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Tora! Tora! Tora! performance by the Commemorative Air Force was a recreation of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor at the recent Sun 'n Fun Fly-In Expo near Lakeland.

The 2018 Sun 'n Fun Fly-In Expo did not disappoint

■ By TROY McCLELLAN
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The annual Sun 'n Fun Fly-In Expo is a huge draw from all over the United States and internationally. Many do not realize that the fly-in is just a part of the much larger mission of the Sun 'n Fun Expo campus. The campus is home to the Aerospace Center for Excellence, or ACE, with 14 buildings and a Boeing 727 classroom, and is located at the Lakeland-Linder Regional Airport in Lakeland.

The Sun 'n Fun Fly-In is their biggest event of the year and helps fund the education and outreach programs offered. These include STEMtastic™ day camps that offer daily themes utilizing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) learning applications. Classes are taught by educators from STEM schools.

Another major program is the Destination Aviation Summer Camp offering flight opportunities for all participants and showcases the aircraft, cockpit instruments and aerodynamic principles. They also have time in flight simulators.

In addition to the on-campus programs and student tours that happen throughout the year, Sun 'n Fun staff

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Hillsborough annual Neighborhoods Conference May 12

Register by May 4

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Sloan said this will be the first year residents will have the opportunity to sit down with Merrill.

"You can also get certified to be on a HOA board," she said. "The state requires it." The course includes going through the documents needed for enforcement in neighborhoods. "It has to be taught by someone certified through the state. John Ellis, a local HOA attorney, is going to do the board certification training.

"Also, we will have leadership classes, like emotional intelligence for leaders. A lot of times people don't know how to deal with stronger personalities."

During the luncheon, the Children's Board will also give a $2,000 award to a youth group that has made an impact in their community, either by creating a youth council or doing a project," Sloan said. "This year, the Wimauma Youth Council won. They have gone out and helped survey the community on what is needed and how people can get help."

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The event typically draws 400 to 500 people. "They come all over, from Ruskin and Sun City Center, Carrollwood, Keystone, Lutz, Temple Terrace and Plant City."

There will also be about 100 vendors on site, both county vendors and companies that want to get their products to the public.

To register by May 4, go to www.Hillsboroughcounty.org and type: neighborhood conference.

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Beta Sigma Phi new officers

Preceptor Kappa Beta, Beta Sigma Phi elected new officers for 2018-2019. From left: Cyrille Cobe, treasurer; Jackie Darden, president; Susan Seipelt, secretary; and Judy Boyer corresponding secretary.

AAUW meeting May 12

The next American Association of University Women (AAUW) meeting will be May 12, at the Sun City Center Atrium Building Florida Room, 945-D N. Course Lane. There will be a social time at 10:30 a.m. followed by the meeting at 11 and lunch. The cost is $15 for lunch. Mail your checks to Mrs. Margie Castiglia at 2411 Emerald Lake Drive, Aston Gardens, Unit# 209, Sun City Center, FL 33573. For questions or more information, call 813-633-8253 or Nancy Ducharme at 813-645-1695.

This will be the last meeting of this academic year and will be devoted to recognizing their long-term members of at least 30 years. They will also recognize the leaders and past presidents, who will receive their leadership pins. During this luncheon meeting they will feature the Hillsborough Community College (HCC) scholarship recipients from the HCC Scholarship Foundation. Many of these recipients are mature college women who have gone back to college.

For more in formation of how you can receive this college scholarship, attend this meeting to learn how to qualify and meet the recipients. They will also learn about our members' recent fundraising trip to Memphis via the *American Trip Riverboat*.

VFW fundraiser May 5

VFW Post 8108 is having a fundraising dinner for the children of Puerto Rico Saturday, May 5, at 7504 Riverview Dr. in Riverview from 3 p.m. to 5. Tickets are $10 each.

For the menu and more information, call the VFW Post at 813-671-9845.

South Bay Genealogy meeting May 15

On Tuesday, May 15, the South Bay Genealogical Society will meet at noon at United Methodist Church of Sun City Center Life Enrichment Center (LEC), 1210 W. Del Webb Blvd., Sun City Center. The guest speaker will be John Stewart, presenting "Thomas Jefferson's Family Tree." You will be entertained by his convincing portrayal of Jefferson, as well as benefited from his extensive knowledge of Jefferson's life.

The cost is $18.75 per person for lunch. For reservations and information, call Dotty Love at 813-634-2749. Mail check to SBGS, P.O. Box 5202, Sun City Center, FL 33571. Check must be received by May 3.

Chamber News & Views

■ By **LYNNE CONLAN**
Executive Director, Sun City Center Area Chamber of Commerce

So, what's your position? Is the glass half full or half empty? This debate has been raging for decades. They say half-full respondents are optimists. Half-empty advocates are pessimists. But who the heck are "they"? And what do "they" know that we don't?

Actually, the focus of this age-old question is not about the infamous glass. Rather, it's about the perspective of the observer. Research shows that seeing the glass half full not only makes you happier, it makes you healthier and wealthier. A study by Psychologist Susan Segerstrom found that 10 years after they graduated, law students who were optimistic earned an average of over $32,000 more than their glass-half-empty peers. If you expect good things to happen, that will lead you to take actions that produce positive results. Expecting only bad stuff to follow you around will keep you from doing the very thing that just might have minimized or avoided just that.

Here are a few strategies for filling your cup with optimism. I believe if you try even one or two of them, you'll notice the difference it will make to your outlook on life. Start every day out with your intention for the day. Pick out that word that resonates for you that day — what will help shape your attitude that day. Then focus your time and energy on that intention.

Another exercise is to do something outside your comfort zone. No matter how scary it sounds, there's no better way to build self-confidence than by trying something that forces you to stretch. It also teaches you that you are capable of more than you thought you were. You can also reframe a problem into an opportunity. Your problems aren't solved by complaining about them. So, try to reframe them so that you can approach them from a new angle.

Another thing to remember. Optimism is contagious. So is pessimism. Don't waste your time hanging out with emotionally draining pessimists. They can suck the life right out of a room with their complaints about everything that's wrong with the world. And how about just lightening up. With a few exceptions — John Belushi and John Candy come to mind — comedians tend to live long lives. It's because they have become masters at finding the humor in even the most unfunny situations. While it's not always easy to see the humorous side of things, it's always helpful. Laughter is a highly effective cure to almost every ailment, anxiety or adversity.

But I think the best answer to this dilemma came from Mark Harmon who stars as special agent Gibbs on *NCIS*. When asked if the glass is half full or half empty, Harman replied, "It depends on what's in the glass." I'd say that makes him an opportunist. And I'll drink to that!

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Dogs always rule at Canine Cabana

■ By LOIS KINDLE
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It's been 10 years since Kendall Duncan and Angie Frazier left their jobs as Busch Gardens zookeepers and went to the dogs.

"We were animal experts, not business experts," said Duncan, recalling their decision to open Canine Cabana, a canine day care and boarding facility. "When we started, it was just us, and now we have 23 employees."

Literally starting from scratch, they did their research, took all kinds of classes, put together a business plan and worked it.

After a decade of boarding and training just about every breed of dog known to man, both women know they have many people to thank for their success.

"When Angie and I opened our doors 10 years ago, we had no idea of the personal connections we would make with our clients, guests and our community," Duncan said. "We are so grateful for all the love and support we've received. We're beyond blessed."

Because of that support, they said, they've been able to build a thriving business and raise their children in the community they love.

The affection Duncan and Frazier have for their clients is reciprocal.

"Kendall, Angie and the Cabana are like family to us," said Miriam Leech, of Bloomindale. "Our 10-year-old Aussie, Ringo, has been going there eight years, and he just celebrated his birthday with them last Friday."

Leech said Duncan and Frazier helped Ringo overcome his early fear of other dogs.

"He loves going there," she said. "He runs to his leash whenever I say, 'Canine Cabana.' It's his second home.

"I trust them with my dog's life," she said. "I wouldn't let anyone else take care of him."

Bridgett Wilson, owner of Cardinal Roofing, agrees. Over the past "four or five years," she's entrusted Canine Cabana with the care of four dogs: her Aussie, Boomer, who has since passed; her dachshund, Schupper; and two rescues, Anakin and Padme, a German shepherd and Dutch shepherd.

"We drive all the way from Valrico to take them there," she said. "We trust Angie and Kendall completely with anything dog-related. We board our dogs anytime we go out of town, and periodically they go for day care. They love it.

"When we get to the Cabana, it's mass chaos in the car," Wilson added. "They can't wait to get out and go inside.

"We would never leave them anywhere else."

Canine Cabana is at 9708 Carr Road, Riverview. Its highly experienced staff is thoroughly trained in dog and pack behaviors, canine body language, canine anatomy, pet CPR and first aid, to understand each dog's personality, physical capabilities and compatibility with other dogs.

"This is the safest and most fun place to leave your dog," said Frazier.

"It's 'funner' than fun," said Kara Drew, facility manager.

In addition to its regular boarding and day-care services, clients can add any of the Cabana's enrichment programs, like Frisbee fun, water activities with pools and sprinklers, scent tracking and brain games; bathing options that include everything from a luxurious bubble bath and rinse to brush outs, nail trims and gourmet treats.

Training can include private sessions in Cabana Manners, ranging from sitting, leash and door behaviors to polite greetings, laying down and more. It can also include socialization, potty training for puppies and behavior consultations. "No dog ever fails at Canine Cabana," Duncan said. "If they're uncomfortable in a group setting, they fit perfectly into an enrichment program, where they get one-on-one attention from a team member," Duncan said.

All Canine Cabana guests receive a wellness check to ensure their eyes, coats and ears are problem-free every time they walk through the door, and daily throughout their stay.

"They get constant attention throughout the day, so we know what their needs are," Frazier said. "We look at every dog as an individual."

Canine Cabana is open 365 days a year, including holidays. Its hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The public is welcome to tour the facility at any time.

Dogs rule at Canine Cabana. They're the very reason the place exists. It's a happy place with a happy mission.

"We've honestly never met a dog we didn't like," Duncan said. "There's no question about it. We love them all."

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/caninecabanafl/ or www.caninecabana.biz. You can also call 813-672-9663.

