Oil Spill, Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority, and Local Emergency Planning Council, Liaison to the Building Department, Port Authority, Fine Arts Council, to name a few.

### Q & A WITH WAYNE DUKES

*Describe up to three ordinances that need to be modified/changed/added.*

In 2017, the current BOCC voted to review the current ordinances looking to reduce and simplify the County ordinances. Examples of ordinances that have already been repealed include Fuel Code, Coastal Construction Code, Natural Gas Code, Storage and Handling of LP Gases, Solare Energy Heating & Cooling Devices, Amusement Device Code, Bingo Ordinance, Accessory Structure Ordinance (amended), Flood Ordinance (amended) and Marine Construction Code (amended).

*Describe up to three county projects that are most important for the county and why? (Example: Kass Circle revitalization, additional recreation, airport development etc...)*

**RESTORE Act** - As a member of the Gulf Coast Consortium, Hernando County is working on its list of Gulf and waterways related projects including the areas of tourism, education, and as they pertain to Gulf and waterway restoration. First installment of funds from the RESTORE Act will be available in March 2019.

**Economic Development** - expand tax base by attracting more industry and recruitment of higher paying jobs. For example, FrigiTech is a new company coming to Hernando County building a 200,000 SF cold storage facility and employing 80

employees with a starting salary/wage of \$37,500/annually. Another company, Alumi-Guard is currently expanding their facilities adding 100,000 SF of space and 20 additional jobs. The additional projected revenue to the County from these two companies alone will be \$270,000/year.

**Airport Infrastructure** - Expansion of the airport will require improvements to the current infrastructure at the airport for roads, sewer, water, and power. These project are currently being worked on.

*Describe up to three top issues facing the county (Example: opiate epidemic, flooding, managing development, etc...)*

**Springs Protection** - This includes ongoing efforts to decrease nitrate levels in the Springs,

**Infrastructure to Match Growth** - as the County is growing, the infrastructure will need to be improved and expanded to meet the growing demand for roads, water and sewer line, and storm drainage.

**Job Creation** is always an ongoing concern. Hernando County together with Pasco and Pinellas Counties and the State started an apprenticeship program that teaches people high level skills to prepare them for high tech jobs that are needed to attract the industries and high paying jobs that Hernando County desires.

**DEBORAH SALVESEN (DEM)**  
**CANDIDATE BIO**  
 PROVIDED BY CANDIDATE:

A native from Camden County, New Jersey, I moved to The State of Florida in September, 1998. We raised our son in the public school system in Tarpon Springs, Florida until 2013, when our family moved to Hernando County, Florida.



In spite of my education and experience in Court Stenography, I changed career paths to become an admissions school representative for a private post-secondary institute. This provided a platform to jump to the American Red Cross Blood Services and on to becoming the Community Relations Director for the Department of Policy, Planning and Develop-

ment for the Freeholders of Camden County, New Jersey. I also served as the Secretary for the Camden County, New Jersey Ethics Committee. More recently, I have a dedication to the Better Business Bureau since 1999. It has been my mission for the last 19 years to seek out ethics, truth and transparency with the business community.

### Q & A WITH DEBORAH SALVESEN

*Describe up to three ordinances that need to be modified/changed/added.*

(A) The Super Majority Vote with regard to protecting our Environmentally Sensitive Lands Plan needs to be resurrected. When our Board of County Commissioners seats 5 commissioners, it is necessary to level the playing field by have the super majority vote on this issue.

(B) Return our Land Management Plan to what it was before 2017. So much of Hernando County was protected from development before 2017. We now have developers purchasing undeveloped land to create projects that will have incredible impact on our quality of life. Contamination of our water, increased traffic in high populated areas, threatening emergency management services are all issues that will create undo stress on an already weakened system.

(C) Impact fees must be imposed on new development to share the burden of taxes on residents in Hernando County.

*Describe up to three county projects that are most important for the county and why? (Example: Kass Circle revitalization, additional recreation, airport development etc...)*

(A) Small Business Revitalization is critical to the survival of Hernando County. Hernando County will thrive only when the character of our community is developed by featuring our small businesses. When we recognize tourism as our primary source of income, we create a community that supports our economy, attracts economic development and builds a strong foundation for families.

(B) Public transportation should be a primary focus for the coming years. Our elderly and disabled population need transportation for everyday services. Transportation focusing on tourism would allow for increased visitors to enjoy our natural environment without imposing structural changes to environmentally sensitive lands. Corporate sponsorship of public transportation is practiced throughout the United States spurring increased

economy by allowing consumers to travel distance without increasing traffic. "Park and ride" is critical for those who find it necessary to travel to more urban areas for livable wages.

*Describe up to three top issues facing the county (Example: opiate epidemic, flooding, managing development, etc...)*

**Budget. Budget. Budget.** Issues facing this County such as opiate addiction, flooding, taxation, transportation, pollution, economic development, public school education will all be affected by reasonable and fair budgeting using the resources we have currently. For the 2018-2019 budget year, Hernando County proposes \$426,761,106. Our General Fund Expense provides only a minuscule portion back to our residents for services with regard to education, human services, economic environment, etc. Fiscal responsibility will be our only way to a healthier Hernando County.



### STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 10

**WILTON SIMPSON (REP)**  
**CANDIDATE Q&A**

*What are the critical statewide issues that you will focus on if re-elected?*

I will continue to work on ensuring our students have world-class education opportunities, fight to lower taxes and keep our economy strong, and protect our precious natural resources.

*What are the critical local issues you will support if re-elected?*

Our economy and our way of life are linked to the health of Florida's environment. We have to make sure we steward our natural resources and preserve our environment for future generations. This is one of my top priorities in Tallahassee and I won't quit fighting until we get the job done. I have worked to:

- Secure \$2 million to clean up and restore the Homosassa River
- Secure \$10 million to clean up and restore the habitat of Kings Bay
- Continue significant restoration projects all along our Florida Springs
- Fund the Florida Forever Program, responsibly conserving important land to protect our state's natural resources

*What was your motivation for becoming an elected official and do you feel you have been able to accomplish it?*

As a farmer and a business owner, I know first-hand that the greatest obstacles job creators face come from government.



As a state senator, I've been a clear and consistent voice for Florida's entrepreneurs because they are the backbone of our economy and the pathway to prosperity for all Floridians.

*Please describe some upcoming or ongoing projects that will improve District 10. Ex: specific infrastructure projects, park and recreation development, environmental projects, flood/water management- etc...*

- Weeki Wachee Springs Restoration and State Park
- Complete the bike trail through Hernando County
- Continue cleaning up Kings Bay and Homosassa Rivers
- Look forward to adding to the \$12 million spent this fiscal year in septic to sewer projects around our spring sheds
- Complete Citrus County portion of the Sun Coas Parkway
- Numerous road projects throughout the entire district

#### Editor's Note:

We reached out to Mr. Simpson's opponent, Michael Cottrell (DEM) with the opportunity to complete our candidate Q & A and submit a bio, but we did not receive anything from him.

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**CORRECTION:** THE FOLLOWING DISCLAIMER WAS CUT OFF OF THE JIMMY LODATO POLITICAL AD PUBLISHED ON 10/26/2018 ON PAGE 13: POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT PAID FOR AND APPROVED BY JIMMY LODATO FOR HERNANDO COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 3. THE OMISSION WAS NOT ON THE PART OF THE CANDIDATE.

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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.

A third battery charge



LAMOUREUX, TROY EARLE JR  
YOB: 1988  
CHARGES: BATTERY

Arrested at: 10/22/2018 11:08  
712 W JEFFERSON ST, BROOKSVILLE, FL, 34601  
Arrest Summary: On 10/22/2018, I was dispatched to 712 W Jefferson St Lot #4, in reference a battery that occurred within this residence. Upon my arrival I made contact with the victim, who identified herself as Marsha. Marsha advised she and her friend's son, Troy Lamoureux JR (defendant) were involved in a heated verbal argument. She further advised during the altercation, the defendant became violent and used his arms to shove her from the back resulting in her falling on a mattress which was lying on the floor of the living room. Contact was made with an independent witness who was inside of the home during this altercation, the witness stated he observed the defendant become angry and intentionally shove the victim against her will onto the mattress which was lying on the floor of the living room within the residence. The defendant denied the allegations and stated the witness and the victim were lying. Due to the probable cause established, the defendant was determined to be the primary aggressor in this case and was charged accordingly. A criminal history check revealed the defendant to have two guilty convictions for prior Battery offenses on the dates of 08/18/2016 and 08/10/2018. The defendant was placed into custody and transported to the Hernando County Jail without incident, where he is being held on \$5,000 bond.

by two juveniles who reside in the residence and were woken up by the commotion. Both juveniles identified the defendant as the subject who battered the victim, and they stated that they personally know the defendant. The altercation was also witnessed by Frank L. Davis (B/M, DOB 09/05/77), who was in the bed with the victim at the time. Davis also identified the defendant and stated he personally knows the defendant. Contact was made with the defendant at 707 Hazel Avenue. Post Miranda, the defendant denied being at 705 Hazel Avenue on this date. The defendant was taken into custody for one count of burglary of a dwelling with battery. The defendant was transported to the Hernando County Jail and held on a \$25,000.00 bond per the bond schedule.

revealed the defendant to have a Hernando County Warrant (13-CF-001813). The system records check also revealed the defendant's driver license to be suspended on 3/17/2015. The defendant has had several convictions for knowingly driving with a suspended driver license. A criminal history on the defendant was checked by teletype. Said criminal history query revealed the defendant to be convicted of a felony on 08/29/2014. I conducted a search using the Office of Executive Clemency Florida website which revealed the defendant to not have her rights restored. The defendant was arrested and transported to the Hernando County Jail. The defendant was issued a court date set for 11/26/2018 at 0830 hours in courtroom "E" at the Hernando County Courthouse. The defendant was issued a total bond of \$14,000. Count 1 : \$10,000 Count 2 : \$2,000 Count 3 : \$1,000 Count 4 : \$1,000

What's my name again?



BRADLEY, BARBARA ANN  
YOB: 1980  
CHARGES: POSSES OF FIREARM BY FELON, CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON, G DRIVE WHILE LIC SUSP 2ND OFF, PROVIDING FALSE NAME/INFO TO LAW ENFORCEMENT  
Arrested at: 10/24/2018 19:49  
WATERFALL DR & EDEN CIR, SPRING HILL, FL, 34609  
Arrest Summary: On 10/24/2018, while in the area of Waterfall Drive and Spring Hill Drive located in Hernando County, I observed a purple Kia Forte bearing Florida tag ZT64U fail to stop at a red light and make an illegal right hand turn while the light was red. A traffic stop was then conducted at the intersection of Waterfall Drive and Eden Circle. Deputy V.D. made contact with the driver of the vehicle by approaching the driver side door. I then approached the passenger door of said vehicle. While Deputy V.D. was speaking with the driver/defendant, Barbara Bradley, I observed a black/chrome handle of a firearm. I observed said handle to be located near the center console of the front passenger seat. I observed a portion of the firearm to be concealed by clothing as well as being concealed in between the passenger seat. The firearm was not able to be seen from Deputy V.D.'s view and was readily accessible for the defendant. I brought the concealed firearm to Deputy V.D.'s attention and the defendant was asked to step out of the vehicle. I then asked the defendant for identification, to which she advised that she did not have a driver license. The defendant then advised her name was "Barbara Ambrogio." The defendant spelled out her last name. Shortly after running said name and date of birth the defendant provided, it was determined the name to be fictitious. The defendant then stated, "Alright, my name is Barbara Bradley. I'm sorry. My driver license isn't any good." I then conducted a system records check, which

Bad neighbor



WILLIAMS, PIERRE LAMONT  
YOB: 1987  
CHARGES: BURGLARY - DWELLING  
Arrested at: 10/24/2018 02:38  
707 HAZEL AVE, BROOKSVILLE, FL, 34601  
Arrest Summary: On 10/24/2018 at approximately 0145 hours, the defendant entered the residence located 705 Hazel Avenue without the consent of owner/victim, Tracey Golden. The defendant entered the residence through an unsecured window leading to the living room. The defendant proceeded through the residence to the south bedroom where the victim was sleeping. Upon entering the room, the defendant jumped on the victim (who was lying on the bed), straddled her and pinned her to the bed against her will. The victim and the defendant began to struggle when the defendant pulled the victim off the bed and threw her to the floor. The defendant and victim continued to wrestle until the victim was able to break free. The defendant then fled the bedroom and exited the residence. The victim sustained a scratch to her left side of the neck and several scratches to the right elbow area of her arm. This altercation was witnessed

Pick on someone your own age

BIRD, JOSHUA CALEB  
YOB: 1991  
CHARGES: ASSAULT/BATT ON PER 65 OR OLDE  
Arrested at: 10/25/2018 18:21  
7522 ST ANDREWS BLVD, BROOKSVILLE, FL, 34613  
Arrest Summary: The defendant was outside his apartment located at 7522 St. Andrews Boulevard, Brooksville, FL 34613. This has been an ongoing problem between the defendant and the neighbors. The defendant was approached by victim, Harold, about smoking and discarding his cigarette butts in the area, which bothers the neighbors. This making the defendant irate, the defendant shoved Harold, knocking Harold on to the concrete sidewalk forcefully with both arms and hands. The defendant returned to his apartment briefly and moments later returned as Harold was attempting to get up and knocked Harold back down on to the concrete sidewalk a second time. The defendant stood over Harold and began punching Harold in the face and upper head area; three times, causing a laceration above Harold's right eye. The defendant was then separated from Harold by Harold's wife, Anke Wandel. The defendant returned to his apartment as the defendant was advised law enforcement was being called. Harold sustained minor scrapes and bruising to his hands and right knee area and a laceration above his right eye requiring medical attention (stitches). Photographs of Harold's injuries were taken. Contact was made with the defendant at 7522 St. Andrews Boulevard. The defendant admitted to battering Harold. The defendant advised Harold deserved what he got, due to bullying neighbors and the defendant was not sorry for what he had done. At no time during the altercation did Harold advise he wanted to be hit or struck. The defendant was arrested without incident and transported to the Hernando County Jail. Bond was set at \$2,000

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COLSON, TRISTAN ORION  
YOB: 1995  
CHARGES: DISORDERLY INTOXICATION  
Arrested at: 10/26/2018 04:41  
11375 CORTEZ BLVD, BROOKSVILLE, FL, 34613  
Arrest Summary: On 10/26/18 at approximately 0425 hours, I was dispatched to Oak Hill Hospital

Emergency Room located at 11375 Cortez Blvd. in reference to a verbal disturbance. Upon arrival, contact was made with Tristan Colson who was being seen by hospital staff. He was yelling profanities and arguing with staff. He was told several times to quiet down by myself and hospital staff. He was yelling and cursing so loud that other patients in the emergency room were exiting their rooms to see who was yelling and waking them up. After I gave several orders to refrain from yelling and cursing with no compliance, I placed Tristan under arrest for disorderly intoxication. He was transported to the Hernando County Jail where he is being held on \$500.00 bond. He was given a return court date of 11/28/18 @ 0900 hours in courtroom C.

State limits traffic accessing Weeki Wachee River through park concessionaire to 280 users per day

by LISA MACNEIL

On October 25, 2018, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Deputy Secretary of Land and Recreation, David Clark sent an email to Senator Wilton Simpson regarding the latest steps in reducing traffic on the Weeki Wachee River. The following day, Clark's office sent a directive to the park's concessionaire Guest Services, Inc., doing business as Boating in Florida. The directive will cap the number of people that can enter the river from Boating in Florida at 280 per day, regardless the number of vessels.

Area resident Shannon Turbeville contacted Clark and Simpson, as well as others involved officials on October 20, 2018, writing of an upcoming public hearing on the matter, "You will also likely be asked to explain to your constituents how this (planned carrying capacity) study is not a waste of \$250,000 tax payer [sic] dollars when DEP refuses to follow its own guidelines and State law at this present time."

The guidelines and state law that Turbeville referred to was in a 2011 guide titled, "Weeki Wachee Springs State Park Unit Management Plan," written by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Text in the guide recommends an "Optimum Carrying Capacity" for canoeing and kayaking of 280. Turbeville has been corresponding with the park and state officials for several months on this matter.

