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## Students on a mission



Leadership members of Springstead's Interact Club, focusing on community service. From left to right: Interact Club Secretary Junior Victoria Harding, Sophomore Matt Kaprat, Sophomore and underclassmen Interact Club President Rayaan Kader and Interact Club President Senior Jason Bienstock

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."*

- Mahatma Gandhi

by JULIE B. MAGLIO  
HERNANDO SUN WRITER

a food drive. The Interact Club focuses on community service and completes projects that 'give back' to the community. They collected approximately 250 paper grocery bags filled up with non-perishable

For the Thanksgiving holiday, the members of Springstead High School Interact Club organized

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## International Perspective

### A Personal Thanksgiving Note



by M. P. Ravindra Nathan MD, FACC, FACF  
Brooksville, FL  
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It has been over four decades since I immigrated to the U.S. and Thanksgiving has always been a celebratory holiday in our family circles too. Right from childhood, we have been taught to say "thank you for every gift, favor, help or a kind gesture" that we have received. Having lived in the US and enjoyed all its bounty so far, I'll be remiss in my duty if I don't say "Thank you, America," as we once again get ready to celebrate the holidays. For me, it's much more than a holiday to celebrate with a turkey dinner shared with family and friends. It's also a time for all of us and me personally to reflect and be thankful for all the blessings we have.

I came here primarily in search of advanced training and good professional experience in my chosen field of internal medicine and cardiology. Although I already had a lot of training first in India and then in England, I felt my training will not be complete until I've been exposed to American medicine and health care system since practice of medicine is far more advanced here compared to nearly all other countries.

Although I have heard often enough that America welcomes all its immigrants and is a land of opportunity, I wasn't sure what kind of reception somebody from a far off land will get at first. So it was with a little trepidation and self doubt I started my residency in Jewish Hospital Medical Center of Brooklyn, a reputed institution where Albert Einstein was once a patient. But I needn't have worried; soon the lines blurred, I ceased to be a foreigner and became part of the medical staff with my own rights and privileges. I was accepted and soon found myself promoted to be the Chief Resident, a coveted position. Later, when I became a U.S. citizen, the stamp of approval was complete. Then I knew

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## SPORTS

### Last second field goal sends Sharks into region final

by Joe Carlino  
Hernando Sun Sports Writer  
photos by  
CHERYL CLANTON

Coming into Friday night's contest against the Baker County Wildcats, aside from attempting to advance to the Elite Eight for only the second time in school history, there was one thing on every member of Nature Coast's players in pregame warm-ups: revenge. Last season, the Wildcats were in NCT's place in the region, and NCT had to travel up to Glen St. Mary, only to be defeated 34-7 in the first round by the eventual Class 5A runner-up.

And while it took a while to happen, a very unlikely source turned out to be the hero NCT needed.

After stuffing the Wildcats on their last offensive possession, the Sharks would get the ball back with 1:06 left and would connect on an incredible 65-yard completion from junior quarterback Fabian "2Fabe" Burnett to senior



Nature Coast prepares to take on Springstead during the 2018 regular season. File photo.

wide receiver Shemar Lawson, setting up the first field goal attempt of the season by junior kicker Mateo Rivera, and he would convert, giving the Sharks a miraculous 17-16 victory.

"They've (Baker County) been bigger than everybody that they've played. But people have found a way to beat them, they were 7-4. And we're 10-1. Well, now we're 11-1", Sharks head coach

Cory Johns stated after the game.

Despite losing the overall yardage battle (327-322), the Sharks had

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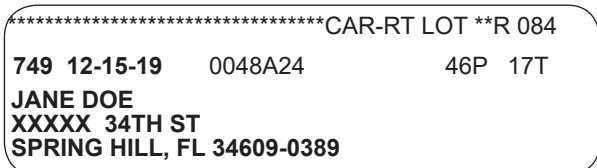
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# County commission meeting run down

Notes from the second half of the Nov. 5, 2018 meeting. by LISA MACNEIL  
 Hernando Sun Writer

### CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

1. *Correspondence From Various Customers Expressing Appreciation for Services Provided by Utilities Department Staff*

Several staff members of the Utilities Department received written or verbal commendations. The employees were recognized by Utilities Business Manager Nancy Stopps-Libengood, who entered her memorandum of recognition into each employee's personnel file.

2. *Notification From Southwest Florida Water Management District of Proposed 2019 Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program*

In a letter addressed to Governor Rick Scott and Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection, Brian Armstrong of Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) sent the following:

"Pursuant to subsection 373.536(6)(a)(4), Florida Statutes, each water management district is required to furnish a 'five-year water resource development work program within 30 days after the adoption of the final budget. The Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) approved its proposed 2019 Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program at its Governing Board meeting held on September 25, 2018 and adopted its fiscal year 2018-2019 budget at a public hearing held on September 25, 2018.

After receiving comments from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the District will respond to the evaluation within 45 days. Any revisions prompted by DEP's evaluation will be incorporated into the final report that will be included as part of the District's Consol-

idated Annual Report. The Consolidated Annual Report is due no later than March 1, 2019, pursuant to subsection 373.036(7), Florida Statutes."

3. *Transmittal of Minutes From Spring Ridge Community Development District Board of Supervisors Meeting of June 13, 2018*

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR RONALD PIANTA

1. *Rezoning Petition Submitted by Joshua Whitney, POA for Gloria Williams, Trustee (H1819)*

The request brought to the board is for a change from AR-2 (Agricultural / Residential) to Planned Development - Single Family with deviations. The location is at the northwest corner of Powell Road and Gloucester Road. Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) voted 5-0 to continue the petition to December 10, 2018. At the request of the applicant, Pianta reported that it is recommended that the board continue this petition to January 15, 2019.

The board approved 5-0.

2. *Rezoning Petition Submitted by County Line Road Physicians, LLC (H1823)*

This is a request to rezone from AR-2 to PDP-OP (Planned Development Project - Office / Professional) with specific C1 (Commercial) uses and a Congregate Care Facility with deviations. The location is on the north side of County Line Road, approximately 100 feet east of Oak Lake Drive. P&Z voted 5-0 to approve with modified performance conditions.

Nancy Makar of Spring Hill asked if residents on the Pasco County side of County Line Road would be notified of possible changes to entry into their respective subdivisions. Assistant County Administrator Ron Pianta advised that usually residents are not notified, but generally the Pasco County Administrative staff would be notified. Pianta said that if this petition moves forward, then the Pasco Administration will be notified.

Tommy Raddick lives adjacent to the rear of the property discussed. Raddick asked the commission about noise levels and abatements due to loss of trees as a buffer. He also asked about a gopher tortoise population known to the area. Pianta advised that a wildlife survey would still need to take place.

A 100-foot tree buffer will remain in place, and the building itself is expected to shield traffic noise from County Line Road.

The board approved 5-0.

3. *Rezoning Petition Submitted by Falcon Ridge Acquisitions LLC (H1826)*

This petition is to rezone from AR to R1B (Multi-family) with deviations. The property is located at the north side of VFW road, approximately 1,550 feet east of Broad Street in Brooksville. P&Z voted 5-0 to recommend denial of the petition. The county staff recommendation is to approve the rezoning. Assistant County Administrator Ron Pianta explained more about the petition.

According to Pianta, "Planning and Zoning's actions were based on three concerns; at the time of the hearing, P&Z had not received any comments from the city of Brooksville ... comments were subsequently received from the city on October 12, 2018. The second concern was that of compatibility of 134 dwelling unit multi-family development located in an area that is primarily low-density, and the third concern was regarding traffic, and drainage issues on VFW road.

Pianta referred to correspondence from Bill Geiger, Community Development Director for the city of Brooksville. In Geiger's comments, the developer would coordinate with the utilities department to arrange services (water and sewer services from the city), a traffic analysis would be performed at the time of development, and the site should also be developed in accordance with water management regulations related to any concerns about flooding.

Geiger also indicated that the density and structure height of the proposal may be incompatible with the surrounding area.

Pianta reported that county staff modified their recommendation, reducing maximum number of dwelling units to 80. The building height will also be restricted to two stories.

Commissioners John Allocco and Wayne Dukes asked about flooding issues in that area. After some discussion of water management on the property, Allocco asked Director of Public Works Scott Herring, "Let's say everything is designed properly ... and it fails. Who's responsible for mitigation at that point?"

Herring replied, "It would probably be the county and the applicant for failing to maintain their water management system."

Several area residents spoke to the commission to oppose the project, citing incompatibility with the neighborhood, flooding issues and even school bus access. Brooksville Mayor Betty Erhard also voiced her opposition to the project.

Coastal Engineering President Don Lacey, who represents the applicant, showed the low-lying areas of the property on the north and east ends, away from the existing subdivision and other homes. Lacey also acknowledged the restricted traffic access from VFW Road.

Addressing the incompatibility of introducing a large-scale apartment complex into a neighborhood of single-family homes, some of which are exclusively in a 55+ community, Lacey said the building plan and road access could be modified, but the current submission would either need to be postponed or withdrawn and resubmitted at a later time.

The motion to withdraw the petition passed 5-0.

#### PUBLIC HEARING - CODE ENFORCEMENT/ ZONING SUPERVISOR CHRIS LINSBECK

4. *Appeal of Administrative Decision Submitted by Sarah Hill*

On October 18, 2018, Hernando Beach resident

Sarah Hill appealed an administrative decision to deny her permit to construct a boat lift and dock adjacent to the perimeter channel abutting the Gulf of Mexico.

Hill's permit was denied based on Hernando county Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8, Article 5 - Marine Construction Code, section 8-247.10, which states, "No dock or moored vessel shall significantly hinder navigation upon the waterways."

During the 2.5-hour hearing, Hill and Port Authority Chairman Frank Santo showed diagrams, photos and videos of the property and surrounding area in question. Hill asserted that diagrams and photos given earlier to the BOCC were not representative of her property with respect to the channel, and proffered her documentation to be entered into the record as well. Several residents of Hernando Beach spoke in favor of Hill being allowed to build her dock, as well.

It was decided that the roof that was designed with the dock would cause a visual obstruction, so the council voted to approve the design without the roof, and stipulated that all parts of the dock be located outside of the channel.

The board approved 5-0.

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR LEONARD SOSSAMON

*Request for Waiver of Fees Submitted by Joseph M. Mason, Jr., Esquire, on Behalf of Colored Cemetery of Spring Hill and Spring Hill African American Cemetery Trust, Inc., for Road Repair Work*

The cemetery was named in the 1950s, administratively dissolved, and recently reinstated through Mason's work.

Mason, who is working for the cemetery pro-bono, has requested a waiver for the entire amount of \$1,226.40 for road repairs in the cemetery. The commission commended Mason for his many hours of work.

The request was approved 5-0.

#### INTERIM BUDGET DIRECTOR GEORGE ZOETTLIN

1. *Budget Amendment Realigning FY 2018 Budget With Actual Expenditures*

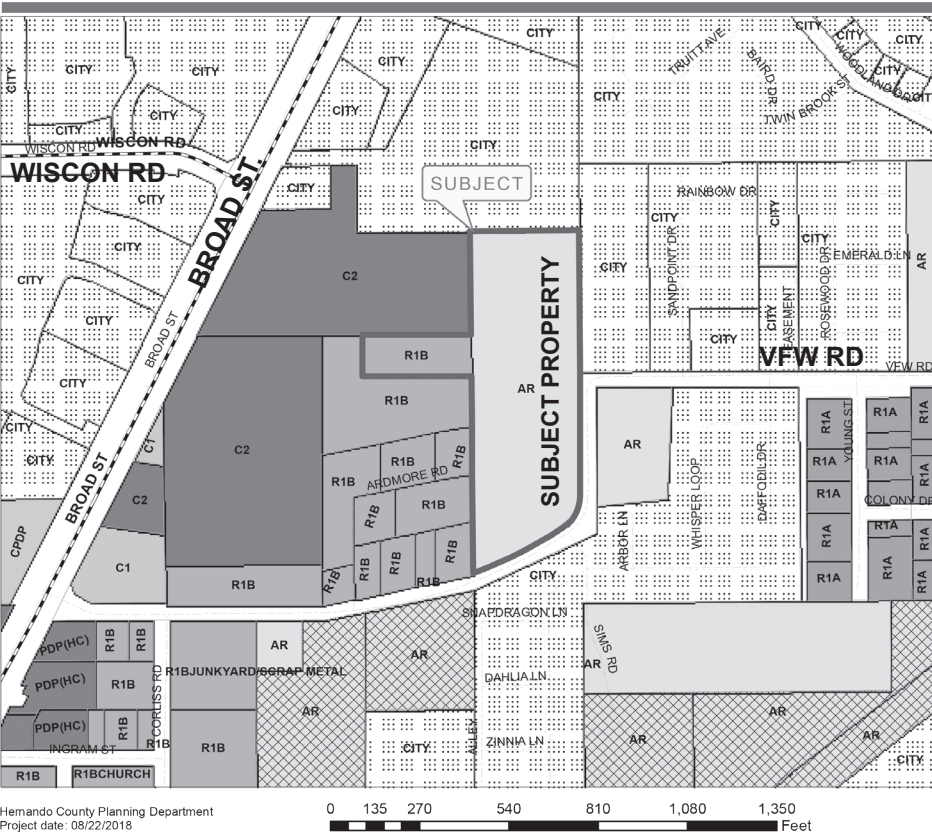
Zoettlin said that he was 100% sure that the Fiscal Year would end without the commission needing to borrow any money. He presented the amendment to move money between funds to take care of those with low balances. The commission approved unanimously.

2. *Discussion Regarding Funding for Unsafe Building Program*

According to statute, the Unsafe Building Program cannot be funded with revenues from permit fees. Zoettlin recommended the Unsafe Building Program be moved back to the General Fund, where more funding sources are available.

3. *Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2019 Through FY 2023*

TO BE CONTINUED...



Map showing the property that Falcon Ridge Acquisitions LLC would like to rezone to multifamily off of VFW Rd in Brooksville.



## Hernando County Crime Stoppers

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**DOB: 04/01/1981**  
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**Spring Hill**



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## Ajudication withheld in Nicholson case

by LISA MACNEIL  
 Hernando Sun Writer

Judge Kurt Hitzemann ended the seven-month matter on Thursday, in which (suspended county commissioner) Nick Nicholson was initially charged with two counts of purchasing the services of a prostitute and one count of maintaining a place for prostitution. Nicholson entered a plea of nolo contendere (no contest) on November 16, 2018. Hitzemann formally

withheld adjudication, and required Nicholson to pay \$729 in court fees. All three charges were misdemeanors.

Nicholson's trouble began in February 2018, when Hernando County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) deputies responded to his address in response to a domestic violence call. Deputies found Nicholson's housemates, Kendel and Valerie Surette involved in an altercation in which Kendel was charged with Domestic Battery

against Valerie. It became evident at that time that Valerie Surette was involved in a relationship with Nicholson, as well as other individuals, that led to the charges against Nicholson.

Shortly after his arrest in April 2018, Governor Rick Scott suspended Nicholson from the Board of County Commissioners.

Nicholson was unavailable for comment at the time of this writing.

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.

Catch you later!



HAAGER, CHAD LEE  
YOB: 1988  
CHARGES: DOMESTIC

BATTERY, RESIST/OBSTR OFFICER W/O VIOL  
Arrested at: 11/18/2018 17:46  
13063 COUNTY LINE RD, SPRING HILL, FL, 34609  
Arrest Summary: On 11/17/2018 at approximately 2330 hours, Deputy V.M. and Deputy M.R. responded to County Line Rd, in reference to battery domestic in nature.

Upon arrival the defendant Chad Lee Haager fled the scene, and ignored all commands by Deputies to stop running. During Deputy M.R.'s investigation probable cause was established. The victim sustained abrasions on her leg from being kicked by Chad several times. Deputy M.R. was also able to observe a slight abrasion, reddish in color, on the upper right cheek of the victim's face from being struck by Chad. The victim did not give Chad consent to touch or strike her. On 11/18/2018 I responded to the County Line Rd address in reference to the defendant Chad Lee Haager returning home and texting the victim to return home. I made contact with The victim via cell phone, where she advised that Chad was back home and asking her to return home. The victim further advised that she did not feel comfortable returning home after being battered by Chad. The victim continued to advise that she was sending her father to the residence with a key so we could enter the residence and take Chad into custody. The victim further stated she did not want to be around Chad. The victim gave consent to enter the residence when Her father arrived. Victim's father arrived at said address and handed over the house key. I entered the residence with several other deputies and search of the residence was conducted. Upon checking the north west master bedroom, Chad was found sleeping on the bed. Contact was made with Chad and taken into custody. Chad was then placed in my marked patrol unit (8434) and transported to the Hernando County Jail. Chad was not given a bond for the domestic battery but was given a bond for the resisting without violence \$1,000.00 Let it be noted that Chad is already out on bond for battery on Law enforcement case #CF-1618. Chad was given a court date of 12/14/2018 in courtroom C at 0900 hours.

in the victim a well-founded fear that she was about to be seriously injured. The victim could be heard screaming for the defendant to stop by roommate Tony Fore, as the defendant continued to fire shots near the victims head, against her will. The verbal altercation continued into the morning until the defendant left the scene. Contact was later made with the defendant on 11/17/18 at 16420 Cortez Blvd. at which time the defendant, post Miranda, admitted to the verbal altercation and to firing the pellet gun during the altercation stating that he was shooting at rats in the residence. The defendant was then placed under arrest for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon and transported to the Hernando County Jail without incident. The defendant was given a court date of 12/11/2018 in courtroom D at 0900hrs and placed on a No Bond status do to the Domestic nature of the crime.

Major Assault on Mom  
KINNEBREW, SANDRA  
YOB: 1962  
CHARGES: ASSAULT/BATT ON PER 65 OR OLDE  
Arrested at: 11/16/2018 16:56  
ELWOOD RD, SPRING HILL, FL, 34609

Arrest Summary: On 11/16/18, I was dispatched to Oak Hill Hospital 11375 Cortez Blvd. regarding a Battery on a person over 65yo being called in by medical staff personnel. I made contact with the victim in her hospital room. She provided me with a statement that on 11/13/18 her and her daughter, the defendant Sandra Kinnebrew, were in a verbal argument regarding someone being in her home she did not want there. The defendant pushed the victim as she was standing by the doorway, which resulted in her hitting her back on the door, she then fell landing on her knee and hitting her face on the wall. After she was helped up by a neighbor, she then got her cell phone and was calling 911 when the defendant took the cell phone from her. There is no 911 record of a cell phone call from the victim's cell phone.

The victim stated she then climbed out of her bathroom window to try to yell for help, she said she was standing in the driveway yelling "Help me, Help me, get EMS or police". The defendant went outside and grabbed the victim by the arm and brought her back in the house and said "Come in you have done enough". The victim then told the defendant "I'm hurt I just want to go to the hospital, take me anywhere".

The victim stated the next morning she told the defendant that her knee was hurt and she wanted to get it looked at. The defendant waited over 24hrs before calling 911 to have the victim transported to the hospital.

The victim believes her injuries to her knee and face are as a result of being pushed down by the defendant. The victim's knee is approximately 3 times the normal size, 2 black eyes, black nose and a minor sore on her back. Due to the injury to the knee, the victim has been admitted to the hospital for several days and will be moved to Rehab. The victim also provided the same statement to the hospital staff. The victim's injuries are consistent with her statement.

The victim stated at no point did she give the defendant permission to touch her. Based on the aforementioned information, probable cause did exist for the arrest of the defendant for Battery on a Person 65

years of age or older, No Bond. The defendant was issued a Felony court date of December 11, 2018 at 9AM Courtroom D.

"Who the f\*\*\* are you coming onto my property?"



HAZOURY, JUAN MIGUEL  
YOB: 1977  
CHARGES: RESIST/OBSTR OFFICER W/O VIOL  
Arrested at: 11/16/2018 23:37  
LAMPLIGHTER ST, SPRING HILL, FL, 34606

Arrest Summary: On 11/16/2018 I responded to residence 322 Portland Avenue, Spring Hill, Florida 34606, in reference to a verbal disturbance between a Hispanic male and a Hispanic female. It should be noted that at the same time of this call, there was another call for service in the same location referencing a 9-1-1 hang up. Upon arrival to the aforementioned residence I exited my patrol vehicle and I immediately could hear a male voice yelling coming from a nearby residence. I then walked towards the yelling, and observed a Hispanic male yelling in the driveway of the residence of Lamplighter Street, Spring Hill, Florida 34606.

Contact was then made with the male who was later identified as Juan Miguel Hazoury (the defendant). I did not observe anyone else to be outside at this time. I presented myself as a deputy of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, and asked the defendant what was going on. The defendant then stopped yelling and stated, "Who the f\*\*\* are you coming onto my property?" I again stated that I was a deputy of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, and again asked him what was going on.

The defendant ignored the question, and began to walk towards me in an aggressive manner. I then requested my backup deputy to expedite their response and told the defendant to stay where he was and to calm down. The defendant then stopped, turned his body slightly and placed his right hand behind his back where I could no longer view it, as if he was reaching for a weapon. I commanded the defendant to show me his hands, to which he did not comply. I then drew my agency issued firearm from the holster and pointed it in the direction of the defendant, commanding him to show me both of his hands. The defendant then placed both of his hands in the air. In an attempt to detain the defendant and not knowing if he did in fact have a weapon behind his back, I commanded him multiple times to get down on his knees and lay flat against his stomach on the ground. The defendant did not comply with these commands.

Deputy N.F. then arrived to my location, and both deputies were now commanding him to get down on his knees. After a few more commands, the defendant finally complied, and began to lay flat on his stomach. I then holstered my weapon and assisted Deputy N.F. with detaining the defendant. Prior to placing the defendant into an agency patrol vehicle, a search of his person was conducted which yielded

negative results for any type of weapon. Contact was then able to be made with the defendant's wife, who advised she was the one who called 9-1-1. The wife advised she and the defendant were in a verbal dispute in the front yard and he began to get very aggressive. She advised the defendant had recently been arrested on 09/24/2018 for battery against her, so she went inside the residence to remove herself from the situation. She advised that the defendant began "banging" on the front door while yelling at her, and she called 9-1-1 out of fear of the situation escalating due to her recent experience. His wife advised the defendant is currently on probation, and that there was a no contact order in place but for "no violent contact". Due to the hour of the night I was unable to confirm whether or not such an order is in place between she and the defendant. The defendant was then transported to the Hernando County Jail without incident. The defendant was given a misdemeanor court date of 12/14/2018 in Courtroom C of the Hernando County Courthouse at 0900 hours. The defendant was given a bond amount of \$1,000 per the bond schedule.

"I forgot my cooler by the pool."