COURTESY PHOTO
Ringo, a 10-year-old Aussie owned by Miriam Leech, of Bloomingdale, has been a guest at Canine Cabana since he was 2. He overcame his early fear of other dogs through socialization training there.

LOIS KINDLE PHOTO
Former zookeepers Angie Frazier, left, and Kendall Duncan, owners of Canine Cabana in Riverview, are celebrating the 10th anniversary of their day care and boarding facility for dogs this month.

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Rowdy's Pet Resort opens off Big Bend Road

By LOIS KINDLE
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Danielle "Dani" Judge has always loved animals. Surrounded by them her entire life, she and her mom volunteered when she was young at the Lewis House, a domestic violence shelter in Egan, Minn., and brought along their golden retriever, Paige, as a therapy dog.

When the dog passed away, Judge began working at the surrender desk of a local pet shelter. Part of her position there was to evaluate animals for their adoptability based on their behaviors and physical condition.

In 2008, at age 21, she landed her first job at Dog Day Getaway, a boarding and daycare facility in Apple Valley, Minn., where the dream of owning one of her own was born.

On May 1, that dream will be realized when Dani opens Rowdy's Pet Resort, at 13141 Kings Lake Drive, just north of Big Bend Road in Gibsonton. It's under the same roof as the new Family Animal Hospital operated by her friend Anna Bannon, DVM.

Judge knows most folks consider their dogs family members and leaving them in the care of others, even for a weekend, can be difficult.

"We do a three-hour meet-and-greet to evaluate each dog's response to other dogs and how comfortable they are in our facility," Judge said. "We know (boarding or day care) is not for every pet, and we want to make sure we're a good fit. If not, we'll recommend in-home pet sitting or other care."

Although some dogs are a bit nervous when they first come in, most gradually develop self-confidence.

"It's wonderful to see them change," Judge said. "They turn out to be some of my favorite guests."

Prospective clients can be assured Judge's credentials are bona fide.

She graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in animal science (pre-veterinary medicine). During her last semester, she interned at the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, where she worked with primates of all kinds and occasionally helped care for its lions, tigers and snow leopards. She also worked as a veterinary assistant for Blue Pearl.

After graduation, she took a marketing position with the company, and then became its veterinary outreach coordinator. In that position, she organized continuing education classes for veterinarians who were general practitioners and submitted stories for the company's various publications. She left in 2013 to move to Land O' Lakes with her husband, James, Blue Pearl's media relations director. The couple now live on a mini-farm in Wesley Chapel with their menagerie of three dogs, three cats, two horses, some chickens, waterfowl and a fish.

"Over the next three years, I worked for the Veterinary Center at FishHawk and the Hillsborough Animal Foundation and helped open the nonprofit veterinary hospital, Vets4Pets," Judge said. "That's how I met Anna (Bannon)."

LOIS KINDLE PHOTO
Danielle "Dani" Judge and her 11-year-old boxer, Rowdy, are eager to welcome the community to Rowdy's Resort, a new boarding and daycare facility for dogs at 13141 Kings Lake Drive, Gibsonton. Opening day is May 1.

Then in 2016, she opened Rowdy's on the Run, a fully licensed and insured pet-sitting service in Wesley Chapel.

"It was supposed to be a temporary job, while I began seriously planning to open my own boarding and daycare facility for dogs," Judge said. "It got so busy I hired two wonderful employees, and it's still in operation."

Rowdy's Pet Resort is named after Judge's 11-year-old boxer.

"He's the inspiration behind all of this," she said. "I always want to give him the best, and you can be sure that's what I'll provide your pets."

The daycare and boarding facility offers private, enclosed suites with raised beds and plush blankets and separated, open play areas, (indoors and outdoors) for both small and large breeds. Siblings can share suites, if their owners desire.

Guests must have up-to-date rabies, distemper, Bordetella and canine flu vaccinations.

The cost is $42 per night, with a 15-percent discount for each additional dog. Discounts are also provided for extended stays. Self-serve or full-service baths, nail trims, ear cleaning and nighttime desserts are available a la carte.

The staff is on duty from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.; business hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, visit www.rowdyspetresort.com or the Rowdy's Pet Resort Facebook page, or email bark@rowdyspetresort.com or call 813-512-7192.

AGA meeting May 10

Alienated Grandparents Anonymous (AGA) will hold its next meeting on May 10, at Living Lord Lutheran Church, 11107 Palmbrush Trail, Lakewood Ranch, at 1 p.m. This will be the last meeting for the season. This group provides information and support to grandparents who feel alienated or estranged from their grandchildren.

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Sorority donates to the Children's Home Network

Laureate Zeta Kappa, Sun City Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority presented a donation to the Children's Home Network for special projects such as the campus play ground providing the boys and girls a safe and fun place to play. The chapter holds their annual garage sale in Sun City Center the first weekend in November to fund donations to several charitable organizations around town.

Bob's Vets to honor WWII Vets with free breakfast May 17

Bob's Vets is very excited to be honoring World War II Vets this coming Armed Forces Week. On Thursday, May 17, at the Ruskin/ Sun City Center Chapter of Bob's Vets organization will be hosting a free breakfast at 9 a.m. for World War II Veterans of all services at Bob's Evans Restaurant, 102 Commercial Center Dr., Sun City Center.

This is just a little token from Bob's Vets members to its senior veterans — saying a very well deserved "Thank you for serving."

Seating is limited; reservation is a must by calling 813-444-7272, or email ftdsr@gmail.com no later than Monday, May 14. When making the reservation they will ask for the veterans name, service branch, dates of service and any special recognition awards received for service. Providing this information is optional, but certainly appreciated.

Summer is coming! Time to clean out the garage and have a yard sale! Call 813-645-3111.

Positive Talk: Keep at it

■ By **WILLIAM HODGES**
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It is always easier to quit than to continue the struggle. But the reward will never be as great for those who quit as for those who continue striving toward a worthwhile purpose. Sometimes you do not know what progress you are making. I was told about a man who bought a very expensive—and supposedly smart—parrot. He decided he would teach the parrot to talk. Each morning, he would say to the bird, "It's a great day." But the bird responded by sitting there in stony silence with his head down. He appeared to be ignoring the remarks made to him. After several weeks, his owner decided the bird was a lost cause and gave up on communicating with him. That morning as he walked into the room in which the parrot was caged, he said nothing to the bird—no "It's a great day" or any other cheery greeting. After a few moments of silence, the bird piped up, "So what's wrong with today?" The bird was getting the message all along; he just wasn't showing it.

Well, I cannot tell you that the bird really said that, but I can tell you about a personal situation that was similar to what happened to the man with the bird. I decided it might be fun to teach a class in communications at a local college. I chose to take the 7:30 a.m. session. On the first morning, a cold rain fell, and it was dark, even for the time of year. As the students filed into the room, it was like watching a movie about the living dead. No one smiled. No one spoke. I am not even sure that several of them had their eyes open. Having gotten there early, I had written on the board my signature line, "Welcome to a great day!" As the bell rang, I introduced myself. Then I asked the students, "What kind of day is it? They gave me the following responses. "It's a wet day." It's a dark day." "It's a cold day."

I kept saying to them, "It is if you believe it to be." Finally, one of the students noticed what I had written on the board and responded with, "It's a great day!" For the next three weeks, I opened the class in the same manner, by asking what kind of a day it was, to which the students answered with the desired words. In truth, I thought they were humoring the teacher until one morning I was held up in traffic and arrived for class several minutes late. As I hurried into the classroom, I was intent on starting my lecture and omitted the standard greeting and question. About two minutes into the lecture, a young man at the back of the room raised his hand. I asked him what his question was, and he said, "Mr. Hodges, what kind of day is it?" When I responded, "It's a great day," the class broke into a round of applause. It was then I knew I had gotten through to them—each day is as great as you believe it to be. I am glad I did not give up.

What are you doing in your life that is frustrating because you cannot see any results? Could there be results that you can't see yet? A friend of mine was put on a diet by her doctor and, after about a month, she saw very little tangible results. She had not lost much weight or inches from her waist. In her despair, she was tempted to devour a bucket of the Colonel's chicken, but she didn't do it. What she did was check in with her doctor and found her blood pressure had dropped several points and her cholesterol count was moving rapidly into the normal range. These two changes were not visible to her, but both were worthwhile. Had she just given up on her diet because the results were not obvious, she would have been the loser.

If any endeavor is worth starting, think hard before you decide to throw up your hands and quit. If you continue, you may be just moments away from success. But you will never know if you do not persist.

William Hodges is a nationally recognized speaker, trainer and syndicated columnist. He also hosts an interview-format television program, Spotlight on Government, *on the Tampa Bay Community Network, that airs Mondays at 8 p.m. (Spectrum channel 639, Verizon channel 30) and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (Spectrum channel 638, Verizon channel 36). The shows can also be viewed at www.hodgesvideos.com. Phone: 813-641-0816. Email: bill@billhodges.com Website: www.billhodges.com.*

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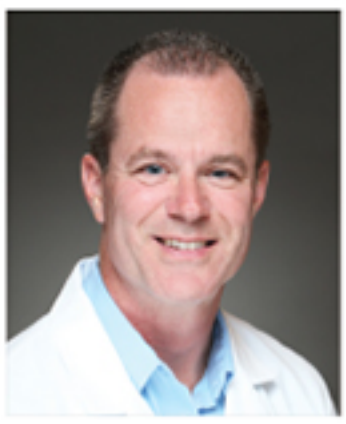

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Teen Recycled Dreams Fashion Show

Manatee School For the Arts student Queenie Zheng won first place for her design in the Teen Recycled Dreams Fashion Show at the Manatee County Public Library held Saturday, April 21.

Twelve teens entered the annual event at the downtown Bradenton library, 1301 Barcarrota Blvd., and were vying for first, second, third, and two honorable-mention prizes.

The contestants, who were between the ages of 13 and 19, made their own original fashion using recycled or repurposed materials and presented their creations on the runway in front of a live audience where a panel of judges selected the winners based on creativity, presentation and use of recycled materials.

The popular award-winning event, in collaboration with The Friends of the Library and Keep Manatee Beautiful, gives teens a chance to live a day in the life of a fashion designer and/or model.