Mr. Clark's letter to Senator Simpson is as follows:

Good Evening Senator Simpson,

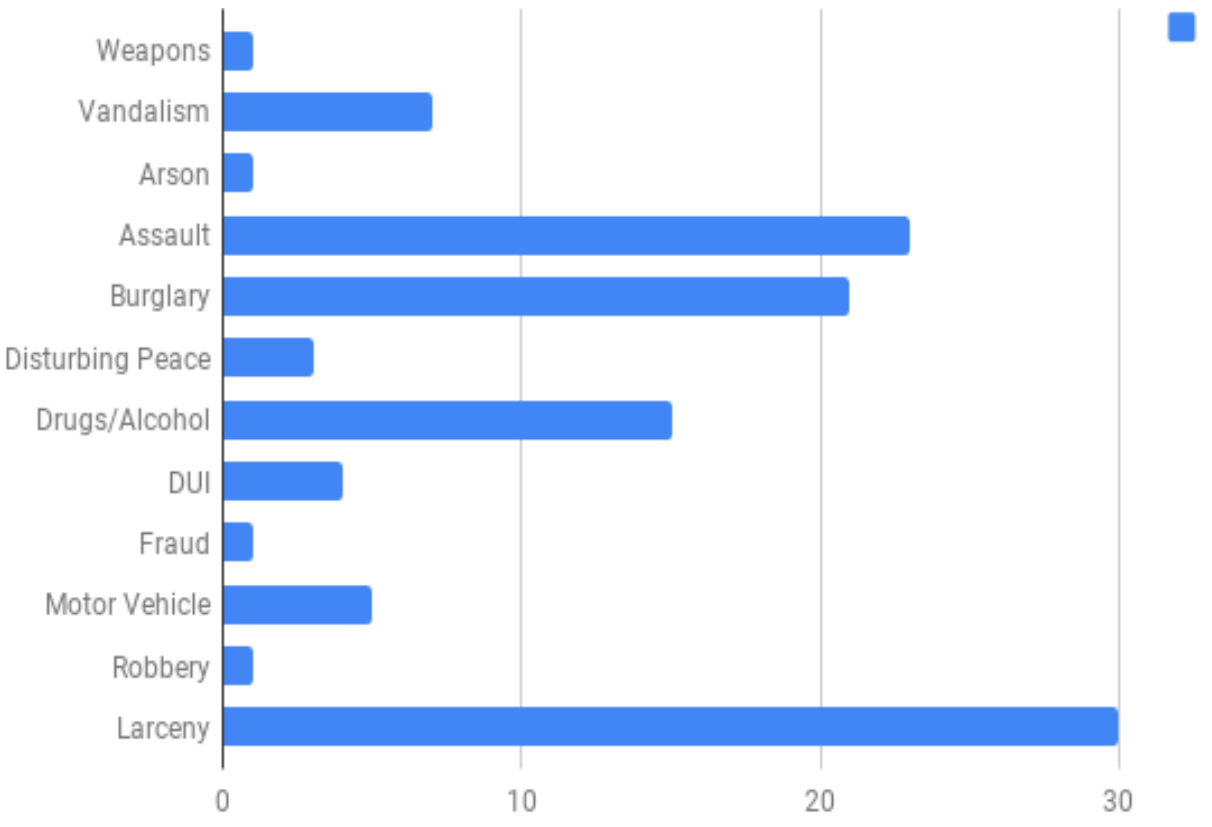
On behalf of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and as a follow-up to our conversation, I am providing you with an update on paddling operations at Weeki Wachee Springs State Park.

Per our direction to the concessionaire, effective Friday, October 26, 2018, the Park's paddling operation will launch no more than 280 users (individuals) per day from the Park (regardless of paddle craft type). (Please see the attached correspondence with our concessionaire.)

In addition, our team will continue to work with our concessionaire to ensure proper controls are in place for accurate reporting. These reports will be monitored daily to augment existing research efforts, such as the recreational carrying capacity and resource impact studies. The data gained from these studies should be helpful in guiding future Unit Management Plan discussions.

Based on feedback from park users, we will also continue to explore the concept of a short-run take-out within the Park boundary, which would provide Park visitors an option for a shorter paddle experience. Senator Simpson, thank you for your leadership in

HERNANDO COUNTY CRIME STATS 10/23 to 10/29/18 (7 DAYS)



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Prediction Type: Subordinate  
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2018/11/03	Sat	06:11 AM	0.90 L	10:52 AM	2.82 H	6:45 PM	0.39 L	11:38 PM	2.86 H
2018/11/04	Sun	06:11 AM	0.48 L	10:58 AM	2.96 H	6:34 PM	0.44 L	11:14 PM	3.04 H
2018/11/05	Mon	07:01 AM	0.10 L	11:53 AM	3.05 H	7:16 PM	0.52 L	11:48 PM	3.19 H
2018/11/06	Tue	07:45 AM	-0.17 L	12:42 PM	3.07 H	7:54 PM	0.64 L		
2018/11/07	Wed	12:20 AM	3.28 H	08:26 AM	-0.34 L	1:26 PM	3.03 H	8:30 PM	0.78 L
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2018/11/09	Fri	01:21 AM	3.31 H	09:41 AM	-0.38 L	2:48 PM	2.82 H	9:39 PM	1.05 L

# THE GENERAL ELECTION 2018

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS 7-13

By ROCCO MAGLIO

*There are 13 Constitutional Amendments on the ballot for the Nov. 6 General Election. Here is a review of Amendments 7-13 as 1-6 we published last week.*

**AMENDMENT 7:** Florida First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits, Supermajority Board Votes for College Fees and State College System

Amendment 7 requires that the employers of first responders provide a survivor benefit to all first responders who died while on official duty. The surviving spouses of Military service members will be provided a benefit if the member is accidentally, unlawfully

or intentionally killed by the state. Additionally, the state would have to waive some of the educational expenses for the surviving children and spouses. The amendment would also require a supermajority vote by both the University's board of trustees and the state board of governors to raise the college fees.

**AMENDMENT 8:** School Board Term Limits, Allow State to Operate Non-Board Established Schools and Civic Literacy

\*\*\* AMENDMENT 8 was removed by the Florida Supreme Court \*\*\*

**AMENDMENT 9:** Florida Ban on Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling and Vaping in Enclosed Indoor Workplaces

Amendment 9 would ban offshore oil and gas drilling in the states territorial waters. It would also ban vaping in enclosed indoor workplaces. It would have exceptions for private residences that are not being used for commercial child-care, adult care or health care; for retail tobacco and vapor-generating device shops; for designed smoking guest rooms in hotels; and in stand-alone bars.

**AMENDMENT 10:** Florida State and Local Government Structure and Operation

Amendment 10 changes state and local government structure and operation. This amendment would add a couple of state offices to the constitution including the State Department of Veteran

Affairs and a State Office of Domestic Security and Counter Terrorism. The amendment would also require several local county offices: sheriff, tax collector, property appraiser, supervisor of elections and clerk of circuit court to be elected offices. Currently the county charter or a special law can be used to provide different options for filling these offices.

**AMENDMENT 11:** Repeal Prohibition on Aliens' Property Ownership, Delete Obsolete Provision on High Speed Rail

Amendment 11 would remove language that states: "... ownership, inheritance, disposition and possession of real property by aliens ineligible for citizenship may be regulated or prohibited by law." The

amendment would also remove the high-speed rail provision that was repealed by voters. It would also remove a restriction on the application of changes in criminal laws to crimes that happened in the past.

**AMENDMENT 12:** Lobbying Restrictions for Elected Officials

Amendment 12 would prohibit elected municipal officials, judges, statewide elected officers, legislators, county commissioners, county officers, school board members, school superintendents, special district officers with ad valorem taxing authority and state agency heads from being paid to lobby while in office and for six years following their term of office. The legislation

does not define what is meant "lobby," it directs the legislature to define the term. The lobbying restriction would go into effect December 31, 2022.

**Amendment 13:** Prohibit Dog Racing in Florida.

Amendment 13 would prohibit commercial dog racing in Florida. Currently, dog tracks have to run dog races in order to retain their license, which lets them also operate card games and slot machines. This law would grandfather in dog tracks' ability to operate card games and slot machines. The prohibition would go into effect in 2020.

## OCT. 23, 2018 BOCC Meeting Run Down

Notes from the Oct. 23, 2018 Hernando Board of County Commissioners Meeting- by LISA MACNEIL, Hernando Sun Writer

### RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Resolution Proclaiming October 2018 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month - Brooksville Mayor Betty Erhard accepted

### CITIZENS' COMMENTS (Yellow sheets are not required for speakers)

Frances Monzo brought to the BOCC's attention the erection of an 18-foot high shed in her neighbor's yard in back of her property.

Jimmy Lodato thanked the board for their recognition of October's Breast Cancer awareness month. He also recognized John Mitten as Co-Chair of Save our Students, and gave an update on the organization. "We've placed into position an oversight committee. We've made sure every dollar is spent properly. We've placed in the referendum certain clauses where they cannot transfer the money into the general fund, or at the same time can they borrow any money or bond. With that, we have gained the trust of people in this county."

### BOARD/STAFF RESPONSES

Code enforcement will look into the shed in back of Monzo's home.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Adjustment of Property Records to Reflect Unaccounted Assets for FY 2017 - 18
2. Application to Federal Emergency Management Agency for FY 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant
3. Budget Amendment Reallocating Funds Within Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Budget Operating Expense Account to Cover Capital Expenses for FY 2017 - 18
4. Budget Resolutions Recognizing Unanticipated Increased and Decreased Revenues and Appropriating to Various Funds in Department of Public Works FY 2018 Budget
5. First Amendment to Indenture With The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., for Modification of Interest Rate of Industrial Development Bonds Issue for Goodwill Industries - Suncoast, Inc., Project and Associated Resolution

Pulled for discussion: Commissioner John Allocco had 5 pulled for explanation. Allocco said he was concerned about the county engaging in bonds for businesses. Allocco acknowledged that the agenda item pertained to Goodwill, which is a not-for-profit. County Attorney Garth Coler explained that there is "absolutely no risk to the county. We do not pledge any of our assets, any of our credit. All we do is act as a pass-through so that they are eligible for tax advantages." Essentially, Hernando County "signs off" and verifies the tax-exempt status of the organization, so that they can receive state and federal benefits.

Amy Gillis, Director of Financial services further explained that the federal government allows local government to pass on their tax-exempt status to not-for-profits, as well as manufacturing and industrial facilities in the spirit of economic development. The organization must meet very strict criteria in order to qualify. Gillis stressed that if Goodwill defaulted on their bond payments, that the county bears no responsibility in the repayment of the bonds.

After further discussion and understanding of the board, the item was passed 5-0.

6. FY 2018 - 19 State Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Grant Funds for Improvement and Expansion of Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Services and Associated Resolution

7. Invoice From Brooksville Main Street for FY 2018-19 Funding for Brooksville Vision Foundation, Inc.

8. Mass Transit Services for Various Holidays

9. Notification of Properties Placed on List of Lands Available for Taxes and Available for Purchase by County

10. Request Submitted by Sheriff's Office to Apply for FY 2018 State Criminal Alien

Assistance Program

11. Transmittal of List of Accounts Payable Disbursements for Weeks Ended October 5, 2018 and October 12, 2018

12. Various Satisfactions of Code Enforcement Public Nuisance Abatement Special Assessment Liens

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

RES-2018-152 : Petition Submitted by David and Judith Gibbs and Lindsay Crouch to Vacate a Portion of Drainage and Utility Easement Located in Spring Hill

David and Judith Gibbs along with Lindsay Crouch have submitted a petition to vacate a 3.83' x 27.58' portion of the 6' side drainage and utility easement. The easement is within Lot 21, Block 1213, Unit 18 in Spring Hill subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 9 pages 47-59 of the Public Records of Hernando County, Florida. The vacation is sought in order to construct a screen lanai addition to their existing single-family home. All affected utilities and County departments have indicated no objection to the request.

Approved 5-0

RES-2018-153 : Petition Submitted by Robert Quarltre to Vacate Drainage and Utility Easements Located in Ridge Manor Estates

Robert Quarltre has submitted a petition to vacate two internal 7.5' easements within lots 5 & 6 Ridge Manor Estates, Unit 2, Block 50, as recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 2-27 of the Public Records of Hernando County, Florida. The vacation is sought in order to construct a single-family home in the center of the two lots. All affected utilities and County departments have indicated no objection to the request.

Approved 5-0

RES-2018-154 : Petition Submitted by Roy Fret to Vacate a Drainage and Utility Easement Located in Royal Highlands

Roy Fret has submitted a petition to vacate the side 7.5' easement on Lot 8, Royal Highlands, Unit 9, Block 159, as recorded in Plat Book 12, Page 16-28 of the Public Records of Hernando County, Florida. The vacation is sought in order to construct a concrete retaining wall along the side property line. All affected utilities and County departments have indicated no objection to the requests

Approved 5-0

ORD-2018-20 : Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 2013-14 Fire Rescue Services Municipal Service Taxing Unit

On May 14, 2013, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 2013-14 which created the Hernando County Fire Rescue Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) to fund the Hernando County Fire Department. The proposed ordinance simply repeals the Hernando County Fire Rescue Municipal Service Taxing Unit and removes the MSTU from the TRIM notice. Staff recommends the Board conduct a public hearing and adopt the attached proposed Ordinance.

Approved 5-0 via roll-call vote.

### ANIMAL SERVICES MANAGER JAMES TERRY

RES-2018-155 : Resolution Adopting Civil Penalty Schedule for Animal Control Violations

This agenda item was pulled from the October 9 Board meeting agenda due to incorrect wording in the title and rescheduled for presentation at the next meeting. Changes to the fine schedule for animal control matters. As a follow up to changes recently made to Chapter 6, this resolution will establish fine amounts for violations.

According to Terry, the resolution contains upgraded fines and new conditions for Animal Control Violations, such as a mandatory appearance before the Special Master for a first offense 'Dangerous Dog' violation, which also includes the first offense of 'Interference with an Officer.' A third offense of an unrestrained dog will also require an appearance before the Special Master. The intent of the changes

is to address financial penalties for irresponsible pet ownership.

Approved 5-0

### TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER TAMMY HEON

Second Amendment to License Agreement With Friends of Chinsegut Hill, Incorporated for Revisions to Language Pertaining to Liquor Licenses and Permitted Events

Heon was not present for the introduction of the Amendment. County Administrator Len Sossamon explained the agreement as describing types of events that can be held at Chinsegut Hill. It further prevents Friends of Chinsegut Hill from obtaining a liquor license, however does allow for catering services with the proper licensure and insurance to serve alcohol at events at Chinsegut Hill.

Heon arrived at the conclusion of Sossamon's explanation. Chinsegut Manager Melissa Kehler further explained that the caterers only serve beer and wine at events where requested, and not liquor.

Kehler went on to say that Chinsegut Manor has been listed on AirBnB, which has resulted in international tourists visiting 'The Hill'.

The amendment passed 5-0.

### PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS MANAGER JAMES WUNDERLE

1. Approval of Purchase of Mass Transit Bus From Gillig, LLC (Cost: \$427,694.00)

This is for a full-sized bus, with a life expectancy of 5 years.

Approved 5-0

2. Award of Contract No. 18-T00132/TPR to Creative Craftsman Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Eddie's Sod (Primary Vendor) and Circle T Sod Farms (Secondary Vendor) for Sod Purchase and Installation (Estimated Annual Cost: \$181,200.00)

Approved 5-0

3. Award of Term Contract No.18-T00142/DK to Consolidated Resource Recovery, Inc., for Yard Waste Mulching Services (Estimated Cost for Three (3) Year Contract: \$619,200.00)

Approved 5-0

4. Utilization of State of Florida Contract With SHI International Corporation for Renewal of Microsoft Software Licenses (Cost: \$188,555.59) and Purchase of Microsoft Windows Server Client Access Licenses (Cost: \$45,160.00)

Approved 5-0

**Other Business:**

Deputy Administrator Jeff Rogers announced that a Public Information Workshop will be held about the Weeki Wachee River capacity study on November 8, 2018 at 4:00 PM at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Building. The workshop will go over how the study is being conducted and to offer the public input on the study.

Public Information Manager Virginia Singer announced the Ribbon-Cutting for the Good Nature Trail on Wednesday November 14, 2018 from 10:00 - 11:30AM.

### School Board Upholds Romano's Termination

by LISA MACNEIL  
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

With little discussion at the October 23, 2018 meeting, the Hernando County School Board voted to uphold former Superintendent Dr. Lori Romano's termination with cause. School board member Susan Duval began the brief meeting segment by saying, "I've reviewed all the documentation that we were given at the initial hearing, then the additional documents from each attorney (following the appeal hearing on October 3, 2018), so I agree that this is to move forward. Gus Guadagnino absent from the meeting due to a death in the family, all in attendance voted in the affirmative.

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# An 'Out of this World' Performance

ARTICLE AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY CHERYL CLANTON

Thursday night October 25, 2018, the fourth grade classes of Chocachatti Elementary School for the Performing Arts and Micro Society took their audience on an adventure around our solar system in a 'stellar' performance of The Solar System Saga. In the play, the planets and other astronomical features had to convince the egotistical Sun they were also important in our solar system. Students portraying each planet used educational facts, singing, dancing, instruments, jokes, to prove to the Sun they are special and unique. An Earthling named Annie assisted in the task of changing the Sun's mind about her over exaggerated self-worth. All the characters involved in the play learned a valuable lesson that everyone is important.