VINCENTE, JAMES J Jr  
YOB: 1964  
CHARGES: TRESPASS OTHER THAN STRUCTURE/CONVEYANCE  
Arrested at: 11/13/2018 03:58  
6172 COMMERCIAL WWAY, SPRING HILL, FL, 34606

Arrest Summary: On 11/12/2018 contact was made with Motel 6 employee, Daniel Leroux, who advised he wanted James Vincente (the defendant), trespassing from the property. The defendant was given a trespass warning by me, and was warned if he were to return he would be subject to arrest. The defendant advised he understood and left the property in the presence of law enforcement. At approximately 0345 hours on 11/13/2018, contact was again made with the defendant in the parking lot of the Motel 6. I recognized the defendant to be the same subject I gave a trespass warning to earlier in my tour of duty. The defendant was asked why he was back on the property, to which he stated, "I forgot my cooler by the pool." The defendant advised he knows he was not supposed to be on the property. The defendant was then placed into custody and transported to the Hernando County Jail without incident. The defendant was given a court date of 12/12/2018 in Courtroom C of the Hernando

County Courthouse at 0900 hours. The defendant was given a bond amount of \$1,000 per the bond schedule.

All over \$70



WALTERS, JUSTIN CHARLES  
YOB: 1986  
CHARGES: BATTERY  
Arrested at: 11/13/2018 20:32  
MARINER BLVD & SPRING HILL DR, SPRING HILL, FL, 34609

Arrest Summary: On 11/13/2018, at approximately 1849 hours, I was dispatched to the residence of 7325 Blackhawk Trail in reference to a battery.

Upon arrival, I made contact with the victim, Timothy Coleman, who advised on today's date, at approximately 1825 hours, a subject he recognized as Justin Walters, arrived at this residence in a vehicle. Timothy was standing in the driveway when the defendant exited the vehicle, approached him, and began demanding to "give him his money." Timothy advised he does not owe the defendant any money, therefore he was unsure what the defendant was referring to and asked him to leave the property. At this time, Timothy began walking back into his garage, when the defendant struck Timothy on the right side of his face, causing him to fall to the ground. The defendant then "ran" into the vehicle and fled the area. I observed a large bruise and red marks on the right side of Timothy's face, consistent with his statement. I observed a Styrofoam cup and ice, which Timothy was holding when he was struck, on the ground where he fell.

Contact was made with the defendant in the area of Spring Hill Drive and Mariner Boulevard and his identity was confirmed by his FL driver's license. The defendant advised he went to Timothy's residence tonight to "collect" approximately \$70 cash which he believed Timothy took from him. A verbal altercation ensued and he advised Timothy struck him in the face first. The defendant stated he then struck Timothy in the face with the back of his hand. I did not observe any visible physical injuries on the defendant indicating he was battered. I did observe his right hand to be very swollen and he advised that was caused from striking Timothy.

A criminal history check revealed the defendant has no prior convictions for battery. The defendant was placed into custody and transported to the Hernando County Detention Center. He was issued a \$1,000.00 bond and given a misdemeanor court date on 12/12/2018 at 0900 hours in courtroom "C" at the Hernando County Courthouse.

Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting

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Brooksville City Council Meeting

Monday December 3, 7:00PM  
Joseph E. Johnston, III  
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201 Howell Avenue,  
Brooksville, FL

Hernando County Planning and Zoning - Regular Meeting

Monday, December 10, 2018 9:00 AM  
John Law Ayers Room  
20 N. Main Street  
Brooksville, FL 34601

Hernando County Board of County Commissioners - Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 9:00 AM  
John Law Ayers Room  
20 N. Main Street  
Brooksville, FL 34601

School Board - Meetings Dec. 11

Tentative - Informal  
11:00 AM  
School Board - Tentative - Workshop  
2:00 PM  
School Board - Tentative - Regular  
6:00 PM  
District Office-Board Room  
919 North Broad Street  
Brooksville, FL 34601

Leaving the Scene Won't Help



BATTS, GEOFFREY ERIC  
YOB: 1982  
CHARGES: AGG ASSAULT  
Arrested at: 11/17/2018  
12:06 16420 CORTEZ BLVD, BROOKSVILLE, FL, 34601

Arrest Summary: On 11/16/2018 at approximately 0200 hrs the defendant, Geoffrey Batts, entered into a verbal altercation with the victim on Evergreen Ave, Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida. At the time of this incident the victim and the defendant had been in a dating relationship for approximately six years and were currently residing in the same household. During this altercation the defendant fired between six to ten shots from an CO2 powered pellet Gun at the victim, creating

Supreme Court signs off on process for picking Justices

November 16, 2018  
by Lloyd Dunkelberger  
NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE --- The Florida Supreme Court on Friday declined to order the reopening of an application process for three upcoming vacancies on the court.

In a 4-3 decision, the court held that the Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission was acting within its authority to conduct a process that resulted in 59 judges and lawyers applying to replace justices Barbara Pariente, R. Fred Lewis and Peggy Quince. The justices are leaving the court in early January because they have reached a mandatory retirement age.

The Judicial Nominating Commission is scheduled to meet Nov. 27 in Orlando to select nominees for the vacancies. The retiring justices' six-year terms end on Jan. 8, the day the new governor will take office.

The court majority rejected petitions from the League of Women Voters of Florida and Common Cause that had sought to extend the application deadline and halt the current application process. The petitions were filed after an Oct. 15 court order that said the next governor, almost certain to be Republican Ron DeSantis, has the authority to appoint the new justices rather than outgoing Gov. Rick Scott.

The majority opinion Friday said the state Constitution "requires the JNC to make its nominations no later than 30 days after the occurrence of a vacancy and does not prohibit the JNC from acting before a vacancy occurs."

"Petitioners have requested that the JNC reopen its application period for the vacancies at issue in this case," the opinion said. "We recognize that there is no impediment to the JNC reopening its application period."

Chief Justice Charles Canady and justices Ricky Polston, Jorge Labarga and Alan Lawson supported the majority opinion.

In a concurring opinion, Lawson rejected an argument that the nominating process should not start until the actual vacancies occur -- which would be Jan. 8 in this case.

"Since their inception, Florida's judicial nominating commissions have read this language as creating a deadline by which they must make nominations -- and thereby allowing them to make their nominations prior to the date of a vacancy," Lawson wrote. "That is the most reasonable reading of the language and is consistent with this court's precedent analyzing similar language."

In a strongly worded dissent, which was supported by Pariente and Quince, Lewis wrote that the Judicial Nominating Commission should not act until the vacancies occur.

"Instead of faithfully interpreting the language set forth in our Constitution, the majority presents flawed reasoning to support its desired result. Simply put, the Judicial Nominating Commission has no power to act without the occurrence of an actual vacancy, according to the plain language of the Florida Constitution and the JNC's own rules of procedure," Lewis wrote. "I will not sit silently while the majority muddles --- or disregards --- our Constitution and related rules."

In another dissenting opinion, which was supported by Pariente and Lewis, Quince said that while "the majority's solution may be a pragmatic one, it is not a constitutional one."

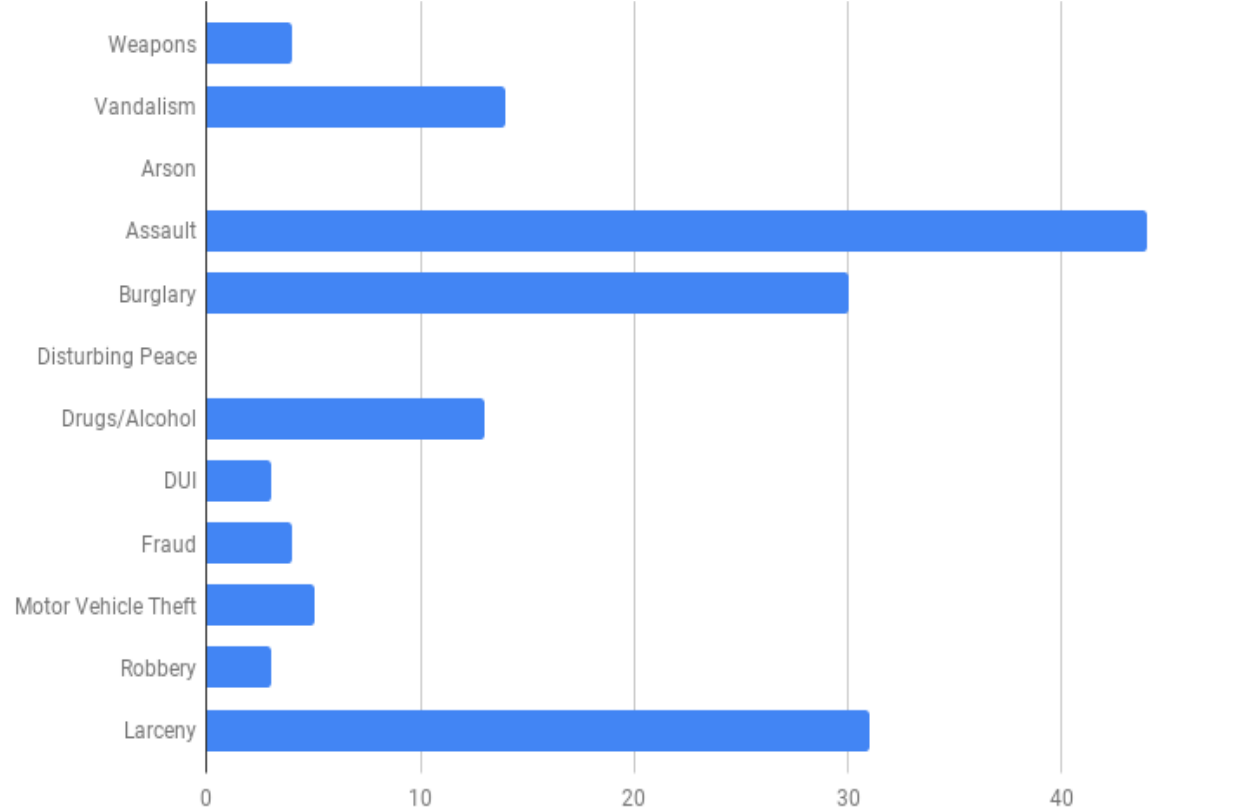
Quince said the JNC set an original application deadline of Oct. 8 in response to a request from Scott, who has no authority to make the appointments. As a result, she said she would support requiring the nominating commission to reopen the application process through at least Dec. 8.

One of the arguments made by the petitioners for reopening the process was that the current pool of applicants is "woefully thin" on minority and women candidates. The applicants include 11 women, six African-Americans and six Hispanics.

The Supreme Court appointments are attracting extra attention because they could shift the judicial direction of the state's highest court for decades to come.

Pariente, Lewis and Quince are part of a liberal bloc that also has often included Labarga. The four justices have repeatedly thwarted Scott and the Republican-dominated Legislature since Scott took office in 2011.

HERNANDO COUNTY CRIME STATS 11/13 to 11/19/18 (7 DAYS)



TIDE CHART

High/Low Tide Prediction Data Listing

Station Name: ROCKY CR., LITTLE PINE IS. BAY, FL  
Action: Daily  
Product: Tide Predictions  
Start Date & Time: 2018/11/23 12:00 AM  
End Date & Time: 2018/11/30 11:59 PM  
Source: NOAA/NOS/CO-OPS  
Prediction Type: Subordinate  
Datum: MLLW  
Height Units: Feet  
Time Zone: LST/LDT

Date	Day	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt
2018/11/23	Fri	12:34 AM	3.28 H	08:54 AM	-0.57 L	2:04 PM	2.87 H	8:54 PM	0.97 L
2018/11/24	Sat	01:09 AM	3.38 H	09:35 AM	-0.70 L	2:49 PM	2.83 H	9:34 PM	1.03 L
2018/11/25	Sun	01:46 AM	3.43 H	10:18 AM	-0.73 L	3:35 PM	2.75 H	10:15 PM	1.08 L
2018/11/26	Mon	02:27 AM	3.41 H	11:03 AM	-0.67 L	4:23 PM	2.64 H	11:00 PM	1.13 L
2018/11/27	Tue	03:13 AM	3.30 H	11:51 AM	-0.49 L	5:11 PM	2.53 H	11:50 PM	1.15 L
2018/11/28	Wed	04:06 AM	3.11 H	12:42 PM	-0.23 L	6:02 PM	2.43 H		
2018/11/29	Thu	12:49 AM	1.15 L	05:07 AM	2.83 H	1:38 PM	0.08 L	6:59 PM	2.37 H
2018/11/30	Fri	02:00 AM	1.10 L	06:24 AM	2.54 H	2:44 PM	0.39 L	8:02 PM	2.40 H

# The run down of Oct. 23, 2018 Regular School Board Meeting

Notes from the second half of the Oct. 23, 2018 meeting.

## Brent Gaustad's Retirement

Executive Director of Academic Services Gina Michalicka was welcomed to the podium to discuss an item that was not listed on the agenda. Moton Elementary School principal Brent Gaustad's retirement date of 10/31/18 was no secret, but the presentation at the School Board meeting on 10/23/18 was.

Superintendent John Stratton said that Gaustad wore a continual smile from the time he announced his retirement. "If I could take two words and describe Brent Gaustad," Stratton said, "And everybody will know this: energy is one. Brent does not stop moving. Period. Period. And I'm not sure he sleeps, but he doesn't stop moving, I'm sure, in his sleep. And the other is passion, Brent. I've seen you apply passion at the middle school, at Parrott when you were there. You definitely bleed purple and you bled the same purple over at Moton. And I appreciate that immensely. Working beside you and with you, Brent, it's been great. You never lack a conversation and I certainly appreciate that. And we're going to miss you and you can come back and volunteer any time you want, Brent. And keep those connections because I know you have a way of acquiring furniture, TVs, donations - definitely a skill set there that we're going to miss."

Board Chair Mark Johnson expressed that he was impressed with a science experiment Gaustad demonstrated using a phone, making the chemical compound salt appear in 3D.

Ms. Michalicka read a tribute to Gaustad, saying, "His 31 years is equal to about 90 for the rest of us. Brent's energy is infectious and few of us can keep up." She described Gaustad's history with Hernando County Schools which began in 1988 at Hernando High School. In addition to teaching, over the years he left an impact as a coach of football, track, weightlifting, and softball.

Michalicka remarked that Gaustad was a logical choice for leadership, and for 11 years has been an administrator. He served as assistant principal at Springstead and Hernando High Schools, and then as principal at Parrott Middle and most recently at Moton Elementary. She quoted Gaustad as saying, "Those are my people," when referring to his wearing purple and gold every spirit Friday, except when he was at Springstead.

But the numbers and places are just one part of what make Gaustad memorable, she said. It is his relationships with staff and students that show his impact. "He has been part of our school family for a long time and we will miss his boundless energy and dedication. But we also trust that his colleagues, parents, and students will continue to share stories about Brent for years to come. And maybe that is the greatest legacy of any wonderful educator: to be remembered."

Gaustad addressed the school board members and the audience, thanking his family first for their sacrifice over the past 10 months so he could help students at Moton Elementary. He thanked board member Susan Duval, who was principal at Springstead when he transferred there, for the things she taught him about leadership and the focus she helped him find. He recalled Duval's words, "If it's good for the kids, you keep your eyes on that."

Social media can be both positive and negative. Gaustad said it showed him how many lives are impacted by decisions made by school leadership or comments made to students, and it was a bit overwhelming. It also made him wonder if he was making the right decision. "But it's time," he said. "It's time for my family. It's time for me." Gaustad said he was not sure what his next step will be but will take the next month off to rest and enjoy his family.

School board chair Mark Johnson invited any of Gaustad's colleagues to pose with him for pictures.

## Approval of Minutes

#3425 - Approval of the Minutes from the 10/03/18 appeal hearing regarding Dr. Romano's removal from her position as superintendent, and the school board's 10/09/18 meetings.

Ms. Narverud moved to approve the minutes, and Ms. Prescott seconded. The motion passed 4-0, as Mr. Guadagnino was absent.

## Public Hearing Items

#3405 - This item was a public hearing to give final approval of the 2018-2019 HCS D site-based Administration Evaluation Manual.

No one from the public came forward to discuss this item. Ms. Narverud moved to approve the item, and Ms. Prescott seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

#3406 - This item was a public hearing to give final approval of the 2018-2019 HCS D Evaluation Manual for Instructional Personnel.

No one from the public came forward to discuss this item. Ms. Narverud moved to approve the item, and Ms. Prescott seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

## Citizen Input on Agenda Items

No green forms were collected to indicate that anyone wanted to discuss an agenda item. Ms. Narverud moved to approve the consent agenda, and Ms. Prescott seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

## ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

### ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA (ADOPTED)

3401 : Approve Out-of-State Travel for Hernando County School District Representatives to Attend the Learning Forward 2018 Annual Conference in Dallas, TX, December 2-5, 2018

3417 : Approval of the 2018-19 School Improvement Plans

3388 : Accept the Audit of Gulf Coast Academy of Science & Technology for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

3389 : Accept the Audit of Gulf Coast Middle School for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

3390 : Accept the Audit of BEST Academy for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

3392 : Approve Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Amendment No. 1 for Quarter Ending September 30, 2018

3398 : Accept the Internal Accounts Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

3402 : Approval of the Step Increase and Market Adjustment for Confidential

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# The Nov. 5 Brooksville City Council meeting run down

Notes from the Nov. 5, 2018 meeting. By Lisa MacNeil and Kathryn Dentato

## APPROVAL/MODIFICATIONS OF THE AGENDA

The council unanimously approved the agenda without modification.

## CERTIFICATES AND PROCLAMATIONS

Vice Mayor Robert Battista read the proclamation designating November 24, 2018 as Small Business Saturday. Pat Crowley, CEO of the Hernando County Chamber of Commerce accepted the proclamation with several business leaders of the county.

Hernando County Chamber of Commerce Chairperson Marilyn Pearson-Adams urged everyone to "Shop Small" on Saturday, November 24 to show support for small and local business.

Mike Dolan, owner of the Dolan Bed and Breakfast announced that he and his wife listed the B&B for sale, and received a full cash offer within days. Dolan however said that his wife was still looking for a new business, "So we're not going anywhere." The Dolan B&B is expected to continue as a bed and breakfast albeit with new owners.

## CITIZEN INPUT

No one chose to speak during general Citizen Input.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Joe Bernardini pulled #2: Advisory Board Appointments

Consideration to appoint: Duane Vann to Cemetery Advisory Committee for unexpired four year term through December 31, 2021, and Mike Dolan to Good Neighbor Trail Advisory Committee to fill vacancy due to resignation (no term expirations). Bernardini wanted to give the appointees a chance to speak, and also mentioned that there were few applicants for the positions.

Mike Dolan thanked the council for his appointment to the Advisory Board, and said, "I appreciate the opportunity to support the Good Neighbor Trail Advisory Committee, and continue the good work that they've been doing so far."

Mr. Vann was not available for comment.

The appointments were unanimously approved.

Bernardini also moved to pull #6: Bryant Miller and Olive Agreement - Analysis of Fire Assessment Methodology (Approval of fire assessment agreement proposal in the amount of \$17,500 and approval to reduce reserves from \$42,000 to \$24,500).

The council approved unanimously after discussion of the language contained in the agreement.

City Manager Mark Kutney moved to pull #4: Art Coordinator Agreement (Approval of Art Coordinator Agreement in the amount of \$7,000 annually effective October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019)

Kutney pulled the item for the reason of the last sentence in the second paragraph of the agreement containing the outdated language, "For the term of this agreement." The council approved the change unanimously.

Mayor Betty Erhard pulled #5, Settlement Agreement - George Turner (Approval of agreement and authorize signature by Mayor and City Manager.) Erhard said, "I'm not in favor of approving this. I think the city has a strong case."

City Attorney Becky Vose explained the item in greater detail, "This is an agreement which was negotiated by (the city's) insurance company. The insurance company would be paying the cost of the litigation, and they believe that with the litigation costs going forward, that this was the proper thing to do. They're paying all the expenses." Vose added that if the council did not agree to the terms set by the insurance company that it could affect the city's costs for insurance in the future.

This agenda item was also passed unanimously.

The council unanimously approved the rest of the consent agenda, consisting of two items; Minutes from August 20 and 27, 2018 and September 17, 2018, and Award of Bid - Saxon Brook Drainage Program (Approval of bid to Ekipa Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$150,786 and authorize execution by Mayor upon final approval of contract documents by City Attorney.)

## REGULAR AGENDA

Resolution 2018-18 - Change Street Name - North Ave., E. to Ernie Chatman Run was approved unanimously via a roll-call vote.

Resolution No. 2018 - Road Closure - Christmas on Main Street. The closures will be at Broad Street / Lemon Avenue (the detour will be right on Lemon Avenue, left on Liberty Street, left on South Brooksville Avenue, right on Broad Street) and the other closure at Jefferson Street / North Brooksville Avenue (the detour will be right on North Brooksville Avenue, left on Fort Dade Avenue, left on Orange Avenue, right on Jefferson Street.)

No budget impact is associated with approval of this resolution, which passed unanimously via a roll-call vote.

## Facility User Agreement Revisions

This item is for consideration of revisions to terms in the Facility Use Agreement and to add additional fee for Park staff attendance at events.

Changes proposed for the Facility Use Agreement:

User Agreement Term #2, adding to the Hernando County Mining Association / Enrichment Center as a location to allow alcoholic beverages to be allowed during rentals of that facility, just as it is currently allowed at the Jerome Brown Community Center. A permit is required to be issued by the City for this to be allowed. (The Director of the Enrichment Centers of Hernando County, Inc. is in support of this addition.)

User Agreement Term #3, changing the ending time for events from 12:00 AM (midnight) to 11:00 PM.

User Agreement Term #4, removing Police Officers and adding Hernando County Sheriff's Office.

User Agreement Term #4 [sic], adding insurance language to identify the City Hall address, 201 Howell Ave for the certificate of insurance, needed to host events.

Budgetary changes to the agreement are as follows:

All groups will be required to have General Park Staff at the event, as determined by the City of Brooksville Parks Department. (Usually 1-2 staff depending on the size of the event)

Payment of overtime charge for General Park Staff during the entirety of the event (4 hr min @ \$30 = \$120)

Payment of overtime charge for Technical Park Staff (electrician) during the event (2 hr min @ \$40 = \$80)

\$1,000,000 general liability insurance naming the City of Brooksville as insured and listed as additional insured.

If considered a large special event - an off-duty, special detail deputy must be secured at the renter's expense.

The actual budget impact is not known. It will have an increase in revenue and an increase in expenses. The increase in revenues should offset the increase in expenses.

The changes carried 5-0.

## ADJOURNMENT OF CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH COASTAL ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC., - CONTRACT EXTENSION

Consideration to authorize the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Chairperson to execute the necessary paperwork with Coastal Engineering Associates, Inc., to enable the CRA to enter into this eighth, one (1) year extension with provisions for public records management, and utilizing the existing contract specifying the balance of terms as negotiated/executed in the original agreement dated November 15, 2010.

Community Redevelopment Agency Director Bill Geiger, who presented the topic described Coastal Engineering as "Good to work with, they're a local company ... and they've been responsive to the needs that we've had." Geiger recommended to council that Coastal's contract be renewed, with the understanding that it is a non-exclusive contract, meaning that other engineering firms can bid on projects and be approved during the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act, or CCNA.