Each designer could model the design or choose a model to walk the runway.

The Teen Recycled Fashion Show is the 2016 recipient of the Florida Library Association's Betty Davis Miller Youth Services Award, which recognizes innovative or outstanding youth programs, and a 2015 recipient of a Recycling Award from Keep Manatee Beautiful, a non-profit organization committed to making Manatee County a cleaner and more beautiful environment.

Carl Mario Nudi

Queenie Zheng, right, gets a high-five from her model, Danielle Dault, for placing first place in the Teen Recycled Fashion Show on Saturday, April 21.

PHOTOS PROVIDED

Emily Cruz with model Miranda Davis, Third Place, Haile Middle School; Eva Speck-Ewer (codesigner with Emma Harrigan, not pictured), Honorable Mention, Rowlett Middle School; Queenie Zheng with model Danielle Dault, First Place, Manatee School For the Arts; Commissioner Priscilla Whisenant-Trace; Emily Bailey, homeschooled, Second Place; Lori Smalley, Honorable Mention, Haile Middle School; Riley Cassidy and Olivia Johnson, Honorable Mention – Accessories, Lee Middle School.

C.A.R.E. Pets of the Week

C.A.R.E. is an all-volunteer, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization (59-3678003) registered with the Fla. Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services, No. CH-14526. The shelter is funded solely through donations, adoptions, spay/neuter fees, fundraisers and small grants.

For more information, volunteer opportunities or donations, visit www.careshelter.org, or call 813-645-2273.

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Licorice

Licorice is one cool dude. He is not only handsome, but independent and smart. He was a street dog before coming to C.A.R.E., but he is ready to experience what "home" means for the first time in his life. He gets along well with a variety of dogs at the shelter. He likes most people he meets and walks beautifully on a leash. Licorice just needs someone to take a chance on him.

For more information, visit www.CareShelter.org or call 813-645-2273. C.A.R.E. is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Tigger

Tigger is a love muffin. He can often be found cuddled in the lap of one of the volunteers or getting his belly rubbed. He is also quite the talker. He is always chattering. Tigger is so soft and is absolutely gorgeous in person. All of C.A.R.E.'s adoptables are on www.Petfinder.com, city: Ruskin.

For more information, visit www.CareShelter.org or call 813-645-2273.

Riverview Garden Club to meet May 9

The Riverview Garden Club is having as a guest speaker Joey Booker on the subject of Landscaping. The meeting is on Wednesday, May 9, at 10 a.m. at the Riverview Civic Center, 11020 Park Drive, Riverview; free parking. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call 813-654-6987.

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Report violations or injured wildlife. If you suspect a crime against Florida's fish, wildlife or natural resources or see an injured animal, be sure to call 888-404-3922 to report it.

The Savvy Senior: Simple video calling devices for tech-challenged seniors

■ By JIM MILLER
SavvySenior.org

Dear Savvy Senior,

Are there any senior-friendly devices that you can recommend for video calling? I live about a day's drive from my 83-year-old father and would like to see him more often but he doesn't use a computer, tablet or a smartphone.

Searching Susan

Dear Susan,

Video chatting is a great way to stay connected and keep tabs on an elder parent when you can't be there. To help you and your dad achieve this, there are various products on the market today that offer simple video calling for seniors who are unfamiliar or uncomfortable with technology. Here are three unique devices to consider.

ViewClix

If you're interested in a device that requires no input from your dad, check out the ViewClix Smart Frame. This is a 15-inch digital picture frame with video calling capabilities designed specifically for seniors.

Ready-to-use right out of the box, this device lets family and friends make video calls and send photos (displayed as a slideshow) directly to your dad's ViewClix Smart Frame anytime from their smartphone, tablet or computer. To do this, you simply download the free ViewClix app to your devices.

All photos sent and video calls made to your dad's ViewClix are received automatically. But, it is worth noting that this is a receiving device only. Your dad cannot initiate video calls from his ViewClix.

This device is available at www.ViewClix.com or 800-304-4281 for $299 (Wi-Fi is required), or you can purchase their 4G Broadband model that works with T-Mobile if Wi-Fi is not available for $299, plus a $20 monthly broadband fee.

GrandPad

Another product that offers simple video calling, and much more, is the grandPad. This is an 8-inch touchscreen custom tablet designed for seniors, ages 75 and older. It comes with a stylus, charging stand and Verizon 4G LTE built-in so it works anywhere within the Verizon network — home Wi-Fi is not necessary.

This tablet provides a simplified menu of big colorful icons and large text to only essential features, giving your dad clutter-free, one-touch access to make and receive video calls and phone calls, send voice emails, view photos and videos, listen to personalized music, check the weather, play games and more. But, to simplify usage and avoid confusion, it does not offer Web browsing.

GrandPad also has a "Help" button that offers 24/7 phone/tablet remote assistance to help your dad with any facet of his tablet, and it provides damage and theft insurance so if your dad breaks or loses his tablet it will be replaced at no additional cost. Available at www.grandPad.net or call 800-704-9412, a grandPad leases for $66 per month, or $49/month if you pay one year in advance.

Echo Show

If you don't think your dad would mind talking to a machine, the voice activated Amazon Echo Show is another senior-friendly device for video chatting (Wi-Fi is required).

Available at www.Amazon.com for $230, the Echo Show has a 7-inch color touchscreen that would let your dad make and receive video calls to those who have their own device, or who have the free Amazon Alexa app installed on their smartphone or tablet.

Once you set up his contacts, to make a call your dad would simply say, "Alexa, call Susan." And when a call comes in, he would ask Alexa to answer or ignore the call. There's also a feature called "drop-in," which could allow you and other preselected relatives or friends to video in to your dad's device at any time without his input.

The Echo Show also offers a bevy of other features your dad might enjoy like voice-activated access to news, weather, his favorite music and more.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of The Savvy Senior *book.*

Seabee Island X-16 SCC meet May 5

The Seabees meet at 2 p.m. the first Saturday of every month at the Sun City Center Area Chamber of Commerce, 1651 Sun City Center Plaza. The next meeting is May 5.

If you know a Seabee in the surrounding areas, make sure to tell them about the meetings. The X-16 Seabees are looking for new members as well as auxillary members.

For more information on the X-16 Seabees, email Stulic at seabee744@gmail.com.

SouthShore Regional Library Programs

SouthShore Regional Library, 15816 Beth Shields Way in Ruskin, has numerous classes and events for all ages. Visit the website for a complete listing at:

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This event is free for cancer survivors. Additional tickets can be purchased for $4 per ticket and parking is free. Each guest will receive a food voucher, a commemorative hat and free photo opportunities. Stay for fireworks and an exclusive Cancer Survivor Recognition Concert by the band Smithfield immediately following the game.

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Tora! Tora! Tora!, a recreation of the attack on Pearl Harbor by B-17s.

A top-notch fireworks display was held on Saturday night.

Sun 'n Fun Fly-In Expo

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take resources and exhibits into area schools, assisting teachers with STEM education. They also host aerospace educator workshops helping teachers and education professionals with their quest to inspire the next generation of aerospace engineers, pilots, technicians and those who will serve in the aviation industry.

The 2018 airshow was to feature the U.S.A.F. Thunderbirds Demonstration Squadron, but just a few days before the event, the pilot of Thunderbird 4, Major Stephen Del Bagno was killed when his F-16 Fighting Falcon crashed over the Nevada Test and Training Range. The tragic accident happened during a routine demonstration training flight. As a result, the Thunderbirds cancelled their upcoming performances to focus on the team. Brig. General Jeannie Leavitt, 57th Wing Commander said, "He was an integral part of our team, and our hearts are heavy with his loss. We ask everyone to provide his family and friends the space to heal during this difficult time."

John "Lites" Leenouts, president and CEO of Sun 'n Fun stated: "We will dedicate our 2018 show to supporting the Thunderbird family and honoring their fallen teammate."

The 2018 show didn't disappoint. A large variety of warbird aircraft, aerobatic stunt planes and demonstrations by the U.S. Air Force F-16 Viper demo team and the U.S. Navy Super Hornet Demonstration Team put on dazzling displays.

The Tora! Tora! Tora! performance by the Commemorative Air Force was a recreation of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor with simulated bombings and live pyrotechnics.

There were also a couple of nighttime air shows that featured stunt planes with special lighting and pyrotechnics that light up the sky. Saturday night's show culminated in a fireworks display.

According to organizers, attendance this year was among one of the best. This even takes into account the rain-out days of the opening day on Tuesday and the closing day on Sunday. The numbers are still being tabulated, but there is confidence that this will be one of the best years ever. There were record numbers of aircraft that flew in for the event, and record numbers of campers, putting them in an overflow situation. Daily student tours were near all-time highs.

Sun 'n Fun continues to inspire students and the general public alike with the fascination of flight. They hope to inspire a new generation of Orville and Wilbur Wrights, Emelia Earhearts, Charles Lindberghs and Neil Armstrongs — the list could go on with so many important people that have advanced the science and fantasy of flight.

There is a wonderful museum on the property that is open to the public. More information can be found online at: www.flysnf.org.

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Got Junk?

Hillsborough County helps you get rid of unwanted items, even big ones

Disposing of old furniture, appliances, mattresses, tires, and other hefty junk is easy in Hillsborough County.

Residents each year may discard up to 10 cubic yards — about 3,000 pounds — of materials that are too big for regular curbside pickups and up to a dozen tires. Hillsborough County Solid Waste accepts the weighty trash as part of residents' annual assessments for solid waste disposal.

To drop off junk, residents must have a photo ID and a copy of their latest property tax bill. People who don't own property in the county may take junk to any Solid Waste facility with a scale house, where they will pay about $7 per 200 pounds to unload junk. South County Solid Waste Facility is at 13000 U.S. 41 in Gibsonton.

If you don't want to haul large items to a dumping facility, your waste hauler will collect them at your curb for fees generally ranging from $15 to $125, depending on the number of items and their size. For more information on your local waste hauler, call 813-248-3802 or visit www.wasteconnections.com

It's one of a handful of ways residents can dispose of used and broken stuff. Along with curbside pickups of trash, there are facilities for household hazardous waste, paint and electronics, and yard trimmings that exceed curbside pickup limits.