The students rehearsed for ten weeks in order to prepare for the performance. The costumes were tie-dyed shirts- some made by some students and others purchased. The play was directed by Mrs. Kraft Drama. Several other teachers helped out in various capacities- Miss Bowers: Choreographer, Mrs. Kraus: Music Director, Mrs. Poholek: Scenery and Mrs. Flaherty: Stagecraft.

There were thirty five main characters and thirty five understudies along with twenty dancers, seven musicians, eight singers and eleven stagecraft. The children have been learning about theater production here at Chocachatti Elementary since kindergarten through their fine arts program. Irma-rie Kraft, Drama teacher



said she was so proud of our fourth grade students and they put on a very powerful performance that made such an impact on the children in kindergarten, who were able to recall the facts about the show. Rhonda Bowers, Dance teacher stated that all of the dancers were

very versatile with the wide variety of music they had to perform to with different styles of dance to acrobatic skills. The students had captured the audience's attention with a wonderful performance.

LEFT: Pluto told Mars: "I'm keeping my eyes on you!" BELOW: The Solar System Saga asteroids show that they are also a big part of our solar system.



**Dancers**

- Zoey Alicea, Savannah Aponte, Haylee Brown, Rose Carpenter, Joseph Chesko, Dylan Cooper, Bella Flareau, Clare Hansard, Aliyah Johnson, Rebecca Keck, Ryanna Lee, Emma Medina, William Mobley, Alexys Ontiveros, Kayla Pirolo, Robert Rodriguez, Hailey Sanders, Olivia Strate, Rylan Widner, Aubrie Williams
- Xylophone Players**  
Carolos Rebolalar-Perez, Dallas Marcus, Aiden Cruz
- Marimba Players**  
Rhett Williams, Zaria McKenzie, Eamon O'Murchu
- Drums**  
Riley Darby
- Aquarius Soloist**  
Rebekah Ladines, Lincoln Morris, Jasmine Stevenson
- Venus Singers**  
Iyla Henkin, Bella Basso, Rebekah Ladines, Lincoln Morris
- Rainy Days and Mondays**  
Maia Kohlas, Zoey Baker, Mariana Ocampo Zapata
- Stagecraft**  
Logan Boyle, Jenna Brown, Nick Gifford, Cayden Hohman, Kaleb Hodges, Holden Huffman, Damon Johnson, Andy Lawson, Lylah Nugeness, Caleb Sarkes, Dexter Bates Mendonca



ABOVE LEFT: Annie the earthling sang a song, but everyone wanted her to stop because she sounded so bad. ABOVE RIGHT: The Solar System Saga dancers



<p><b>Character Actor Understudy</b></p> <p><b>Narrator 1</b> Jackson Weston Liberty Weinstein</p> <p><b>Comet 1</b> Mason Farrell William Figueroa</p> <p><b>Comet 2</b> Eirinn Farrell Morgan Carley</p> <p><b>Comet 3</b> Gavin Oddo Jaelyn Barror-Flores</p> <p><b>Asteroid 1</b> Christian Carollo</p>	<p>Christian Garrett</p> <p><b>Asteroid 2</b> Caleb Carollo Bryce Brown</p> <p><b>Asteroid 3</b> Jackson Patterson Seldon Skidmore</p> <p><b>Narrator 2</b> Kevin McIntosh Anasofia Espinosa</p> <p><b>Narrator 3</b> Cadence Gretka Selena Ruggieri</p> <p><b>Sun</b> Alyssa Chiusa Abby McAuley</p> <p><b>Venus</b> Alexus Rittweger</p>	<p>Aaliyah Francois</p> <p><b>Mercury</b> Christopher Kraft Liana Brown</p> <p><b>Neptune</b> Zoey Baker Mariana Ocampo</p> <p><b>Earth's Moon</b> Jacob Marko Gabriella Boyle</p> <p><b>Narrator 4</b> Kathryn Warren Jael Pierre</p> <p><b>Narrator 5</b> Leah Gentry Ilya Henkin</p> <p><b>Moon 1</b> Maia Kohlas</p>	<p>Jayden Stack</p> <p><b>Moon 2</b> Victoria Wadsworth Avery Brewer</p> <p><b>Moon 3</b> Josiah Ojeda Olivia Walz</p> <p><b>Earth</b> Abby McAuley Lillian Frazier</p> <p><b>Halley's Comet</b> Adriana Gallagher Elly McCormack</p> <p><b>Narrator 6</b> Jashuan Contegiacomo Isaiah Hale</p> <p><b>Mars</b></p>	<p>Jake Loeffler Brenden Aponte</p> <p><b>Jupiter</b> Tanner Bishop Nicholas Gifford</p> <p><b>Saturn</b> Asher Pepi Dylan Miller</p> <p><b>Uranus</b> Lillie Garrett Xavier Figueroa</p> <p><b>Ceres</b> Haylee Hulsey</p> <p><b>Pluto</b> Demetrios Thomas Harrison Hohman</p> <p><b>Eris</b> Eric Perez</p>	<p>Samuel Novick</p> <p><b>Anne</b> Maya Lenamon Zoe Acevedo</p> <p><b>Sun Posse 1</b> Anasofia Espinosa Jasmine Stevenson</p> <p><b>Sun Posse 2</b> Aaliyah Francois</p> <p><b>Sun Posse 3</b> Liana Brown</p> <p><b>Venus Posse 1</b> Liberty Weinstein Jael Pierre</p> <p><b>Venus Posse 2</b> Jayden Stack Iyla Henkin</p>
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PERMIT: 1364140  
 PERMIT DATE: 10/26/2018  
 PARCEL: R21 222 18 3080  
 00G0 0480  
 OWNER: VETTER NICHOLL  
 13049 CENTENNIAL ST  
 SPRING HILL, FL 34609  
 LOC: 13255 HARRISON ST  
 USE: SFSINGLE FAMILY  
 RES.DETACH  
 LEGAL: POTTERFIELD GAR-  
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 SUB AS APPROVED BY  
 BUILDER: CBC0591601  
 KUNDRAT CONSTRUCTION  
 CO INC 5471 CIRCLE DR  
 WEEKI WACHEE FL 34607  
 (352) 293-3690  
 Est. Val: 358000  
 UNITS 1  
 STATUS: OPEN  
 ISSUE STATUS: ISSUED  
 BLDG. SIZE: 79X112  
 CONST. TYPE: VB BLK G  
 LOT 48 PLANNING DEPT  
 (S-97-027)

PERMIT: 1360301  
 PERMIT DATE: 10/26/2018  
 PARCEL: R31 223 18 9046  
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 OWNER: SKINTASTIC EPRE  
 SPRING HILL 5000 LLC 1052  
 HAGEN DR TRINITY, FL  
 34655-4620  
 LOC: 250 MARINER BLVD  
 USE: B1B&P MED 10,000SF  
 OR LESS  
 LEGAL: SPRINGHILL PROF  
 PARK CONDO  
 BUILDER: CBC1261488 EX-  
 ECUTIVE CONSTRUCTION  
 COMPANY INC  
 13109 ALISHA COURT  
 SPRING HILL FL 34609  
 (352) 279-2827

Est. Val: 742067  
 UNITS 1  
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 ISSUE STATUS: ISSUED  
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 PERMIT DATE: 10/25/2018  
 Est. Val: 181650  
 UNITS 1  
 PARCEL: R01 221 17 3360  
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 OWNER: MARONDA HOMES  
 13409 RAYBURN RD HUD-  
 SON, FL 34667-6958 NEW  
 PORT RICHEY, FL 34654-  
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 STATUS: OPEN  
 ISSUE STATUS: ISSUED  
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 AVE  
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 LEGAL: ROYAL HIGHLANDS  
 UNIT 8 BLK 683 LOT 5  
 BUILDER: CGC1516074  
 MARONDA HOMES  
 9416 CAMDEN FIELD PKWY  
 RIVERVIEW FL 33569  
 (813) 671-5340

PERMIT: 1364563  
 PERMIT DATE: 10/25/2018  
 PARCEL: R34 223 18 3755  
 0070 0720  
 OWNER: WILLIAM RYAN  
 HOMES FLORIDA INC  
 6522 GUNN HWY SUITE  
 117 TAMPA, FL 33619 NEW  
 PORT RICHEY, FL 34654-  
 2500  
 PHONE:(813)627-9040

LOC: 313 OLD WINDSOR  
 WAY  
 USE: SFSINGLE FAMILY  
 RES.DETACH  
 LEGAL: VILLAGES OF AVA-  
 LON PH 3B-1 BLK 7 LOT 72  
 BUILDER: CGC0195420 WIL-  
 LIAM RYAN HOMES FLORIDA  
 INC 3925 COCONUT  
 PALM DR STE 117 TAMPA FL  
 33619 (813) 627-9040  
 Est. Val: 225000  
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 STATUS: OPEN  
 ISSUE STATUS: ISSUED  
 BLDG. SIZE: 40X65  
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PERMIT: 1363046  
 PERMIT DATE: 10/24/2018  
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 OWNER: STALKER BRADLEY  
 13057 PIRATE LN SPRING  
 HILL, FL 34609-4166 NEW  
 PORT RICHEY, FL 34654-  
 2500  
 LOC: 13046 KANAWHA DR  
 USE: MHMOBILE HOME 1  
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 4650 NE 35TH ST OCALA FL  
 34479 (352) 351-6100  
 Est. Val: 109000  
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 1760 HARMONYVILLE RD  
 POTTSTOWN, PA 19465-  
 8551 NEW PORT RICHEY, FL  
 34654-2500  
 PHONE:( )  
 LOC: 2221 AMHERST AVE  
 USE: SFSINGLE FAMILY  
 RES.DETACH  
 LEGAL: SPRING HILL UNIT 9  
 BLK 505 LOT 14  
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 MARONDA HOMES  
 9416 CAMDEN FIELD PKWY  
 RIVERVIEW FL 33569  
 (813) 671-5340  
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 7406 CYPRESS KNOLL  
 DR NEW PORT RICHEY,

FL 34653-4079 NEW PORT  
 RICHEY, FL 34654-2500  
 STATUS: OPEN  
 ISSUE STATUS: ISSUED  
 LEGAL: 10453 MIRAGE AVE  
 BLDG. SIZE: 59.34 X 64  
 USE: SFSINGLE FAMILY  
 RES.DETACH  
 CONST. TYPE: VB  
 LEGAL: ROYAL HIGHLANDS  
 UNIT 5 BLK 320 LOT 13  
 BUILDER: CRC056976  
 SOUTHERN VALLEY HOMES  
 LLC 6501 COUNTY LINE  
 RD SPRING HILL FL 34606 (352) 200-5199

PERMIT: 1364566  
 PERMIT DATE: 10/23/2018  
 PARCEL: R32 323 17 5170  
 1112 0230  
 OWNER: MARONDA HOMES  
 INC 9416 CAMDEN  
 FIELD PKWY RIVERVIEW, FL  
 33569 FORT LAUDERDALE,  
 FL 33301-2294  
 PHONE:(813)671-5340  
 LOC: 11261 TIMBERCREST  
 RD  
 USE: SFSINGLE FAMILY  
 RES.DETACH  
 LEGAL: SPRING HILL UNIT  
 17 BLK 1112 LOT 23  
 BUILDER: CGC1516074  
 MARONDA HOMES  
 9416 CAMDEN FIELD PKWY  
 RIVERVIEW FL 33569 (813) 671-5340  
 Est. Val: 188950  
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 ISSUE STATUS: ISSUED  
 BLDG. SIZE: 40X60  
 CONST. TYPE: VB

PERMIT: 1364069  
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 OWNER: WHITEHEAD  
 ESTHER Y PO BOX  
 875 LACOOCHUE, FL 33537-  
 0875 FORT LAUDERDALE,  
 FL 33301-2294  
 PHONE:(813)624-3787  
 LOC: 3171 BURWELL RD  
 USE: SFSINGLE FAMILY  
 RES.DETACH  
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 327 PG 801

BUILDER: CBC1258883 L  
 NORMAN ADAMS HOME  
 BLDRS INC POST  
 OFFICE BOX 134 BUSHNELL  
 FL 33513 (352) 793-7511  
 Est. Val: 277000  
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 STATUS: OPEN  
 ISSUE STATUS: ISSUED  
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PERMIT: 1363501  
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 OWNER: ATTARD MICHAEL L  
 2091 ARBUCKLE RD  
 SPRING HILL, FL 34608  
 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL  
 33301-2294  
 LOC: 12277 ROCK DUCK AVE  
 USE: MHMOBILE HOME 1  
 ACRE OR MO  
 LEGAL: LEISURE RETREATS  
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 & E30 FT MOL  
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 DA, LLC 6522 GUNN HWY  
 TAMPA, FL 33625-4022 FORT  
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 BUILDER: CRC04797902 IH  
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| <p>Owner Name: HELLBERG REBECCA<br/>             HELLBERG NATHAN<br/>             Site Address: 315 JACKSON AVE<br/>             Description: 2.5 AC MOL IN NW1/4 OF<br/>             SW1/4 ORB 325 PG 521 AND ORB 433<br/>             PG 1262<br/>             MOBILE HOME/ ACREAGE 2.50 ACRES<br/>             Sale Price: \$155,000<br/>             10/04/18</p> | <p>Owner Name: FIELDS HENRY D, FIELDS<br/>             CARMEN V<br/>             Site Address: 5164 LAKEWOOD DR<br/>             Description: LAKEWOOD UNIT 1 LOTS 3<br/>             &amp; 5 ORB 320 PGS 4<br/>             SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE<br/>             Sale Price: \$148,000<br/>             09/27/18</p>  |
| <p>Owner Name: KENNEDY JERRY L<br/>             Site Address: 13092 JOHNATHAN DR<br/>             Description: ROYAL HIGHLANDS UNIT 5<br/>             BLK 261 LOT 4<br/>             VACANT RESIDENTIAL 20,000.00<br/>             SQUARE FEET<br/>             Sale Price: \$165,000<br/>             10/05/18</p>  | <p>Owner Name: BROOKSVILLE SQUARE<br/>             PLAZA LLC, LEONE<br/>             Site Address: 19410 CORTEZ BLVD<br/>             Description:<br/>             X150X150X126X67X509X67X160X44X<br/>             110X379X40X247 FT MOL IN N1/2 OF<br/>             SE1/4 DES ORB 961 PG 1493 &amp;<br/>             COMMUNITY SHOPPING CENTER<br/>             Sale Price: \$4,620,000<br/>             09/21/18</p>            |
| <p>Owner Name: LOGUE PEGGY<br/>             Site Address: 8063 MORELLI AVE<br/>             Description: BROOKRIDGE COMMUNITY<br/>             UNIT 6 BLK 33 LOT 21<br/>             MOBILE HOME<br/>             Sale Price: \$75,000<br/>             10/05/18</p>  | <p>Owner Name: KAYMORE CEDRIC<br/>             MARAMAN FELICIA<br/>             Site Address: 9099 ORCHARD WAY<br/>             Description: EL PICO UNREC SUB W1/2<br/>             OF W1/2 OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 35-23-17<br/>             AKA TR 5 ORB 759 PG 1808<br/>             Mobile Home/ Acreage (9 Acres, plus<br/>             .80 non-prod acres)<br/>             Sale Price: \$178,000<br/>             10/04/2018</p> |
| <p>Owner Name: RAWLS JOHN, RAWLS<br/>             ROSEMARY<br/>             Site Address: 4376 LANDOVER<br/>             BLVD<br/>             Description: SPRING HILL UNIT 16 BLK<br/>             1063 LOT 3<br/>             SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE<br/>             Sale Price: \$185,000<br/>             10/03/18</p>   |  |

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## Cemex, County to be Challenged in Hearing

by LISA MACNEIL  
 Hernando Sun Writer

as well as private homes. The petition states, "An open pit industrial mine located next to residential homes and a hospitals contrary to the public interest. Even with the proposed commercial area, a separation would exist between only most, not all, of the area located between the hospital campus and the mine." Residents attending recent hearings have also expressed concern over the potential for diminished value of their properties.

According to the petition filed by Jane West Law, attorneys for Bracker, on February 12, 2018, the Planning and Zoning Commission discussed and conducted a public hearing, and found "numerous inconsistencies" with the county's Comprehensive Plan, and voted 5-0 to recommend the amendment package not be transmitted to the State Department of Economic Opportunity.

The petition states that on "March 6, 2018, the Hernando County Commissioners ignored the recommendation from their Planning and Zoning Board and reversed course with a unanimous vote to transmit the proposed Comprehensive Plan to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and designated review agencies for review."