City Manager Mark Kutney introduced the discussion, and consideration of the CCNA process, "The city attorney and I have talked about this ... as you know, this is the eighth addendum. I think it is imperative, we're doing the CCNA, not only for CRA, but for potential services for regular city business from an engineering standpoint. The attorney and I are going to look at whether we can do it in one process or whether we need two separate processes ... We hope to have this kicked off in late November, or early December ... but it does take a little while to do a CCNA, more so than your normal procurement." Kutney then left it to the board to decide to extend Coastal's contract for one more year, or until the CCNA process is completed. The entire process takes about three months.

Council Member William Kemerer voiced his concern that bringing in new players could result in higher costs. "My concern is that right now, the rates that we're being charged have not changed in eight years." Kemerer went on to say that Coastal's quality has improved, if it has not been unchanged. He also questioned the wisdom of starting the CCNA process, with the risk of losing Coastal, and possibly paying a higher rate.

Attorney Betsy Vose explained the CCNA process is not a bidding system, but system in which the council will interview and negotiate with each engineering firm, and if an agreement cannot be reached, that firm "drops out" of the process. Because the CCNA process is also not exclusive, other firms can be considered if problems arise with a selected firm.

Mayor Betty Erhard said she would like to see an engineering firm on staff.

The council approved Coastal Engineering's contract for an additional year by a 4-1 vote. Ehrhard voted against the motion.

Council Member Joe Bernardini moved to bid some projects for FY 2019, to coincide with the CCNA process. No one seconded the motion, and it died.

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# School district donations head to Panhandle

by JULIE B. MAGLIO  
Hernando Sun Writer

On Monday morning, Nov. 19, a large panel truck full of school supplies donated by the Hernando County community headed off to Bay County in the Panhandle. A school supply drive organized by Hernando County schools began on Nov. 1, and in a couple short weeks enough supplies were collected to fill the entire truck.

When need was determined, our county was asked to collect certain items like new school supplies for students, supplies for teachers and new clothes for students in grades K-12. Community members brought donations to each school in the district. The supplies were then sorted and organized at the district's warehouse.

Karen Jordan, school district Public Information Officer said the majority of donations

that came in were from individuals and families. Some businesses pitched in like Accuform who donated boxes to store donations. Other agencies like the Sheriff's Office and the Tax Collector's Office also contributed with their own collections, both supply and monetary collections and helped to spread the word about the supply drive.

"Because it's holiday time, some people feel a lot of pressure at this time of year. This was just an unbelievable response," remarked Jordan. She said that the large boxes in the truck are stuffed to capacity.

"It's only been a year since Irma... it seemed like a natural way to partner with a neighboring district," she said.

School district employees Don Roberts and Merle Auvil volunteered to drive the truck up to the Panhandle. They anticipated a 6 to 8 hour drive and weren't quite



Merle Auvil, shows a bag of change that was donated at one of the elementary schools. BELOW: Boxes of donations at the district's warehouse distribution center

TOP: Donated backpacks were stuffed full of supplies. ABOVE: The warehouse team sorts and organizing donations. LEFT: Merle Auvil (left) and Don Roberts (right) packing the truck that they will drive up to the Panhandle.



sure where they would stay once they arrived since most hotels in the area are fully occupied by displaced hurricane victims.

Mr. Auvil brought out a small donation to show us.

"This is something that came in from one of the elementaries that we thought was special. It's a little bag of change.

We don't know if it was a class or an individual child- we just thought it was kind of neat."

"I couldn't be more proud," said Superintendent Stratton, "not just of our school district but of our community as a whole." He remarked that they put the call out and the teachers, staff and principals made it happen.



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and Professional/Technical/ Supervisory Employees for 2018-2019

3404 : Ratify Changes to the Contract Between Hernando United School Workers (HUSW) and the Hernando County School Board

3408 : Approve the Deletion of Surplus Property from District Inventory Records

3421 : Approval of the Job Description Revision for Manager of Planning, Design and Construction.

**All Other Purchase Order/ Bid Agenda Items**

3380 : Approve Renewal of Bid No. 16-405-01 RA RN - Fuel: Diesel & Gasoline, Unleaded to Multiple Vendors for the Procurement of Fuel and Authorize the Purchase of Goods on an as Needed Basis for an Estimated Annual Amount of \$1,297,711.96

3395 : Approve Renewal of Bid No. 17-200-07 RN Promotional Products: Screen Printing, Embroidery Services and Custom Orders to Multiple Vendors and Authorize Purchases on an as Needed Basis for an Estimated Annual Spending of \$300,000.00

3396 : Approve the Renewal for Software from Destination Knowledge and the Approval of a Purchase Order to Destination Knowledge for \$144,715.00

3411 : Approve Piggybacking State of Florida, Florida Department of Education Bid No. ITB 2017-02 Type A, Type C and Type D School Buses and Optional Equipment to Sun State International Truck, LLC and Authorize the Purchase of Seven (7) International School Buses in the Amount of \$792,638.00.

3424 : Award Bid No. 19-910-09 HVAC Equipment, Parts & Repair Services to Air Mechanical & Service Corp, Carrier Corporation, Climate Control Mechanical Services, and Tampa Bay System Sales Dba Tampa Bay Trane and Issue Purchase Orders as Needed for an Estimated Annual Amount of \$500,000.00

**All Other Superintendent Agenda Items**

3409 : Approval of the 2018-2019 Florida Safe School Assessment Report

**Items that were removed from the consent agenda:**

#3365 – The item was removed in order to adjust/correct the bid number. (\$78,000 to Central Poly Corp for trash can and compactor liners) Ms. Narverud moved to approve the item, and Ms. Duval seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

#3397 Approval of Personnel Recommendations – This item was removed due to an employee, Jason Buse, filing an appeal, so his name was removed from the list. The Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH) will handle the appeal. Ms. Duval moved to approve the remainder of the personnel recommendations, and Ms. Narverud seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

#3407 – \$50,000 Luxout Stage Drapes- Furnish and Install Stage Drapes- This item was to approve the renewal of the piggybacking bid with Duval County, and not a new bid. Ms. Narverud moved to approve the item, and Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

The Action Item – Approval of the 2018-2019 Legislative Platform and Priorities – was tabled.

**Citizen Input**

Citizens were invited to speak on general topics by completing a pink form.

Sandra Badger requested follow up on a co-worker as she has not received any response from her complaint, which she characterized as a bullying/harassment incident. Superintendent Stratton asked her to meet with Ms. Michalicka.

Lisa M. asked about the reading plan discussed and gave her perspective as a teacher and a reading coach who returned to the classroom after the district removed coaches from individual schools. While coaches are effective, she felt that hiring more coaches when there are classrooms needing teachers was not the best choice for the district. Teachers are leaving for non-instructional positions, and currently 70 teaching positions are open. Why? What makes that more attractive than working

with students? She believes it is because of the shift toward more data and tracking and away from focusing on students.

Ms. Prescott responded that as a retired educator, she receives the NEA magazine, and quoted: 93% of surveyed teachers reported they are under high stress. By 2020, reading teachers will be need more than 300 hours of training to receive the additional certification that is required. She agreed that this is a problem that legislators should address.

Danielle Underwood began by thanking Ms. Duval for her questions and concerns and noting that giving students the best chance to read is critical. "It's sad that we are talking about money over our kids' learning. Just sad," she said. She spoke in favor of using the money designated for the iReady program (used for remedial intensive reading classes) to instead train teachers in multisensory explicit instruction. Ms. Underwood said that dyslexia, which is a specific learning disability, was not mentioned until the end of the discussion. She advocated learning more about dyslexia and implementing interventions which would help those students.

**INFORMATIONAL AGENDA**

**GENERAL COUNSEL**

#3426 – *Renewal of Mr. Alfonso's contract as the attorney for the school board.*

Ms. Narverud moved to approve the item, and Ms. Duval seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

#3420 – *Discussion about Dr. Romano's termination*

hearing on 10/03/18 The Board approved a letter on 06/26/18 outlining the reasons why Dr. Romano was being terminated from her position as Superintendent of Hernando County Schools.

Dr. Romano asked for a hearing, which was held 10/03/18. At the hearing, the Board received documents that supported the termination and rebuttal documents from Dr. Romano.

Attorneys submitted closing arguments on 10/10/18. The item was placed on the agenda so the Board could provide a final ruling to uphold Dr. Romano's termination or to reverse it. Ms. Narverud, Ms. Duval, and Ms. Prescott stated they reviewed all the documentation provided and agreed to uphold or affirm the termination. Mr. Johnson made no remarks. Ms. Narverud motioned to approve the motion and Ms. Duval seconded. The Board voted 4-0 to affirm the termination of Dr. Romano.

**Well Wishes and final remarks from Beth Narverud and Mark Johnson**

Since this was the last board meeting for Mr. Johnson and Ms. Narverud, Mr. Alfonso stated it had been a pleasure serving with them. Ms. Duval thanked Mr. Johnson and Ms. Narverud for the past four years working together. While they did not always agree, she said that civility was of paramount importance to her. Being able to talk to one another even when you disagree is something that is needed in the current social climate. It was important to always move forward and she appreciated their conversations and kindness to her.

Ms. Prescott noted that it was a "challenge to develop a relationship with people that you really can't talk to" (due to Florida's Sunshine laws), but that both Ms. Narverud and Mr. Johnson were supportive. She hoped they would not forget about the school board members as they went off "to do great things," and now they could talk.

Mr. Alfonso jokingly asked Ms. Prescott if they (Mr. Johnson and Ms. Narverud) would only get three minutes (the length of time a citizen can speak to the board on a single item). Ms. Narverud thanked Mr. Alfonso for his guidance and the other board members in general. She specifically thanked Kelly Pogue "who worked tirelessly to keep us in line". She thanked the community and Hernando County residents for the honor of serving them. Though this was her last meeting, Ms. Narverud stated she would continue to be involved to make Hernando County an "A" district.

Mr. Stratton thanked Ms. Narverud and Mr. Johnson for their time on the school board for the past four years. Although leadership styles differ, each member had the education of the county's students' best interest in mind. "Even in the

midst of disagreement," he said, "We don't lose sight of that... We all want the same thing. How we get there, we may not agree. What we do, we may not agree, but the end result is what we're all searching for."

He stated that the position of school board member is very difficult, and thankless. Being unable to discuss matters among the members is hard. He appreciated their generosity and openness to him and hoped they appreciated his openness and honesty as well. On behalf of the District and board members, Mr. Stratton presented an individual plaque to both departing board members.

Mr. Johnson mentioned a few people by name before he read from prepared remarks. He stated he appreciated being part of a team that worked to earn a "B" rating for the District. The team included administrative, instructional, and support staff. His remarks included many things he is proud of during his time as a school board member:

- Working with Mr. Cooper's class, which began when he was a candidate four years ago, including the Students' Choice Awards for most inspirational teacher
- Living history lessons about World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, taught to students at Winding Waters by military veterans from Timber Pines
- The "Random Act of Paper," where he showed up unannounced to present a ream of paper to a teacher in the classroom
- 3-D scan of the teacher that was made into a figure or bobblehead of the teacher
- Kindergarten students who were taught the art of the masters (in the style of 4 masters), who were then given acrylic paints and a canvas so they could paint in their own style
- Mrs. Santiago's class, who knew their lines during a presentation as a living wax museum
- Mrs. Rothenberg, who is a dedicated and funny science teacher
- Becoming a science experiment for Professor Marshmallow (Ruth Markham)
- Started the Educator's Club at Timber Pines which tutored and mentored students, and later added judging a science fair to their annual events
- The Parent Academy, with Yvette Mendoza
- History Fair judging
- Urban Gentlemen's Club – Mr. Johnson raised more than \$3,000 to pay for shirts and ties for the boys who participated. He stated that community partners are needed to help this program continue.
- Sponsored choral performances at Timber Pines
- Return of the Central High School marching band
- Helped schools complete three construction projects (Hernando High School's press box, new dugouts at Central High School, ticket booths at Nature Coast High School)
- Overhauled construction process and volunteer application process to streamline and decrease the time needed for approvals

Mr. Johnson stated there were good times, and times when the board "lost its dignity and behaved poorly." He said there were great accomplishments for the district while he served on the board.

The next board meeting is scheduled for 11/20/18, which will be an organizational meeting. Incoming board members "will face great challenges," Mr. Johnson said. With Hurricane Michael's extensive damage in the panhandle, it is likely that the next legislative session will allocate more funds for that area so they can rebuild, which will reduce funds to Hernando County. Mr. Johnson stated his hope that the next board would use the available funds wisely. He thanked the residents for the opportunity to serve the County.

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**CITY COUNCIL  
RECONVENES**

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) adjourned their meeting, and the City Council reconvened to complete the agenda. The next item was to hear citizen input, but no one came forward. The mayor asked each council member, the city attorney, and the city manager for anything they wished to bring to the public. The city attorney, Ms. Vose, had no items to present.

**City Manger Mark Kutney**

The city manager, Mr. Kutney, discussed two items. He thanked the council members who participated in a 360 assessment of his abilities as city manager. He stated this was to help him maintain certification through ICMA (International City/County Management Association). Secondly, he thanked the Vose Law Firm for the presentation they made before the city council on 10/29/18. Council members from the City of Bushnell joined them. The detailed presentation on ethics explained Florida's Sunshine law and public records as it relates to the city government.

**ITEMS BY COUNCIL**

Vice Mayor Robert Battista had no items to present.

**Praise for Fire Departments**

Council member Brent Young praised the Brooksville and Hernando County Fire Departments for their work to battle a blaze and explosions at a local lumber yard the week before.

**Microwave Towers**

Council member Bill Kemmerer referred to minutes from the August 2018 meetings and recalled City Development Manager Bill Geiger for a follow up on microwave towers. Geiger stated they have prepared an ordinance which will be brought to the city council, once the federal government has determined the set of rules the city will need to follow. The city attorney stated, "The feds have essentially pulled the rug out from under local governments on this. We can still do something, but not to the extent of what we were going to." She was hopeful that they could present the revised ordinance at a meeting in the near future.

**Southern Hills Booster Station**

Kemmerer then asked the city's Public Works Director Richard Radacky for an update on the Southern Hills booster station. Radacky stated that the Southern Valley loop has been done and reported. He has heard reports that people have water pressure "like they haven't seen before." The testing report was sent to Coastal Engineering and Greenpoint. He states he has not been able to reach them for their input. The 150-day clock began 10/22/18 and should be complete in early March 2019. He will give the city council periodic updates. Kemmerer asked for details pertaining to the Veterans Day parade to be held on 11/10/18. "I never get the memos on this," he laughed.

**Congratulations to Steve Mettinger**

Kemmerer congratulated Steve Mettinger for obtaining his CFO. He noted that the millage certification had been received and found in compliance. He asked for an email copy of the filing.

**Comments on the CCNA (Consultant's Competitive Negotiations Act) process**

Regarding the CCNA, Kemmerer explained that he did not support it because he understands there is interest in getting a city engineer and wanted to know if a workshop could be organized to explain expectations. He was interested in what they could or could not do, and what the options would be with a CCNA before moving forward. He stated he basically wanted more information if they are considering creating a new position in the city government.

Battista stated he didn't see the reason for that as the county has a good engineering staff but still uses a CCNA firm. In looking at the CRA, Coastal Engineering seems to be the only firm with a planner, which Battista stated was crucial because the majority of task orders are planning-oriented. (An exception is the water tower, which was an engineering project.)

A city engineer is usually a department head, Battista said, because of the money being spent. It can be beneficial because there are no conflicts. For example, a project can be signed/sealed by the engineer, but then he could choose to work for a competing interest. A city engineer would work for the best interest of the city and not for a developer. Battista said it was something the city had an issue with in the past. "What engineer is representing who at the table?"

Kemmerer asked if that was something that could be created over time. Mayor Erhard immediately agreed that it could. Battista, however, stated that he didn't believe the city could afford it. Erhard addressed Battista's comments as contradictory, stating he voted to reduce the millage rate and for a 5% pay increase and now says that the city can't afford an engineer. "I just don't get you guys sometimes," she said. Battista clarified this to mean he did not believe there would be enough work to justify having just an engineer on staff.

With some proposed infrastructure projects over the next year, Kemmerer stated that having backups in the departments would also be important. Battista stated that a succession program would be between the city manager and the department heads. There is not enough work to sustain an engineer, but possibly a junior engineer. However, with the projects in mind, the city will need someone experienced, and that means paying them a very good salary and making them the equivalent of a department head. A consulting engineer could represent the city but would not take on the projects himself.

**Comments on a Citizens Academy for the city**

Kemmerer stated he stopped in the city of Black Mountain in North Carolina, a city with about 8,000 residents. He was impressed with their concept of a citizens' academy. Citizens were taught more about city government and have become more active in committees and in other ways which help their city, including using these citizens to disseminate ideas to the community. Ms. Vose stated that the city of Cocoa Beach has a similar successful program. Kutney stated that this is similar to a citizens' academy organized by the sheriff's department that takes place over several weeks. He took part in one years ago and enjoyed the experience. The trend is for city government to focus on a specific department for a month or two, and then switch to another department so the citizens learn the particulars of each department. Battista stated the Chamber of Commerce brings citizens to city and county meetings to learn

about government that way, but it is less intensive. Joe Bernardini asked if the council wanted to follow up on Kemmerer's suggestion of the citizen's academy. The council members agreed, and Kutney thanked Bernardini as it gave him direction.

**Condolences to the Bailey Family**

Bernardini offered condolences to the Bailey family in the loss of Avery Bailey, whose father was the manager of the A&P grocery store and his mother taught kindergarten.

**Oak Park Avenue Update**

Mayor Erhard asked Public Works Director Richard Radacky about the condition of the road at Oak Park Avenue as she has received inquiries. The pothole that was in front of Oak Drive was cut out and the street was fixed "curb to curb" with a patch from the city's new patch truck. Dead limbs were removed from an oak on the corner, as well as a live limb that had grown over a power line. An oak tree that had fallen in the back of the property was removed.

Another issue is the damage being done by garbage and recycling trucks that move the asphalt to the sides of the road. DPW will try to repair this section as well by removing the damaged surface. The main issue seems to be the lack of a good limerock base, so some of the road will need to be rebuilt. Tremont Street has also had some repairs.

**VFW Road Development**

Erhard said that she, along with some Southway Villa residents, spoke to the BOCC at their Nov. 5 meeting and they voted no to a proposed multifamily development on VFW Road. Don Lacey then withdrew a petition related to the housing development. Southway Villa residents also submitted a petition protesting the development citing flooding issues, poor road conditions for such a development and its poor fit with their 55 and over community.

**More on CRA decision to extend Coastal Engineering Contract**

Regarding the Coastal Engineering contract, Erhard said the city can only move forward by changing. Quoting Albert Einstein, Erhard said, "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result." She expressed disappointment that the city was not exploring other options. It wasn't that she was in the minority but felt that voting against something can be a concern. While she agreed that Coastal Engineering is competent, she wanted to look at other options. Erhard mentioned Southern Hills is a current Coastal Engineering project. Bernardini stated the contract is only for one year or until the end of the project, which means that the city can still work on the CCNA, which should be done by early November 2019. Looking to bid and looking at the contracts is a good idea. "Change is not a bad thing but definitely change is going to happen regardless of whether we change or not," Erhard responded.

**Reducing size of paper utility bill**

Erhard also would like to bring a proposal to a future council meeting about reducing the size of the paper used in utility bills from 8.5 x 11 to a postcard size. She would like the agenda book to be digital eventually, which would have a potential cost savings in paper, ink and staff time. "I'm just looking at saving money, and every bit adds up."

The next meeting is scheduled for 11/19/18.

**EXHIBIT "A" TO RESOLUTION NO. 2018-19  
Portion of "North Ave. E" to be changed to "Ernie Chatman Run"**



The portion of North Ave. E above was renamed Ernie Chatman Run at the Nov. 5 City Council Meeting.

IN, OUT & ABOUT

# Preserving trails for horseback



Lee Adams from Sumter County and Dana Proeger from Brooksville ride the trails at Tucker Hill, a trail head of the Withlacoochee State Forest

ARTICLE AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY ALICE MARY HERDEN

Withlacoochee State Forest offers scenic and unique opportunities for a wide variety of outdoor activities such as hiking, seasonal hunting, nature photography, mountain biking, motocross and of course horseback riding.

Hernando County is home to many horse owners. There are designated areas for horseback riding within the Withlacoochee State Forest which provide more than just a healthy outlet for horses, but for the riders as well.

The Nature Coast Back Country Horsemen organization began in Montana in 1973 when four horsemen realized that public lands would need help in order to keep equestrian access open for future generations. As the years past many chapters were organized and developed to help maintain the upkeep of existing trails as well as create new ones.

Mary Lou Patton, 79, is the president of the local Nature Coast Back Country Horsemen (NCBCH) chapter. She stated that the overall purpose of this chapter is to:

To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in our area.

To work to ensure that public lands remain open to horseback riding.

To assist and have a great relationship with our land managers with taking care of trails and



Mary Lou Patton and her horse Cheyenne

helping with any projects, such as the rebuilding of the Tucker Hill Kiosk.

To educate, encourage and solicit active participation by horseback riders in the caring for our trails.

There are around 43 miles of horseback riding trails available within the Withlacoochee State Forest and members of the NCBCH chapter volunteer to keep those trails usable for horseback riders.

NCBH and Forestry completed improvements for equestrian trails at the Tucker Hill trailhead in April.

NCBH explains on their website, "Be sure to check out the new and improved Tram Trail along Croom Road.

It has been changed to start inside the Tucker Hill equestrian parking lot and stays entirely in the trees.

"The trail at Tucker Hill that starts near the water trough and heads down the hill has been rerouted somewhat to avoid the washout area and to improve its sustainability.

"Many thanks to Ann and Bob Hopta and their friends from Pa. for opening these new sections of trail."

Interested in finding more about the group and how to become a member visit their website at <https://sites.google.com/site/naturecoastbch/home>

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Spirit Mountain is one of the trails named by Mary Lou Patton. Trail names help riders navigate throughout the trails.



Cathy Ulm (Member), Gail Aylward Member), Steven Nelson (visitor), Mary Lou Patton (President), Nick Egoroff (Member), Shelly Solvedt (Member), Ann Hopta (Treasurer)



Rosemary Muffley and Mary Lou Patton riding the trails at Tucker Hill trailhead.