Recycling is encouraged. Learn what materials are appropriate for disposal in your gray (routine trash) and blue (recycling) curbside carts.

Hillsborough County's website, at www.hcflgov.net/residents/property-owners-and-renters/trash-and-recycling has details about these and other types of refuse disposal. For more information, call 813-272-5680.

From left: Michele Bramlett, Theresa Anderson, Anne Smith, Vicki Knauff, Janet Hoffman, Jennifer Robinson, Audrey Cull, Janet George and Debbie Bell (Absent from photo: Gay Gonzalez)

Apollo Beach tennis team captures 4th consecutive League Championship

The Apollo Beach Women's 55+ 4.0 USTA Tennis Team won their fourth League Championship in a row representing Hillsborough County. The team members are from Apollo Beach, Ruskin, Kings Point and Valrico and will be traveling to the State Sectional Championship at the National Tennis Center in Orlando May 5 through 7.

Marine Corps League seeks Marines, Corpsmen, Chaplains

The Walter P. Ryan Detachment of the Marine Corps League is looking for Marines, Corpsmen and Chaplains to become part of their detachment. The unit is composed of active, reserve, retired and former service members. They also have associate members from other branches of the military who believe in and support their principles.

This active detachment meets at American Legion Post 148, 7240 U.S. 301 in Riverview, promptly at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. Prior to the meeting there is a social hour, which begins at 6. For more information, call Ron "Doc" Essick at 813-503-0390, or email ronessick@aol.com.

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Club Renaissance donates to Mary & Martha House

Ladies from Club Renaissance hosted a Charity Fashion Show in March, featuring the clothing from Janet Carr Accessories and More. The event raised $1,110, which was donated to the Mary & Martha House. Pictured from left: Nancy McPhail, Jan Falcione, operations manager of the Mary & Martha House; Cindy Wood and Nancy Higdon. Not pictured: Janet Carr, Linda Duhn, Ann Giuli, Kathryn Halford, Vickie Komar, Susan Rapp, Kathleen Records and Nancy Upham.

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Triple ribbon-cutting draws a crowd

March 21 was a grand night for celebrating Greater Riverview Chamber of Commerce (GRCC) members. Greater Riverview Chamber of Commerce were invited, along with Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce, to perform a ribbon-cutting ceremony for three of their valued members. The event took place at The Chateau (Cater Tampa) in Valrico with a large number of attendees from the two chambers.

Foto Depot, owned by Lawaysha Thomas, is a mobile memory boutique that specializes in creating smiles. It uses the latest in photo booth technology, where the touch screen magic mirror mesmerizes and entertains guests while creating memories that last a lifetime. Everyone at the event loved having their photo taken and were able to take home a special memory from the evening.

Cater Tampa, owned by Adam Harris, also put smiles on the many faces present by providing some of their catering dishes. They were anxious to show the business owners how they could help to wow their clients and appreciate their employees by providing them anything from a simple sandwich buffet to decadent displays of food.

Carole Gill, formerly CRGill, Inc., was celebrating a rebranding of her own company. She was excited to let everyone in on the changes she has put in place to improve their workplace performance.

For information on any of these businesses, visit their websites www.fotodepot.me, www.catertampa.com and www.carolegill.com or call the Greater Riverview Chamber of Commerce office at 813-234-5944.

Neuropathy education

CARE Tampa Bay offers free peripheral neuropathy education and support on the second Saturday of each month by appointment. Topics include symptom management, coping, maximizing your physical function, and medications and nutritional supplements. To make an appointment, call Cindy Tofthagen at 813-396-9441 or e-mail ctofthag@health.usf.edu.

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To learn more, visit www.goo.gl/rx4qpH or email Daniel Noah at Daniel.noah@noaa.gov.

Building Future Careers: Kids & Construction

High school students learn about transportation industry opportunities through hands-on event

Hundreds of high school students participated in an action-packed day of learning labs and hands-on equipment demonstrations during the free Tampa Bay Construction Career Day on April 18 at the Hillsborough County Fairgrounds in Dover. Construction Career Days introduce high school students in grades 11 and 12 to various areas of construction, including highways, bridges, engineering, utilities, geotechnical and more. Students from area high schools, including Armwood, Bartow Academy, Erwin Technical, Fort Meade, Hardee, Hillsborough, Middleton, Plant City, Travis Tech, and Waters Career Center, learned from industry professionals about a variety of potential jobs.

During a learning lab, Public Works staff explained how Hillsborough County's traffic management system operates.

This year, Hillsborough County Public Works provided a learning lab for students on the county's traffic management system, including traffic signal components, the CCTV traffic monitoring system, fiber optics, and the specialized vehicles used in installation and maintenance activities. Students got to climb aboard county equipment including a long-reach hydraulic excavator and Gradall excavator used for stormwater canal maintenance. They also practiced operating small Bobcat and Menzi excavators by navigating a bowling ball attachment through a series of obstacles.

The event was hosted by the Suncoast Utility Contractors Association (SUCA), the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Florida Transportation Builders Association (FTBA), and industry partners. Hillsborough County joined the dozens of local companies, government agencies, and educational institutions that provided learning experiences, information booths and construction equipment.

Riverview Garden Club meet May 9

The Riverview Garden Club is having as a guest speaker Joey Booker on the subject of Landscaping. The meeting is on Wednesday, May 9, at 10 a.m. at the Riverview Civic Center, 11020 Park Drive, Riverview; free parking. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call 813-654-6987.

Jurassic Martial Arts and Fitness wins big at American Taekwondo Foundation Regional Championship

On April 21, students from Jurassic Martial Arts and Fitness (JMAF) competed in forms and sparring to win big on medals and represent Palmetto in this Taekwondo championship. Pictured from left: Evan Oliver placed first in forms and first in sparring, Eathan Pyles placed first in forms and first in sparring, Kenny Thompson (owner of JMAF) placed first in forms and first in sparring, Christopher Oliver placed third in forms, Sarah Padilla-Watson placed third in Forms and second in Sparring, and Nevaeh Southall placed first in forms and first in sparring.

The school also earned second overall forms and second overall Sparring in the tournament against many schools in the ATF. Jurassic Martial Arts and Fitness represented well and took home a wonderful experience. Jurassic Martial Arts and Fitness is at 1015 17th St. W., in Palmetto just across from Palmetto High School. They are already gearing up for the next tournament in Slidell, La. on Memorial Day weekend.

Public meetings scheduled to talk about moving county's South and East Maintenance Operations

Hillsborough County is hosting two public information meetings to discuss new locations for certain maintenance operations in south and east Hillsborough County.

The meetings are scheduled:

Tuesday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the media center at East Bay High School, 7710 Old Big Bend Road in Gibsonton

Wednesday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Dover Elementary School, 3035 Nelson Ave. in Dover

The county is proposing to consolidate maintenance facilities for Public Works, Public Utilities, and Fleet Management operations in the south and east sections of the county into two new regional facilities on existing County property. Under the proposal, the Public Works South Service Unit, now at 8718 Old Big Bend Road, would move to the Public Utilities Maintenance Facility property at 10707 Rhodine Road in Riverview. The Public Works East Service Unit, 4744 Sydney Road, and Countywide Service Unit, 13173 N. U.S. 301, would move to the Valrico Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant property at 1167 N. Dover Road in Dover.

The proposal is aimed at providing more efficient and effective public safety services by consolidating operations into new facilities that would require significantly less upkeep, have more space and more effective design for current operations, and that can withstand hurricane-force winds in order to protect employees and equipment and provide vital response.

The purpose of the meetings is to discuss the proposed new locations. Residents will be able to view display boards and talk one-on-one with staff from the county's Real Estate & Facilities Services at the open house-format meetings.

Additional information for the "Consolidated and Hardened Maintenance Facilities" project is available at www.HCFLGov.net/CountyProjects

For more information, call Citizen Engagement at 813-272-5275.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to participate, such as large print or an interpreter, should call Hillsborough County Customer Service & Support at 813-272-5900 or TTY Relay: 711 no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Manatee Sail & Power Squadron Boater Education Class May 5

"America's Boating Course" is being offered by the Manatee Sail and Power Squadron (part of the United States Power Squadron/Americas Boating Club) on Saturday, May 5, at The Elk's Lodge at 4611 4th Ave. E. in Palmetto. The course meets the State of Florida boating safety certificate requirement and is designed for anyone who either owns or operates a boat, or may be a passenger in a boat.

The one-day class will be offered and open to the public on:

- Saturday: May 5
- Registration: 7:30 a.m. to 8
- Class 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Elks Lodge Palmetto, 4611 4th Ave. E. in Palmetto
- Cost: $40 single attendance or $50 for a couple (same family sharing one book)
- Continental breakfast and lunch included

For questions, to register, or more information, call Larry Beverage at 941-518-3071, or email lyb204@gmail.com

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Suncoast Youth Conservation Center summer camp registration is open

Did someone say summer camp?

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Week 2: June 25-28, Grades 6-8
Week 3: July 9-13, Grades 3-5
Kayak Adventures Camp:
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Marine Science Camp
Week 5: July 23-27, Grades 3-5
Week 6: July 30-August 3, Grades 6-8

You can read more about the specific camp programs on the website www.fycen.com/suncoast.

To register:

Download the camp registration form from the website at http://fycen.com/suncoast.

Return the completed form and a camp registration fee of $190 to Suncoast YCC Camp, 6650 Dickman Road, Apollo Beach, FL 33572. Camp is filled on a first come, first-serve basis. A confirmation email will be sent to all campers enrolled once packet and check are received.

Summer Camp

Elks looking for a lodge?

Are you a visiting Elk, here in sunny Florida escaping from the cold snow and winds of the north? Or, are you a stray Elk who belongs to a lodge from somewhere in a far off place living here year-round? Either way, Lodge # 2672 would like you to stop by and see what Elk things they are doing in this neck of the palm trees. Their lodge has completed a total renovation of their social quarters and event hall. If you haven't visited their lodge lately at 1630 U.S. 41 S. in Ruskin, you will be impressed with what they have done.

They feature spaghetti dinners on Wednesdays, Fridays offer a fish fry or one of their varied specials, and you don't want to miss their Sunday night ribeye steaks — reservations required.