The State Land Planning Agency and DEO received the proposed Plan Amendment for review on March 14, 2018, and returned an Objections, Recommendations and Comments ("ORC") response to the County on April 19, 2018. On June 12, 2018 the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners voted to approve the CPAM 1702 amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

An Administrative Hearing began on Tuesday, October 30, 2018, filed by Brooksville resident Heinrich Bracker who owns property adjacent to the proposed Cemex mine expansion project. Bracker seeks a judgment from the state on whether Hernando County's Plan Amendment (CPAM 1702) is in compliance with Florida statutes governing land use amendments. Statement of facts appear within the petition, including inconsistencies with surrounding zoning and features, wildlife disruption, air and water quality concerns and sinkhole features which could potentially affect the aquifer.

The proposed mining expansion area is located across Cortez Boulevard from Bayfront Hospital,

## IN, OUT & ABOUT



Rodney Garlits, Don Garlits' grandson, now runs the Drag Racing Museum in Ocala, Florida.

# Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing

ARTICLE AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY ALICE MARY HERDEN

*"Drag racing—the straight dash over 1/4 of a mile from a standing start for the shortest elapsed time—is a form of racing unique to the US."*

- The National Museum of American History

It's just a 55 minute trip from Brookville to visit Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing. Billboard signs along I-75 for Don Garlits make travelers who are not necessarily drag racing enthusiasts curious enough to see what this place is all about.

Known to many as "Big Daddy," Don Garlits was born in Tampa, Florida in 1932. He is an American race car driver and automotive engineer. He is known for drag racing and is the first racer to surpass speeds ranging from 170 mph to 270 mph marks in the quarter mile.

His challenges, victories, in the face of death is the reason why so many people refer to him as a 'Living Legend,' which pretty much sums it up all in two words.

Garlits' inner drive for speed made his life on the drag racing strip inspirational to his grandson, Rodney Garlits, who now runs the museum.

Rodney remarked, "I admire him, because he is the only father figure that I had growing up.



Don Garlits' Museum of Drag Racing opened their doors to the public in 1983.

Him and I were very close. He would pick me from school as a kid in all these hotrods."

Rodney Garlits, 29, began to study physical therapy but that wasn't his final destination.

"There has always been that feeling deep down inside that I be-

longed here. I felt like I was veering down a path that would have been successful, but it wouldn't have been the right choice for me," Garlits said. "I'm really the only one [in the family] that is interested in carrying this on for the next generation."

While only a few months into learning the business side of the museum, Rodney personally knows the value of his grandfather's business as well as the importance of maintaining his fan and customer based relationships.

"He is a good role model and a very smart businessman. He took me under his wing and wanted to show me basically how to run a company," Garlits said. "He really appreciates his fans and does everything he can to help inspire the youth."

After Don Garlits participated in the first international drag race festival in England: The Goodwood Festival of Speed, he began to form his own idea for cele-

brating the sport of drag racing. Don and his wife, Pat, began their tribute to drag racing on their own property in Seffner, Florida in 1976. In order to share this growing collection of memorabilia with others, the couple purchased the property off of I-75 and opened the Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing in 1983.

Rodney is grateful to his grandfather for the opportunity to learn the business and continue it for generations to come.

"I am very thankful for him taking the time to teach me the company and how to conduct business. I would really like to express to him how thankful I am for all the meetings that we've had one on one so that one day I will be able to carry this place on and make it greater than it is today. I have had the most magnificent time of my life being around him," Garlits expressed.

From racing on old abandoned military airways in the late 1950's and early 1960's to sharing history, mem-

ories and possibly new found inspirations, The Don Garlits Drag Racing Museum in worth the trip. Visitors can see the how drag racing has transformed throughout the years, view a variety of cars from many accomplished drivers and learn the mechanics and innovations that still push the limits on the asphalt.



Swamp Rat XXX is currently shown as an exhibition at The National Museum of American History; A Material World - American Racing, a branch of the Smithsonian in Washington DC. "The Swamp Rat 31," a replacement of Swamp Rat 30, shown here, was involved in a crash just seconds after the green light. The crash left Garlits with broken ribs and a cracked vertebra, as the car flipped upside down. The original race car is permanently housed at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington DC.

## Visit May-Stringer's Fairy Garden



Brooksville Garden Club Volunteers maintain the Living Memories Garden once a month with weeding, sweeping the walkways and picking up blow/fall down from the overhead trees. This "best kept secret garden" is located behind the May-Stringer Museum, 601 Museum Street, Brooksville.

Recently Museum Volunteers and volunteers from the Brooksville Beautification Board designed and created a Wee Fairy Village to stimulate renewed interest in the garden for visitors to the Museum effective November 13th at 5:30 PM.

With this intent, Brooksville Garden Club shared their time and creative efforts to donate their version of a Fairy Tree House. Several members not in photo pooled talents, Collette Bortolin, Allison Murphy and Helen Wheat. In photo, Fairy House is held by interior Fairy furniture creator, Lois Bendheim. From Left, then around: Worker Bees, Diane Lamoureux, Linda Kelley, Rita Daskam, and Connie Hopkins. Photo Courtesy of Faye Petersen.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday Nov. 2, 2018

2nd Annual Mopars & More with "Big Daddy" Don Garlits & The Twilight Cruisers See more upcoming events on their website: <http://garlits.com/>

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Don Garlits' favorite ride the "Swamp Rat 34" raced from 1993 to 2003 and reached 324 mph.

### "TURF TALK"

Hernando County residents are invited to attend "Turf Talk" on Friday, November 9, 2018, 10:00am – 12:00pm at Hernando County Utilities, 15365 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, 34613. Turf seems like an easy thing to care for. But we find out lawn care is not as easy as we thought. Jim Moll, Pasco County Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program Manager will teach us what lawns in our area need to thrive without using too many ecological or economical resources.

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by Cheryl Clanton



**Let the Holidays Begin**  
**Pumpkin Bars**

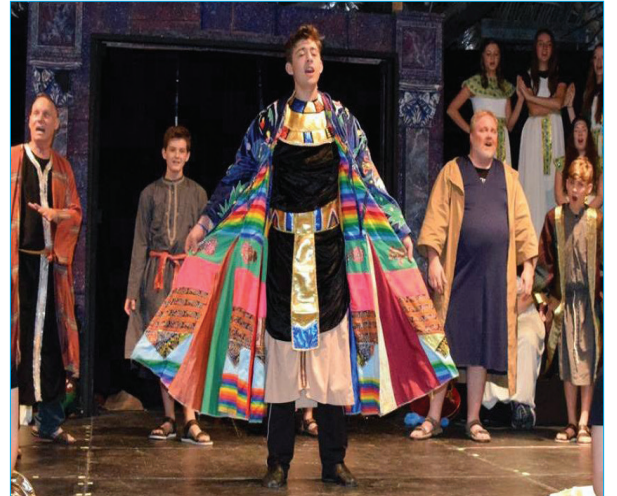
**Ingredients**

<p>2 Cups all purpose flour 3-Eggs 1-Cup vegetable oil 1 2/3-Cups white sugar 1 (30oz.) can pumpkin mixture 2-Teaspoon baking powder 1-Teaspoon baking soda 2-Teaspoon Cinnamon 1-Teaspoon Salt 1-(8oz.) Cream cheese 1/2-Cup Butter softened 1-Teaspoon Vanilla extract 2-Cups sifted confectioners' sugar Pumpkin pie seasoning</p> <p><b>Directions</b> Bake at 350 degrees Medium size bowl, combine your eggs,sugar, oil, pumpkin with mixer until</p>	<p>light/fluffy. Sift mixture of flour,baking powder, backing soda add pumpkin pic seasoning Stir into your pumpkin mixture until thoroughly combined together. Pour you mixture into an ungreased 10/15 jellyroll pan. Bake for 25-30 minutes , give it the tooth pick test to see if done. Cool before frosting. Frosting, mix together until smooth butter(soften) , cream cheese, vanilla. Stir in confectioner's sugar in small amounts at a time, until smooth. Spread on top of cooled bars and cut into squares.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HAPPY HOLIDAYS</b></p>
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**GIVE A PET A FOREVER HOME**  
SEE PAGE 13

## JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Live Oak Theatre presents Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat: The Broadway musical hit will be presented over three weekends, **Nov. 2-18, at the Carol and Frank Morsani Center for the Arts, 21030 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville.** Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are \$20, \$5 for ages 13 and younger, and include coffee, tea and dessert. Season tickets are available for \$50 (includes three productions). **Call (352) 593-0027 or visit www.liveoaktheatre.org.**



## THE RIVERHAWK MUSIC FESTIVAL THURSDAY, NOV. 8, 2018 THROUGH SUNDAY, NOV. 11 AT THE SERTOMA YOUTH RANCH

Riverhawk is a four-day music festival with an eclectic array of music featuring Americana, Bluegrass, Jamgrass, Celtic, Newgrass, Cajun and more. Come down to Florida, camp with the whole family in a beautiful setting, and enjoy the music and the fine friendly folks! Attendees will also be entertained by dancing, craft exhibitors, music jams and camping. The youth will enjoy full programmed kids activities, including hayrides, pingpong ball race in the stream, pinatas and more. A percentage of the income goes to the improvements and maintenance of the Sertoma Youth Ranch a non-profit organization to bring our youth and nature together For the complete list of entertainers, please visit the website. Hosted by Sertoma Youth Ranch and Riverhawk Music Festival. Come hang at the Ranch for a great time 25 bands, three stages and plenty of food and brew! For camping information, call 863-984-8445.



Sertoma Youth Ranch is located at 85 Myers Rd, Brooksville, (863) 559-0417 <http://lindentertainment.com/>

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH**  
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The freedom to "eat, drink & be merry" as FreedomFest offers over 300 food, drink and merchandise vendors throughout the weekend.

FreedomFest is also a Camping & RV friendly event offering water, electric & power hookups at elevated price points. Tickets begin at \$25 per day (advanced general admission). VIP & Camping Ticket Packages begin at \$100.

A special and honorable salute to Veterans of the United States Military takes place on Veteran's



Day morning Nov. 11, 2018 to kick off Day 2. Brooksville, Florida plays host to one of the hottest festival events of the year. Join us at FreedomFest Florida and "Let Freedom Sing!" Florida Classic Park Brooksville, Florida, United States





# Calendar of Events

Nov. 2

## Hernando County Residents' Reception

WHEN: Friday, 2 November 2018 from 17:00-20:00  
 WHERE: Pasco-Hernando State College, 450 Beverly Ct, Spring Hill, Florida 34606  
 Description: The Hernando County Resident's Reception is a free family-friendly event that introduces the residents of Hernando County to over 100 healthcare providers, county officials, retail & service businesses, non-profit agencies, educators and so much more! Don't forget the sampling from our local restaurants either! This event offers vendor and sponsorship opportunities. Email lindsay@hernandochamber.com for details.

## Hernando County People Helping People fundraiser

Gamma Xi Master, Beta Sigma Phi sorority is having a fundraiser, Friday, November 2 at Marker 48, on Hwy. 50. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Proceeds will benefit, Hernando County People Helping People.

## Anne of Green Gables presented by Spring Hill Christian Academy Theatre Arts

WHEN: Nov. 2 and Nov. 3 7 PM  
 WHERE: Spring Hill Baptist Church  
 \$10 purchase tickets online at Shcata.booktix.com (assigned seating)  
 Tickets will be available at the door for first come first serve

Nov. 3

## Nature Coast Seafood Festival

WHEN: Saturday, 3 November 2018 from 11:00-18:00  
 WHERE: Linda Pedersen Park 6400 Shoal Line Blvd, Spring Hill, Florida 34607  
 Description: Live music, special events including Dragon Boat races, photo competition, Rubber Duck Race, Children's activities, food trucks, some GREAT seafood, with VIP tickets available! For more information: (352) 754-4027. nature-coastseafoodfestival.com

## GPS For Mariners

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 3, 9am - 12pm  
 WHERE: USCG Auxiliary Bldg. 4340 Calienta Street Spring Hill,  
 Description: GPS for Mariners is a modern learning experience that focuses on the GPS equipment typically owned by the recreational boater. This course is the result of an exciting synergy between textbook's publisher, the book's author, and the Auxiliary. The recommended presentation of the course involves inviting course participants who already own hand-held GPS units to bring them to the class, increasing interactivity of the educational experience and getting students more involved. 3 Hours duration. Course Cost: \$40. Text included. Registration 1/2 hour prior to start of class. Contact Susan Watkins swatkin678@gmail.com (352) 340-8848

## Pee-Wee Archery

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 3, 10am - 11am  
 WHERE: Chinesegut Conservation Center, 23212 Lake Lindsey Rd, Brooksville, FL 34601,  
 Description: An opportunity for mom or dad to work alongside youngsters who are interested in learning archery. Ages 5-9 will have an opportunity to learn the basics of archery using our scaled-down equipment, one-on-one coaching, and help from mom or dad. Space is limited for this one-hour program. Register at (352) 754-6722.

## Taste of the Fields 2018

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 3, 3pm - 7pm  
 WHERE: Wild Buck Whiskey 7237 Wild Buck Road, Brooksville,  
 Description: Hosted by Wild Buck Whiskey and Kiwanis Club of the Brooksville Ridge. It's back with an exciting new location: NJOY Distillery, a beautiful and unique Hernando County destination! Join Us from 3-7pm for a night filled with fun, food, music and friends! Barefoot Bob and the Hope will be playing live, there will be a Chef's competition, music, drinks and fun! Get your tickets here --> https://kiwanisofthebrooksvillridge.com/totf Benefits Foster families in Hernando County! Ticket price is \$40 and will include a variety of taste samples, 2 beer or wine tickets along with live music and beautiful scenery. Additional Beverages available. Beer and Wine available for purchase and a portion will be donated to the cause.

Nov. 4

## Brooksville Bike Rally & Cruise-In

WHEN: Sun, Nov. 4, 10am - 4pm  
 WHERE: The Morgue 615 Old Hospital Drive, Brooksville, FL  
 Description: Brooksville Bike Rally and Cruise-in: Food Drive benefiting local food pantries and charities. Bring one non-perishable food item and receive 5 tickets for the Prize Raffle. Presented by Lowman Law Firm, hosted by The Morgue. Live music, EmCee'd by The Big Ragoo, vendors, food, 10 Class Ride-in Bike Show sponsored by Scootergoods Magazine, Classic Car Show sponsored by AK Customz. Free admission, vendor space available, \$20 up to 20 feet (vendor registration online at https://www.brooksvillebikerallyandcruise-in.com/vendor-opportunities). Car and Bike Show Pre-Registration available online at https://www.brooksvillebikerallyandcruise-in.com/events/brooksville-bike-rally-cruise-in-and-10-class-ride-in-bike-show-5. TheBrooksvilleMorgue@gmail.com, (727) 422-3360. www.facebook.com/TheBrooksvilleMorgue,

www.BrooksvilleBikeRallyAndCruise-In.com

Nov. 6

## Wild ABOUT Florida

WHEN: Tuesday, November 6; 1:00 - 4:30pm  
 WHERE: Chinesegut Conservation Center 23212 Lake Lindsey Rd, Brooksville, FL 34601, USA  
 Description: Register to attend this 4-week workshop for adults to become acquainted with Florida in detail. Classes include a review of statewide programs available to further your education, getting involved with wildlife preservation projects, wildlife identification, wildlife in your landscape, and land management information. Classes run 3.5 hours each and meet 11/6, 11/13, 11/20 and 11/27. Registration fee \$20.00, includes a packet of materials for participants to keep. Register by calling (352) 754-6722.

Nov. 7

## Turkeys for ages 5-8

WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 7 10:30am - 12:00pm  
 WHERE:  
 Description: This monthly program for ages 5-8 centers on a bird that's in the spotlight for November, the turkey. Kids will explore the life of a turkey through activities, games and a take-home craft. Registration preferred space is limited. Register online or by calling (352) 754-6722.

Nov. 8

## Feast of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

WHEN: Nov. 8, 2018, 4:00pm - November 9, 2018, 8:00pm  
 WHERE: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini 5030 Mariner Blvd, Spring Hill,  
 Description: Festival including Ferris Wheel, Rides, Games, Raffle, Music, Vendors and Food Trucks. Please Contact the Church Office for Tickets & Information 352-683-9666

## Riverhawk Music Festival

WHEN: Nov. 8, 2018, 6:00pm - November 11, 2018, 6:00pm  
 WHERE: Sertoma Youth Ranch 85 Myers Rd, Brooksville, 34602  
 Description: Hosted by Sertoma Youth Ranch and Riverhawk Music Festival. Four days of great music, friends and camping! Come hang at the Ranch for a great time 25 bands, 3 stages and plenty of food and brew!