**FROM OUR TABLE TO YOURS**  
by Cheryl Clanton



### Easy, Easy Green Bean Casserole

#### Ingredients

- 2 10oz. Can Cream of mushroom soup
- pepper to taste
- 4 cans Seasoned Green Beans (drained)
- 3 cups Crispy Fried Onions (divided)

#### Directions

- In large bowl mix soup, milk and pepper, stir in drained beans and 1/2 of Crispy Fried Onions.
- Pour mixture into baking pan
- Bake at 350 for 30

- minutes or until hot
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- Serve Feeds med/ large crowd

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## K9 PARTNERS FOR PATRIOTS 5K RUN-WALK SAT. NOV. 24, 8-11AM

Hosted by K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc. at the Anderson Snow Sports Complex, 1360 Anderson Snow Rd, Spring Hill, FL 34609. Please join us to raise funds for K9 Partners for Patriots. There will be medals, t-shirts, and swag for all participants as well as medals and prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers! Well behaved, leashed dogs are welcome. Disobedient, aggressive dogs will not be permitted. Fundraising Goal: \$6,600. K9 Partners for Patriots is a nonprofit organization that adopts dogs from shelters and rescues and teaches veterans with PTS, TBI, and MST to train them as their own service dog. The complete 19-week training program, dog, and

all necessary equipment are provided to the Veteran at absolutely no charge. Visit our website: <https://k9partners-forpatriots.com/5k-run-walk-fundraiser/> for registration fees or for more information and to register online. Run/Walk starts at 8 am. We would like everyone to wear a shirt displaying a branch of the military as a demonstration of support for our nation's veterans and active service members. This course utilizes the Suncoast Trail. Run/Walk starts at Anderson Snow Sports Complex, proceeds down the Suncoast Trail to County Line Road and back to Anderson Snow Park.

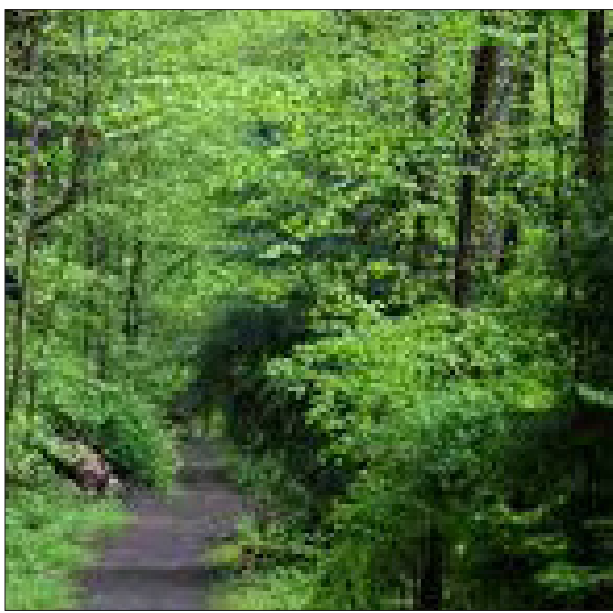
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Chinsegut Conservation Center is located 23212 Lake Lindsey Rd, Brooksville



## TUESDAY WILDLIFE TREK TUESDAY, NOV. 27, 5PM - 7PM

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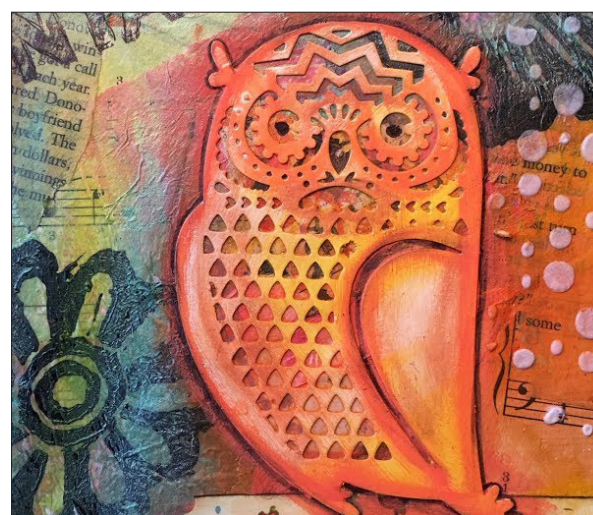
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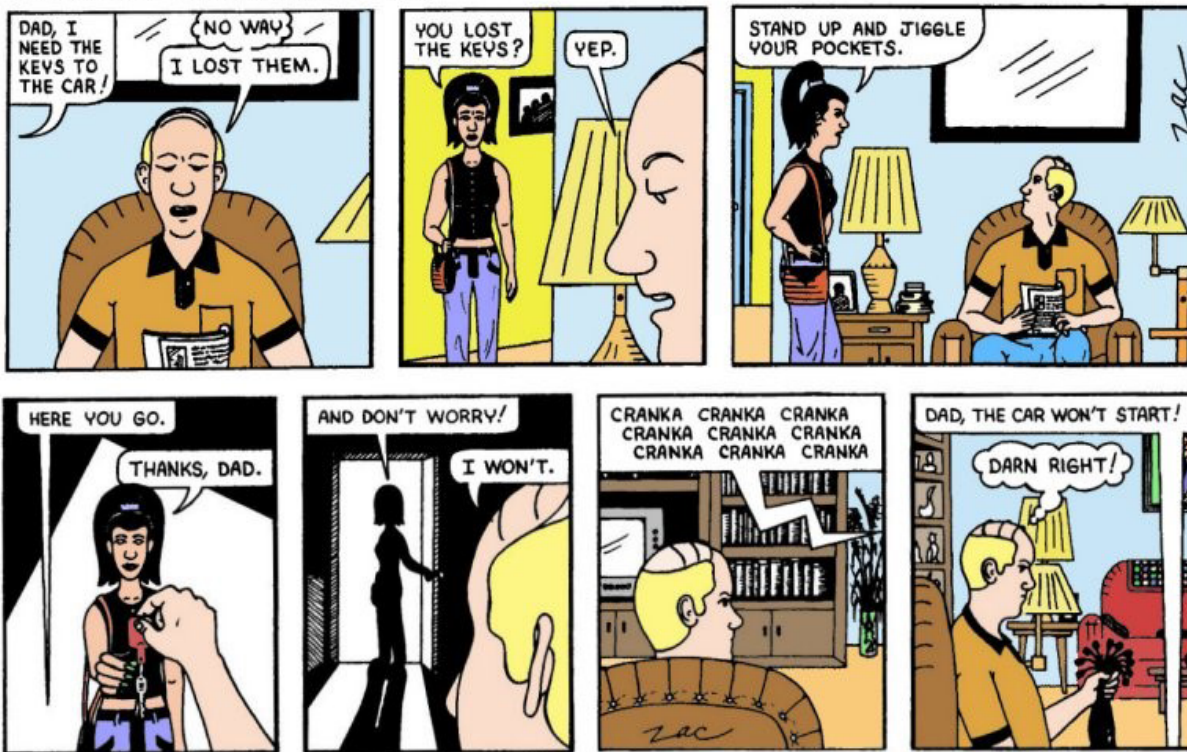
## UN-COMMONLY ARTSY SATURDAY, NOV. 24, 2018 10 AM - 2 PM DOWNTOWN BROOKSVILLE

Un-Common-Ly Artsy is a monthly arts market held every 4th Saturday of the month. The market is hosted by Brooksville Main Street that will be held in Historic Downtown Brooksville. It is a fantastic collection of fine artists, crafters, makers and food trucks. The Uptown Art Gallery will also be open during this time for visitors to view the latest art collections. Come support the revitalization efforts of Brooksville Main Street for our city of Brooksville. Contact Tina Marie Polson at 352.540.6476 or visit [www.brooksvillemainstreet.org](http://www.brooksvillemainstreet.org).

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December 2018 Activities of Hernando Audubon Society

Christmas Bird Counts

Hernando Audubon Society will organize two Christmas Bird Counts in Hernando County. These are among the more than sixty Christmas Bird Counts being planned in Florida, and the thousands scheduled throughout the United States and other countries. Christmas Bird Counts have occurred annually for 119 years, and are the longest running citizen-science bird project. Every year volunteers count birds within designated areas, providing important data to assess the health of bird populations and to help guide conservation action.

The Brooksville Christmas Bird Count will occur on Saturday, December 15, and will count the quantity and variety of bird species within a circle with a 7.5 mile radius from Bystre Lake. For more information or to be assigned to a team, contact Linda, 352-428-2629, lindalark85@gmail.com

The Aripeka-Bayport Christmas Bird Count will be on Wednesday, December 19, and will count all the birds from Pine Island in Hernando County to Crews Lake in Pasco County. For more information or to be assigned to a team, contact Bev at 352-686-0460 or bevalhansen@gmail.com.

Other Birding Trips of Hernando Audubon Society

Brooksville Wetlands: Saturday, December 1, 7:30 a.m., meet at the southwest retention pond at Walmart, 7305 Broad Street, Brooksville (intersection of US-41 and Wiscon Road). From there we will carpool to look for ducks, wading birds, and songbirds at various wetlands near Brooksville. For more information, text Linda at 352-428-2629 or email lindalark85@gmail.com.

Beginning Birding: Friday, December 29, 8 a.m. at Chinsegut Conservation Center, 23212 Lake Lindsey Road, Brooksville. Learn to identify birds at feeders and during a short walk. There will be binoculars and bird books available for use. For information, text Linda at 352-428-2629 or email lindalark85@gmail.com.

For more details about these activities, check hernando-audubon.org All Hernando Audubon activities are free and open to the public.

Nature Coast 912 Patriots

On December 8, 2018 we will be having our Christmas party. Come one, come all for great food and fun. Time: 11:30 AM Location: Praise Family Worship Center 17920 Meridian Blvd. Hudson Florida 34667 727-863-8989

Visit us on Facebook at: facebook/Nature Coast 912 Patriots

All our meetings (and parties) have an open door policy, so bring your family and friends. Member's please wear you Nature Coast 912 Patriots shirts. Admission is free.

Christmas Collection for Guardian Ad Litem Children

The Betty Lykes Stringer chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy is in the process of collecting Christmas toys for Children in the Guardian ad Litem program. These are children who have been removed from their homes for their own protection and who had to leave most of their belongings

behind. The chapter is also collecting non-perishable food items to donate to local food banks. We are an organization that is concerned about preserving history and honoring our ancestors as well as all veterans. If you are interested in joining this fine, non-profit organization or learning more about us please contact Anne Brown, email: annebro@gmail.com or phone: 352-345-8740. Come visit us to hear some great historical programs and learn about our Real Daughters, ladies still living, whose fathers served in the War Between the States.

Unitarian Universalist Church in the Pines will present a series of programs for December on the subject of hope.

Programs exploring aspects of hope will include: "Interactive Hopes and Dreams" presented by Dr. Andy LePage on Dec. 2; "Hope and Justice" by Rabbi Reb Tuviah Dec. 9; "LGBT Panel" by Brenda Auch and Karen Clarke Dec. 16; "Candles—Hope and Light" by Ellen Paul on the 23rd; and "Sabbath: Why Do We Need To Get Us Some" on Dec. 30. Services begin at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday at The Heather community center, 9100 Nakoma Way, Weeki Wachee.

Hernando Youth Orchestra seeks Instrument Donations!

Have a musical instrument you don't want? Please donate it to a worthy cause? The Hernando Youth Orchestra accepts most donated instruments (calliopes and Kazoos need not apply!) We pick them up, fix them up, and give them to eager young musicians, so your donated instrument helps the Orchestra—and young musicians—grow. A future Itzhak Perlman is waiting to learn on your old violin. Call 352-600-9555 to schedule a pickup up. Check us out: www.HernandoYouthOrchestra.org.

Tickets are now available for the 2019 Soup-a-Thon at St. Frances Cabrini on Saturday January 5, 2019. The seating's are 11:30 to 1:00, 1:30 to 3:00, 3:30 to 5:00 and 5:30 to 7:00. There will be a minimum of 20 soups available at all times as well as bread and butter on all tables. This is all you can eat, one cup at a time, no carry out event... This the 9th year for this event and we have sold out each year, so get your tickets early. All proceeds from this event are donated to charity. This year we have soup donated from approximately 63 restaurants, just to name a few of these wonderful restaurants, Carrabbas Italian Grill, Fish Bones, Argento's, Kally K's, Cody's Roadhouse, Ruby Tuesdays, Chili's, Greek City, Beef o Brady's and many many more. Tickets are \$7.00 per person and available the Church Office 5030 Mariner Blvd, 352-683-9666, or call Jack Hauser 238-1878; John Moonan 352-397-5817; Billy Luecke 352-428-0052; Bob Jost 352-345-1826, John Mazzuca 352-238-8001, Bud Quehl 352-596-6111 or Dom Cuomo 352-584-5239.

There are only 250 tickets for each seating, so get you tickets ASAP. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Boutique of Hope

As Christmas nears, we think of giving and what we can give to others. The Boutique of Hope wants to give cancer victims and survivors special gifts to make life better for you. WE CAN HELP YOU with wigs, special bras, turbans, hats, scarves and more, if only you will COME TO SEE US. We are located at 5244 Commercial Road near Golden Corral, and Jericho Rd. Thrift Shop, open every Wed and Thurs from

10-2. Please come and let us give you our smiles, hugs, and HOPE for a brighter holiday. We still need volunteers to staff and crafters to make scarves and turbans so please offer the gift of your time and call Claire at 428-4143.

Sierra Club Adventure Coast Meet Up Wed. Dec. 12th features Cameron Jaggard

on "From the Coast to the Deep: Protecting Florida's Marine Ecosystems" Join us for the Sierra Club Adventure Coast Meet Up Wednesday, December 12th with Cameron Jaggard as we discover Florida's forage fish, ancient corals, and seagrass savannas during a talk entitled "From the Coast to the Deep: Protecting Florida's Marine Ecosystems." Cameron Jaggard is a principal Associate for U.S. Oceans, Southeast for The Pew Charitable Trusts. He will provide an overview of Pew, the importance of healthy marine and coastal ecosystems to Florida, and highlight two recent initiatives to protect ancient, deep-sea corals in the Gulf of Mexico and support new research on small, but important and mysterious forage fish and their relationship to predators, habitat, and environmental disturbances in Florida. Cameron is outreach coordinator for Pew's efforts to conserve Florida's ocean resources, including forage fish, based in North Palm Beach. Before joining Pew, Cameron worked as an environmental consultant in Florida and with the Institute for Fisheries Resources in San Francisco, supporting protection and restoration efforts for salmon and their river habitat along the U.S. West Coast from California to Alaska. 6:30 pm Social. 7 pm Presentation and meeting at the Harvey Martin Democratic Center, 3432 Deltona Blvd, Spring Hill, FL. Facebook at Sierra Club Adventure Coast Committee. Email dquirolo@gmail.com or call 352 277-3330.

FLORAL CITY HERITAGE DAYS 2018

FOLKLIFE AND LIVING HISTORY DAY

FLORAL CITY, FL- The Floral City Heritage Council presents Folklife and Living History Day featuring the Historic Home Tour, access to the Floral City Heritage Hall Museum and Country Store, and the Demonstrators' Field. The event will take place Saturday, December 1st from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Tickets for the Tour can be purchased at the Heritage Hall Museum, 8394 E. Orange Avenue, Floral City, FL; at any location on the Tour; or at the Information Tent located next to Ferris Farm. Step back into the past and see how life was "back in the day" when you visit our Demonstrators' Field or tour the eight historic homes and one historic garden. There will be folk music, authentic folk crafters, folk life daily living interpretations, delicious food and more at the Demonstrators' Field. Visit the Floral City Heritage Hall Museum to see the current exhibit "Another Day, Another Dollar: Making a Living in the Old Days", and learn more about this charming town that has been in existence since 1883. Shop our amazing Country Store and take home one of our beautiful and unique souvenirs. The Demonstrators' Field and admission to the Museum and Country Store are free to the public. The Historic Home Tour ticket is \$10 per person, and children under 12 are free. This event is sponsored by the Floral City Heritage Council of the Citrus County Historical Society. Proceeds from this event are used for education and historic preservation. More information can be found on Facebook @ Floral City Heritage Days and on Twitter and

Instagram at #heritagedaysfc and on the Web at www.floralcityhc.org.

The City's "Best Christmas Decorations of 2018" Contest!

The City of Brooksville Beautification Board's Annual Contest will be in full-swing again this year. All eyes will be looking at arrangements within our City limits to determine the winner for the holiday's best decorative display. So get the holly a-flowin', the lights a-showin' and make Brooksville a holiday wonderland -- all residential citizens and business owners are encouraged to participate and show your stuff!! December 11th is the when the members of the Brooksville Beautification Board will determine the winners in two respective categories: "Best Residential Christmas Display" and "Best Commercial Christmas Display". Make sure your property is lit up by 6pm for a chance to claim this year's bragging rights! Award winners will be recognized for their Christmas spirit by the Beautification Board along with the Brooksville City Council during Council's Regular Session on Monday, December 17, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Winners will be presented with a plaque and a recognition gift in appreciation. Nominations of properties or questions can be directed to Dodie Barger at 540-3830.

ART IN THE PARK NAMED TOP 20 MARCH EVENT IN THE SOUTHEAST

The Southeast Tourism Society is proud to announce Brooksville's Art in the Park 2019 has been named to its top 20 Festival and Events for the month of March 2019. The Southeast Tourism Society is a travel industry organization that has saluted the region's best events since 1985. Art in the Park events will be held at Tom Varn Park, 306 Darby Lane, Brooksville, FL, Saturday, March 9 and Sunday, March 10, 2019, 10am-5pm. The juried festival offers more than 160 fine art and craft exhibitors plus 2 days of live stage entertainment, featuring the Hernando Symphony Orchestra, Saturday at 1 pm performing "Pops in the Park." The event also includes a food court, a student art show and a Kids' Zone. The 35th annual Art in the Park is sponsored by the Hernando County Fine Arts Council. Admission is FREE. The \$5 suggested parking donation helps support all the arts in Hernando County. "The Southeast is home to unique and memorable events throughout the year. In spotlighting the Top 20 festivals events each month, STS is not only giving these events the recognition they deserve but we're also creating a quick reference and guide to some of the best festivals in the Southeast," said Bill Hardman, president and CEO of the Southeast Tourism Society. "These events are important to the economic vitality of our communities and this is a way for us to acknowledge the time and resources organizers have tirelessly spent to create memories for their attendees." Events considered for the STS Top 20 recognition must be at least 3 years old and have attendance of at least 1,000. STS, founded in 1983 and headquartered in Atlanta, GA., is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting tourism to and within 12 states- Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. Art in the Park is FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY. Visit HernandoArts.org or call Jan Knowles at (352) 279-5182 for more information.

HEALTH & WELLNESS BRIEFS

2019 Hernando County Great Weightloss Challenge

The 2019 Challenge will be from Saturday, January 19 to Wednesday, March 27. The GHWLC challenges team of 10 to commit to losing 10 pounds per person in 10 weeks. 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

Oak Hill Hospital Invites the Public to "Hops for Hearts" Fundraiser

Spring Hill, Florida (November 16, 2018) – Oak Hill Hospital invites the public to a Hops for Hearts Fundraiser on Friday, December 14, 2018, from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Tidal Brewing Company, 14311 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill, Florida 34609. Hops for Hearts is a fundraiser to benefit the American Heart Association Heart Walk Team Oak Hill Hospital. Oak Hill Hospital invites the public to enjoy local craft beer, the company of good friends, 50/50 chance drawings and entertainment provided by the acoustic guitar of Nathan Allen. Five percent of all proceeds from the evening will be donated to the American Heart Association. For more information call Katie Stacy at Oak Hill Hospital's marketing department at 352-597-6317.

Access Health Care Physicians, LLC, Welcomes Nabeel Hamoui, MD, MBA

Access Health Care Physicians, LLC, is pleased to welcome Nabeel Hamoui, MD, MBA, to its medical staff. Dr. Hamoui practices urology at 12900 Cortez Boulevard, Suite 101, Brooksville, Florida 34613. Call 352-606-3357 to schedule an appointment. Dr. Hamoui specializes in urology and interventional radiology. He is board eligible in urology and board certified in interventional radiology and diagnostic radiology. Dr. Hamoui is one of only two people in the country/world with dual training in urology and radiology/IR (Interventional Radiology). Dr. Hamoui returns to Hernando County from Chicago, Illinois, where he served as Chief Resident at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. He completed internship in general and urological surgery; residency in diagnostic radiology, fellowship in vascular and interventional radiology, and residency in urology all at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. He graduated his final residency in June 2018. Dr. Hamoui received his medical degree from Duke University School of Medicine in Durham, North Carolina, where he also served as a clinical research fellow (National Institutes of Health). He also holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and he holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University



Members of Team Oak Hill pose with the owners of Tidal Brewing Company to promote their fundraiser. Left to right: Kristi Fuller, HR Coordinator; Stephanie Kindberg, Plant Ops Administrative Assistant; Melissa Dampier, Tidal Brewing Co. Manager; Maxine and Dave Peitzman, Tidal Brewing Co. Owners; Heather Bemis, HR Business Partner; Darin Wiedmer, Director of Materials.

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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Library Programs

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

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

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

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

Nov. 24

Game On! - EH 11/24/2018 10AM - 4PM Enjoy family gaming at the East Hernando Branch!

Family Movie @ Your Library - EH 11/24/2018 1 - 3PM Movies on the big screen with popcorn provided.

Personal Creativity Book Group - SH 11/24/2018 3 - 5PM Get inspired by reading and discussing books that encourage you to cultivate your creative self.

Nov. 26

Working with Computer Files - BV

11/26/2018 10AM - 12PM Registration is open Learn to save, organize, find, edit and delete your computer files.

STEAM Storytime - WH 11/26/2018 11:15 AM - 12PM It's storytime with a little bit of STEAM thrown in!

SHINE - WH (individual counseling by appt. only) 11/26/2018 1 - 4PM SHINE - MEDICARE COUNSELING by Appointment only.

A Romp through Classical Music - WH 11/26/2018 4 - 6PM Not an academic course, but a fun adventure with classical music for those who know nothing and for those who know a lot.

Coding for Kids - BV 11/26/2018 4:30 - 5:30 PM Registration is open Kids, come to join us and learn how to program and code. Each month, we'll go over basic programming and coding skills and then put them to the test using Scratch. Whether you have experience or not, all kids are welcome!

Nov. 27

Working with Computer Files - WH 11/27/2018 10AM - 12PM

Registration is open Learn to save, organize, find, edit and delete your computer files.

Toddler Storytime - BV 11/27/2018 10:30 - 11AM Stories, songs, and more in a storytime program designed for children between 18 months - 3 years old.

Preschool Storytime - BV 11/27/2018 11:15 - 11:45 AM Stories, songs, and more in a storytime program designed for children between 3 - 5 years old.

Spring Hill Book Discussion - SH 11/27/2018 12 - 1:30 PM Please contact the Spring Hill Branch to obtain a copy of the book and the discussion questions.

Spring Hill Book Discussion - SH 11/27/2018 1:45 - 3PM Please contact the Spring Hill Branch to obtain a copy of the book and the discussion questions.

Minecraft Afternoon - SH 11/27/2018 4:30 - 5:30 PM Do you enjoy playing Minecraft? Well, now you can play it at the library! Join other Minecraft fans and spend the afternoon, building, exploring, and crafting!