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Funding for UF pancreatic biobank grows to $23.9 million for Type 1 diabetes research

Researchers have discovered more than 700 ways to prevent or cure diabetes in mice. That has not, however, translated into success in treating humans with the disease.

"Over 700," said Mark Atkinson, Ph.D., the director of the University of Florida Diabetes Institute. "In humans we have zero — 700 versus zero."

That's why, Atkinson said, studying human pancreatic tissue is critical to diabetes research.

A pancreatic tissue bank housed at UF that is helping scientists bridge the knowledge gap in Type 1 diabetes research will receive $10.5 million in renewed funding over the next five years from the JDRF and an additional $4.7 million from the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust. JDRF was formerly known as the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

With commitments last year from the Helmsley trust of $5.1 million and $3.6 million from the National Institutes of Health, total funding for the bank comes to $23.9 million.

News of the renewed funding comes during April's National Donate Life Month.

The tissue bank, which JDRF calls the world's largest biobank of pancreatic tissue, is known as nPOD, the Network for Pancreatic Organ Donors with Diabetes. It's both a collaborative network of scientists and a tissue bank, with 50,000 tissue samples from 475 donors.

Since nPOD's 2007 launch, samples have been distributed to more than 300 researchers in at least 20 countries, providing a boon to Type 1 diabetes research internationally.

"Thanks to nPOD, in the past decade, collaborative researchers have reversed several long-held dogmas about Type 1 diabetes," or T1D, said Gina Agiostratidou, Ph.D., Helmsley's Type 1 diabetes program director. "This research may hold the key to what causes T1D, ways to predict those at higher risk or developing T1D and, ultimately, how to treat it."

Atkinson describes the biobank as something akin to FedEx in the world of diabetic research, collecting, storing and processing tissue at one site in Gainesville for eventual shipment to scientists around the globe. "We are the hub," he said.

The network works with organ procurement organizations around the nation. It provides samples to scientists without charge after a rigorous review by a panel of prominent diabetes researchers around the nation.

"By studying human tissues, we are rewriting the textbooks on how Type 1 diabetes develops," said Atkinson, the American Diabetes Association eminent scholar for diabetes research in the UF College of Medicine. "Through the studies enabled by nPOD, we're starting to understand better why those efforts in mice don't transfer to humans and where we need to go to prevent and cure this disease."

The pancreas of a person with Type 1 diabetes does not produce adequate insulin, a hormone that helps regulate how the body uses and stores sugar and other nutrients for energy. It's an autoimmune disease, although nPOD research has helped demonstrate that stressed insulin-producing cells contribute to the disease's development. Up to 3 million Americans have Type 1 diabetes.

Type 1 diabetes research involving nPOD tissue, for example, has revolutionized understanding of insulin-producing beta cells in the pancreas. Dogma that all beta cells were lost upon the onset of Type 1 diabetes has been proved false. In some cases, only half of the cells are lost.

That knowledge, JDRF notes, may help scientists exploit what beta cell function remains, avoid further destruction of these cells and learn how to generate new beta cells.

Atkinson said research has helped scientists understand that Type 1 diabetes is more than just an autoimmune disorder and that these beta cells can contribute to the formation of the disease.

JDRF officials said the generosity of donors makes these research advances possible.

"We believe nPOD has the potential to do for Type 1 diabetes what tissue banks did to accelerate the development of cancer therapies," said Aaron Kowalski, Ph.D., JDRF chief mission officer.

Atkinson added, "This program is about far more than the dollars, It's about science and getting us where we need to go to prevent and cure diabetes."

Of the $5.1 million Helmsley Trust funding granted last year, $1.7 million was awarded to Todd Brusko, Ph.D., an associate professor in the UF College of Medicine's department of pathology, immunology and laboratory medicine and a member of the UF Diabetes Institute.

Mark Atkinson, Ph.D., is director of the UF Diabetes Institute and a professor in the UF College of Medicine's departments of pathology and pediatrics.

Ruskin Library Hands-Only CPR May 7

Did you know that only 32 percent of cardiac arrest victims receive CPR from a bystander as 70 percent of Americans may feel helpless to act because they do not know how to give CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation)? Effective bystander CPR provided immediately after sudden cardiac arrest can double or triple a victim's chance of survival.

Join Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, in partnership with the American Heart Association, to learn the life-saving skill of Hands-Only CPR on May 7, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Ruskin Branch Library, 26 Dickman Dr. S.E. in Ruskin. Participants will receive hands on training that will empower them to act when help is needed.

Limited to 20 participants. Registration is required by calling 813-273-3652. Participants must register separately.

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Call for *Doctor Who* fan art in the library

The Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library system is issuing its annual call to artists to submit *Doctor Who* fan art for a chance to win prizes — and the latest twist in the long-running BBC sci-fi series should provide plenty of fresh ideas.

Artists of all ages are invited to apply for an exhibition and competition that are part of the kickoff event for the library's 2018 Summer Reading program. Dubbed "Day of the Doctor," the kickoff is a tribute to the series that features the time-traveling adventures of an immortal alien — who for the first time in the series' 54-year history has been regenerated as a woman.

Applications for the fan art contest will be accepted through May 25. Artwork accepted into the exhibition will be displayed at the John F. Germany Public Library in 900 N. Ashley Dr., in Tampa downtown Tampa from June 2 through 9.

To apply, artists should:

Submit one example of the kind and style of artwork you intend to exhibit.

Include a cover letter highlighting brief biographical information and other interesting information about the artist or artwork.

Note the exact size and composition of the artwork to be entered.

Mail submissions with digital images on a CD to: John F. Germany Public Library, Attn: Jennifer Brown, 900 N. Ashley Drive, Tampa, FL 33602, or via email to: libraryprogramming@hillsboroughcounty.org.

Contest/Exhibition Guidelines

- This contest/exhibition is open to artists of all ages.
- The artwork will be exhibited at the John F. Germany Public Library for one week with no fee to the artist.
- The artist must bring artwork ready to hang on designated wall space at a mutually agreed upon date and time.
- A contest will be held on Saturday, June 9, during the Day of the Doctor event, and prizes will be awarded.
- The exhibition, its publicity (including exhibit photos), placement and inclusion of artwork, and exhibition duration rests entirely with Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Libraries.

For more information, call Jennifer Brown, Library Services, at 813-273-3652 or email libraryprogramming@hillsboroughcounty.org.

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Four graduating USF students earn full scholarships to study at Oxford

Four University of South Florida seniors will soon walk across the graduation stage and begin a new journey alongside a very select group of students from around the world.

Each of the four students has been awarded a full scholarship for graduate study at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom. The group will go from USF, founded in 1956, to attending an institution established more than 900 years ago.

Kayla Li, who is studying biomedical sciences, was awarded Oxford's prestigious Medical Sciences Graduate School Studentship, which will fund her studies in clinical embryology. A graduate of Palm Harbor University High School, Li aspires to become a neonatologist.

In addition to Li, three USF Honors College students, Janine DeBlasi, Justin Doherty and Alejandro Navas, earned Frost Scholarships. This award, made possible through the generosity of the Phillip and Patricia Frost Philanthropic Foundation, provides funding for top students from the State University System of Florida (and the University of Miami) to study for a full year in master's courses in STEM fields.

DeBlasi, from Wesley Chapel and a graduate of Wiregrass Ranch High School, will study radiation biology with an emphasis on cancer treatment. She plans to pursue a PhD in cancer biology.

Doherty, from Ft. Lauderdale and a graduate of Saint Thomas Aquinas High School, will study integrated immunology at Oxford. He plans to become a physician, and is interested in transplant surgery and emergency medicine.

Navas, from Tampa and a graduate of King High School, will study nature, society and environmental governance at Oxford. His goal is to develop and help implement climate change mitigation policies in the United States.

"Being consistently well represented in national and international scholarship programs is a great honor for our institution. I wish Janine, Justin, Kayla, and Alejandro great success in their studies at Oxford and look forward to seeing many more USF students follow in their footsteps in the years to come." said Ralph Wilcox, USF Provost and Executive Vice President. The three Frost Scholars will graduate from USF next week, while Li will graduate in August. The addition of three new Frost Scholars brings USF's total to 12 in the program's five-year history.

Oxford was recently named the top university in the world by the Times Higher Education Global Rankings for the second consecutive year.

Four USF students have been awarded full scholarships for graduate study at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom. From left: Alejandro Navas, Janine DeBlasi, Justin Doherty and Kayla Li.

Riverview Library Rapunzel live performance May 9

You are invited to a live performance of Rapunzel on Wednesday, May 9, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Riverview Branch Library, 10509 Riverview Drive in Riverview.

This live performance of the classic story about a young woman who lives in a high tower celebrates curiosity and the joys of growing up, taking risks, and discovering who you are. An inventive new adaptation tells the beloved tale with magical visual design and delightful, original music. For ages 4 and up. Presented by Creative Arts Theatre Company, the City of Tampa's professional theater company for young audiences.

East Bay presents 'Rock of Ages: High School Edition' May 10 through 12

East Bay High School Theatre Department will present "Rock of Ages: High School Edition" May 10 through 12 at East Bay High School's Kathryn Hill Auditorium, 7710 Big Bend Road in Gibsonton. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with production starting at 7. Tickets are $5 for adults and students and may be purchased at the door. To reserve tickets, call 813-671-5134 ext. 271

Based on the hit Broadway musical, *Rock of Ages*, "Rock of Ages: High School Edition" is the '80s musical that is full of energy and songs that are still loved to this day. Set on the Sunset Strip in L.A., you will meet aspiring rock star Drew and wanna be actress Sherri. Just when they think they are going to make it big, German Real Estate developers threaten to shut down the strip and turn it into another tourist trap. Some of the most famous '80s anthems are presented including music of Journey, Whitesnake, Bon Jovi, REO Speedwagon, Pat Benetar, and many more.

Rock of Ages: High School Edition is the last production of the East Bay Theatre 2017 – 2018 season. East Bay Theatre took home 14 "Superior" ratings at the District 9 Thespian Festival and won the Overall Critics Choice Performance Award for Hillsborough County.