## Exploring a Basin Marsh Environmental Education Series for Home School; Ages 10-13

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 8 10:30am - 12:30pm  
 WHERE: Chinesegut Conservation Center 23212 Lake Lindsey Rd Brooksville, Florida 34601 United States  
 Description: Exploring a Basin Marsh - Wetlands are full of unique and interesting life and serve as a hub for migrating birds and large mobile mammals. Join us for a trip to sample water quality and wildlife diversity in May's Prairie. Information will be recorded to populate iNaturalist to help scientists understand more about the distribution of wildlife in our state. Aligned to these Florida Standards: SC.6. L.15.1; SC.68.CS-CP.1.2; SC.7.L.17.1; SC.78.L.17.2; SC.8.P.9.3; SC.68.CS-CP.1.2 CONTACT: Gina Long; Gina.Philhower@MyFWC.com (352) 754-6722

Nov. 9

## Bringing more birds to your Backyard

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 9 10:00 - 11:00am  
 WHERE: Chinesegut Conservation Center 23212 Lake Lindsey Rd, Brooksville, FL 34601, USA  
 Description: There are several attractive and wildlife-friendly ways to draw birds to your backyard. This program presented by Audubon volunteers is tailored to suit the sunny southeast with the plants and other features ideal to get birds flocking to you. No registration necessary for this free program.

## Friday Night Live - A Main Street Event

WHEN: Friday, November 09, 2018, 5:30PM - 10:00PM  
 Friday Night Live from 5 - 10 p at the downtown park band shell! Food Trucks and Full Bar available! Bring your folding chairs! Next Date Scheduled DECEMBER 14, 2018 Location 205 E Ft Dade Av, Brooksville

Nov. 10

## Train Show & Swap Meet

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Open House, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
 WHERE: Dana's Railroad Supply, 4042 Deltona Blvd., Spring Hill, FL 34606  
 Description: ALL SCALES ENCOURAGED. Table space \$10.00 per table. (Bring your own table and chair). Set up time 7:30 a.m. (352) 684-2484. www.danasrailroadsupply.com.

## Skulls

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 10 10:00 - 11:00am  
 WHERE: Chinesegut Conservation Center 23212 Lake Lindsey Rd, Brooksville, FL 34601, USA  
 Description: Chinesegut volunteer Richard walks you through the intricacies of skulls and how they further our understanding of wildlife both past and present. Suitable for ages 12+. Free program, no need to register.

## Powell Middle School annual Holiday Craft Fair

WHEN: Nov. 10 from 9am - 2pm  
 WHERE: located at the front of the school at 4100 Barclay Rd., Spring Hill

# Movie Times

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Friday, 02 November 2018 - Thursday, 08 November 2018

Beautiful Boy (R)	Daily except Thurs: 12:15PM, 3:30PM, 7:05PM, 9:55PM
Bohemian Rhapsody (PG13)	Daily except Thurs: 1:15PM, 4:30PM, 7:45PM, 9:30PM. Thurs: 1:15PM, 4:30PM, 7:45PM
Bohemian Rhapsody GTX (PG13)	Daily: 12:30PM, 3:45PM, 7:00PM, 10:15PM
Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween (PG)	Daily except Sun, Thurs: 12:10PM, 2:30PM, 4:45PM, 7:10PM. Sun: 12:00PM, 2:30PM, 4:45PM, 7:10PM
Halloween (2018) (R)	Daily except Thurs: 1:30PM, 4:15PM, 7:30PM, 10:00PM
Hunter Killer (R)	Daily except Thurs: 12:20PM, 3:30PM, 7:15PM, 10:00PM
Indivisible (PG13)	Fri, Sat, Mon, Tues: 1:10PM, 4:00PM. Sun: 12:00PM. Wed: 1:10PM
Night School (PG13)	Fri, Sat, Mon, Tues: 6:45PM, 9:35PM. Sun: 10:15PM. Wed: 7:35PM, 10:05PM
Nobody's Fool (R)	Fri, Sat: 1:00PM, 4:10PM, 7:20PM, 10:00PM. Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed: 1:00PM, 4:10PM, 7:20PM, 10:05PM
Nutcracker And The Four Realms, The (PG)	Daily except Thurs: 1:30PM, 4:15PM, 7:15PM, 9:45PM
Old Man & The Gun, The (PG13)	Fri, Sat, Mon, Tues: 1:25PM, 4:25PM, 7:25PM, 9:45PM. Sun: 1:25PM, 4:25PM. Wed: 1:25PM, 4:25PM, 10:15PM
Space Odyssey, A (G)	Sun: 2:00PM, 7:00PM. Wed: 4:00PM, 7:00PM
Star is Born, A (R)	Daily except Thurs: 12:00PM, 3:30PM, 6:45PM, 9:45PM
Venom (PG13)	Daily except Thurs: 12:30PM, 3:30PM, 7:00PM, 10:00PM

## Annual Plant and Arts & Crafts Show

WHEN: Saturday, November 10, 2018, 8-2pm  
 WHERE: High Point Community Clubhouse 12249 Clubhouse Rd, Brooksville, FL 34613  
 Description: There will be plants, books, arts & crafts for sale. Also, food available for breakfast and a raffle. Admission is free. Lots of great handmade gifts for the holidays.

## Oy Vay Cabaret Is Back!

WHEN: Saturday, November 10, 2018.  
 WHERE: Temple Beth David 13158 Antelope St. Spring Hill  
 Description: This spectacular cabaret style show, hosted by Carla Becker, will be performed on Saturday, November 10, 2018. Come and enjoy the magic of music and great memories with a variety of song selections from Country to Sinatra. There will also be a tribute honoring our veterans. Tickets will go on sale September 20th for an \$18.00 donation which can be purchased online at www.tbdf.org or calling 352-428-9946. Tickets will not be sold at time of performance. Doors open at 6:30pm and showtime is at 7pm.

## CryptoQuote answer on page 15

# CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

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

JWVH X QXH OXPO NS'O X  
ONRRP, FWNRCNOW AXQV, NS'O  
TGMZXZRP OMQVSWNHA WNO  
JNBV FXH ZVXS WNQ XS.  
- CMH VTTVGOMH

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# SPORTS

## Contests result in clean district sweep for Sharks

BY JOE CARLINO  
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 CHERYL CLANTON

Due to Hurricane Michael's pathway a couple of weeks ago, the Nature Coast Sharks game against the Lecanto Panthers was unfortunately pushed back to October 29, which put the Sharks in an interesting predicament: playing three games in a span of seven days, two of which were district opponents. The Sharks needed to only win one to secure the championship and a first-round home playoff game.

When the weekend concluded, the Sharks would not only win the district, but would run a clean sweep of their opponents.

Riding behind the battery play of senior tailback Michael "Mike-Mike" Weston and junior quarterback Fabian "2Fabe" Burnett, the Sharks (8-1, 6-0) would clinch the district championship by defeating the defending champ and district rival Hernando Leopards on homecoming night 35-14, then travelled to Lecanto on Monday night and defeated the Panthers in a shutout,

36-0.

Below is a recap of each individual contest: Game One: Friday night, 10/26 versus Hernando Leopards

With the first of two chances to clinch the district title coming on Friday night, the Sharks welcomed the Hernando Leopards to the Shark Tank, Nature Coast took full advantage of the opportunity, sending their fans home happy and putting the Leopards in jeopardy of being eliminated under the points system the FHSAA is now under for football.

In the contest against Hernando, the Sharks outgained the Leopards in total yards (382-221) and had more success in the red zone (NCT: 2/2, HHS: 2/3), and had two more first downs than the Leopards (14-12). Both teams also had the same total penalty yards, but the Sharks had more flags go against them (9-6).

"It feels great, being able to win the championship this week than next," said Sharks head coach Cory Johns after the game. "They (Hernando) came out ready to play, but their opponent tonight

was a quality foe."

Nature Coast was led yet again in yards by Weston, who had 20 carries for 132 yards and two touchdowns, and Burnett, who contributed 124 total yards (86 in the air and a touchdown along with 38 rushing yards). Hernando was led by senior tailback Israel Fields, who had 122 total yards (35 receiving yards and a touchdown and 87 rushing yards with a touchdown and fumble). Also leading the Leopards was senior quarterback Boston Tafelski, who completed 53 percent of his throws (9 of 17 for 82 yards and a score), adding 17 yards on the ground.

"The game was much closer than the (final score) indicates," stated Leopards head coach Rob Kazmier during the postgame interviews. "We were once again just a few errors from controlling the game. I am very proud of this team's heart and how they carry themselves; they don't quit under any circumstances."

The scoring started early in this contest, but interestingly, it was an uncommon source who saw paydirt. After receiv-



Kinyatah Morgan runs in a touchdown against the Leopards Fri Oct. 26, 2018.

ing the opening kick and getting nowhere on the first two plays, the Sharks ran a reverse play that saw sophomore wideout Kinyatah Morgan race untouched for an 80-yard touchdown. A missed extra point saw the Sharks hold a slim 6-0 advantage, which would hold until the second quarter. In said quarter, Her-

nando was able to take the lead away from the Sharks, with Tafelski running a bootleg which got the entire Sharks defense to bite, leaving Fields wide open on the far side of the field for a 14-yard score. From there, Nature Coast would score 14 unanswered points, both on rushes by Weston, to take a 21-14 advantage

into the intermission. The second half saw Hernando chew up the first six minutes of the third quarter before Fields would find paydirt for the second time of the contest, cashing in from eight yards out. That would be the final score of Hernando's night, as the Sharks

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# SPORTS

## Why Blake Snell deserves the Cy Young Award

BY MATT VANDENBURGH  
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

With the 2018 World Series over, it is time to look forward to the seasonal awards that MLB players earn. One in particular should be coming down here, as Tampa Bay Rays pitcher Blake Snell is a clear pick for the Cy Young Award.

Snell, a 25-year-old starting pitcher from Seattle, was drafted in the first round of the 2011 MLB draft by the Rays and had been a top prospect until he made his big league debut two years ago. This season saw everything come together for the young man as he firmly established himself as a top flight pitcher. If Snell wins, he will be the second Rays pitcher to earn the award, joining David Price's 2012 award for the team.

To start with, Snell had the most wins of any pitcher in the league, with 21. Combine that with the best American League Earned Run Average at 1.89, along with 221 strikeouts and we can see that Snell certainly has broken away from the pack and launched himself into the ace category.

Snell is not the only candidate for the Cy Young though. Top pitchers such as the Houston Astros' Justin Verlander, Cleveland Indian Corey Kluber and Chris Sale from the World Series winning Boston Red Sox

are also amongst the favorites.

To their credit, they all have more strikeouts than Snell, led by Verlander's 290. They also all pitched for playoff teams this season, each pitcher as the head of a pitching staff that won their respective divisions. Also, Both Verlander and Kluber have won the Cy Young Award before, with Kluber winning it twice and also being the 2017 winner. If Kluber wins, he will be the first American Leaguer to win the Cy Young in back-to-back seasons since Pedro Martinez in 1999 and 2000.

While they are all great pitchers, only Snell really deserves the award this season. His wins and ERA truly stand alone in the American League, and his Wins Above Replacement of 7.5, again the best amongst American League pitchers, will boost his credentials among voters that appreciate the new-age statistics. His walks & hits per inning pitched was 0.974, fourth best in the majors, second to Verlander's 0.902 in the AL. With only five losses this season, Snell's winning percentage stands at .808, third best in the majors.

Overall, the Cy Young award is Snell's to lose. With the season he had, it would be a huge disappointment if he does not get it when the awards are announced on November 14.



Tampa Bay Rays starter Blake Snell reacts to his 10th strikeout of the night and the final pitch of his season, during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018, in St. Petersburg, Fla. Snell left the game with the score tied at 1-1. (AP Photo/Steve Nesius)

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## Top 5 Prep Football Ranking Week 10

by ANDY VILLAMARZO  
HERNANDO SUN SPORTS WRITER

Week 10 of the regular season for prep football in the state of Florida began last week and we here at the Hernando Sun want to give you the Hernando County reader all the insight you can get during the 2018 campaign. We now take a look at the Hernando Sun Top 5 Prep Football Ranking heading into Week 11 of the regular season.

season with a game against IMG Academy before preparing for the Class 5A postseason. Question now is when will running back Mike Weston surpass 2,000 yards rushing?



**No. 2 Hernando (7-3, 3-3):** The Leopards' bleak playoff chances turned into dust when they fell 35-14 at Nature Coast last week. Despite pulling off a solid record of 7-3 on the season, Rob Kazmier and Hernando will miss the playoffs unless they get a ton of help this Friday night. Otherwise, the Leopards will get a head start on the off-season.



**No. 1 Nature Coast (8-1, 6-0):** Nature Coast ran away with a Class 5A, District 7 championship by defeating Hernando 35-14 and Le-canto 36-0 on a Friday and Monday, respectively. The Sharks will end the regular



**No. 3 Springstead (7-3, 4-1):** The Eagles had another easy go of it in a 48-8 blowout victory over Dade City Pasco. Springstead has outscored its last two opponents (Cypress Creek, Pasco) by a combined score of 102-15. Since they weren't able to win the Class 6A, District 6 championship, it looks like the Eagles took out their frustrations on the Coyotes and Pirates. Ouch.



**No. 4 Weeki Wachee (3-6, 2-4):** One accomplishment that Weeki Wachee head coach Jacob Gray wanted to pull off this 2018 season was getting quarterback Vaughn Sykora to the county record of 20 touchdowns. Sykora reaches that feat this past Friday when the Hornets lost 32-22 to Crystal River. The Hornets can get to 4-6 when they face New Port Richey Gulf this Friday night.



**No. 5 Central (0-10, 0-6):** John Warren and crew completed a winless season and now the Bears must shift their focus to an off-season that poses more questions than answers. On the other coast, former Central High head coach Chris Sands led Eau Gaullie High School to a playoff spot in Year 1.

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### High School Sports Schedules Week 11/05/2018 thru 11/11/2018

#### Central High School Bears

TUES	11/06/18	JV/ V BOYS SOCCER	WEEKI WACHEE	AWAY	04:00:00 – 5PM
WED	11/07/18	GIRLS SOCCER	PRESEASON CLASSIC WEEKI WACHEE	AWAY	4PM - 6PM
FRI	11/09/18	GIRLS SOCCER	NATURE COAST	HOME	04:00:00 PM

#### Hernando High School Leopards

MON	11/05/18	JV/V GIRLS SOCCER	SOUTH SUMTER	AWAY	06:30:00 PM
WED	11/07/18	GIRLS SOCCER	PRESEASON CLASSIC CENTRAL@ WEEKI WACHEE	AWAY	4PM – 6PM
WED	11/07/18	BOYS SOCCER	PRE SEASON FRIENDLY CRYSTAL RIVER	HOME	06:00:00 PM
FRI	11/09/18	BOYS SOCCER	PRE SEASON FRIENDLY @ TENOROC	AWAY	07:00:00 PM

#### Nature Coast Technical High School Sharks

WED	11/07/18	GIRLS SOCCER	PRESEASON CLASSIC WEEKI WACHEE	AWAY	4PM – 6PM
WED	11/07/18	GIRLS SOCCER	PRESEASON CLASSIC RIVER RIDGE @ WEEKI WACHEE	AWAY	4PM – 6PM
FRI	11/09/18	GIRLS SOCCER	PRESEASON CLASSIC CENTRAL @ WEEKI WACHEE	AWAY	04:00:00 PM
SAT	11/10/18	SWIMMING	@ FHSAA NORTH SHORE POOL 2A REGIONAL 3 MEET	AWAY	TBA

#### F. W. Springstead High School Eagles

MON	11/05/18	GIRLS SOCCER	COUNTRYSIDE	AWAY	06:00:00 PM
SAT	11/10/18	GIRLS SWIMMING	@ FHSAA NORTH SHORE POOL 2A REGIONAL 3 MEET	AWAY	TBA
SAT	11/10/18	BOYS SWIMMING	@ FHSAA NORTH SHORE POOL 2A REGIONAL 3 MEET	AWAY	TBA

#### Weeki Wachee High School Hornets

TUES	11/06/18	BOYS SOCCER	Preseason Jamboree CENTRAL – HUDSON – SOUTH SUMTER	HOME	04:00:00 PM
WED	11/07/18	GIRLS SOCCER	PRE SEASON CLASSIC CENTRAL, CRYSTAL RIVER, HERNANDO, NATURE COAST, RIVER RIDGE,		04:00:00 PM
THURS	11/08/18	BOYS SOCCER	SOUTH SUMTER	HOME	08:00:00 PM
FRI	11/09/18	GIRLS SOCCER	PRE SEASON CLASSIC	HOME	08:00:00 AM ??