Socrates Cafe - WH 11/27/2018 4:30 - 6PM Guaranteed to leave you

with more questions than you came with! Socrates Cafe is an opportunity for amiable, open-minded discussion of profound issues.

Nov. 28

Working with Computer Files - SH 11/28/2018 10AM - 12PM Registration is open Learn to save, organize, find, edit and delete your computer files.

Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program - SH 11/28/2018 10:30 AM - 12PM Topic: Blooming Natives for Fall

Storytime - EH 11/28/2018 10:30 - 11AM Stories, songs, and more in a storytime program designed for children between 18 months - 5 years old.

WooooSaaahh Wednesdays - BV 11/28/2018 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Escape your hectic day and bring your bag lunch for a little drop in art therapy.

Financial Management Series - SH 11/28/2018 2 - 4PM This month's topic: Credit Use and Debt Reduction

Nov. 29

Baby Storytime - BV 11/29/2018 10 - 11AM A storytime featuring stories,

bounce rhymes, songs and more just for babies and their caregivers.

Working with Computer Files - EH 11/29/2018 10AM - 12PM Registration is open Learn to save, organize, find, edit and delete your computer files.

Toddler Storytime -SH 11/29/2018 10:30 - 11AM Storytime time for toddlers featuring stories, songs, and fingerplays.

Preschool Storytime - SH 11/29/2018 11:15 AM - 12PM Stories, songs, fingerplays, and much more designed for children between the ages of 3-5.

Introduction to Word - EH 11/29/2018 12 - 1PM Registration is open Let us show you the basics to Microsoft Word using GC-FlearnFree as our teaching tool.

Writers Workshop - EH 11/29/2018 1 - 3PM Free and open to the public - meets every other Thursday. All levels of experience from beginners to published authors. Our group is on-going and continuous, join at any time. Bring pen and paper. For more information call 352-583-2441.

Nov. 30

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

Choose to Quit - SH 11/30/2018 10AM - 12PM Get the tools you need to quit smoking now with this 2 hour tobacco cessation course. The course includes a one month supply of nicotine replacement patches, lozenges, or gum (participant's choice) absolutely free!

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

Preschool Storytime - WH 11/30/2018 11:15 - 11:45 AM Stories, songs, fingerplays, and much more designed for children between the ages of 3-5.

SHINE - EH (individual counseling by appt. only) 11/30/2018 12 - 2PM Free Medicare and Health Insurance Counseling and Information during open enrollment period. By appointment only. Call 352-593-0705 for more information.

Classics Book Discussion - SH 11/30/2018 2 - 3:30 PM Read the chosen piece, then join others to share responses to it in a fun and informal atmosphere.

# Calendar of Events

Nov. 22-24

## 39th Annual Thanksgiving Bluegrass Festival

When: Thu, November 22- 24 2pm -10:30pm  
Where: Sertoma Youth Ranch Inc, 85 Myers Rd, Brooksville, FL 34602  
Description: 39th Annual Sertoma Youth Ranch Thanksgiving Held at the scenic Sertoma Youth Ranch near Dade City, FL, Fest features an all-star Bluegrass Lineup. 100% of proceeds go toward financing and keeping the Sertoma Youth Ranch available for youth groups.  
Bring a covered dish on Thursday @ 2 p.m. for the old time family tradition of Thanksgiving Dinner at the Ranch! Folks have been celebrating this special time together here for years. Sertoma supplies the turkey! Come join us!!!! Music goes 4:30 til 10 on Thursday and continues Fri & Sat 11am - 10pm. Craft exhibitors, music jams, camping, great food, and festive drink. Bring lawn chairs/coolers allowed. Please no smoking or pets under the pavilion.  
To purchase tickets and/or campsites and for advance reservations and info, call Lynda at 828-265-9929 or email: TDayBluegrass@gmail.com.

Nov. 24

## Small Business Saturday/Historic Downtown Brooksville

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 24 November 2018 from 10:00-16:00  
WHERE: Historic Downtown Brooksville  
Description: Join us in supporting our small businesses here in downtown Brooksville! We will once again be participating in the American Express Passport Program. Passport pickup will be at our Un-Common-Ly Artsy event located at City Hall 201 Howell Ave, Brooksville, FL 34601 at 10 am. Visit the local businesses on your passport, and then turn back in to us at City Hall. There will be swag bags, raffles and promotions throughout downtown for this very special day. Stay tuned for more details on participating businesses and promotions. We will be reaching out to past participants. If you are a small local business with a physical location here in downtown Brooksville and want to be part of this very special day, email Tina Marie at events@brooksvillemainstreet.org and a Participant Registration Form will be emailed to you. REGISTRATION FEE - \$50.00. Includes your business on Passport. Pay by cash or check made payable to "Brooksville Main Street". Fee offsets the cost of printing the passports, signage and advertising. \*There is NO FEE to only provide SWAG Bag Stuffers and/or Raffle Donations. 352.540.6409. info@brooksvillemainstreet.org

## Free Photos with Santa

WHEN: 4 Dates - Nov 24, Dec. 1, Dec. 8 and Dec 15 11AM-1PM  
WHERE: Towne Square Mall; 3021 Commercial Way Spring Hill, Florida  
Description: Everyone, including your pets are Welcome to have a picture with Santa at the North Pole and receive a gift. (while supplies last). Pictures will be emailed. Photography provided by Hernando Post.

## 5K Run Walk

When: Sat, November 24, 8am - 11am  
Where: 1360 Anderson Snow Rd, Spring Hill, FL 34609,  
Description: Hosted by K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc. Please join us to raise funds for K9 Partners for Patriots. There will be medals, t-shirts, and swag for all participants as well as medals and prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers! Fundraising Goal: \$6,600.  
K9 Partners for Patriots is a non-profit organization that adopts dogs from shelters and rescues and teaches veterans with PTS, TBI, and MST to train them as their own service dog. The complete 19-week training program, dog, and all necessary equipment are provided to the veteran at absolutely no charge!  
PRE-REGISTRATION: \$22.00 + \$2.20 Application Processing Fee  
Pre-registration ends November 5, 2018, at Midnight  
POST-NOVEMBER 5TH and RACE DAY REGISTRATIONS: \$25.00 + \$2.20 Application Processing Fee.  
Visit our website for more information and to register online. https://k9partnersforpatriots.com/5k-run-walk-fundraiser/

## Walking Sticks, Big Pine

When Sat, November 24, 8:00am - 10:30am  
Where: Chinsegut Conservation Center, 23212 Lake Lindsey Rd, Brooksville, FL 34601  
Description: This monthly hiking club meets at a variety of FWC managed lands around Brooksville. November we will hike Big Pine, a property with an interesting past from the front entrance off Old Crystal River Rd.  
Please call to register, parking is limited. (352) 754-6722. Hike approx. 1.5 miles. Program length: 2 hours

## Snow Bash! 2018

When: Sat, November 24, 9am - 3pm  
Where: Tom Varn Park, 301 Darby Ln, Brooksville, FL 34601  
Description: Join us for the 2nd Annual Snow Bash! This year's event will feature even more REAL SNOW, Lots of Vendors, Live Entertainment, Food Trucks, and SO MUCH MORE! Entry is \$3 per person BEFORE October 31st \$5 per person beginning November 1st & at the Door.  
Tickets on sale NOW at www.TheSeedFoundation.org on the Snow Bash Page. Proceeds will be donated to The SEED Foundation, Hernando County Education Foundation, Veterans' HEAT Factory, Friends of the Children (City of Brooksville) and our Youth Volunteer Organizations. Find More information at www.TheSeedFoundation.org For sponsor, vendor, and donation information, please contact Karen@DoveDreamDeveloper.com

## Hernando Beach Art Festival & Firehouse Christmas Lighting Ceremony

When: Sat, November 24, 2:30pm - 8:00pm  
Where: 3451 Shoal Line Blvd, Hernando Beach, FL 34607  
Description:  
Event created by Hernando County Fire Station 6  
Starting at 2:30 pm, enjoy an art festival, silent auction, live music from "Powered by Rhythm" and a firefighter meet & greet, all leading up to the Firehouse Lighting Ceremony. Don't forget to get photos with Santa! The Fire Safety House will be available to enjoy all day. Food available for purchase.

Multiple Dates starting Nov. 29

## Stage West's Annie

When: Nov. 29 7:30PM; Nov. 30 7:30PM; Dec. 1 7:30PM; Dec. 2 2:00PM; Dec. 7 7:30PM; Dec. 8 2:00PM; Dec. 9 2:00PM  
Where: Stage West Community Playhouse  
8390 Forest Oaks Blvd, Spring Hill, Florida 34606  
Description: Leapin' Lizards! The irrepressible comic strip heroine takes center stage in one of the world's best-loved musicals.

Nov. 28

## When Bad Landscapes Happen to Good People

When: Wed, November 28, 10:30am - 11:30am  
Where: 15365 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34613-6174  
Description: It can be tough taking care of a yard in Florida. Learn about the most common mistakes and how we can learn from them, to create a beautiful and sustainable landscape. Event created by Hernando County Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program, University of Florida/IFAS Extension at Hernando County

Nov. 30

## Hernando County Residents' Reception

NEW DATE: Friday, November 30, 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.

Dec. 1

## 11th "Holiday in the Gardens"

When: Sat, December 1, 9am - 1pm  
Where: Nature Coast Botanical Gardens 1849 Parker Ave Spring Hill Florida.  
Description: Refreshments, Music, Santa, Mrs. Claus and Elves. Enjoy watching tree decorating, Angels on High placement. Party, Music, refreshments.fun. Vote for your favorite tree. We have several free events for children. "Tree of Youth" to decorate and hope you bring a snowman for our "New Snowman Village." Find all of the information on our website www.naturecoastgardens.com  
Community organizations, individuals and businesses reserve a tree to decorate for \$25. All income goes to the non-profit garden for maintenance so that everyone can enjoy it for free.

## Stop & Shop

WHEN: DECEMBER 1ST 12:00-4:00 PM  
WHERE: THE ROCK CHURCH  
11231 PONCE DE LEON BLVD BROOKSVILLE 34601  
DESCRIPTION: Get your Christmas shopping done in ONE day! Gift Wrapping available for a donation!  
Get your picture taken with Disney's Queen Elsa! 50/50 Drawing, Baked goods for sale.  
Contact Karen Johnson if you would like to be involved: TupperKJ@aol.com or 352-515-6477  
A portion of the proceeds will benefit Pay it Forward Farm  
Come see what they are about www.payitforwardfarm.org

## Operation HeartFELT Holiday Benefit!

When: Sat, December 1, 6pm - 10pm  
Where: 962 E Jefferson St, Brooksville, FL 34601  
Description:  
Event created by The Tap Room at The Florida Cracker Kitchen Don't miss out on your chance to spread some local love this Holiday season with Florida Cracker Trading Company and Skinny Water Culture! Every attendee of the party is asked to bring non-perishable food in exchange for raffle tickets - Mac and cheese and ramen is preferred! These items will be donated to Operation HeartF.E.L.T.! (5 Items is equal to 1 raffle ticket) If you purchase 5 tickets, you can receive an extra ticket or if you purchase 10 tickets you can receive 2 additional tickets. Vendors will be supporting the charity, so come on out, support a local cause, drink local and embrace the spirit of the holidays!

## Ride Run Roll to Defeat ALS

When: Sat, December 1, 7am - 3pm  
Where: Crews Lake Wilderness Park 16739 Crews Lake Dr, Spring Hill, Florida 34610  
Description: Hosted by The ALS Association Florida Chapter

# Movie Times

## GTC BEACON CINEMA

12961 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34613  
We were not able to carry the movie times this week due to an early printing schedule for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Test your strength. Push your limits. FIGHT ALS. Grab your friends and join us for this unique opportunity to be a part of Team Challenge ALS and let's #ChallengeALS at the highest level!

The Ride. Run. Roll to Defeat ALS is a one-day endurance event designed to appeal to every level of rider and 5k runners too! We offer the Metric Century ride (approx. 62 miles), a 25 mile ride, and a 5K Run/Walk or Roll. You'll experience all of the beautiful scenery and challenging terrain Crews Lake Wilderness Park has to offer!  
Every participant can count on support from start to finish with rest stops, SAG vehicles, and the safety team. Upon completing the tour, riders and runners are welcomed back by cheering crowds and finish line festivities that include entertainment, complimentary massages, and a healthy lunch. Help Put the Brakes on ALS and Sign Up Today!  
Questions? Contact Kate Sanstrom: ksanstrom@alsafll.org or call 888.257.1717

## Hernando Audubon Birding Trip to Brooksville Wetlands

When: Sat, December 1, 7:30am - 11:30am  
Description: Event created by Hernando Audubon Society Meet at the southwest retention pond at Walmart, 7305 Broad Street, Brooksville (intersection of US-41 and Wiscon Road). From there we will carpool to look for ducks, wading birds, and songbirds at various wetlands near Brooksville. For more information, text Linda at 352-428-2629 or email lindalark85@gmail.com.

Dec. 1 and 2

St. Frances Cabrini CCW Annual "Christmas Cookie and Craft Sale" will be held at St Frances Cabrini Xavier Hall on Dec. 1 from 3 pm to 7 pm and Dec 2 from 8 am to 1 pm. There will be a variety of Holiday Cookies, Handmade crafts along with Christmas items, toys, puzzles, games and jewelry available. There will also be prizes raffled. Come do your Christmas Shopping with us. Contact Mary for more information 796-0550.

Dec. 2

## Dirthead Off-Road Duathlon

When: Sun, December 2, 7:30am - 2:30pm  
Where: 11240 Croom Rital Road Brooksville, FL 34602  
Description: Event created by Croom Parking #3 Fire Tower - Croom Rd in Withlacoochee State Forest  
Middle Earth Duathlon Bike 10 Miles, Run 7 Miles, Bike 13 Miles Sprint Duathlon Bike 10 Miles, Run 3.8 Miles  
The Courses: Duathlon is a great place for riding - nothing too technical with just miles and miles of fun trails. The mountain biking portion will be well marked and take place on the mountain bike trails.  
The running will also take place on single-track trails. There is a 10-mile initial bike loop that is not detailed on the map.  
Pre-Race: Race packet pickup Sunday morning starting at 6:00 am. Race day registration is available.  
Awards: Top finishers of the Middle Earth and Sprint Duathlon will get awards. There will be custom trophies for the overall male and female and masters male and female.  
Water Stops: There will be a few water stops along the routes (more information to be released soon)  
Post Race Feast: There will be some great grub after the race.  
T-Shirts: Short-sleeved full-color t-shirts are guaranteed for all pre-registered runners and should be available for most race day runners.  
Please go to http://www.TheDirtHead.com for more information.

## Spring Hill Woman of the Moose Holiday Craft Show

5214 Mariner Blvd.  
Spring Hill, FL  
Sunday, December 2, 2018  
Hours 9 - 4

Dec. 5

## Chabad Jewish Center of Hernando and Citrus County Invites the Community to attend the Chanukah Street Fair, Menorah Lighting & Klezmer Concert.

Wednesday Dec 5th at 5PM  
At the Towne Square Mall.  
Route 19, 3021 Commercial Way, Spring Hill, FL 34606  
Featuring: The Freylekh Klezmer Band in Concert.  
Celebrating the joy of Chanukah will be an experience to be remembered.  
Activities for all ages: Arts N Crafts, Hot Latkes, Donuts, Menorah Raffle & Other Prizes, Dignitaries in attendance and more.  
;Free Event  
Registration Required  
For More information and to register Chabadspringhill.com 352-600-2779

# SPORTS

## Freshmen talent on PHSC men's basketball roster

ARTICLE AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY ALICE MARY HERDEN

A twenty-four game schedule has been laid out for the men's basketball team and they're off to a rocky start to the season with 1 win and 4 losses.

Saturday's game against FSCJ (Florida State College Jacksonville) showed promise at the beginning of the game. As the match progressed, aggressive plays from freshmen Daniel Buchanan-Derice and Christian Anderson caused them to foul out of the game each obtaining 5 personal fouls.

"Sometimes when get players fouled out it hurts but you got to have your bench ready to go," Coach Michael Jones said. "The bench really stepped up today, it's the best I've seen the bench play."

The improvement focus was set on Theaplais Williams, center (C) and power forward (PF) a 6'6" sophomore from Wesley Chapel.

"Even though we lost, he had a good game," Jones said. "He's been

struggling a little bit but this game was a good game for him."

"I feel really healthy, I feel good on the court," Williams said. "I am like one of the main guys that they look for, so I just have to come out and play my best."

So far leading the season is Daniel Jones with 52 points, 21 rebounds and Charles Grandison with 48 points, 27 rebounds. With 4 losses on the board, PHSC will need to show a stronger presence on the court to reach the playoffs.

"I'd rather have them peak at the second part of the season then now, so a lot of these games are test games to get them all prepared for the playoffs at the very end," Jones said. "Of course you want to try to win them all, but the thing is we take these games and look at them as simulated games to prepare us for that one moment- that playoff game."

There are nine freshmen athletes on the 2018-2019 roster:

David Santiago | Bayshore Christian High School - Florida  
Chris Brown | Treasure Coast High School - Florida

Antonio Tucker | Northside High School - Georgia  
Marion L. Jones Jr. III | Godby High School - Florida  
Christian Anderson | Bayshore Christian High School - Florida  
Malcolm Williams | Santa Fe High School - Florida  
Camron Ginn-Mckinney | Rehobeth High School - Alabama  
Otto White | Lake Minneola High School  
Daniel Buchanan-Derice | Wesley Chapel High School

"The freshmen still have to make the adjustments all the way through spring, and it takes a little while," Jones said. "That's part of being a college student athlete."

Saturday's results: FSCJ 94 - PHSC 77. PHSC faces FSCJ again on February 2, 2019.



Daniel Buchanan-Derice attempts a layup as FSCJ's Noah Lippy tries to block. Buchanan-Derice put eight points on the board for PHSC.

# SPORTS

## Lady Eagles scrimmage, reminder to follow the fundamentals

Article and Photography by ALICE MARY HERDEN

“The prescription for you to win a game is to follow the fundamentals,” Springstead girls basketball coach Lonnie White told his players.

Springstead Lady Eagles varsity basketball hosted a preseason scrimmage game, Thursday Nov. 15, against the Lady Gulf Buccaneers.

The Eagles took an early confident lead in the first quarter but Gulf dominated the court earning the win. The final score was Gulf 44, Springstead 28.

Coach Lonnie White, in his first official season as the head coach for the Lady Eagles, remarked, “That first half- everybody was clicking on the same cylinders, they lost a little bit of that, so once they started making errors they started getting away from the things that were making them successful in the first half.”

White said that the team went back to basics to try to bounce back. “Let’s move the ball, run the sets that we know how to do, but we got hammered by the turnover bug,” he explained.

Coach White is urging his players to develop their “basketball IQ.”

“That is one of the



Eagles Tianna Stifanic attempts a 2 pointer during the scrimmage game against Gulf. She sank a 3 pointer during the first half.

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## Hernando Sun Top 5 Girls Basketball Ranking

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Week 1 of the regular season for prep girls basketball in the state of Florida begins this week and we here at the Hernando Sun want to give you the Hernando County reader all the insight you can get during the 2018-2019 campaign. Here is what the teams look like heading into week 1.

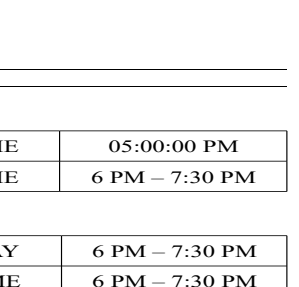
**No. 1 Weeki Wachee (0-0, 0-0):** The Hornets are coming off an impressive 25-3 season and in the pre-season have looked solid. Wins over Holiday Anclote and New Port Richey River Ridge have Weeki Wachee entering the regular season with some confidence and they’ll open up versus Hudson in the opener.

higher expectations, including reaching the Class 7A playoffs. Most of that will start with winning their own district, as the Eagles share a district with teams like Sunlake, Land O’ Lakes and New Port Richey Mitchell.



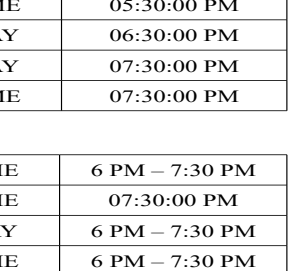
**No. 2 Springstead (0-0, 0-0):** After going 13-6 last season, the Eagles enter the 2018-2019 campaign with

**No. 3 Nature Coast (0-0, 0-0):** This particular Nature Coast team had some growing pains last fall, but was still able to finish a respectable 14-10 in the 2017-2018 campaign. The Sharks have started the preseason off 0-2 but now enter the regular season with expectations to push towards 20 wins.



**No. 4 Hernando (0-0, 0-0):** The Leopards were a club that was teetering between becoming a top 3 team in Hernando County and being a bottom dweller. Hernando should be a team that finishes above the .500 mark this season, as they return much of its roster from a year ago. They’ll be in a district with county rivals Nature Coast, Central and Weeki Wachee.

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Striker (No. 32) Kevin Izquierdo scores for Hernando High against Nature Coast (JV) Friday night Nov. 16. The goal marked Izquierdo's second for the season. The Leopards junior varsity squad beat Nature Coast 2-1. It was the Leopard's second game of the season.