SouthShore Regional Library TampaBay LibCon May 12

Tampa Bay LibCon is a free, family-friendly event featuring special guests, gaming, crafts, robotics, trivia, and cosplay contests on Saturday, May 12, at 10 a.m. at the SouthShore Regional Library, 15816 Beth Shields Way in Ruskin. For children, teens, and adults. For more information, including a schedule of events, visit heplc.org/events/libcon. Funded by the Friends of the SouthShore Regional Library.

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UF veterinarians share health research with poultry farmers in Syria

The conflict in Syria has caused more than $16 billion in crop and livestock losses and destroyed farming assets, according to a 2017 report from the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization. Since 2011, household livestock ownership in the war-torn nation has plummeted, down by 47 percent for poultry, the report states.

Against that backdrop, in an area deemed not safe enough for University of Florida faculty to travel to at this time, attendees of the Fifth International Poultry Conference at Hama University in Syria this week will nonetheless benefit from the expertise of UF veterinarians who found a way to share their research.

Gary Butcher, D.V.M., Ph.D., and Jorge Hernandez, D.V.M., Ph.D., faculty members in the UF College of Veterinary Medicine with expertise in poultry medicine and epidemiology, respectively, were invited by conference organizers to exchange information with local scientists, policymakers and producers about diseases in poultry that are of economic and public health importance.

Butcher, a professor and poultry extension specialist with UF/IFAS and the UF veterinary college, and Eric Heskett, D.V.M., Ph.D., a poultry veterinarian at Case Farms in North Carolina, collaborated to create a presentation on mycoplasma bacteria, specifically two strains that have caused major losses to the commercial poultry industry worldwide.

The presentation, videotaped and transmitted to conference organizers via a cloud-sharing portal, was delivered by Butcher in English, with time lapses between slides to allow a translator to interpret the information for non-English-speaking individuals in the audience.

The presentation touches on the bacteria's history and how the two strains have evolved in the last 30 years.

"Mycoplasmas have been a major disease problem since the beginning of the modern commercial poultry industry in the 1940s," Butcher said. "Mycoplasma infections continue to be widespread in this industry, despite extreme efforts to eradicate these diseases."

The two strains of mycoplasma focused on — Mycoplasma gallisepticum, or MG, and Mycoplasma synoviae, or MS —are causing even more severe losses in today's commercial broilers due to the genetic changes made for improved performance, Butcher said.

Before 2011, the year the conflict began, Syria had about 24 million poultry — 16 million layers and eight million broilers, the researchers said. The effect of the civil war on livestock and poultry production systems in Syria has been significant, as production has dropped by 50 percent, according to surveys conducted by UN FAO in the region.

In his talk, Butcher also discusses how other changes in antibiotics, vaccines, testing methods and broilers themselves have led the poultry industry to where it is today in combating the increased threat of mycoplasma infection. He points out the proliferation of antibiotics and vaccines to control the spread of the disease has actually led to increased bacterial resistance.

The efficacy of various diagnostic testing mechanisms were discussed, along with the importance of prevention and control of mycoplasma infection in poultry and the critical role of biosafety protocols in containing disease.

Hernandez's presentation examines surveillance systems for early detection and risk management to prevent disease spread and economic consequences in the poultry industry. The presentation covers syndromic surveillance methods and techniques, with an emphasis on risk communication among poultry producers, poultry veterinarians and national government veterinary services.

The presentation includes examples of previous epidemics of highly pathogenic avian influenza, or bird flu, and situations when the response by national government veterinary services was appropriate or when it was delayed, causing disease spread and economic losses.

In addition, the presentation includes a group discussion, live via Skype, for conference delegates and Hernandez to examine the current capacity for disease surveillance systems and health policy, such as quarantine, enhanced surveillance, enhanced biosecurity, animal movement control, vaccination, depopulation and education, that can be considered to reduce the risk of potential disease outbreaks in the poultry industry in Syria, despite current geopolitical challenges in the region.

FAO/SYRIA PHOTO

Beneficiaries receiving hens in Jdaydet Artouz. The effect of the civil war on livestock and poultry production systems in Syria has been significant, as production has dropped by 50 percent, according to surveys conducted by UN FAO in the region.

Hillsborough Community College to hold 49th annual Commencement Ceremony May 4

The 49th annual Commencement Exercises of Hillsborough Community College (HCC) will be held on Friday, May 4, in the Expo Hall of the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 U.S. 301, in Tampa. This year's commencement speaker is Adam Putnam, Florida Commissioner of Agriculture. The student speaker is Keelee Hadland, an international student from Australia, who has earned an associate in arts degree in mass communications. The graduation processional will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Over 4,295 students are eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony, which includes those who have completed coursework over the 2017-2018 academic year. Graduates include those receiving the associate in arts, associate in science, and college credit certificates. The youngest graduate is 14-year-old Saefallah Mohamed, a dual enrollment student, who has earned an associates in arts degree. The oldest graduate is 70-year-old Eunice Atkinson, who has earned an associate in arts degree.

The second class of Collegiate Academy students will participate in Commencement Exercises as well. The graduates include 169 students from Armwood, Leto and Lennard High Schools who have completed 60 college credits at HCC in addition to their required high school class schedules.

Collegiate Academy students start as a cohort in the 9th grade and follow a rigorous curriculum that enables students to graduate with their associate in arts degree prior to graduating high school. The Collegiate Academy program not only expedites the time to obtaining a bachelor's degree, but it allows students and their families to earn a savings of about $6,000 in college tuition.

It is anticipated that over 1,000 students will participate in this year's ceremony, one of the largest in HCC's history.

Hillsborough Community College serves over 45,000 students annually at its five campuses located throughout Tampa Bay. The college is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. For more information, visit hccfl.edu.

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A growing interest in raising chickens has enabled coops and nesting birds to spring up in neighborhoods one would not typically associate with chickens.

Sometimes dubbed "urban homesteading" or "urban farming," these homegrown operations enable people to enjoy fresh eggs from the comfort of home. Henhouses are just another extension of methods to reap the benefits of fresh, local and nonfactory-produced foods.

Although advocates insist that raising chickens on a small scale makes the birds less likely to carry disease than factory-farmed chickens, anyone raising chickens needs to be aware of the potential for disease — particularly salmonella. Also, it's important to care for chickens in a manner that is humane and in line with local laws.

What is salmonella?

Salmonella is a common bacteria that lives in the intestinal tract of humans, other mammals and some birds, including chickens. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that approximately 1.2 million illnesses and 450 deaths are attributed to salmonella annually in the United States. The illness causes diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps between 12 and 72 hours after infection and can last between four and seven days. Salmonella can cause death when not properly treated with antibiotics.

Spreading salmonella

Although humans cannot catch salmonella from chickens the way one would contract a cold, they can catch it through handling or consuming eggs of infected birds. The rural newsletter and farming resource Grit says salmonella can then be transmitted to humans who eat improperly cooked meat or eggs from infected birds or from putting their hands in your mouths after touching chickens or eggs that have come in contact with contaminated rodent or chicken feces.

The elderly, people with weakened immune systems and young children are at the highest risk for salmonella infection than others. Children who help gather eggs and do not thoroughly wash their hands afterward can be at increased risk.

Reducing risk

Maintaining clean conditions and routinely inspecting chickens for good health can help lower the risk of salmonella infection. Chicks and adult chickens that have salmonella may produce loose yellow or green droppings; have a drop in egg production, increased thirst and decreased feed consumption; and show signs of weight loss. Look for rodents in the henhouse, as infected mice or other small rodents may transmit salmonella as well.

Chickens also need safe, roomy clean conditions to remain healthy and content. According to the resource MyPetChicken, a diet of whole grains and seeds also may be associated with decreased salmonella colonies.

Some experts warn against washing eggs as a preventative method. According to a report written by Diane Schivera, an organic livestock specialist for the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, thoroughly cleaning egg shells can remove a protective "bloom" that prevents bacteria from entering eggs. Eggs shouldn't be scrubbed, but some suggest a warm water rinse that will push dirt away from the shell's pores.

Old eggs are more susceptible to bacteria penetration. Storing eggs at room temperature may cause them to degrade faster. Once eggs are gathered, individuals should wash their hands and make sure the eggs are chilled.

Salmonella can be prevented in backyard chicken coops. Plus, it's important to note that risk of infection is very small. The American Egg Board's Egg Safety reference says an average consumer might encounter a contaminated egg once every 84 years.

5 ways to commemorate Mother's Day when mom has passed away

Losing a loved one is never easy. Whether the loss is recent or not, many people find the void created by a loved one's passing never leaves them. Celebrating holidays or milestones can magnify feelings of loss, and such feelings may surface on Mother's Day among people whose mothers are deceased.

People approach Mother's Day in unique ways when their mother has been laid to rest. Such an experience is extremely personal, and there's really no right or wrong way to mark the occasion. It can be challenging scrolling through other's social media posts about happy brunches and thoughtful gifts. Some, particularly those for whom the wounds may be especially fresh, may opt to avoid the celebration or go through the motions for the benefit of children or spouses. Others may embrace the bonds they had with their mothers by reflecting on their memories.

Those opting to stay connected to their mothers this year can recognize that, although Mom may be gone, they are not motherless. While Mother's Day may be painful for people who have lost their mothers, the following are five ways to make the most of Mother's Day.

1. What would make her happy? Take a heartfelt moment to really think about what made Mom tick and brought joy to her life. Was it poring over recipes in the kitchen? Did mom like to trek to the top of a mountain in her hiking shoes? Pay homage to her by walking in her footsteps and you may just feel a deeper connection.

2. Get together with siblings. If you are lucky enough to have siblings, you can share the day together. This way you can remember the happy times, comfort each other and laugh together. If you don't have siblings, consider a visit with an aunt or uncle or another close relative who may be feeling the loss, too.

3. Relay fond stories to others. Celebrate Mother's Day by doing things to ensure Mom's spirit and personality live on. Bring up fond stories of Mom with your spouse, friends or your own children. Help blur out the sadness of the loss by focusing on happy memories, such as those depicted in family photos.

4. Put mom front and center. Take out a beautiful photograph of your mother and display it in a prime location in the house. This way you may feel like she is sharing the day with you, and you can think about her fondly each time you see the photo.