#### Hernando Christian Academy Lions

FRI	11/09/18	FOOTBALL	RIVERSIDE CHRISTIAN	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
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HUNTING



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

Citrus Bucks and Songdogs

I've got to tell you folks just how much I'm enjoying this cooler weather. Just the other day I actually was cold while sitting in my ground blind. And with the cooler weather, there has been a significant amount of daytime activity by the bucks and harvest reports are pouring in. I'm very happy to announce I was fortunate enough to use a muzzleloading, flint lock rifle to send an invitation to a fat forkhorn for a ride on my tailgate. But, I'll tell you more about that hunt another time.

Now, I'd like to remind ya'll that this weekend will be the season opener in the Citrus WMA. Citrus WMA is the crown jewels of wildlife management areas in our area and encompasses over fifty-three thousand acres just north of our county line. This weekend will see the arrival of five hundred permitted bowhunters, for the first of three hunts taking place between this Saturday, November 3rd through the 25th. For bag limits and a list of game, legal to take, you can go to [www.MyFWC.com](http://www.MyFWC.com) and look up the WMA brochure. But, I can assure you, each of the five hundred archers will be targeting whitetails. This hunt is buck only, and from what I've been seeing while out and about on the WMA, it will be a productive hunt. Bucks will be cruising the edges downwind side of the thickets with primary activity being throughout the middle of the day. The first rut is about to wind up, but they will be still searching for a whiff of estrous scent and will begin spending a little of their time feeding, so oak flats downwind of thick bedding areas will be a slam dunk. I will be out with the old recurve myself and have a couple fine eight pointers on game cam, so I'll have to keep you posted. But, on my trail cams also are a few different coyotes using the same trail as the deer. Not cool, as I surely will be attempting to toss an arrow their way first opportunity I can. Coyotes are terribly detrimental to the health of any native wildlife, especially deer. A pack of coyotes can take an adult deer down in a matter of minutes. That is why I so greatly admire men like DC Sims of Brooksville. DC wrote me an email about his efforts to hunt and control



Leopards get in some good hits. Friday night HHS defense stops NCT #6 Shemar Lawson

**SWEEP**  
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defense clamped down and prevented any further points for the rest of the night.

Offensively, though, the Sharks were not finished, as Morgan would score his second touchdown of the game on a 25-yard jet sweep, and Burnett finding junior tight end Brian Morgan on a beautiful 33-yard pass for the final score of the game.

Game Two: Monday

night, 10/29 against Lecanto Panthers

In the makeup contest between the Sharks and Panthers, Nature Coast capped off the perfect district play with a 36-0 shutout. Burnett would contribute to three of the Sharks' five touchdowns in the contest, rushing for two scores and finding Dedric "Hollywood" Hall for 35 yards on a screen pass.

In moving to 8-1 on the year, the Sharks won the total yardage battle (302-99), first down totals (8-7), red zone efficiency

(NCT: 2/2, Lecanto 0/0), and won the turnover battle 5-0 (three interceptions, two blocked punts). However, the Sharks were also very sloppy in this contest, as many Panthers drives were extended because of unnecessary penalties (in total, NCT racked up 11 for 115 yards, while Lecanto had 4 for 30 yards).

"It is what it is," head coach Cory Johns stated after the game. "We did what we needed to do, but it wasn't great by any means."

Nature Coast was initially set to receive the opening kickoff by losing the coin toss, but in a situation eerily like what transpired between the Pittsburgh Steelers and Cleveland Browns on Sunday, the return team did not try to field the ball, and Lecanto recovered the live ball. By rule, a kickoff is considered a live ball if it travels at least 10 yards while still in the field of play. However, the Sharks' defense held tough following the gaffe, forcing a turnover on downs.

From there, it was all NCT. After their first drive ended in a punt, the Sharks got their first turnover by blocking a punt by Panthers punter Jared Sheley, recovering at the Lecanto 16. One play later, Weston ran left for 16 yards and the opening score, adding a two-point conversion to boot.

The second quarter was all Nature Coast, outscoring the home team 21-0. Weston's second tally



Panthers almost get an interception on Monday Oct. 29 against NCT

SHAA 2018 Championship

BY CHERYL CLANTON

Spring Hill Athletic Association is a non-profit organization, supported with volunteers. Everyone is held to a code of conduct to assist in developing social skills and positive behavior. Coaching staff, teams and league supports in the success of the athlete's academics. The season opens every August with a Football and Cheer Jamboree. To sign up go to <http://www.shaaeglesfootballandcheer.com> SHAA consists of 3 age divisions. Division 1 ages 5-8, division 2 ages 9-10 and division 3 ages 11-13.

The 2018 Championship football games were held on Saturday October 26, 2018. The Division Championship winners: Division 1 - Warriors, Division 2 - Warriors, Division 3 - Predators.

In Division 3, Coach Jimmy Allen has been with SHAA for four years this year and he will be losing about seventy five percent of his team. The players will be too old to play in league and they will move on to high school football teams. Coach Jimmy Allen was happy to take the championship on Saturday so these boys could take the experience with them as they begin the next level of competition.

The Predators took on the Punishers this past

Saturday in the battle for the Championship in Division 3 at Veterans Park. Predators Head Coach Jimmy Allen said they were 13-12 going into halftime. "We got together with our Predators Asst. Head Coach Defensive coordinator (Minister at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church) Gary Fields and we made some adjustments and put in some plays that no-one has seen yet this season. These adjustments and plays put us at 42-24 taking the Championship," said Allen. He also remarked that it was a complete team effort that took them to an undefeated season 11-0. For 2019, Division 3 will start fresh again with new players and some returning players.

Congratulations to the 2018 Champions: Predators Division 3 Kaleb Allen #13 QB/DE - Aric Adorni #18 OL/DE - Isaiah Barker-Williams #21 CB/WR Joseph Chavis #33 FB/LB - Nick McMurray #55 OL/DT - Carlos Mendez #11 FS/TE Ethan Murray #67 OL/DT - Elijah Murray #27 OL/DT - Eziakah Murray #24 OL/DT Kolby Oudeans #29 BR/LB - Jaddon Tores #17 CB/WR - William Wilhelm #44 RB/LB Zac White #56 C/DE - Keyshawn Simmons #8 WR/S - Mary Wilhelm #99 OL/DT

of the game came early, running right for 39 yards with 10:26 left. After this, Burnett decided he wanted to get in on the scoring barrage, and would get the first of his three tallies, taking a read option play for 26 yards just before the second quarter water break. And right before the half, Burnett found Dedric Hall on a bubble screen on the left side, and "Hollywood" raced through the blockers untouched for the score.

Burnett's final touchdown contribution, which also initiated the 35-point running clock, came with 6:02 left in the third quarter, where he converted a fourth-down attempt from the Lecanto 7.

The Sharks' regular season slate concludes this Friday night, when they welcome the IMG White Ascenders to the Shark Tank on senior night. A win by the Sharks then would put them in contention for the top spot in the 5A-II region, which would guarantee they would play at home for the duration of the regional play come November. Currently, the Sharks sit at the No. 3 spot, while the two ahead of them are currently held by neighboring county school Zephyrhills and Citra-North Marion. This just makes for a wild finish to the regular season, and that's all these coaches and students could ask for.

Hernando Sportsman's Club Calendar

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2 OR, TRAP, SKEET & FIVE STAND 9-2	3 OR, TRAP, SKEET 9-3
200 MTR CLOSED	JR 22 RIFLE 50 YD 9AM
	STEEL MATCH N BAYS 9AM

4 OR, TRAP, SKEET & FIVE STAND 9-3 COWBOY 9AM N BAYS MOD F CLASS 200 MTR 9AM 4-H 1PM TRAP & 50 YD	5 RANGE CLOSED	6 OR, TRAP, SKEET & FIVE STAND 9-2 BULLSEYE 50 YD 9AM IDPA PRACTICE N BAYS 9-11 & 200 YD 11-2 COWBOY 9AM NIGHT OR & TRAP 5-9	7 OR, TRAP & SKEET 9-2 STEEL PRACTICE N BAYS 9AM GUN CLASS 50 YD 9AM	8 OR, TRAP & SKEET 9-2 HI PWR & MOD F PRACTICE 200 MTR 9-1 COWBOY N BAYS 9AM NIGHT OR & TRAP 5-9 BRD MTG 7PM	9 OR, TRAP, SKEET & FIVE STAND 9-2 BOWLING PIN PRACTICE 50 YD 9-12	10 OR, TRAP, SKEET 9-3 ACTION RIFLE N BAYS & 200 MTR 9AM BOWLING PIN MATCH 50 YD 9AM 4-H TRAP BENEFIT SHOOT
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the invasive coyotes and even shared some photos. And, with his permission, I'll share his message with all of you.

"My name is DC Sims and I have been coyote hunting for about six years now. What attracted me to the sport was the challenge of getting a creature that you hardly ever see, to come to you for a close up and personal encounter. I am mostly known for only carrying my dad's old shotgun and my handmade hand calls, which sound like a rabbit in distress." DC not only hunts the coyotes whenever possible, but he runs a successful trapline for them.

"Last year I decid-

ed I'd start trapping coyotes for a local cattle rancher. Coyotes can take many caves at birthing season, so I use foothold traps, properly permitted. I prefer the foothold method over snares because with foothold traps they do not harm the animal. That way, if I end up catching a Fox that are a protected species I can let him go unharmed."

As always, if you have any comments, questions or just want to share your success from the woods, give me a shout out at [RebelYell-Outdoors@gmail.com](mailto:RebelYell-Outdoors@gmail.com). God Bless and Good Hunting!

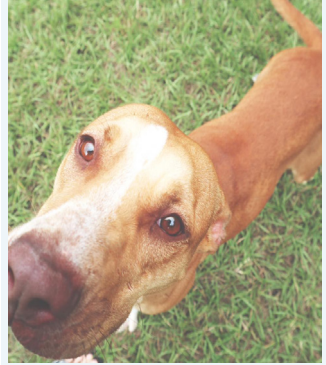


DC Sims of Brooksville holding an invasive coyote successfully harvested with his own homemade calls.

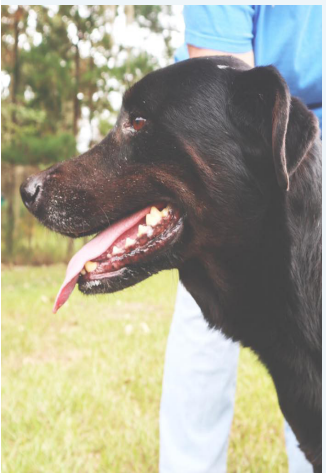
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# Business & Community

## Patricia's Outlet... A new venture

by SUE QUIGLEY  
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

What woman doesn't want complete freedom and independence to dress the way she wants to make her feel beautiful, elegant and confident?

"Every woman is different and uses fashion to help make them feel confident and empowered," said Patricia Lambright, owner of Patricia's Boutique in Brooksville, Florida.

Relaxed and immaculately dressed and coiffured, Patricia explained her style credentials have kept her boutique in business for nearly 28 years. Her design choices have the perfect blend of trendiness and timeless wardrobe staples that have kept her customers coming back for more.



Patricia Lambright

"Every season, I replenish my inventory and buy more merchandise,"

she said. I choose the styles and sizes that I have grown to learn my customers will like and I also shop for individual customers that want to maintain their particular look."

At around 5,800 square feet, Patricia's boutique de mode boasts various rooms each with its own theme. stocked from floor to ceiling with unique and distinctively different quality wear and accessories from daywear to evening wear.

The boutique specializes in a variety of quality clothing — casuals, pageant, bridal, prom wear as well as tuxes and more. Accessories like shoes, purses, jewelry and hats are also available. Sizes include petites, women's petites, misses and plus sizes ranging from 00-32.

"And because we regularly replenish to keep our lines

completely up to date, my husband Richard and I decided to open an outlet where we could offer our merchandise at a reduced price," she said.

Called Patricia's Outlet, the new venture is located at 10 W. Jefferson Street in Brooksville. About 650 sq. ft., the Lambrights constructed new fitting rooms and opened up the interior to display their fashion items.

"We were very fortunate to get this location because it's so close to our main boutique and also in the heart of downtown Brooksville," said Patricia. "We've worked hard to make it pretty and attractive to make our customers happy."

The outlet store will be managed by Marsha Stevenson, assisted by Sarah Yungmann, a longtime sales consultant at Patricia's Boutique.

"We get all ages coming in to browse our gowns," she said. "For example, we have a host of homecoming dresses priced at only \$50 — very affordable and making a lot of girls happy."

She explained that every item in the outlet store is just like those in Patricia's Boutique. Every piece is brand new and there are no pre-worn or consignment items.

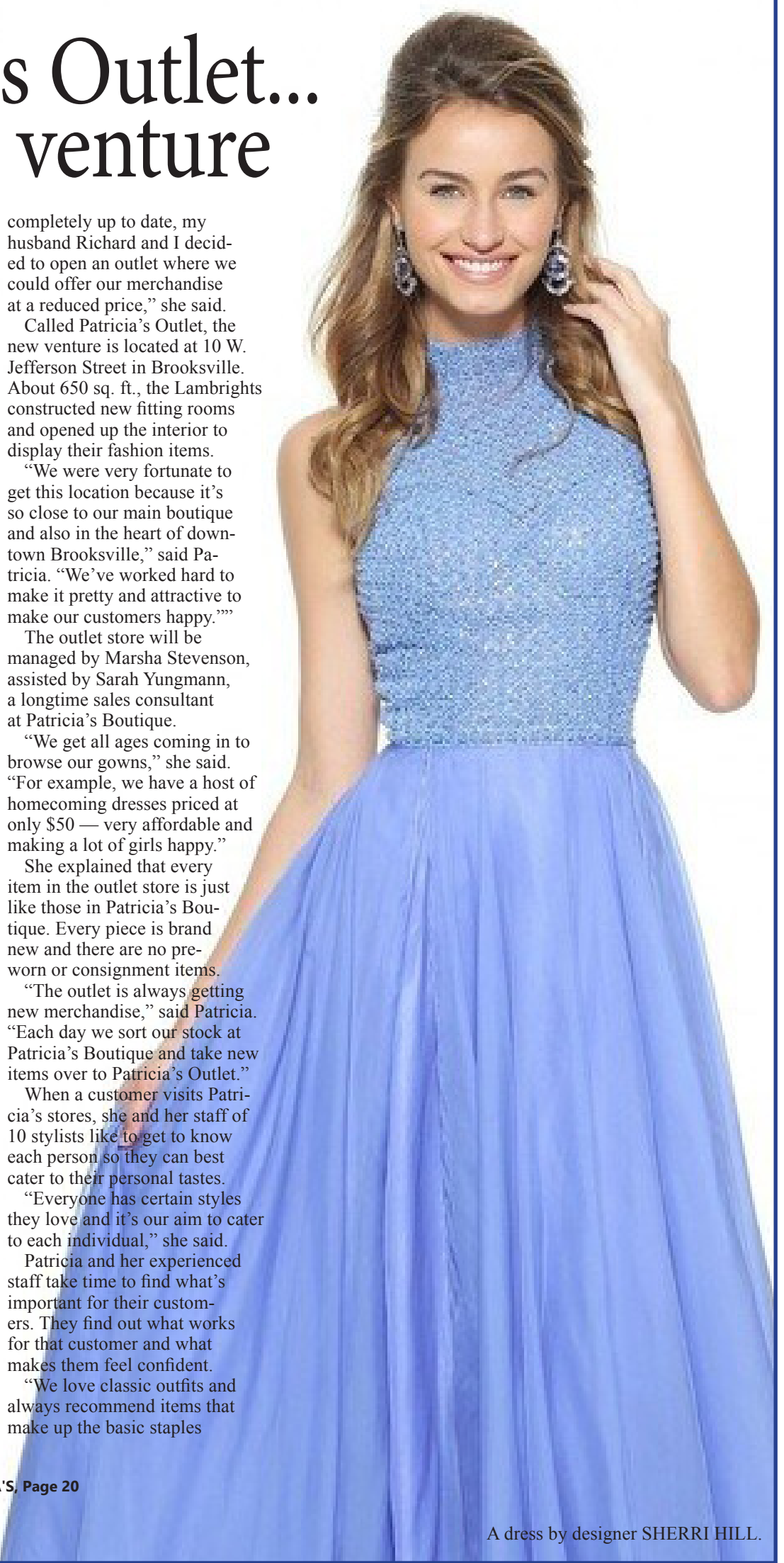
"The outlet is always getting new merchandise," said Patricia. "Each day we sort our stock at Patricia's Boutique and take new items over to Patricia's Outlet."

When a customer visits Patricia's stores, she and her staff of 10 stylists like to get to know each person so they can best cater to their personal tastes.