### High School Sports Schedules Week 11/26/2018 thru 12/02/2018

#### Central High School Bears

MON	11/26/18	GIRLS BASKETBALL	FOUNDATION CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	HOME	05:00:00 PM
TUES	11/27/18	GIRLS BASKETBALL	FOUNDATION CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	HOME	6 PM – 7:30 PM

#### Hernando High School Leopards

MON	11/26/18	GIRLS SOCCER	NATURE COAST	AWAY	6 PM – 7:30 PM
MON	11/26/18	BOYS SOCCER	MOUNT DORA	HOME	6 PM – 7:30 PM
TUES	11/27/18	GIRLS BASKETBALL	LECANTO	HOME	07:30:00 PM
WEDS	11/28/18	BOYS SOCCER	WEEKI WACHEE	HOME	6 PM – 7:30 PM
WEDS	11/28/18	GIRLS SOCCER	WEEKI WACHEE	AWAY	07:30:00 PM
WEDS	11/28/18	BOYS BASKETBALL	SOUTH SUMTER	AWAY	07:30:00 PM
FRI	11/30/18	BOYS SOCCER	SEFFNER CHRISTIAN	HOME	05:30:00 PM
FRI	11/30/18	GIRLS SOCCER	GULF	AWAY	06:30:00 PM
FRI	11/30/18	BOYS BASKETBALL	LAKELAND CHRISTIAN	AWAY	07:30:00 PM
FRI	11/30/18	GIRLS BASKETBALL	CRYSTAL RIVER	HOME	07:30:00 PM

#### Nature Coast Technical High School Sharks

MON	11/26/18	GIRLS SOCCER	HERNANDO	HOME	6 PM – 7:30 PM
TUES	11/27/18	BOYS BASKETBALL	MITCHELL	HOME	07:30:00 PM
WEDS	11/28/18	BOYS SOCCER	WESLEY CHAPEL	AWAY	6 PM – 7:30 PM
WEDS	11/28/18	GIRLS SOCCER	WESLEY CHAPEL	HOME	6 PM – 7:30 PM
FRI	11/30/18	GIRLS SOCCER	ZEPHYRHILLS	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
FRI	11/30/18	BOYS SOCCER	ZEPHYRHILLS	HOME	07:30:00 PM

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

MON	11/26/18	GIRLS SOCCER	BISHOP MCLAUGHLIN CATHOLIC	HOME	05:30:00 PM
MON	11/26/18	BOYS BASKETBALL	FIVAY	HOME	07:30:00 PM
WEDS	11/28/18	GIRLS SOCCER	PASCO	AWAY	06:00:00 PM
WEDS	11/28/18	GIRLS BASKETBALL	WEEKI WACHEE	AWAY	6 PM – 7:30 PM
WEDS	11/28/18	BOYS SOCCER	PASCO	AWAY	7:30PM – 9:30 PM
WEDS	11/28/18	BOYS BASKETBALL	TRINITY CATHOLIC	AWAY	07:30:00 PM
FRI	11/30/18	GIRLS SOCCER	WEEKI WACHEE	HOME	06:00:00 PM
FRI	11/30/18	BOYS SOCCER	WEEKI WACHEE	AWAY	07:30:00 PM
FRI	11/30/18	BOYS BASKETBALL	CENTRAL	HOME	07:30:00 PM

#### Weeki Wachee High School Hornets

MON	11/26/18	BOYS BASKETBALL	PEPIN ACADEMY	AWAY	04:30:00 PM
MON	11/26/18	GIRLS SOCCER	GULF	AWAY	07:00:00 PM
TUES	11/27/18	GIRLS BASKETBALL	CITRUS	HOME	6 PM – 7:30 PM
WEDS	11/28/18	BOYS SOCCER	HERNANDO	AWAY	6 PM – 7:30 PM
WEDS	11/28/18	GIRLS BASKETBALL	SPRINGSTEAD	HOME	6 PM – 7:30 PM
WEDS	11/28/18	GIRLS SOCCER	HERNANDO	HOME	07:30:00 PM
THURS	11/29/18	BOYS BASKETBALL	CYPRESS CREEK	AWAY	6 PM – 7:30 PM
FRI	11/30/18	BOYS BASKETBALL	BROOKS DEBARTOLO COLLEGIATE	AWAY	6 PM – 7:30 PM
FRI	11/30/18	GIRLS SOCCER	SPRINGSTEAD	AWAY	06:00:00 PM
FRI	11/30/18	GIRLS BASKETBALL	SUNLAKE	HOME	6 PM – 7:30 PM

**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.

**Thankful!**

Happy Thanksgiving to all of my new friends here at the Hernando Sun! Each week, I have the opportunity to meet a few of you with questions from my column and so many of you are kind enough to stop and visit when I've come out of the woods long enough for a trip to town. For all of the great friendships, I am Grateful!

Now folks, I've been spending a lot of my time lately in the Citrus WMA and its surrounding land. And although I've been striking out a lot, I'm very proud to announce that the check station has been very active. The mid-day times, when I come out of the blind for lunch, I take a quick ride out and visit a truly unique gentleman, Captain Gavin Storter, US Army, Retired. Gavin, whom now has been working as our Citrus WMA check station attendant for several years, is probably the greatest walking encyclopedia of deer hunting information on this particular Wildlife Management Area, you will ever find. He knows everybody, who's seeing deer, what time the deer are moving, the phases of the rut and where the big bucks are traditionally taken year in and year out.

Men like him are a valuable asset to us hunters. Stop by and pay him a visit at the check station. Ask, listen and learn.... And tell him old Tobe says hi!

I'm also thankful for this much cooler weather we've been enjoying. Coupled with the Full of the moon phase, the second rut in our area is becoming triggered. I expect it to be in full swing by this weekend. Check the oak thickets, along the trails, for newly made scrapes and rubs and consult the weather app on our phones for the dominant wind patterns and place your stands on the downwind side.

Now, for all of you that read my column, but aren't certain what the, "rut" or "scrapes" are. The "Rut" is the period of breeding activity amongst the deer herds. It comes and goes in waves of peak activity and this weekend will surely be a peak. The peaks are based on the doe's estrous cycle. The generally sync up in their cycles within the heard and will continue to cycle in and out over a 28 day period for when they will receive the buck for breeding. That's why, given such a narrow window of

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more first downs than the Wildcats (13-12), recovered one fumble, and in a turn of events, were more disciplined than in previous contests (4 for 23 yards; Baker County- 3 for 15). The focal point in this contest, though, was the red zone defense. NCT converted their only trip inside the 20; Baker County went 1/5 with a fumble and two turnovers on downs, despite having more control in the middle of the field.

The Sharks got the opening score of the contest, riding Lawson and tailback Mike Weston for 71 yards before Burnett punched it in from a yard out.

Not wanting to be behind for long, Baker County would take the lead behind a 15-yard run by senior back John Green (7 rushes for 57 yards) and would take the lead on a successful two-point conversion by sophomore Marius "Scooby" Graham. It's worth noting that despite all the trips inside the 20, Baker County refused to kick once.

The Sharks would respond right back before the quarter ended, as Burnett would find Lawson on a beautiful flea-flicker from 27 yards out that just went over the outstretched hand of the Wildcats safety. Baker County wouldn't go quietly, however, and got Graham into the endzone shortly after the second quarter began to regain the lead.

Baker County had one critical chance to score a touchdown before the

half ended, which combined with getting the ball to start the second half, would have almost ended the game. The word "almost" is used loosely here, because the Sharks became an impenetrable wall in the final minute, stuffing Carson Crawford right as the horn sounded.

Johns wasn't about to mince that stand by his defense in that critical time: "It was huge. It would have been a huge turnaround if they scored."

And after a scoreless third quarter in which neither side could really put this game out of reach, it was the fourth quarter that saw NCT prove their merit. On the last possession for Baker County, which was only possible after a costly interception thrown by Kinyatah Morgan on a trick play, the Wildcats aided the host team by getting a costly penalty on third down, especially knowing one first down would've ended it.

And that would turn out to be the difference. On that last possession that set up the game-winner, Johns said he saw something on film that he felt he could utilize if done properly: "When they played (district opponent) Clay and won 27-24, I saw Clay run this exact play we used on film, and the quarterback missed it but that post was open. And they reacted to it the exact same way I thought that they would," Johns said. "Fabe did a good job of sliding in the pocket, finding him (Law-

son) and putting it on the money. It was beautiful." For the Sharks, this win propels the squad into their second FHSAA Class 5A, region II final in school history. Because of their #1 seed, they will be the host school, and will be welcoming in the red-hot Citra-North Marion Colts at the Shark Tank this Friday night. The Colts, with an 11-2 overall record, made it to the final by defeating

the previously unbeaten Zephyrhills Bulldogs, 40-21, forcing six turnovers in the contest. The winner of this game will advance to the state semifinal game on November 30th, so it remains to be seen who will represent the region.

**FHSAA CLASS 5A, REGION II FINAL-GAME SLATED TO BEGIN ON 11/23 @ 7:30PM**

**#1 NATURE COAST SHARKS V. #3 CITRA-NORTH MARION COLTS**

**WINNER FACES THE WINNER BETWEEN THE #1 JACKSONVILLE-TRINITY CHRISTIAN CONQUERORS AND #6 BOLLES BULLDOGS**



Tallia Russell attempts to recover a rebound.

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staples because if you're coming up the court and dribbling the ball and you got a lot of pressure on you- don't go with your first reaction which is to freeze up and just toss the ball away," White explained. "We have to see what the defensive [side]

is giving you verses being impulsive."

"I am a big defensive coach, and I thought we were pretty conditioned but I think we started getting a little lazy, and as the season progresses you'll probably see us tighten up more and become more vigilant about following their assignments," White added.

During their preseason the varsity girls scrim-

maged the boys JV basketball team.

"It's something we do every year, it allows us to again to see where we can find improvements," White said.

The Lady Eagles travel to Lecanto for their first game of the season on November 19th.



FILE PHOTO-Nature Coast QB No. 1 Fabian Burnett gets ready for the first snap of the game against Weeki Wachee Friday night Oct. 5, 2018.

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opportunity, the bucks go crazy during the peak activity to try and get in as much loving as they can.

Now, the scrape is a very important part of the rut. Bucks will begin by pawing out an area, free of leaves, grasses, etc. The overhanging limb, the bucks will chew and rub their occipital and periorbital glands on, leaving their specific scent ID. Into the pawed out bowl of earth the bucks will stand in the dirt, hocks together and pee all over their hocks, or tarsal glands, letting the tarsal scent rinse into the scrape as a signal to does that he is hot n ready. The does then

come around and visit his scrape, depositing calling cards of their own, in the form of urine and glandular secretions.

Once the doe complete's that activity, she'll wait for the buck to scent trail and find her before she begins a coy chase sequence, teasing her buck until they take advantage of the opportunity to share their DNA.

As always, if you have any comments, questions or just want to share your success from the woods, give me a shout out at Toby@HernandoSun.com.

God Bless, Good Hunting and Happy Thanksgiving!

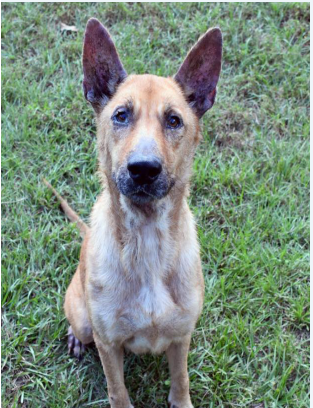


Shanna Marie Wofford with a beauty of a young rutting buck who came by her stand.

**ADOPT TODAY**



10317472 - It just makes "cents" to adopt Dollar. Dollar is an adult female who always has a smile on her face. She looks as if she has lived a hard life but still has so much love to give! Seems to get along with other dogs and is very sweet! Help us find her a forever home that will love and cherish her. Hernando Animal Services, 19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, FL 352-796-5062



November is supposed to be adopt a senior month but it feels more like dump your senior month instead. I have seen more seniors come into the shelter the past few weeks than I've seen all year! How can this be? Where are their families? How could they abandon them when they need them most? This sweet shepherd girl is actually still nameless. She walks great on leash, seems good with other dogs, eager to please, and very treat motivated. She looks as though she has not been cared for in a while. This poor girl is sleeping on a cold concrete floor! Does anyone have room in their heart or home for her? Let's find her a home for Thanksgiving and before more cold weather heads our way! Hernando Animal Services, 19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, FL 352-796-5062 ID 10317416



Bully always seems to have a smile on his face! He's energetic and playful but also walks well on leash. Seems to get along with other dogs and when introduced to a cat he was curious but not aggressive. He's probably about 2 years old and loves getting out of his kennel for play time. Let's find Bully a home to spend Thanksgiving in! Hernando Animal Services, 19450 Oliver St. Brooksville, FL 352-796-5062 ID# 101317582

# Business & Community

## An uplifting experience

Inspiring success story of a dynamic young couple and their innovative elevator interior design company

by SUE QUIGLEY  
Hernando Sun Writer

News stories today often contain disappointing news about the closure or moving elsewhere of small business startups. But, here in Hernando County, we have a success story to tell about a young entrepreneurial couple who've got what it takes to survive those early startup years and ride their elevator business to success.

In January 2017, Wade Sutherland and Amanda Young, of Spring Hill, decided to strike out on their own and launched their company Nature Coast Installation and Service, LLC., — also known as NCIS Elevator. And, in just under two short years, business revenue has quadrupled.



Wade Sutherland

NCIS specializes in the manufacture, installation and refurbishment of high-quality, custom-built elevator cabs.

Wade, a talented carpenter, has been in the elevator cab industry for many years customizing elevator interiors in properties from public housing to posh, expensive office buildings in Boca Raton, condominium high rises, multi-million dollar residences in Miami and Orlando, new construction projects, hospitals, medical research facilities, assisted living facilities and military bases.

"It took me 5 years, working alongside a qualified technician, to earn my elevator technician competency license," Wade said, "and I still have to attend workshops and take classes regularly to keep up-to-date with the extremely stringent rules regarding the operation, maintenance and refurbishment of elevators."

And Amanda, a real estate investor who manages her own property management venture, is hands on with office and field work of the business too.

"I find myself more and more assisting him with keeping his



Wade Sutherland fine tuning his new edge bander, affectionately called "Gertrude."

calendar straight, following up on calls, researching products, the more mundane things like invoicing, accounting and, of course, learning elevator language," she said. "It's quite a management exercise for us to keep on top of everything."

Amanda also accompanies Wade on jobs with him and works alongside him, as well as meeting with prospective customers.

"I do it simply because I love doing whatever I can do to help our business be successful," Amanda said, "However, when I found elevator cab panels in the pantry; that was the last straw," she laughed.

With so much new business on the books, they had surely grown out of working out of their home and garage workshop. It was time to look for suitable premises and to hire some production help.

The couple sought advice from the county's economic development



Wade Sutherland and Amanda Young.

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# BUSINESS & COMMUNITY

## TECH TALK

by **ROCCO MAGLIO**



### What does percent chance of rain mean?



We often hear that there is a 40 percent chance of rain. Does it mean that there is a 40 percent chance of rain at my house? Does it mean there is a 40 percent chance of rain somewhere in my zip code? It is surprising that we are not really sure what this common prognostication means.

The probability that it will rain is called the Probability of Precipitation or "PoP." It is often referred to as the percent chance of rain. The Probability of Precipitation is the chance that it will be raining at any point in the area. Often PoP is given for a zip code.

The formula for calculating the the PoP is  $PoP = C \times A$  where "C" is the odds that rain will occur in the area multiplied by "A" the percentage of the area that will receive rain. The 40 percent chance of rain could mean that there is a 50 percent chance that there will be rain in 80 percent of the zip code.

It also means that there are many different ways you could arrive at a 40 percent chance of rain. If there was a 100 percent chance that 40 percent of the area was going to get rain that would also be a 40 percent chance of rain.

This means that for your particular address there could have almost a zero percent chance of rain, but since your zip code has a 40 percent chance of rain that is what shows up when you check the chance of participation.

Currently, the weather models cannot predict down to the level of an address. If they were to

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office and the Greater Hernando Chamber of Commerce, and soon found the perfect commercial property on Princeton Road, just off Spring Hill Drive.

"It was a breeze to work with the economic development office headed up by Valerie Pianta," said Amanda. "Valerie was a wealth of information and guided us in the right direction with her words of wisdom, tax information and what hurdles to watch out for."

Valerie Pianta, the county's Economic Development Manager, explained the priorities of the Office of Economic Development are to work with our existing industries, large and small, to connect them with the available resources such as training grants, tax exemptions, local and state incentives, and the USF Small Business Development Center just to name a few.

"It has been a pleasure to work with and assist NCIS Elevator as they expanded and moved into a larger facility," she said. "Entrepreneurs like Wade and Amanda are a local success story and future employers of our community. Many of our existing businesses started as smaller family owned operations and have grown exponentially over the years."

As members of the Greater Hernando

Chamber of Commerce, Patricia Crowley, the chamber's Chief Executive Officer, said she was "so glad to see the success of their business and the impact they have had on our community."

"NCIS Elevator is another great success story for Small Business in Hernando County. The chamber is very excited for their growth as the Tampa Bay area is experiencing both business and residential development," said Crowley.

"Only a short distance to the Suncoast Parkway or US41, our new premises are perfect as our customers are scattered throughout the whole of Florida," said Amanda. "And we've got tons of storage and space to create our designs."

"At 5,200 sq. ft., it's a little large but at our current rate of jobs lined up, we'll soon be using up all the space," she said. "It's just wonderful to be able to bring all our materials here and get our home back."

With lots of space to work in, Wade has invested in new equipment including a panel saw and a Holzher edge bander. Affectionately known as "Gertrude," an edge bander attaches a narrow strip of material to panels to create a durable and aesthetically pleasing trim during finish carpentry.

"To do edge banding by hand is time consuming so Gertrude is a great investment for us," said Wade.

The couple also have introduced a new addition to their team — Mike Wery.

"Mike is someone I used to work with before I formed our business," said Wade. "He's fully licensed by the State of Florida too which means I can let him loose on jobs by himself."

Having Mike as a licensed technician means Wade doesn't have to be present at every install as, by law, only fully licensed technicians are

allowed to work on elevators.

The couple is also very cognizant that there are only so many minutes in any given day and how they spend that time impacts how successful their business will be.

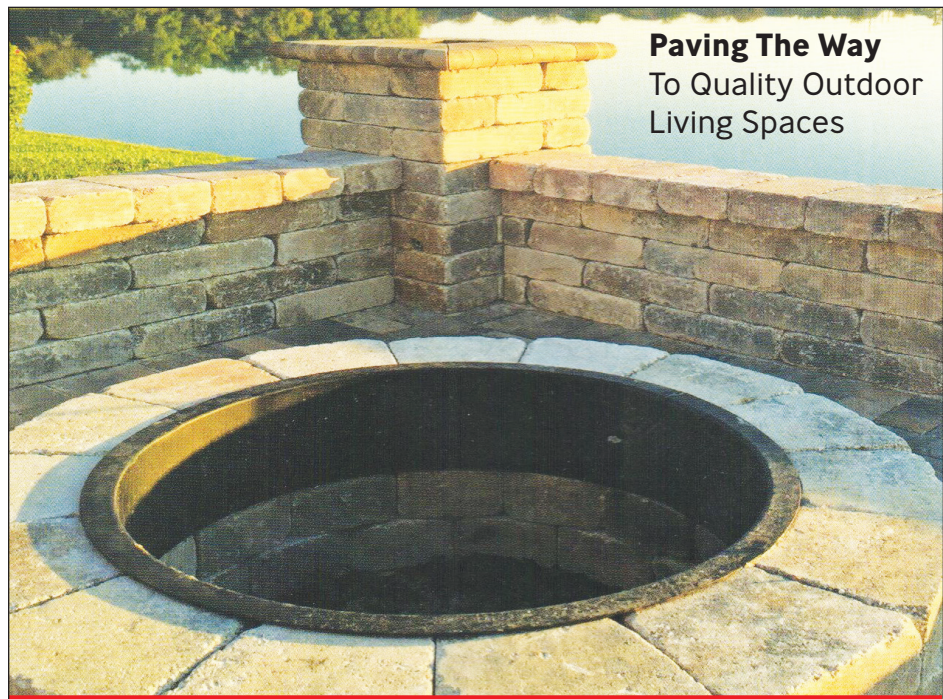
"It's important to have a good work and home life," said Wade. "As a family, we eat dinner at least three times a week together."

"It's been a wonderful journey for us," said Wade, "But we couldn't

have done it without the help of all our local resources," said Wade.

As business owners and working for ourselves, we need to take risks and recognize the need to change as economic climates change," he said. "But it's ours, and all the hard work is so worth it."

Wade Sutherlin and Amanda Young can be reached at 727-743-7866.



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## Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat cutline corrections



Benjamin, center, played by Kaiden Rossiter's real younger brother Micah Rossiter. Kaiden Rossiter played the role of Joseph.



Joseph (Kaiden Rossiter) helps Pharaoh, played by Greg Mys, with his troubling dream.



The same scene as above, but with Jeremy Frostman as Pharaoh (center left) and Ely Walters as Joseph (center right)

We apologize to the fine actors whose names were mixed up last week in the photo captions.

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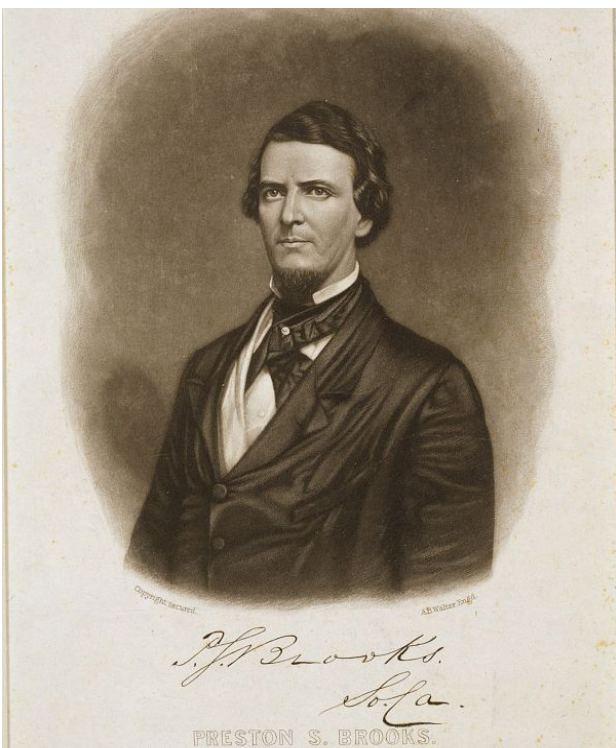
attempt to provide this information it would not be very accurate, since tiny changes would affect the weather at such a microscopic level. Knowing how a 40 percent Probability of Precipitation is calculated is important. It is a rough estimate of the rain percentage over the total area. The smaller the area the more accurate the percent of rain should be. A percent of rain for your zip code tells you much more than the percent chance of rain over all of Florida.

by ROCCO MAGLIO  
Hernando Sun Writer

The city of Brooksville was named after US Representative Preston Brooks. He was a controversial character in his own time celebrated in much of the South while reviled in the North. He came to national prominence with an act of violence in the turmoil in the lead up to the Civil War which started on April 12, 1861. In 1856, Kansas was the subject of a fight over whether it was going to allow slavery or not when it became a state. There were concerns that Kansas

joining the union on either side would shift the balance of power on the slavery issue. The Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854 called for the residents of Kansas to decide the issue of slavery with a popular vote. There were many issues with elections at the time and election results were questioned and ignored by the losing side. The lack of faith in the election led some to attempt to settle the issue with violence. The violence in Kansas over the issue of slavery was referred to as "Bleeding Kansas" in the national press. Pro-slavery posse from Missouri attacked Lawrence, Kansas, one of

of the abolitionist strongholds and burned the "Free State Hotel" and ransacked of two newspapers there: the Kansas Free State and the Herald of Freedom. On May 19 and 20 of 1856, Senator Charles Sumner of Massachusetts gave a speech entitled "The Crime Against Kansas." The speech was purposely inflammatory, Sumner was well known as someone who did not mince words. Sumner's speech largely held two pro-slavery Democratic Senators responsible for the violence in Kansas, he named them early in his speech Andrew Butler of South Carolina and Stephen Douglas of Illinois and attacked them throughout.