5. Enjoy your favorite childhood meal. Whether Mom was a master chef or couldn't boil water, there's bound to be a meal you associate with her. If that special meal is Chinese takeout or a slow-cooked roast, enjoy it on Mother's Day in her honor.

Coping with loss on Mother's Day is seldom easy. With time, and by focusing on the positive, people who have lost their mothers can enjoy Mother's Day.

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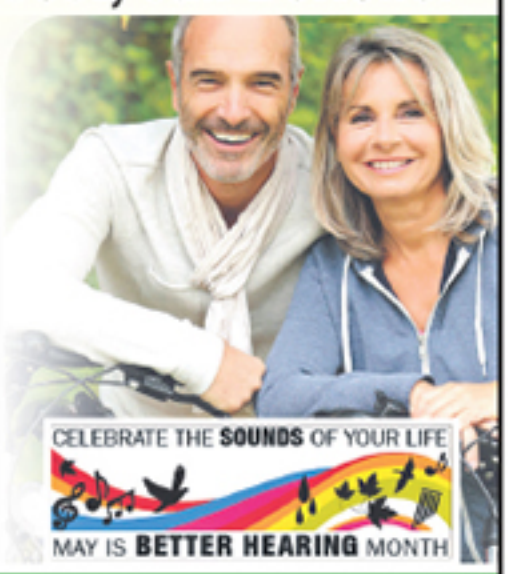

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Area Obituaries

Harold E. Rihm

Harold E. Rihm, 89, passed away quietly Thursday, April 19, 2018, surrounded by family in Greenfield, Indiana. Harold was born 1928 to Carl and Norma (Kussman) Rihm of Knightstown, Indiana. Harold graduated from Knightstown High School 1947 and from the University of Notre Dame 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering.

He worked 34 years with Naval Avionics as a project engineer and with the Rihm family meat market business. Harold was a 26-year member of the Knightstown Volunteer Fire Department and volunteered with Greenfield Fire Department and Indiana State Fire Instructor. He was a member of the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Board in Knightstown. He was also an avid amateur ham radio operator. Harold will always be remembered for his commitment to his community, his wit, and his sense of humor. He was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church in Knightstown, St. Michael's Catholic Church in Greenfield and Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Sun City Center, Florida. Harold was married to Margaret Louise (Whitfield) Rihm in 1951 until she passed 1985. He married Virginia (Stearns) Anderson in 1986. Harold and Virginia had lived in Sun City Center, Florida for the last 19 years.

Harold is survived by Virginia and his children, Mary Sinnott of Opelika, Alabama, John (Patricia) Rihm of Greenfield, Mark (Peggy) Rihm of Beech Grove, and Ann (Phil) Idlewine of Greenfield; and stepchildren, John (Beth Haynes) Anderson of Georgetown, Ind., and Theresa (Jay) Sheppard of Morgantown, Ind. He has six grandchildren, Michael (Lauren) Sinnott of Birmingham, Alabama, Joseph (Tasha) Rihm of Camby, Ind., Timothy Sinnott of Austin, Texas, Katelyn Rihm of Beech Grove, and Joshua and Paul Rihm of Greenfield; three step-grandchildren, Andrew, Aria, and Zaccary; and one great-granddaughter, Abigail Rihm of Camby, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents Carl and Norma Rihm; first wife Margaret (Whitfield) Rihm; and brother Robert Rihm.

Visitation was held on Monday, April 23, 2018, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. U.S. 40, Greenfield, IN 46140, with Rosery at 2:45 p.m. prior to visitation. A mass of Christian burial was held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at 10 a.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church, 519 Jefferson Blvd., Greenfield, IN 46140. Burial followed at Park Cemetery in Greenfield.

Memorial contributions may be made by mail to St. Michael Catholic Church, 519 Jefferson Blvd., Greenfield, IN 46140. Friends may share a memory or a condolence at www.erleweinmortuary.com.

Robert E. "Bob" Whitney

United States Air Force Lt. Col. Robert E. "Bob" Whitney, 96, of Sun City Center, Fla. passed away April 25, 2018. Bob was affectionately known as "GGPA" to his grandchildren. A compassionate and devoted friend to many will be dearly missed. Living life to its fullest, he shared many cherished and humorous memories.

He proudly wore his U.S. Army Air Corps/U.S. Air Force uniforms with honor and meritorious distinction from 1942-1966. Respected and highly skilled as a pilot and squadron leader, his awards included Letters of Commendation, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medals, Clusters and numerous additional service medals. He was selected as a member on the United Nations Repatriation Tribunal in 1953. Upon retirement, he furthered his career as GS-13, then to the FAA as Safety Flight Inspector and Administration. Retiring to Mesa, he taught, tested and trained future pilots at Williams AFB.

Socially active, skilled dancers, Bob and Ruby (first wife of 63 years) were also award-winning bowlers. Bob enjoyed golf and proudly displayed his "hole in one" plaque. Bob and Audrey (second wife of 9 and one-half years) were socially active in the Towers community, known as "The Sweethearts" among friends and family. He retained membership in the Order of Daedalians through retirement. All who knew him witnessed a life well lived as he was blessed with the love of two amazing devoted women, loving family, and lifelong friends.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Ruby Whitney by his second wife Audrey Hammond-Whitney, by his son, Robert Whitney, Jr. and by his daughter, Donna Roux, his parents Raymond and Alma Whitney and a brother Norman. Survivors include daughters, Jerry (Dan) Crabtree, Patricia (Roger) Cole, a grandson, Sean (Angie) McCall, five granddaughters, Tammy Madison, Kimberly (Brett) New, Amy Honaker, Allison (Sam) Couch and Summer (Adam) Thielebeule. Audrey's family, Chandra Wielatz, Steve Hammond (Ann), grandchildren, Gina, Murray (Jonfrank) and Quincy Hammond and Luke Hammond (Callie) 20 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandsons.

Memorial service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, May 5, 2018, at Sun Towers, 101 Trinity Lakes Drive, Sun City Center, Fla. Interment beside Ruby with military honors will be in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Order of Daedalians Scholarship Fund in the name of Lt. Col. Robert E. Whitney. Arrangements by Sun City Center Funeral Home, 813-634-9900.

Maxine Mae Jones

Maxine Mae Jones, age 89, passed away April 26, 2018. She is survived by her loving partner, Norman Mortus, her daughter Carla (Jones) Sanders; grandsons, Todd (Dawn) of London, Ky.; Jason of Lanesville, Ind.; Christopher of Indianapolis, Ind.; and two great-grandchildren, Nathan and Matthew. Maxine was preceded in death by her husband Carl Jones and her son-in-law Boyd Sanders.

She worked for Dr. William Yeager of Jeffersonville, Ind. for 20 years. She loved country line dancing and Jazzercise. She enjoyed traveling over the years with Toby Tours.

Maxine was a loving adopted Grandmother to Cameron and Connor Mortus as well. Maxine will remain forever in our hearts as we cherish the memories of her full of life, love and spirit.

Memorial Service was held at 1 p.m. on April 30, 2018, with family and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Wellspring Community Church at 705 9th St. S.E., Ruskin, FL 33570.

Janice M. Niepert

Janice M. Niepert, 60, of Sun City Center, Fla. passed away April 9, 2018. She retired from the New York City Transit Authority as a police officer. She is survived by her husband of 14 years, Kenneth R. Niepert and by her sister, Pat Sullivan.

Memorial service will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 5, at the Sun City Center Funeral Home, 1851 Rickenbacker Drive, Sun City Center, Fla. Arrangements by Sun City Center Funeral Home 813-634-9900.

E. George Simmons Jr.

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E. George Simmons Jr. passed away peacefully on April 24 at the age of 81. George was born and raised in South Hillsborough County, a lifetime resident. He enjoyed a successful 30-year career with Hillsborough County in the roads, land acquisition and county parks departments. As a south county farmer and entrepreneur, George managed a variety of businesses including: Simmons Farm and Ranch, G&E Cattle Company and CHIMIKE catering.

George was involved in many charitable endeavors: Brandon Rotary Club, The Sandy and George Simmons Family Boys and Girls Club of Riverview and the YMCA. Through the Mable and Ellsworth Simmons Charitable Foundation, George and Family touched many lives in South Hillsborough County.

George was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, boating and fishing. He was an RV enthusiast, taking many trips across the U.S. and through the national parks. He was also a Tampa Bay Buccaneers fan, a season ticket holder since their inaugural season.

George was preceded in death by his wife Sandy to whom he was married for 35 years. He was also preceded by his father Ellsworth George Simmons Sr., his mother Carolyn Eason Simmons and his sister Jean Simmons. George was a devoted family man and is survived by his children, stepchildren and their spouses; Cheryl (Jeff) Redford, Michelle (Pete) Henry, Kelle (David) Frustaci, Richard (Denise) D'Alessandro, Michael D'Alessandro (George Marie), Christine (Allan) Hogan; 14 grandchildren and their spouses, Courtney (Eric) Cubero, Derin (Warren) Garrison, Nicole Henry, Michael Frustaci (Brittany Davis), Danielle Frustaci, Joey D'Alessandro, Zachary D'Alessandro, Brett Smith, Brittney Smith, Sophia Huber, Henry Huber, Emile D'Alessandro, Bo Hogan and Alanna Hogan; six great-grandchildren, Cameron Cubero, Cayson Lewellyn, Mason Smith, Nolan Smith, Glo Smith and Jordan Smith and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sandy and George Simmons Family Boys and Girls Club of Riverview, 6809 Krycul Ave., Riverview, FL 33578.

Friendship Baptist Church observes National Day of Prayer May 3

Each year the President of the United States of America proclaims a National Day of Prayer in May. This year's theme is "Making Every Effort to Keep the Unity of the Spirit Through the Bond of Peace," as taught in Ephesians 4:3. As citizens and residents of the U.S., there is not only a spiritual responsibility according to 1 Timothy 2:1 and 2 to pray, but a civic duty as well to heed the president's call to stand in the gap for this nation. Scripture says again and again that fervent prayer is effective — that our loving God is the only one who can bring unity, harmony and oneness in America. Therefore, look only to Him in prayer. You are invited to join Friendship Baptist Church at 1511 El Rancho Drive in Sun City Center on Thursday, May 3, at 1 p.m. for this National Day of Prayer. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the program.