"Everyone has certain styles they love and it's our aim to cater to each individual," she said.

Patricia and her experienced staff take time to find what's important for their customers. They find out what works for that customer and what makes them feel confident.

"We love classic outfits and always recommend items that make up the basic staples



A dress by designer SHERRI HILL.

See PARICIA'S, Page 20

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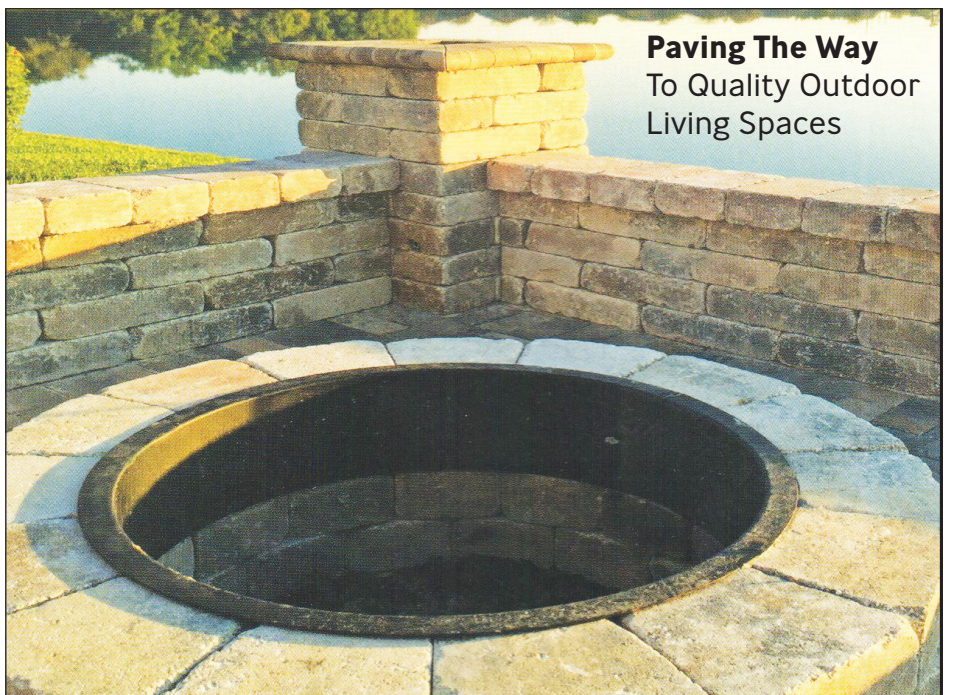
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## WILDLIFE

### GOPHER TORTOISES

by JIM E. DAVIS

UF/IFAS

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Extension Director

The Gopher Tortoise is a unique native animal found throughout Florida. In fact, did you know that the gopher tortoise is the only tortoise found in the southeastern United States? Here in Hernando, you can find gopher tortoises in natural areas from urban developments to pastures and wildlife conservation areas, such as Chinsegut. Here at our UF/IFAS Extension Hernando County office, we have four located behind our building. Hernando is very suitable for gopher tortoise habitats. Diverse ecosystems such as scrub, sandhill and even coastal dunes make the perfect home for these ancient reptiles.

Gopher tortoises are long-lived creatures. Many residents are surprised as to how long they actually live. In their natural setting, gopher tortoises have an average lifespan between forty to eighty years. Remember that when you see one crossing the road dodging traffic. It can take as long as ten years for a female gopher tortoise to reach sexual maturity. They have a low reproductive rate where females average only two to seven eggs each year. It is estimated that only 3% to 5% of young survive. The conservation of gopher tortoises is critical to the survival of not only the species itself, but to other native Florida fauna. Gopher tortoises excavate a burrow for protection and for nesting. Burrows have been seen to extend to over 45 feet long, but usually average about 15 feet long and have a depth of 6.5 feet. The burrow is just as important as the species itself. The eggs are laid in the burrow, often just at the entrance.

The gopher tortoise is commonly referred to as a keystone species. A keystone species is defined as a species that other species depend on in an ecosystem. If that species were to be removed, it would significantly change that ecosystem. Were you aware that a gopher tortoise burrow could host as many as 350 different species? Species that can share their home include burrowing owls, rabbits, opossums, gopher crickets, gopher frogs, eastern diamondback rattlesnakes and the federally threatened indigo snake. Another keystone species you may be familiar with is our state reptile: the American alligator. Gopher tortoises average about 15" long and can weigh up to 15 pounds. This is not an aquatic species. They live their whole lives on dry land feeding on plants, such as native blueberries, grasses, frog fruit and prickly pear cactus.

Gopher tortoises are a threatened species and both the tortoise and burrow are protected under Florida state law. It is also a designated federally endangered species. Populations are declining due to habitat destruction. If gopher tortoises need to be relocated, permits are available from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation. If you see a gopher tortoise, leave it be and admire it. For more information, please visit <http://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/managed/gopher-tortoise/>.

For more information on wildlife and invasive species, contact UF IFAS Extension Hernando County at 16110 Aviation Loop Drive, Brooksville 34604. Telephone: 352-754-4433.

## FARM from front page

Arkansas, and averages about 4,000 pounds of blackberries a year. The harvest season lasts about six to eight weeks – from May until July, but the blackberries require maintenance almost all year. It's a challenge because the thornless varieties are not that well adapted to our weather.

Gene stated, "Besides having a full time career as a professional engineer, the most challenging aspect is Mother Nature. We've seen years that have been extremely dry to years like 2018 where it rained almost every day for two weeks during our peak harvest. We just never know what we will get from year to year.

However, the rewards far outweigh the challenges and there is always next year.

"To see families and friends come out and make new memories is very rewarding. The folks we've seen for years and years. We've watched children grow up and we have wonderful conversations on the front porch of our 'Blackberry Shack'," Ann commented.

In addition to the blackberries, the Altmans have

planted bananas along their creek. Planting them there gives them a little more freeze protection and also helps keep them watered naturally. Gene is also experimenting with growing artichokes. They have fruit from their fruit trees for their own consumption and in the spring of this year the Altman's planted additional figs which they will harvest for public consumption in 2019.

Ann remarked, "We currently lease our pasture out for cows. We also have hens and their fresh eggs are the best! Our plan is to build a shelter for and then adopt some donkeys. Donkeys are great for keeping unwelcome critters out of the pasture."

Along with running a successful farm, the Altmans have raised two daughters that they are very proud of. Jenifer is a captain in the Marines and has served two tours in Iraq. Megan is a Registered Nurse and has given them a grandson, Triston.

In order to be eligible for the 2018 Farm Bureau CARES award, the Altmans had to have been enrolled in Best Management Practices (BMP) that included fencing off wetlands and use of soil moisture sensors. They also had to submit answers

to a lengthy questionnaire and compete with many other operations. The judging was based on certain criteria, such as reducing the use of fertilizers and herbicides, reducing ground water withdrawal and improving soil health.

Bramble Creek Farms is a U-Pick operation, so along with the enjoyment of eating the delicious fresh blackberries you get the fun and exercise of picking them. They are open, rain or shine, as advertised during the season, May – July. The schedule and prices are posted on their website at <https://bramblecreekfarms.com> and on their Facebook page. If you prefer not to pick them yourself and want to enjoy the fruit out of season you can buy them prepackaged or frozen. The Altmans also sell homemade jams; BBQ sauce from Granny Nichols, Gene's grandmother; as well as raw honey, goat milk soap and other products from local farmers.

Ann and Gene enjoy their life on their blackberry farm but also take their role as part of Hernando County's and Florida's agricultural heritage seriously.

"Our Lord put us here as stewards of the land and in doing so we are obligated to preserve the natural resources for our descen-



Blackberries in various stages of maturity



The entrance to Bramble Creek Farms

dants. Wise producers are the original environmentalist protecting natural resources for current and future generations," Gene concluded. Bramble Creek Farms is located at 23031 Hayman Road, Brooksville, Florida 34602. For more information call 352-796-5473 or go to <https://bramblecreekfarms.com>.

## Random acts of BBQ

BY DONNA SNAPP  
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

Random Acts of BBQ is what Sonny's BBQ on Commercial Way calls some of its charitable work. Often a day's proceeds are donated to a worthy cause, such as Hurricane Michael relief two weeks ago.

On Friday, October 26, a Random Act of BBQ honored the volunteers of the Ability Tree organization.

Ability Tree is a national organization dedicated to assisting families impacted by disability. Ability Tree offers recreation, education, support and training (R.E.S.T.) to members. One popular program Ability Tree offers is a "Parents Night Out." Parents are able to leave their children, special needs and their siblings, with trained, screened volunteers. The volunteers make sure the children have a wonderful time with games and food and the parents, knowing their children are safe and having fun, can enjoy a few carefree hours for dinner or a movie or whatever else they care to do.

Ability Tree also offers sensory friendly, accessible and inclusive events for families with children with special needs and their friends, such as movie screenings, bowling, art and music classes. Other programs are available for caregivers and local businesses and churches.

Ability Tree depends on its volunteers. So Sonny's staff, accompanied by some great BBQ and red checkered tablecloths, showed the volunteers how much they are appreciated for all they do to give R.E.S.T. to families affected by disability.

Ability Tree was brought to Hernando County by Wayne and Tina Cordova, who are also parents of a special needs daughter. Wayne is a pastor at Crosspoint Church in addition to his work organizing and promoting Ability Tree Florida. Tina Cordova is the Program Director.

To donate, volunteer or connect your family, see [AbilityTreeFlorida.org](http://AbilityTreeFlorida.org), call 352-593-0430, or email [florida@abilitytree.org](mailto:florida@abilitytree.org)



From left to right: Wayne Cordova, Frances Kirkpatrick of Sonny's BBQ and Tina Cordova

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Solution to Crossword on page 18

# King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Night flier
- 4 Typing measures
- 9 Sis' counterpart
- 12 Work with
- 13 "Pokemon" genre
- 14 Reaction to fireworks
- 15 Kin of three-card monte
- 17 Silent
- 18 Brewery product
- 19 Sun-dried bricks
- 21 Prize at a county fair
- 24 Information
- 25 Playwright Levin
- 26 Pirates' quaff
- 28 Detox center, for short
- 31 Half quart
- 33 And so on (Abbr.)
- 35 Strike from the text
- 36 British term for sonar
- 38 — sauce
- 40 Meadow
- 41 Plumlike fruit
- 43 Bequeathed
- 45 Prepare leftovers
- 47 Spot
- 48 Rd.

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- 49 In the style of Percy Bysshe
- 54 Zero
- 55 Lukewarm
- 56 First lady
- 57 Ailing
- 58 Hits with an open hand
- 59 Tit for —
- 7 Jordan's capital
- 8 Garden tool
- 9 Stunner
- 10 Libertine
- 11 Resistance measures
- 16 Science workshop
- 20 As yet unpaid
- 21 Kelly of TV
- 22 Eye part
- 23 Hollywood Bowl structure
- 27 Peaks (Abbr.)
- 29 Sheltered, at sea
- 30 Rosary component
- 32 Scrabble piece
- 34 Marsh marigold
- 37 Goes on momentum
- 39 Relinquishes
- 42 Lucy's pal
- 44 Appomattox VIP
- 45 Hindu princess
- 46 Wicked
- 50 Clean air org.
- 51 Still
- 52 Actress Gardner
- 53 Butterfly catcher

**DOWN**

- 1 Urban transport
- 2 Fire residue
- 3 Ball prop
- 4 Wan state
- 5 Naive woman, on stage
- 6 Spy novel org.

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## Local homeschool group creates chilling tram ride experience



West Central Homeschoolers West Central Asylum Area at Homosassa Springs State Park during the Haunted Tram Ride experience

by MELISSA FORDYCE  
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

Imagine enjoying a night time tram ride down Homosassa Wildlife Park's Pepper Creek Trail, only to hear a voice on a megaphone warning you to "turn around zombies on the loose!" Then approaching the signs, you hear, "entering prison area" and the "symptoms of Green Skin Fever." You wonder, "Green Skin Fever what is that?" You soon find out as you enter the West Central Asylum area and witness the doctors infecting patients with Green Skin Fever. Luckily your tram moves on, out of the area, but only for a moment. You approach the West Central Penitentiary where zombie prisoners grab, growl, and hiss at you behind the prison walls. As your tram races back to safety, you see the zombies emerge from behind trees and more break free from the confines of the prison, chasing after the tram until

your driver gets you out of the area and back to safety. This is one of the frightful experiences guests got to be part of during the annual Homosassa Wildlife Park's 15th Annual Haunted Tram rides. Although it sounds scary, this adventure was family friendly and extremely fun for all ages. Anyone on the ride could appreciate the dedication and performances given during the tram ride on both nights. The middle, high school, and foreign exchange students of West Central

Florida Homeschoolers created the 'Green Skin Fever' thrilling, attention getting performance. Together these students discussed, planned, constructed, and executed their theme with the direction of the Middle School Coordinator Melissa Lane in about five weeks. All the time and hard work of the students and their supportive parents paid off as they received 3rd place. Never taken a ride on the Haunted Tram? Be sure to check it out next year.



West Central Homeschooler 'zombies' in the prison area during Homosassa's Haunted Tram Ride.

Solution to Sudoku from p 18:

(puzzle on page 10)

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

### CryptoQuote

answer  
When a man says it's a silly, childish game, it's probably something his wife can beat him at.  
— Don Epperson

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An informational meeting will be held Thurs. Nov. 15 from 4-5PM at the Hernando County Library in Brooksville: 238 Howell Ave. Details on important changes to the Challenge, dates, guidelines and registration paperwork will be provided.

The GHWLC is a community health initiative designed to support efforts to increase the number of area residents living at a healthy weight. Being overweight increases the risk of heart attack, stroke & diabetes. Communities with higher percentages of overweight and obese residents have increased health care costs and higher rates of disability and premature death.

The 2017, 700 GHWLC participants collectively lost over 5,000 lbs. In 2018, 760 participants lost over 7,000 lbs. The 2019 Challenge will kick off on Saturday, January 19 and end on Wednesday, March 27. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

For more information, message us here or contact Angie Bonfardino at 352-688-2026 or Ann-Gayl Ellis at 352-540-6817 or email greathernando@gmail.com

**MOSQUITO**

from front page

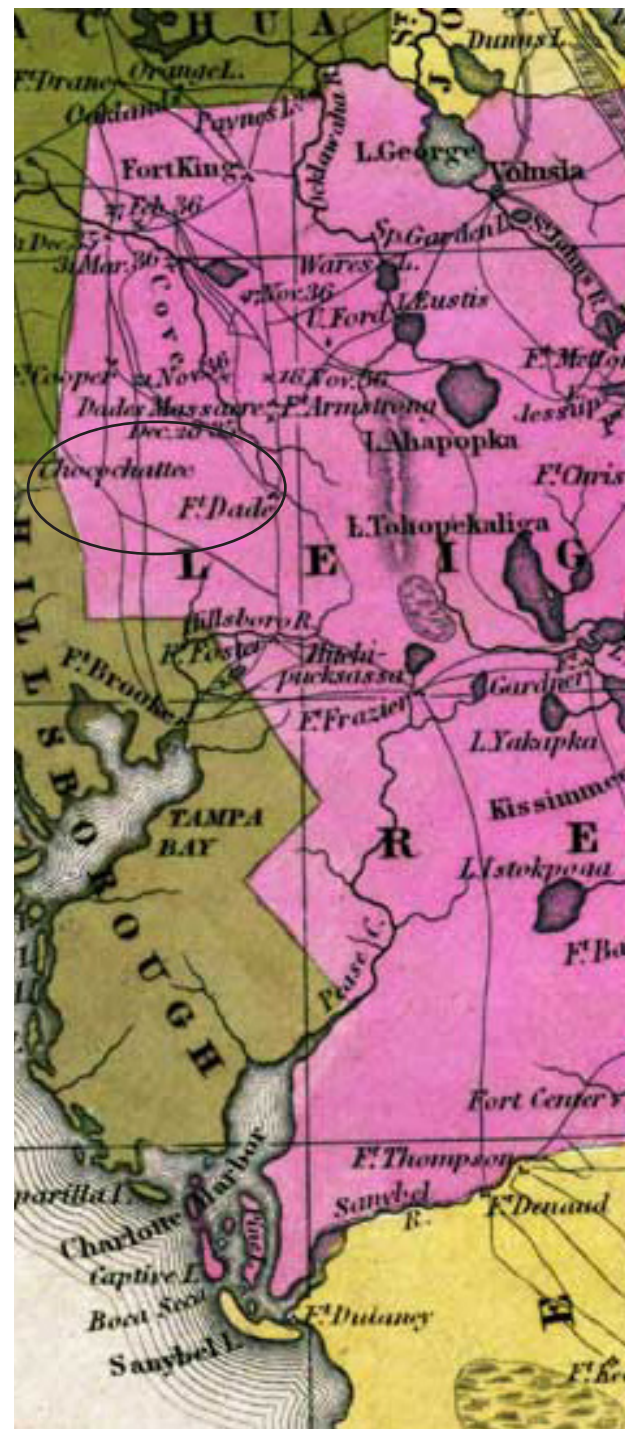
Escambia and St. Johns County separated by the Suwannee River. Mosquito County was split off from St. Johns County on December 29, 1824.