Preston S. Brooks. Representative in Congress of the U.S. from South Carolina Library of Congress

One of the sections from the speech that was considered especially contentious referred to Butler who recently had a stroke and was incapacitated at the time, saying Butler "overflowed with rage at the simple suggestion that Kansas had applied for admission as a state; and, with incoherent phrases, discharged the loose expectation of his speech, now upon her representative, and then upon her people." The incoherent phrases was particularly pointed, since Butler had difficulty speaking after his stroke.

Sumner went on to attack South Carolina in the speech by comparing it to the Kansas territory, saying the territory had already established more scholarly institutions than South Carolina and that there was nothing in the South Carolina's long history comparable to the "heroic spirit in a heroic cause" as the abolitionist fighting to protect Lawrence. "Were the whole history of South Carolina blotted out of existence, from its very beginning down to the day of the last election of the Senator to his present seat on this floor, civilization might lose... I do not say how little; but surely less than it has already gained by the example of Kansas, in its valiant struggle against oppression, and in the development of a new science of emigration."

During the speech Senator Stephen Douglas was said to have told a colleague, "That damn fool will get himself killed by some other damn fool." By tradition, speeches given on the Senate floor which attacked political rivals were exempted from being the impetus for a duel. Although sometimes the tradition was ignored as



Charles Sumner, between 1855 and 1865; Library of Congress

was the case with the duel between John Randolph and Henry Clay in 1826.

A cousin of Andrew Butler, South Carolina US Representative Preston Brooks took great offense at the speech which attacked his cousin and home state. Brooks walked with a cane as the result of a duel he had with Louis T. Wigfall. Brooks and Wigfall were wounded in the duel, with Brooks shot in the hip. Brooks sought the advice of fellow South Carolina Representative Laurence M. Keitt who advised against challenging Sumner to a duel, as he did not see Sumner as a gentleman. It was several days before Brooks managed to confront Sumner. Brooks had waited outside the Senate for Sumner, but Sumner went directly to his carriage. On the third

day Brooks entered the Senate and waited until the Senate had adjourned.

Brooks approached the seated Sumner, "Mr. Sumner," Brooks said, "I have read your speech with care and as much impartiality as was possible, and I feel it my duty to tell you that you have libeled my State and slandered a relative who is aged and absent, and I am come to punish you for it." He then proceeded to rain blows down on Sumner as Sumner was trapped by his seat and desk bolted to the floor. During the attack Sumner was able to rip the desk from the floor and attempt to stumble away blinded by the attack and blood streaming from his head. Brooks continued to attack Sumner and Sumner was knocked unconscious. The attack was reported as having lasted about a minute. Sumner was treated by a doctor at the Senate where he received four stitches. After the attack Sumner suffered a high fever and doctors diagnosed spinal cord injury. Sumner returned to the Senate after several months, but found himself exhausted and unable to concentrate. He went to Europe for seven months, where he kept a busy social calendar. He then attempted to return to the Senate in December of 1857, but once again found himself unable to concentrate for more than short periods of time. It was three years before Sumner was able to resume his full Senate duties. Brooks left the chamber after the assault and was later arrested, convicted of assault and fined \$300. The Senate was unable to punish him as he was not a member. In the House of Representatives, a vote to expel Brooks failed with all involved voting along party lines, except for one Democrat crossing over and voting to expel Brooks. Brooks chose to resign and let the people decide. He was reelected via a special election in South Carolina.

**Solution to Crossword on page 18**

**King Crossword**

**ACROSS**

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**Solution to Sudoku from p 18:**

**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer

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

answer

The town was so dull that when the tide went out, it refused to come back. — Fred Allen

**CALENDARS FOR ENRICHMENT CENTERS**

SPRING HILL ENRICHMENT CENTER NOV CALENDAR; 10441Quality Drive Spring Hill, Florida 34609 Medical Arts Building Suite #105; Located on the campus of Bayfront Health Spring Hill

<p><b>26</b></p> <p>8-4 Cards, Games &amp; Puzzles 9:00-10:00 Chair Exercise 9-11 Share A Craft 9-12 Painting 9-4 SHINE by Appt Only Call 593-0705 12-3:00 Current Events <b>12:30-4 Canasta- Hand &amp; Foot</b> <b>1:00-Chewin' the Fat!</b> 1-4:00 Painting</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>8-4 Cards, Games &amp; Puzzles 8:30-9:00 Weights &amp; Squats 9:00-9:40 2 mile walk 9:40-10:00 Tai Chi 9-11 Share A Craft 10:30-11:30 YOGA 11-12 Social Seniors <b>1:00-Chewin' the Fat!</b> 1-4:00 Scrabble 1-3 Deaf Services &amp; amplified Phone <b>6:30-8:30 TLC for Mom's</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>8-4 Cards, Board Games &amp; Puzzles 9:00-10:00 Chair Exercise <b>10-2 Vocational Rehab</b> <b>10-12 Ceramics</b> <b>10-11 BINGO</b> 1-4 Advanced Mah Jongg <b>1:00-Chewin' the Fat!</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>8-4 Cards, Board Games &amp; 8:00-3:00 Sewing Group/Class 8:30-9:00 Weights &amp; Squats 9:00-9:40 2 mile walk 9:40-10:00 Tai Chi 9-11 Share A Craft 9-4 SHINE by Appt Only Call 593-0705 10-4 AARP_DSP <b>1:00-Chewin' the Fat!</b> <b>6:30-8:30 Mom to Mom</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>8-4 Cards, Games &amp; Puzzles 9:00-10:00 Chair Exercise 9-11 Share A Craft 10-11:30 Crochet Classes 10-11 YOGA 10:30 Music with Gale 12:30-4 Mah-Jongg <b>12:30-4 Advanced Canasta- Hand &amp; Foot</b> <b>1:00-Chewin' the Fat</b> <b>3-6:00 TLC for Mom's</b></p>
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BROOKSVILLE ENRICHMENT CENTER NOV. CALENDAR; 17222 Hospital Blvd Brooksville, Fl 34601 Medical Arts Building Suite #120 Located; on the campus of Bayfront Health Brooksville; 544.6022

<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Walking in the Courtyard-anytime 8-4 Cards, Games &amp; Puzzles 8-12 Crafts 8:30-9:30 Exercise 10-12 Diabetes Support 11-12 Bowling 1-4:00 Alzheimer's 7-9:00 Camera Club</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>8-Cards, Games &amp; Puzzles 8-12 Crafts <b>8-3 Sewing Group</b> 9-5 SHINE BY APPT- 9:30-11 BINGO 10-12 Deaf Services 10-3 HC Quilt Guild 6-7:00 Nurse Support</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>8-4 Cards, Games &amp; Puzzles <b>8:30-9:30 Exercise</b> 9-12 Crocheting &amp; Knitting 11:30-12:30 Blood Pressure by Home Instead 12-1:00 Line Dancing 12:30-4:00 Canasta- Hand &amp; Foot 1-3 Warm Up America <b>1-3 Pencil Sketching</b> 1:00 Music with Gale 6:30-7:30 AA Support Group 7 Toastmasters- Public Speaking</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Walking in the Courtyard-anytime 8-4 Cards, Games &amp; Puzzles 8-12 Crafts <b>8-3 Sewing Group</b> 9:30-11 BINGO <b>10:30-12 Caring K9's</b> 12-4 Pinochle <b>1-3 Creative Art</b> 5:30 Cognitive Training</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Walking in the Courtyard-anytime 8-4 Cards, Games &amp; Puzzles 8-12 Crafts 8:30-9:30 Exercise <b>10-12 Relax thru Coloring</b> <b>10-1 Quilters with a Cause</b> 10:30-3 Senior Health Advisor- Private</p>
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The Quarry Mining Association Enrichment Center NOV CALENDAR; 800 John Gary Grubbs Blvd; Brooksville

<p><b>26</b></p> <p>9-4 Cards &amp; Board Games 9-4 Puzzles 9-4:00 Puzzles <b>1-3 Creative Art</b> <b>6-9:30 Marine Corp League Detachment 466</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9-4 Cards &amp; Games 9-4 Puzzles 1:00 Alzheimer's Support Group by appointment</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9-4 Cards &amp; Board Games 9-4 Puzzles <b>11-1 SHINE-appointment only</b> Call 593-0705 4:45-7:30 Fantastic Gymnastics- Call 352.942.0012 to sign up</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>9-4 Cards &amp; Games 9-4:00 Puzzles 10-4 American Red Cross 12:30-4 Nature Coast Basket Weavers</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9-4 Cards &amp; Board Games 9-4:00 Puzzles 10-4 American Red Cross 12:30-4 Nature Coast Basket Weavers</p>
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**INTERACT**  
from front page

food items from the generous residents of Pristine Place. Club members were also given an allotted number of bags to fill with donations and returned over 100 bags of food. The bags of food were then donated to the Salvation Army. Interact Club President, Jason Bienstock, led the food drive efforts for the Interact Club.

Bienstock, a Senior this year, has been a member of Interact Club since he was a freshman. Jason remarked that interest in the club has really picked up this year as they have over 80 members. He said that Mrs. Guerrier, the teacher in charge of the club, has a lot to do with that.

Mrs. Guerrier is spunky and energetic. It's her first year running the Interact Club, but she ran the Brain Bowl for 13 years while teaching at Challenger. She had a connection with the Rotary Club of Spring Hill through Brain Bowl. When she came to Springstead, the Rotary Club of Spring Hill expressed an interest in rejuvenating the Interact Club. They are the sponsoring organization for the Interact Club and some of their members attend Interact Club meetings in order to provide guidance to the students.

"The kids in the beginning they really weren't sure what they were joining. I knew they wanted to do something for the community," Guerrier explained.

"What I love is that the Rotary is our model. They are our guide and they show us what we can do within the community, beyond the community and then

even internationally," said Guerrier.

There are several committees students can join based on where their interests lie. In addition to the food drive committee, there is a car wash committee, holiday planning, decorators, t-shirt designers, Brain Bowl, party planners, campus beautification and idea coordination committees.

Victoria Harding, a Junior, is the club secretary and a member of the club's leadership team.

"Being a really busy student, it's hard to find volunteer opportunities," Victoria said.

"Interact allows me to volunteer with a little bit more flexibility," she remarked.

This year, club members are also planning to work in the soup kitchen in Brooksville, help at the Brain Bowl, run a Christmas Angels program and partner with Rotary in purchasing Christmas gifts for needy children at Target. Mrs. Guerrier says there are about 15-20 Interact members who will be participating. Then there is the holiday party on Dec. 5th, where students will be collecting donations for a staff member in need of a liver transplant through the Help Hope Live organization.

Rayaan Kader is the underclass president for the Interact Club and stated, "I've been trying to participate in everything as much as possible."

Learning the value of leadership, he said, "When I got my own peers together, I didn't realize how much we can actually accomplish."

"They want to be here, they are excited about it, they want to do things. It gets me excited as well. Many of these young people are wanting to be part of our National



From left to right: Jason Bienstock, President of Interact Club, Rayaan Kader, underclassmen Interact Club President and Victoria Harding, Club Secretary hold some of the bags and items collected for the food drive.

Honor Society. The four tenets are character, service, leadership and academics. One of the main difficulties in getting into National Honor Society is leadership. This club gives students the opportunity to showcase leadership and also character," explained Mrs. Guerrier.

The club meets twice a month on a Wednesday, but we manage it. We're getting things done. They are an amazing group," said Mrs. Guerrier.

They start each meeting with a quote from Mahatma Gandhi, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

Mike Prescott, Rotary Club of Spring Hill President, remarked, "These kids do some wonderful things in our community to help those most in need. We try to instill in them at an early age the importance of giving back. Hopefully, most of them carry this fine trait into adulthood."



The rotary wheel on display donated to the Interact Club by The Rotary Club of Spring Hill. The rotary wheel is a symbol said to illustrate was said to "Civilization, Movement and Service work in action."

**'Books I Like'**

by Hanna Fox

*I'm a middle school student at Wider Horizons School in Spring Hill. In this series, I'll list a book that I enjoyed in hopes that other kids will read it and enjoy it as well.*

**Title:** Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children  
**Author:** Ransom Riggs  
**Age Group:** 13+

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These last words drove Jacob crazy until his Aunt Susan gave him a book that his grandfather had left him. That's when Jacob understood that he needed to go to Cairnholm, Wales and look for a big house. His father and mother are torn between letting Jacob go or not. This would give his father a chance to watch extraordinary birds and his mother would be able to be free of her husband and son for two whole weeks. But what made it final was Dr. Golan saying that the trip would be good for Jacob to help let go of his grandfather.

During this trip, Jacob falls in love with Emma his grandfather's old girlfriend. What?? He finds out Dr. Golan is a Hollow or Hollowgast, discovers that he is a Peculiar child, and is forced into a mission to save the world....



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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION UCN: 272018CP001167/CPAXMX File No. 18-CP-1167 Division: CP

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES RUFUS ELSWICK SR., aka JAMES RUFUS ELSWICK, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JAMES RUFUS ELSWICK SR., also known as JAMES RUFUS ELSWICK, deceased, whose date of death was July 19, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hernando County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 20 N. Main Street, Brooksville, FL 34601.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is: November 16, 2018.

D'ARCY R. CLARIE, ESQUIRE Attorney for Personal Representative Florida Bar No. 122704 CLARIE LAW OFFICES, P.A. 1101 Pasadena Avenue So., Suite 3 South Pasadena, FL 33707 Telephone: 727-345-0041 Eservice: anofilly@clarielaw.com Email: email@clarielaw.com

TONY RAY ELSWICK Personal Representative 507 - 4th Avenue SW Ruskin, FL 33570 (11/16/2018), (11/23/2018)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: GUARDIANSHIP OF LARS DOHM File No.: H-27-GA-2011-051

TERMINATION OF GUARDIANSHIP

The name of the person under guardianship, the designation of the court in which the administration of this case is pending, and the file number are indicated above. The address of the court is 20 Main Street, Brooksville, FL 34601. The guardian has filed her or his accounting and will apply for discharge on a day certain and jurisdiction of the ward will be transferred to a state of foreign jurisdiction.

If you have any claim or demand or objection against the guardianship estate, even if that claim is unadmitted, contingent or unliquidated, you must file your claim or objection with the court WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE. Any objection must be in writing and must state with particularity each item to which the objection is directed and grounds on which the objection is based.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is: November 16, 2018

Attorney for Guardian: Cynthia Rayhorn Florida Bar No.: 76605 Benkert Law, PLLC 1707 W Erna Dr Tampa, FL 33603 Telephone: 727-967-1055 Email: benkertlawcindy@gmail.com

Guardian: David C. Dohm 5616 N Bronco Lane Prescott Valley, AZ 86314 (11/16/2018), (11/23/2018)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 18-1253-CP Division

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARION L. HUNT, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MARION L. HUNT, deceased, whose date of death was September 22, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for HERNANDO County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 20 N. Main Street, Brooksville, FL 34601. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is: November 16, 2018.

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ ALAN HUNT 10015 Trinity Blvd., Suite 101 Trinity, FL 34655 (11/16/2018), (11/23/2018)

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Hide-Away Storage - Spring Hill located at 1000 Commercial Way, Spring Hill FL 34606 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below Occupants whom are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 12/12/2018 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Elizabeth Shults unit #0437, Jennell Jones unit #1136. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details. (11/23/2018), (11/30/2018)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 272018CP-1091

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DENNIS LAURANCE STOKES, a/k/a DENNIS L. STOKES, DENNIS STOKES, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DENNIS LAURANCE STOKES, also known as DENNIS L. STOKES, DENNIS STOKES, deceased, whose date of death was August 12, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hernando County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 7405 Forest Oaks Boulevard, Spring Hill FL 34606. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is: November 16, 2018.

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STEVEN M. WILSEY Personal Representative 1000 16th Street N. St. Petersburg, FL 33705 (11/16/2018), (11/23/2018)

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Michael R. Cook, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "Cookie's Home Cleaning Services Plus" located in Hernando County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

(11/23/2018)

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

CASE NO. 27-2016-CA-000543

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-BNC1, Plaintiff, v. AGNES A. AUGELLO; STEPHEN AUGELLO; ET AL., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 15, 2018, and entered in U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-BNC1, is the Plaintiff and AGNES A. AUGELLO; STEPHEN AUGELLO; NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC., and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, are Defendants, I, Don Barbee, Jr., the Clerk of Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, by electronic sale beginning at 11:00AM (time) Hernando County Courthouse, 20 N. Main St. Room 245; Brooksville, FL 34601 on the 28 day of February, 2019, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 3, BLOCK 217, SPRING HILL UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 96-107, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA, (the "Property"). The Property address is: 230 Dan River Dr., Spring Hill, FL 34606

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator for Hernando County, Peggy Welch, at (352) 754-4402, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

DATED this 17 day of Oct., 2018.

/s/ Elizabeth Markidis Deputy Clerk

Submitted by: Allen S. Katz, Esq. MCGILNCHY STAFFORD 1 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 1400, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33301 Telephone: (954) 356-2522; E-Mail: akatz@mcglinchey.com Co-Counsel for Plaintiff (11/16/2018), (11/23/2018)

NOTICE OF FINAL AGENCY ACTION BY THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given of the District's intended approval of the application for an Environmental Resource Permit for the construction of the Buford Springs Boardwalk in the Chassahowitzka Wildlife Management Area. The project is in Hernando County, Section 27, Township 21S, Range 17E. App ID/Permit No: 7609950 / 43043476.000

The File of Record associated with this application can be viewed at http://www18.sfwfwd.state.fl.us/erp/erp/search/ERPSearch.aspx and is also available for inspection Monday through Friday, except for District holidays, from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. at the District's Tampa Service Office, 7601 U.S. Highway 301 North, Tampa, Florida 33637.

The District's proposed agency action shall become final unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes before the deadline for filing a petition. A person whose substantial interests are affected by the District permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing. (11/23/2018)

Darmanin-Anderson Theresa M., age 81 of Spring Hill, passed away on Tuesday, November 13, 2018. She is survived by her children: Frederick, Michael(Sue), Debra (Tom) and Theresa (Anthony, Sr.); 13 grandchildren & 5 great grandchildren. Src; Downing

Ringo Joseph "Tom" Thomas, age 69, of Brooksville, passed away on Tuesday, November 13, 2018. He is survived by his wife Linda; children: Stephen, Christie; 3 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00am, Saturday, December 1, 2018 at St. John's Episcopal Church. Src; Merritt

Kongeaal Mary L., passed away on Tuesday, November 13, 2018. Src; Turner

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2018 CP 001335 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF PAUL NICHOLAS LEFTWICH Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Paul Nicholas Leftwich, deceased, whose date of death was July 21, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hernando County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 20 N. Main Street, Brooksville, Florida 34601-2800. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is November 23, 2018.

Personal Representative: Alexis Nicole Leftwich 8450 Langworthy Drive Brooksville, Florida 34613

Attorney for Personal Representative: Aliana M. Payret Florida Bar No. 104377 Robinson, Pecaro & Mier, P.A. 201 N. Kentucky Avenue, #2 Lakeland, FL 33801 (11/23/2018), (11/30/2018)

THE ARTS

Tickets are Now on Sale for Live Oak Theatre's It's a Wonderful Life Radio Show Brooksville, Florida (November 16, 2018) - Tickets are now on sale for Live Oak Theatre's It's a Wonderful Life Radio Show starring "James Stewart", "Donna Reed", and "Lionel Barrymore" as the villainous Mr. Potter, will be presented at the Carol & Frank Morsani Center for the Arts, 21030 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville, Florida, on December 7, 8 and 9. Showtimes are at 7:30 pm on Friday, 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm on Saturday, and again at 2:30 pm on Sunday. Adult tickets are only \$20; children ages 13 and younger are \$5 when purchased with an adult ticket. All tickets include coffee, tea and dessert.

For more information and to purchase tickets call 352-593-0027 or email LiveOakBoxOffice@GMail.com or visit www.LiveOakTheatre.org.

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OBITUARIES

Jay Stephen Henry, IV, age 53, of Brooksville, passed away on Wednesday, November 14, 2018. He is survived by his wife: Tina and stepchildren: John, Brian, Billy, and Destiny. Src; Merritt

Pearson Tony McArthur, age 76 of Brooksville, passed away on Wednesday, November 14, 2018. Tony was a U.S. Army Veteran. He is survived by his wife, Lynne; children: Amanda (Dudley), Rachel (David); and 2 grandchildren. A Gathering for family and friends will be held from 6:00-8:00pm, Friday, November 30, 2018 at Merritt Funeral Home, Brooksville Chapel. An Inurnment will take place at 10:30am, Saturday, December 1, 2018 at Florida National Cemetery, with military honors. Src; Merritt

Queen Carl W., age 96, of Brooksville, passed away on Thursday, November 15, 2018. He was a United States Army and Air Force Veteran. Carl is preceded in death by his wife Frieda. Src; Merritt

Gallagher Helen D., age 95 of Spring Hill, passed away on Thursday, November 15, 2018. She is survived by her husband, Martin; sons, Kevin (Mary Ellen), Brian, John (Maureen), Mark (Judy), Stephen (Kim) & Terence; and 11 grandchildren. Visitation will be held at the Downing Funeral Home from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, November 29, 2018. Funeral Mass to take place on Friday, November 30, 2018 at St. Theresa Catholic Church. Src; Downing

Durso Josephine, age 89, of Spring Hill, passed away on Thursday, November 15, 2018. She is survived by her children: Robert, Rosemarie, Nancy; 7 granddaughters, and 11 great-grandchildren. Src; Turner

Kooistra Jerry Raymond, passed away on Friday, November 16, 2018. Src; Turner

Wendt Jean Bernice, passed away on Friday, November 16, 2018. Src; Turner

Olley Richard S., age 81, of Spring Hill, passed away on Friday, November 16, 2018. He is survived by his wife: Kathleen; daughters: Michele, Nicole (Robert) and Jennifer (Daniel); and 3 grandchildren. Src; Merritt

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HEALTH & WELLNESS BRIEFS FROM 10

of Miami in Coral Gables. Dr. Hamoui is the recipient of 2018 Humanism in Medicine at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and the 2017 first place for clinical research at the annual Charles Huggins Resident essay contest of the Chicago Urologic Society.

Oak Hill Hospital hosts a Congestive Heart Failure education series for those living with congestive heart failure (CHF). The meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except holidays) on the Oak Hill Hospital campus in Administrative Conference Room 1 on the first floor of the South Tower. The next session will be held on Tuesday, November 27. The series is held from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm and is hosted by Oak Hill Hospital's Care Assure Patient Nurse Navigators Rebecca Voda, BSN, RN, CHFN (Certified Heart Failure Nurse) and Lisa Cierpk, BSN, RN, CCM (Certified Case Manager), CV-SHD (Cardiovascular Structural Heart Disease). The monthly education series helps those who attend to gain a sense of empowerment and control through the education provided by these clinicians. Participants will reduce stress and anxiety by learning more about this chronic disease and they will be able to collaborate with others who have the same chronic condition. Above all they will also learn about resources that are available to them. For more information and to register call 352-597-6333 or visit OakHillHospital.com/ForYourHealth.

The Maternity Suites at Oak Hill Hospital Announces OB Program Community Events for December

what physical and emotional symptoms to expect and how to cope with them effectively, as well as four FREE weeks of patches, gum or lozenges while supplies last. The program is sponsored by Tobacco Free Florida. Space is limited and registration is required. Call 813-929-1000 to register. The program is conducted by instructor Sheena Thompson, AA, CTTS, CLL, Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist. For more information call Gulfcoast North Area Health Education Center (AHEC) toll free 877-848-6696 or locally at 813-929-1000 or visit tobaccofreeflorida.com/questionnaire.

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The Maternity Suites at Oak Hill Hospital has announced the following OB program community events that will be held during the month of December. All events will be held at Oak Hill Hospital, 11375 Cortez Boulevard, Maternity Suites Education Room, North Tower third floor, Brooksville, Florida 34613. Childbirth Preparation - December 8 - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Breastfeeding Beginnings - December 8 - 3:30 to 5:30 pm and December 19 - 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm New Family Care - December 15 - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Super Sibling - December 15 - 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Childbirth Preparation - December 18 - 19 - 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm both evenings Admission to the program is free for patients. To register call 844-7MY-BABY (844-769-

2229) or visit OakHillHospital.com/MyBaby The classes are conducted by Taylor Theodore, CCC (Certified Childbirth Consultant). For more specific information about the class, contact Ms. Theodore at 352-585-2543 or email taylor@bellytobaby.org.

United Way Offers FREE Dementia Care Seminar in Hernando

Hear from compelling speakers sharing insightful knowledge on caregiving for loved ones with Dementia and Alzheimer's

Spring Hill, FL - (November 19, 2018) - United Way of Hernando County is hosting their annual Dementia Care Seminar for families and professional caregivers focusing on loved ones living with Dementia or Alzheimer's. This FREE seminar is open to the community and offers educational and interactive discussions highlighting struggles, solutions, and the power of hope.

During this seminar you will learn helpful tips, hear motivating stories, and gain knowledge from compelling speakers. Gary LeBlanc, a local author and caregiver, and Linda Burhans, national speaker on caregiver advocacy, will be sharing their experience through the journey of caregiving. There will be refreshments, helpful vendors, resources, and free memory screenings conducted by Renstar Medical Research.

Join us on Thursday, January 24th at 9:30am-12:00pm at St. Frances Cabrini Church, Main Hall, 5030 Mariner Blvd. Spring Hill, FL 34609. RSVP to the United Way office by calling 352-688-2026 or email outreach@UnitedWayHernando.org.

Visit www.UnitedWayHernando.org/DementiaSeminar to download event flyer. For more information on Caregiving visit CommonSenseCaregiving.com or sign up for their newsletter.

MARRIAGES

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Shane Robert Bond and Callahan Andriana Geraldine 11/13/18
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Lambert Edgar Eugene and Cipolloni Theresa M 11/13/18
Kassay Frank William and Hamilton Bobbie Jean 11/14/18
Brunner Andrew James and Titus Laura Yumi 11/14/18
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Henderson Bryan Micheal and Gedridge Nicolle Lynn 11/15/18
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Stanina Nathan Patrick and Rodriguez-Ruiz Nicole Marianne 11/15/18
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Bowen Alexander Glenn and Smith Katrina Ann 11/16/18
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Petersimes Clayton Scott and Carswell Joy Alessandra 11/16/18
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Hampton Timothy Brian and Nalagon Melanie Raniel 11/16/18
McMurdo John William and Koglin Valerie Rhoads 11/16/18
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Scrieber Matthew David and Henderson Elizabeth Ann 11/16/18
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Kramer Ronald Albert and Doyle Patricia Lucille 11/19/18
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OPINION

Seen as Allies, Pilgrims Thankful

by ADON TAFT

ADON TAFT



In a day when the demand for change wins or loses elections, makes cell phones obsolete within six months, or labels historic names for athletic teams "offensive," does a staple remain?

Since after nearly 400 years not a whole lot seems different about the way we celebrate the most American of all our holidays, it might seem that Thanksgiving is that staple.

Then as now, a major feature of the celebration was a big meal for extended family and friends with leftovers for two or three days. The men and boys went hunting and fishing like many still do. The women cooked. There were competitive games, singing and dancing all of which remain on today's holiday menu.

In that day, a religious service of thanksgiving was central. Today, not so much. Changes, subtle and not so subtle, have taken place with a fading knowledge of the facts about the beginnings of the tradition and a growing diversification in the culture of the nation.

The facts: When in 1620 the Pilgrims, seeking a place to practice their form of

Christianity in freedom and safety, landed at Plymouth Rock in what we now know as Massachusetts, it would seem there was little for which to be thankful. Of the 102 passengers and a crew of 19 aboard the Mayflower, one passenger and one member of the crew had died during the two-month journey. Many, including a majority of the 34 children, were sick. Most of the supplies were diminished by storm and vessel repair delays.

On shore, they found economic hardship resulting from inter-tribal wars and a disease-decimated population. The local natives, members of the Wampanoag tribe, had just been through the worst decade of their lives.

Few modern-day Americans are taught that those Indians welcomed the English newcomers (by way of the Netherlands) as possible allies against the Mi'kmaq

warriors and Narragansett from the north and Pequot tribe from the west who already had taken most of New England from the thousands of Wampanoag who for generations had called that land home.

In addition, up to 90 percent of the remaining Wampanoag had fallen victim to leptospirosis, a fatal or near fatal combination of bacterial infections apparently contracted from contact with French fur traders.

The Pilgrims were thankful to God that residing among the Wampanoag was Squanto, a Patuxet Indian whose entire tribe had been victims of the epidemic while he had been taken away aboard a Spanish merchant ship and sold into slavery in Spain and England where he learned the language before being set free and returned to his native land.

Serving as an interpreter, Squanto taught the newcomers to grow corn, squash and beans, to catch fish and other seafood. After living with the Pilgrims, he became a believer in their faith that God, in His earthly form as Jesus Christ and as evidence of His love of mankind, on the cross personally paid the death penalty for the sins of any who will believe. To them He will grant salvation and

an eternity in Heaven.

Out of gratitude for their help in surviving their first difficult year in their New World and the harvesting of a bumper crop, the Pilgrims invited Squanto and Massasoit, the local tribal leader who had granted the Pilgrims their land, and 90 of his followers as guests for the first annual Thanksgiving celebration, probably in late September of 1621.

Similar celebrations followed in other colonies. A century and a half later, the first official act of Congress after adopting the Constitution and the Bill of Rights for the new nation of the United States of America was to set a National Day of Thanksgiving on Sept. 25, 1789.

The date has varied since then but, however neglected or ignored, the purpose — to thank God for the blessings He has bestowed on us as individuals and as a nation and for the freedom to do so — has not. Thank God.

(Adon Taft was the religion editor for 37 of his 54 years with the Miami Herald. He taught social studies at Miami-Dade Community College and authored the chapters on religion in the three-volume history of the state, "Florida from Indian Trail to Space Age," edited by Dr. Charlton W. Tebeau and Ruby Leach Carson.)

Solution to Sudoku on page 15

by Linda Thistle

Sudoku grid with numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 in various positions.

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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NOTE

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America respects you for who you are and what you know without any reservations. And I learned that dedication and hard work define one's success and the American dream is yours for the making.

But that was only the beginning of my career. New Jersey College of Medicine gave me a fellowship in cardiology and later Jersey City Medical Center appointed me as a full time attending cardiologist and Asst. Prof of Medicine. At that time I decided this is indeed the place for me, where I can work without any bias from anybody.

In fact when people talk about discrimination, I often wondered if this is an exaggeration. Yes, such events do occur but except on rare occasions I have hardly faced any preju-

dices.

When I moved into Hernando County to practice medicine some thirty five years ago, I was warned: "You are going to a southern conservative country, so be careful. It may take time to get established there." But soon I found out that it's your performance and ability to serve that count, more than your color or ethnicity. I am most grateful for the acceptance I got in this county, so I could continue to practice my specialty and retire from my cherished profession when I finally decided to so. Later, my two children went through the local school system and graduated from Hernando High and went on to complete their medical studies and specialty training without any difficulty.

But my real bonus came when I became severely ill several times during a span of ten years. First I

had to go through multiple cardiac interventions for chest pain including two emergency procedures. I doubt if I could I have gotten such superb cardiac care as I got in the hospitals in Hernando and Pasco Counties in any other country. Later I had to undergo a somewhat exotic surgery, a kidney transplantation in Minneapolis under the care of Dr Najarian, one of the world's foremost specialists in such surgery. The event turned out to be a true obstacle course given the numerous complications I suffered that needed truly expert care. And thanks to that care, I'm still active and volunteering as a cardiologist in the free clinic in Spring Hill, FL, after retirement.

America, I am happy that from my own experience, you honor those who serve their community and who strive to make a difference. Coming from another con-

continent, you accepted me for who I am and encouraged and nurtured me to the position I am in today. As Thanksgiving holidays arrive every year, a wave of immense gratitude washes over me; I cannot thank you enough for the wonderful blessings you have bestowed upon me and my family. It's indeed a great privilege to live in a country the national ethos of which includes freedom and opportunity to work hard and prosper. That's why most of the civilized world still looks up to you for guidance and help.

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Author: "Stories from My Heart" (amazon.com) Emeritus Editor: AAPI Journal

FUNNIES

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF - A - DAY



"If you contact him, ask him where he hid the insurance policies!"

(puzzle on page 15)

Crossword puzzle grid with letters T, S, A, S, R, O, F, S, R, E, R, E, O, T, N, O, E, F, I, E, U, I, L, I, I, N, O, T, T, R, U, O, D, D, I, B, A, R, O, S, I, G, N, I, N, N, I, H, S, A, O, D, D, I, Y, E, R, P, R, A, T, C, R, A, C, O, W, D, E, M, L, K, E, L, K, E, R, E, E, R, E, I, K, E, S, A, S, D, A, N, D, V, E, R, L, U, R, K, L, U, R, K, N, E, R, H, E, R, E, L, R, E, L, S, N, O, S, B, A, T, B, A, O, P, O, H, E, H, C, H, A, V, I, A, B, W, I, A, V, A, T, O, M, A, T, H, E, R, E, W, R, I, T, R, A, F, R, A, F, E, L, U, T, E.

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

BIBLE TRIVIA

BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Which book of the Bible (KJV) mentions the word "thanksgiving" the most times at eight? Genesis, Nehemiah, Psalms, Isaiah

2. In 2 Timothy 3:1-2, what human qualities does Paul list as being signs of the last days? Adulterers, Sun worshippers, Renegades, Unthankful people

3. From Psalms 106:1, "O give thanks unto the Lord; for his ... endureth forever"? Love, Good, Mercy, Spirit

4. In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the ... of God"? Power, Will, Gratitude, Travail

5. From Leviticus 22, a sacrifice of thanksgiving is most meaningful when it is ... ? Sincere, Often, At your own will, Extravagant

6. Where was Jonah when he prayed with the voice of thanksgiving? Fish's belly, Aboard ship, In the wilderness, Mountaintop

ANSWERS: 1) Psalms; 2) Unthankful people; 3) Mercy; 4) Will; 5) At your own will; 6) Fish's belly

Visit Wilson Casey's new Trivia Fan Site at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous.

DEUTERONOMY 16:19

"The Bribe" by Ernst Ludwig Kirchner (1923)

## OPINION

DOMENICK J. MAGLIO, PH.D.



Traditional Realist

## Knowing the difference between reality and fantasy

Television has become passé to many youngster people. Preschoolers often have their own tablets, kindles, and electronic games. These devices are changed and updated so often it is almost impossible for most parents to constantly monitor what their child is viewing. Most parents are not that vigilant. In essence many children have the exposure without the guidance to decide on their own the world they want to gravitate towards.

The one thing that is certain, much of the material is going to be animated fantasy, not reality. Parents should point out the difference between fantasy and reality or our youngsters will not be able to distinguish between them. Reality has very little appeal to children. It is often boring compared to virtual interactive games. It is for this reason parents must teach what differentiates reality from fantasy. This contrast is essential for good decision-making.

For actually understanding reality the first lesson parents need to establish is that they are the head of the household. Children need to listen to the commands of the parents for their own safety. The child has to learn he has to ask permission before he attempts to do something out of the ordinary. It sets up reasonable boundaries for the child to protect him from his ignorant decision making skills. Without reality training children have no predictability concerning the consequences of their own actions.

Parents of infants, toddlers and preschoolers need to have sufficient quantity time with their child to train them how to perceive reality, think and behave. Teachable moments occur spontaneously making it important for parents to maximize the time they spend with their children. This will increase the frequency of spontaneous lessons the child needs for his overall development.

The reality is that the parents are in charge of the family because they know more about life. They are wiser which enables them to make better decisions than their inexperienced child. There can be no equality of roles for obvious reasons. Children are oblivious to many of life's hazards without warning and direction from parents.

Children are not born with any reality indicator. They have to be taught by the parents what is possible or impossible to be done by humans, animals or objects.

People cannot jump from great heights and miraculously survive even though they may see it on video. When some children put on a Superman costume they believe they can fly out of the window. This has happened and it has not been pretty. It is the parent's responsibility to inform the child of this fact to prevent a serious tragedy. Animals do not drive cars, work in a business or live in mansions as they appear to do in a virtual world.

In modern parenting, reality is shunned and fantasy is encouraged to cushion the harsh reality of life. Discussing evil has become taboo so as not to frighten the child's sensibilities. Coddling children from reality is an ill-advised policy. Evil people do exist and are more tolerated than ever before. Children need to understand the consequences of behaviors and actions as there are more choices than ever before that can result in disastrous consequences.

Most importantly youngsters need to be warned about evil people and self-destructive horrible behaviors such as abuse, abductions of children, and sexual exploitation. Children need to be taught about out-of-control drug

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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## The smell of clean

As far as I'm concerned, clean doesn't have a smell. It is smellless. There is no odor, fragrance, or aroma. Clean is air without scent. But thanks to TV, my wife thinks clean is the smells of lemon and mainly pine. The only time I want to smell lemon is when I'm eating one or drinking lemonade. And I never want to smell pine. And exactly what does "pine" mean? Pinetree? What part of the tree? Do they flower? Is it the cone? The bark? It's probably the sap. So who decided pine sap smells clean? Oh yeah, TV.

When I was growing up, my mother used Pine-Sol and other such chemicals mainly on the tile floors, but she diluted them as per instructions. My wife, as far as I can smell, uses them straight out of the bottle. For years I came home from work and my face and everything in it burned. I always protested, and she always countered with, "It smells clean!" Okay, okay, but I was having flashbacks to when I was in basic training and had to stand in a CS gas tent and take off my protective mask! And she still does that, though not as often. But the flashbacks are just as vivid.

I do use scented body wash and shampoo, but those you scrub on and rinse off, and the only way I can detect the smell is to rub my forearm across my nose. Do they make scentless soap? I think clean skin smells just fine.

And who invented aftershave? I stopped using it when, down south, I was attacked three days in a row by some sort of biting flies in the parking lot. It occurred to me that it was the scent from the bottle with the picture of a little ship on the front that attracted them, so I stopped using it, and the flies left me alone. Thirty-two years later I splashed some on again (from the same bottle, which was then as thick as olive oil, I'm not kidding) and I was immediately swarmed and bitten by what friends here in Florida identified as Deer Flies. I don't use aftershave anymore.

Makes me wonder what the ancients did to eliminate their odors. Oh, Romans built bathhouses to quell

use, eating and sleeping addictions so they can be avoided. Reality training will prevent many possible disasters to innocent children by opening their eyes.

Parents are endowed with an immense amount of knowledge they gained from their own parents, teachers, adults and just living life. The parents are smarter and obliged to share these insights and knowledge with their children to assist them in having an uneventful, safe childhood. Parents should share their hardships and accomplishments

### GOOFY STUFF By VINCENT CARDEGIN

the stench of the city, which certainly wafted to neighboring villages and possibly alarmed the native Americans across the ocean now and then.

The baths were open to everyone, but I don't think persons of poverty used them much—too busy working. I'm sure the place mostly stank all the time.

Egyptians wore cones of beeswax, a sort of hat infused with other fragrances that melted down as the night progress and masked the odor of whatever it was they were doing.

Various containers have been identified from most ancient civilizations as having held perfumes, but no one has found a ceramic version of our stick deodorant.

Cavemen probably didn't care. The human nose can accustom itself to many things, on the beach, in the forest, in caves, I suppose. But it takes a while. I know that during the short time I lived in New England, I never got used to the oily air of fish and seagulls along the beach and especially on the docks.

The memory of it still haunts my gag reflex. I know the movie "Jaws" did not provide a Disney World-like olfactory experience,

but every time I watch it, I can smell that boat. And the same holds true for the many other places I lived.

My wife also likes to use cone-shaped air fresheners—reminiscent of ancient Egypt. She sneaks one behind my leather-tooling kit on top of my left bookshelf now and then, and it takes me awhile before I realize where the "clean sheets" smell is coming from. I don't like it, but I leave it there to mummify, which doesn't take long, and hope she doesn't remember to check it. Always eventually she does.

There is one smell I don't mind, and that's in the room where I watch the news in the morning while sipping coffee and later write. That place, my office, has a hint (my wife would say it has a reek) of spilled beer and burned tobacco. I note that no one manufactures that fragrance in any form, which is fine. I would rather have no smell at all, but I can tolerate the aromas I manufacture in situ.

However, I am fully doomed to my wife's sense of clean, her liquids, sprays, soaps, candles, and oils heated in outlets. All I ask of my beloved spouse is that she not buy any air freshener that smells like pumpkin pie or krumkake. They are special foods, and if I have to smell them all year long, I will never bake those deserts again.



Arming one's child with strategies to deal with reality issues is a wonderful and loving gift parents need to provide their child. Leaving the nest is a crucial event in a person's life.

The parental preparation for the child maturing should have happened throughout the developmental years. This training, as well as a good dose of luck and prayer, practically insures success as the youngster has been trained in reality. Reality training in this period of virtual existence is more important than ever before.

WILLIAM F. HOLLAND



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## Giving thanks for God's beautiful earth

Imagine if you were the creator of the earth with all of its breathtaking beauty and gave each living creature the gift of life. For every human, you provided a book of your promises which gives a detailed description of how they are to live. And then, you sent your only son to sacrifice his life and raised him from the dead to redeem the souls of all who would believe. Your invitation to deliver those who would believe from the bondage of sin and welcome them to live with you in heaven forever is beyond words. As you patiently wait for the masses to respond, you notice that only a few individuals actually have a desire to know you and even less are showing an appreciation for your offer. What would you do? Of course, you would be disappointed but you gave them free-will to live however they want. You will just have to let them decide their own path.

Even though mankind has the choice to make decisions, I am relieved to know that God rules on his throne, is in total control, and nothing can keep us from his love. The Bible declares that His mercy endures forever and whether the masses will admit it or not, we are all very fortunate to receive his grace and patience. I was looking through a world atlas the other day with all the many different places on our planet that are filled with such awe-inspiring beauty and astonishing creatures. The rainforest of the Congo river basin and the gigantic Sahara Desert that covers nearly a third of the African continent and then on to the wonders of the Oceans that are another astonishing realm of bewilderment. The vastness of nature is overwhelming much like the mysteries of the universe are beyond our imagination and then I noticed the title that said, "Our World" and wondered, is it really? Yes, the earth is our habitation in the sense that we are temporarily camped out here and allowed to enjoy everything it has to offer, but in reality, God is the rightful owner and generously gives us the privilege to be an invited guest. Psalm 24 verse one says, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof: the world and they that dwell there." This statement is quite different from the perspective of many humans who have aggressively staked their claim. It's remarkable how some individuals actually believe a real-estate deed proves they are the rightful owner without humbly considering who gave them the privilege to occupy and use the resources. How often do we appreciate that each breath of oxygen was created and given by his kindness so that our lungs would not collapse? Every clean glass of water we drink was made by God as a gracious gift to satisfy our bodies demand for hydration. The thermostat for the atmosphere is monitored by his hand in order that we might survive deadly temperature fluctuations and it's his law of gravity that keeps everything perfectly balanced and in place. Though most humans think they are strong and in control, in reality, we are very fragile and totally dependent on his compassion every moment.

According to the Bible, God is not only the maker of all things but willingly turned mankind loose upon His beautiful paradise even though He realized how uncaring and destructive they can be. He knew that humanity would pollute, deplete, and ruin his masterpiece with their greed

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# The Osceola Wild Turkey

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The Osceola Wild Turkey was named after the famous Seminole Chief Osceola in 1890 and can be found only in Florida. These wild turkeys thrive in open terrain of longleaf pine forests, oaks and grasslands habitats.

Wild turkeys were once abundant in Florida. In 1860, it was estimated that there were more turkeys than humans. Wild turkey populations declined throughout the country due to over harvesting and habitat loss, but populations remained healthy in Florida- due to the area's inhospitable environment.

However, Florida turkey populations also began to decline in the 20th century due to

increased development.

From 1949 through 1970, over 5,000 wild turkeys were trapped, banded and released into suitable habitats throughout Florida. Since then, habitat management and protection have become a primary focus for maintaining or improving Florida's turkey population.

Wild turkeys are among the "prey species" which contributes to a healthy natural food source for many wildlife species. The turkeys have a high rate of reproduction, therefore a number can be eaten without negatively affected the overall survival of the species.

Breeding begins in late winter and lasts through summer. Males start displaying in January and February. Males are capable of breeding

with multiple females, which helps with higher reproductive rates.

Nesting begins in late March and can last until June. Hens can lay 10+ eggs and have a strong social bond between them and their poults, which may increase their chance of survival, however only 30% will survive beyond two weeks of age, due to natural predators. The turkey's overall life expectancy is still only about 18 months

The wild turkey's main food sources are acorns, seeds and berries. They supplement their diet with insects.

The wild turkey is a simple species that fulfills an important role in the natural environment. They also wobble when they run, and that is just plain cute.



Florida's Wild Turkey.. Oak scrubs are just one of their prime habitat areas.



Hens create a strong social bond between them and their poults.



Good brood habitat generally consists of open areas with a grassy or herbaceous ground cover 1 to 3 feet in height allow hens to see over the vegetation to detect approaching danger.


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and selfishness. Not only would they abuse it, but many arrogantly deny that he is not the author and designer who spoke it all into existence. It is so breathtaking to witness whales and elephants moving gracefully with such wonder and magnificence. The honor to watch a glorious sunrise or to walk along a sun-drenched beach and feel the majestic power of the sea is given for all of us to admire, respect, and be grateful for his love. It's truly sad when

humans declare how the Almighty God is not a real person and that everything we see somehow evolved from nothing. How could anyone not be humbled with a sense of reverence and adoration to this divine architect who is called the Alpha and the Omega? "The sea is his and he made it; and his hands formed the dry land. O come, and let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker" Psalm 95:5-6.

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