Originally Hernando County was part of Mosquito County. The Mosquito County map from 1839 shows the Chocachatti Prairie inside of Mosquito County. The boundary of Mosquito County went from Port Charlotte to Ocala to Daytona Beach to somewhere

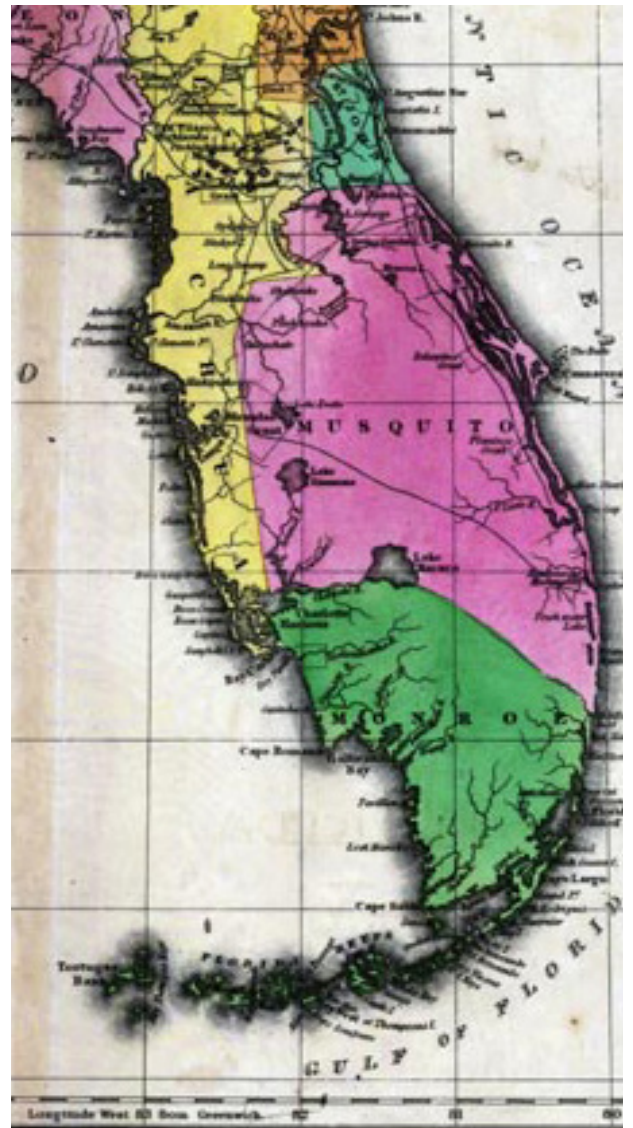
near Boca Raton.

Mosquito County shrunk over time as more counties were created in Florida. Mosquito County was split again into St. Lucia County (renamed to Brevard) to the south and Orange County to the north in 1844.

Mosquitos are still a part of Hernando County, but with spraying they are managed. Mosquito County is a distant memory and Florida tourism is thankful for that.



Mosquito/Leigh Reid County (in pink): This detail of a map from the Tanner's Universal Atlas shows towns, forts, roads, canals, major rivers and lakes in Mosquito County. Mosquito County is shown as Leigh Reid County on this map, a name change that was proposed by the State Legislature, but was never officially adopted. This tract of land is the largest section of Florida at this time. Fort Dade and Chocochattee are in Mosquito County. Source: Henry Schenck Tanner, Tanner's Universal Atlas (Philadelphia, PA: Carey & Hart, 1839) 21 Map Credit: Florida Center for Instructional Technology (FCIT) at USF



Historical Map of Florida, 1827; Philadelphia, PA: Carey and Lea, 1827) Courtesy of Special Collections Department USF; "Musquito" County in pink.

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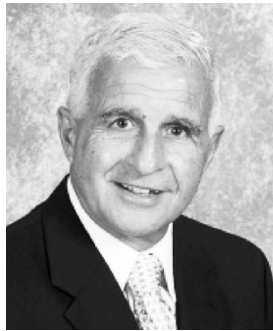






## OPINION

DOMENICK J. MAGLIO, PH.D.



Traditional Realist

## Honest report cards, conferences, essential for student improvement, independence

When a student, teacher and parents meet together, many positive things can take place. By honestly interacting with each other, pertinent information can be exchanged that will be an accurate snapshot of the child's present strengths and weaknesses. This picture will certainly change over time although the strategy developed by the process will hopefully keep the student moving in the positive direction.

Most parents want their child to do well from the beginning to the end of their education. They often have difficulty accepting teacher conference statements and report card comments. When their child does not do as well as the parent's expectations, most parents view it as a negative reflection on their parenting. A student receiving outstanding grades provides the parent with bragging rights to put a decal on their bumper that says "My child is on the honor roll." Most modern parent wants their child to be a winner in every endeavor attempted. This is unrealistic and unfair for the child's emotional development. No one can be the best in everything.

Report cards in preschool are not the same as transcripts for college.

The type of courses and grades are evaluated by college search committees to decide on students who are acceptable for their college. However, preschool through eighth grade is the interval for the development of social, academic, time management and critical thinking skills, which are essential for doing well in future endeavors including academics.

When the child complains that he received lower grades than he expected, instead of the parent saying work harder and your grades will go up, the modern parents become an advocate for their child's grades. The parents want a grade to be changed upward to make the child happier for being recognized. These parents fail to understand that the lower grades than they expected can motivate students to do better the next marking period.

Starting the first marking period with high grades can result in student complacency and grade inflation for a student and eventually for the entire class.

Besides the fact that no one is perfect, the parents who expect and demand their child be straight A in all subjects is missing the point that we all have to learn how to overcome our shortcomings. These are healthy challenges.

The straight A student will hit a wall in learning in a particular subject. It is up to the student to figure out a beneficial means of getting to the other side of the wall. These self compensation experiments might not be emphasized or even mentioned on the report card although in the long run is often more important than a GPA (Grade Point Average.)

In the lower grades report cards are more subjective than they are in higher grades where there is more objective subject material. In the lower grades skills, attitude and discipline issues have to be taken into consideration too.

The student needs to view the report as an honest assessment of his improvement as a student. A report card to parents should demonstrate their child's actual growth in all areas not just how well he is doing compared to fellow students. Growth, not bragging rights should be the criteria of the evaluation of their child's educational development.

They are insisting on high grades for their child from the first day he enters school. Parental

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor:

As a resident of Hernando County since 2009, and as an attendee of the multiple School District Board, committee and hearing meetings, I've "learned a thing or two" about the education system being used by our School Board.

Additionally, I was a member of the citizens/District volunteer search committee which recommended NOT hiring Dr. Romano for the Superintendent's position, and another citizen group which actually read some of the books then being used by the system. Reports on each book were made to the School Board and the Superintendent at the time.

In recent years, the school districts across the state have made a tremendous push to convert all learning to electronic/on-line communications so that the students need not actually READ anything, but can merely ask "SIRI" a home-work question and the answer is immediately provided by voice mail.

I am a landlord dealing in - NOT the 1%ers - those who have become the "staple" of our economy. More than most ads, mine are filled with

lots of information about the property, the process for viewing the property, a further description of the ambiance of the property.

There is a Website-created button in the ads which lead to my contact information which essentially tells the ad reader to push this button for more information. So, without reading the information already provided in the ad, my e-mail account pops up with the computer-driven sentence: "Please provide more information."

About the only additional information - the ad includes exterior and interior pictures - I can think of to give is that the exterior paint is dark brown upstairs, the downstairs is painted a darker shade of yellow and the flora is green.

My reason for these comments is that, after 10 years of struggling with our education leaders, I can now point to the results of their efforts - people don't read before taking action! It is a sad commentary to me that we have spent so much taxpayer cash in electronic media ALONE for our students, only to have them be unable to read and communicate with any level of common device usage.

My incoming phone messages are much the same - with my same response. But, in addition to the level of ignorance displayed by the written ad responses, callers leave garbled phone numbers (I estimate that I must eventually - even after trying many similar sounding numbers - cease my attempts to facilitate a two-way communication because I can not decipher some 10% of the numbers clearly) OR callers leave phone numbers with the in-box full or not even established, with outgoing answering messages to which I can only respond "What information do you want?" or a constant busy signal.

Tom Brokaw, as far back as the 1970's, began referring to the 1960's as the "Dumbing down of America" based on the education being provided to our students. After all the backslapping and handshaking in our legislative and administrative halls since then, I cannot help but think he was "Spot on" with the situation getting worse by the day.

— Hamilton R. Hanson  
Spring Hill

WILLIAM F. HOLLAND



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## Green pastures and still waters

Green pastures and still waters When we think about living on purpose, it can mean different things to different people. Personally, one of the first aspects that comes to my mind is the desire to not only love God and be thankful for who he is but to also love my life and appreciate who I am. This is not to be confused with being arrogant or satisfied about where I am in my journey, but rather it has everything to do with having peace and contentment in our soul as we allow God to change us into his image. It's true that being honest and willing to embrace the anxiety and the unfairness within our everyday life is painful, but it's also the only way we can truly become the person God wants us to be. The difficult part of being transformed into this way of thinking is learning how to embrace not just the pleasant events, but also the difficult circumstances. This is a very important part of our spiritual development and a great way to learn how to listen carefully, wait patiently, keep our eyes focused on him, and trust him completely. Alexander MacLaren is quoted, "Only he who can say the Lord is the strength of my life can also declare, of whom shall I be afraid?"

We realize that many of our problems and failures are self-inflicted but there are also times when things happen to us that are not our fault. When we find ourselves in a difficult place, we must believe this season of agony will not last forever. We can know that if we keep walking forward with complete faith in God that eventually our situation will change for the better. As we realize the whole world is not a scorching, relentless desert, but also contains lush jungles, beautiful lakes and rivers, majestic mountains, forest and fields, likewise, if you are walking through a dry and desolate experience, I encourage you to stop and consider that your oasis is possibly right over the next hill. I do not know how or when you will walk out of your desert, but the Lord is our shepherd and its only a matter of time before he leads you into his green pastures and still waters. An amazing truth is that God wants the best for all of us and of all the promises we can write upon the tables of our heart, we can stand with confidence on the spiritual reality of his endless love.

It's no secret we all have a certain amount of independence that wants to do things our way. We are always trying to fix our own problems but we can look around and see this does not work out very well. I believe that being honest with God and ourselves is a great place to begin when are trying to figure out how to deal with our troubles. Psalm chapter 94 and verses 18 and 19 gives us this insight, "I cried out, I am slipping, but your unfailing love O Lord, supported me. When doubts filled my mind, your comfort gave me renewed hope and cheer." The idea here is that it's alright to cry out to God and tell him exactly how we feel. If we are sad, depressed, tempted, angry, or whatever, we can just pour out our feelings to him anytime. He listens to us, he sees our tears, and knows exactly what we are going through.

Actually, God is the only one who can help us when it comes to healing and deliverance. Others can pray and help comfort us, pat us on the back, and maybe offer a tissue, but another person cannot catch us when we are falling into a state of discouragement or rescue us when we are drowning in misery. When we have lost all hope, God not only has the power and authority to forgive us and redeem our soul but he is also waiting to open our eyes, give us courage, and keep us safe until the storm passes. "He that dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty" Psalm 91:1. It gives us hope and comfort to know if we should ever collapse under the weight of our burdens, his love and mercy will always carry us to safety. Remember, he who created us is more than able to take care of us.

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## Full Metal Associate

I don't wear short pants because my shins look horrible. They are destroyed. I started destroying them back when I was eight years old and living at MacDill AFB, where my dad was stationed as part of Strike Command. At the ends of those tall, apartment-like government quarters we lived in, stood large AC units, and when we military brats discovered them we played there a lot, mainly Zorro. One day I tried to jump the long space between two units, and while I got my left foot on it, the middle of my right shin hit the corner. You know the episodes of Family Guy where Peter falls and hurts his leg and holds it for many seconds while he hisses through his teeth and moans? Yep, that really happens. I think I even made the same sounds, but I'm positive I held my leg for a lot longer, and I endured my suffering while on top of the flat, gray surface of the AC.

Others talk about the innocence of youth, but I am more familiar with its stupidity. I tried the jump again, and hit the same spot. And did it over and over. I finally had to take a break from Zorro, and we kids played other games in other yards around the complex until the scab fell off. Then I was back at it. And I leaped that vast expanse on my first attempt! Oh, it was a shaky landing, with just the toes of my tennis shoes rocking me back and forth until I fell forward on my hands and knees. But I made the jump! Confident, I tried it again, and hit the exact same spot on my right shin. By the end of summer vacation that spot was numb, and it stayed numb for fifty-one years, or perhaps less; I just happened to notice while drying off after a shower that the spot had some feeling.

### GOOFY STUFF By VINCENT CARDEGIN

But over the years I kept injuring my shins, both of them. I don't know what it is about my shins that I keep injuring them. As far as I can tell, they are average human shins: long bones with a sharp edge covered with thin skin. But it seemed that anything between nine and thirteen-and-half inches high kept putting scars on my lower legs. Coffee table, large toolboxes, shredder, wooden lawn chairs, nearly everything in my wife's garden. Once I nicked a shin with my guitar after I swung it of my shoulder, and several times I whacked a shin with a buckle while threading a belt into my pants.

However, thorough scaring didn't start until I was at Exwork. There stacks of pallets were thirsty for my shins, and single pallets with beams and shelves on them hunted my shins down. Everything shin-high found



rages have been the impetus for bureaucratic appeasement.

Inflated grades have become a disincentive for students.

Students need to realize their effort and studying have a direct impact on their increased comprehension of the subject matter. Each person involved in the conference deserves the respect of being part of this process especially in the higher grades. An

honest attempt to present the student's behavior and attitude in an accurate manner encourages everyone involved to view this educational event as a productive and positive one.

The evaluative process is a necessary one to keep everyone on the same page. It informs the child that there are real consequences for his effort and attitude. Parents and teachers become aware of the growth of the student's

me and ran into my shins. From knees to ankles, my shins always had scabs.

Then one day I broke my left big toe. (Actually, I should say it this way: my left big toe was broken.) Two fellow associates helped me pull a pallet of salt from outside, and I forgot they were pushing, and so when I leaned back to give it an extra tug up the ramp, I fell down and they push the two-thousand pounds onto my left foot. Oh, Exwork sent me to a clinic, and over the course of weeks my toe healed, and I'm still amazed that neither of my shins were involved.

After that I decided we associates needed better all-around protection. While my shins bore the brunt of many contusions and abrasions, every part of my body, of everyone's body, suffered injuries. Boxes fell on our heads; wooden, plastic, and metal rods poked us in the eyes and gored our abdomens; everything we touched pinched or tried to crush our fingers; and carts sliced epidermal layers from our Achilles heels. As a friend of mine put it: As soon as you move from standing still, you're at risk of being hurt. So I envisioned the proper attire for such a hostile environment.

Chainmail is the main thing, complete with proper padding: helmet, vest, forearms and leggings, with extra layers of metal plates for shins. Also, steel-toed shoes with steel heels, and metal gloves with retractable fingertips, so we could push buttons when needed. I'd like a face shield with a gasmask, something stylish that will protect me from, but not offend, customers of the filthy trend. Or, just give me Iron Man's suit. I could wear that.

Of course, in the future, a full metal associate will probably be a robot.

academic attributes and maturing behavior. This feedback assists everyone. It keeps everyone on his toes to motivate the student at home and at school.

Ultimately it is the student with or without the support of his parents, teachers or administrators who has to take control of his own education. Becoming an independent learner even with the help of others is a decision made by the individual.

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of any good wardrobe," Patricia said. "For example, every woman should include a pair of black pants along with a crisp white shirt." Patricia and Richard Lambright are very community conscious promoting local businesses and events for downtown Brooksville. The Lambrights also

donate to many local charities including Jericho Road Ministries and particularly the Cinderella's Prom. "We work with the Junior Service League in Brooksville each year, and select a high school student to outfit from head to toe. That student is selected judged on schoolwork accomplishments, attendance, involvement in community affairs or

just in a time of adversity," explained Patricia. "We love to dress the student from head to toe so that they can be dressed perfectly for prom," she added. "Prom can be so very expensive for families and it's truly a blessing for us to be able to do this."



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