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Joseph Theodore Vrablik

Joseph Theodore Vrablik, a Senior IT Systems Administrator at the University of Colorado and owner of CNT Solutions, died at work on April 19 from an undiagnosed heart condition. He was 39 years old.

Joseph T. Vrablik was born in Littleton, Colo., graduated from Smokey Hill High School and the University of Colorado, Boulder, with a Bachelor of Science–Information Systems. Joseph was married to Stephanie Barkmeyer, a photographer. Joe & Stephanie would have celebrated their second anniversary on April 23rd. Joe was the son of Gayle, a homemaker and volunteer, and Joseph Vrablik, a retired partner of Rocky Mountain Cummins. In addition to being a loyal Colorado Rockies fan, Joe was a world traveler and visited over 16 countries while participating in his hobbies of photography, fly-fishing, skiing and scuba diving. His greatest efforts were expended in training for IRONMAN competitions across the globe. In total, he completed 14 IRONMAN competitions and was training for his 15th to be held on October 13 in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

In addition to his wife and parents, Joe is survived by his brother David, his sister-in-law Tawnya Vrablik, his Mother- and Father in-laws Nancy and Bob Barkmeyer, his Grandmother Anne Vrablik, his Aunt and Uncle, Nancy and Henry Hopkins, his Aunt and Uncle, Zada and Brian Clarke, nieces and nephews and his loyal husky and golden retriever, Madison and Abbey.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Joe's honor to his favorite organizations: IRONMAN (http://gf.me/u/h7d5tl), The Boy Scouts of America (http://gf.me/u/h7fbmu), or Saint James Catholic Church (http://gf.me/u/h7fnq3).

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 26; Rosary was at 10 a.m. followed by Mass at 11 at Saint James Catholic Church located at 1311 Onelda Street, Denver, CO 80220. Lunch was served after Mass in the Parish Hall.

A prayer and memorial service was held on April 25 at Crosspoint Community Church at 6:30 p.m.

Charlotte Lillian Reitnauer

Charlotte Lillian Reitnauer, of Sun City Center, went to be with the Lord on April 26, 2018. Her family will hold a memorial celebration in July 2018.

Charlotte, daughter of Charles William and Lillian Ethel (Peuschel) Haverland, was born October 21, 1922, in Lakeville, Minnesota. On May 6, 1942, Charlotte married Melvin Rufus Reitnauer in Reno, Nevada. They shared 58 years in marriage.

Charlotte is remembered by her family and friends as a very loving and caring person (her cookies were loved by all). She dedicated much of her time to volunteer efforts. These included: Red Cross Gray Lady while living in Webster, South Dakota; volunteer care giver while living in Topeka, Kansas; and volunteer efforts related to Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Topeka, Kansas and Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sun City Center, Florida.

After serving as a Licensed Mental Health Technician II at Topeka State Hospital for 22 years, Charlotte retired in 1987.

Charlotte was an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran from 1961 until 2012 when she moved to Sun City Center and transferred her membership to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. She also enjoyed her membership with the Brookwood Covenant Church Women's Bible Study of Topeka.

Charlotte is survived by her four children: Carol Lee (Kendall) Schwindt of Sun City Center, Fla., Susan Kay (Walter) Olsewski of Medford, N.Y., Michael Robert (Deborah Kay Black) of Owego, N.Y. and Betty Jo (Paul) Nesbitt of Lutz, Fla.; eight grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Melvin R. Reitnauer (Jan. 29, 2000), sister Lois Wickstrom, brother Bruno Haverland and sister Rita Waddell.

CCW Game night May 10

The Council of Catholic Women is hosting its monthly card and game social on Thursday, May 10, from noon to 3 p.m. (doors open at 11:30 a.m.) at the Conesa Center, Prince of Peace Church, 702 Valley Forge Blvd., Sun City Center (across the street from Kings Point).

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Watch the Consecration of the Diocese of St. Petersburg at Prince of Peace May 6

In an effort to lead all people closer to the Heart of Jesus, Bishop Gregory Parkes will consecrate the parishes, schools, charities, ministries and all people who live in the five counties of the Diocese of St. Petersburg to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

All are invited to the Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Conesa Center on Sunday, May 6 at 3 p.m. to watch the live streaming from the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostles where Bishop Gregory Parkes will lead a Holy Hour.

For more information, call the parish office at 813-634-2328, or visit www.popcc.org. Prince of Peace Catholic Church is at 702 Valley Forge Blvd. in Sun City Center.

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From left: Marlus Johns, president; Anise Tuma, treasurer; Beverly Bassette, secretary; Paula Lickfeldt, vice-president and Sally Morse as 2017-18 Woman of the Year.

SouthShore United Church of Christ installed officers

SouthShore United Church of Christ installed officers for the 2018-2019 year at their April general meeting. Marlus Johns, president; Anise Tuma, treasurer; Beverly Bassette, secretary; Paula Lickfeldt, vice-president and Sally Morse as 2017-18 Woman of the Year.

SouthShore United Church of Christ is at 1501 La Jolla Ave., in Sun City Center. For more information, call 813-634-1304 or email uccsuncitycenter.org

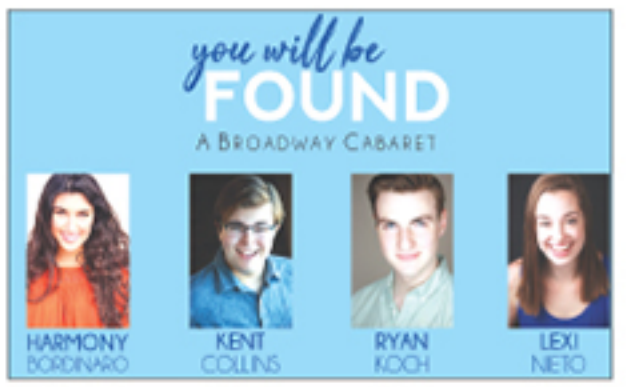
'You Will Be Found: A Broadway Cabaret' May 4

The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center, 1210 Del Webb Blvd. W., welcomes back The Central Florida Players on Friday, May 4, at 7 p.m. for "You Will Be Found: A Broadway Cabaret."

A year ago, this troupe wowed the crowd with "Seasons of Love, A Broadway Cabaret." They are back in 2018 with a new show, and one additional cast member. This year's show is centered around the theme of finding one's place in the world, and discovering what one wants out of life.

This cabaret will feature four University of Central Florida BFA Musical Theater majors, Harmony Bordinaro, Kent James Collins, Lexi Nieto and Ryan Koch. This is a must see for all who love musical theater and/or broadway show tunes.

A donation of $10 is requested at the door on the night of the concert.



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Free movie at UMC May 11

Matinee and evening showings

You are invited to join United Methodist Church of Sun City Center on Friday, May 11, for popcorn and the movie, *Lion*. There will be two showings, a matinee at 3 p.m. and an evening showing at 6. This is a free movie for the community. For more information, call the church office at 813-634-2539. They are at 1210 Del Webb Blvd. W. in Sun City Center.

The movie plot: In 1986, 5-year-old Saroo gets lost on a train that takes him thousands of miles across India, away from home and family. Saroo must learn to survive alone in Kolkata, before ultimately being adopted by an Australian couple. Twenty-five years later, armed with only a handful of memories, his unwavering determination, and a revolutionary technology known as Google Earth, he sets out to find his lost family and finally return to his first home.

Bishop Gregory Parkes visits Saint Anne Catholic Church

On Tuesday, April 10, Saint Anne Catholic Church in Ruskin was honored to have Bishop Gregory Parkes present to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 71 young people of the parish. Confirmation is an outpouring of grace from the Holy Spirit upon the candidate. It is the third Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Faith, the other two being Baptism and Holy Eucharist.

Candidates prepare for two years to receive this Sacrament. During this two-year journey toward Confirmation, they choose a saint as a role model and prayer advocate, and an adult sponsor to guide them in their preparation. They are also required to assist the community by volunteering service hours. These service hours can be served by helping with church ministries or secular programs.

Saint Anne Catholic Church is at 106 11th Ave. N.E., off U.S. 41 in Ruskin. For more information, www.SaintAnneRuskin.org. For information concerning the Faith Formation program, call Carissa at 813-645-1714.

Saint Anne hosts Fatima's 101 Tour for Peace program

Saint Anne Catholic Church in Ruskin recently hosted the World Apostolate of Fatima's 101 Tour for Peace Program. The tour marks the 101st anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima, and features the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue, which has been travelling worldwide for over 70 years.

The 12-hour celebration began with Mass at 8 a.m. and ended with Mass at 7 p.m. The entire day was dedicated to prayers for world peace, personal prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Veneration of the Statue of Our Lady. More than 400 people came to pray. Parish ministries participating in the event included the Rosary and Prayer Shawl Makers, the 3rd Order Carmelites, the Guardians of the Eucharist, the Members of the Alliance of Two Hearts, and members of the Jesus and Mary Prayer Group and St. Kateri Prayer Group.

Saint Anne Catholic Church is at 106 11th Ave. N.E., off U.S. 41 in Ruskin. For more information, visit www.SaintAnneRuskin.org.

Christian Women's Connection Luncheon May 10

Thursday, May 10, the Christian Women's Connection will host a luncheon at Club Renaissance, 2121 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City Center. The inspirational speaker will be Cia McKoy, who will share her story "Bohemian Rebel & Joyless Churchgoer Collide in Route to Dramatic Spiritual Makeovers." There will also be harp music played by Nancy Unsworth.

Seating begins at 11 a.m. with meal and program from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Crab Louie Salad will be served or you may choose the alternate Chicken Caesar Salad when making your reservation. Price is $18 inclusive. Make your reservations or cancellations before 10 a.m., Monday, May 7, by calling Gail Green at 813-634-2159 or email rgreen01@tampabay.rr.com.

'Tampa's Frank Sinatra' coming to United Methodist Church of SCC May 18

The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center, 1210 Del Webb Blvd. W., welcomes Don Juceam, better known as "Tampa's Frank Sinatra" for a 7 p.m. concert Friday, May 18.

Don Juceam is keeping the music of Frank Sinatra and The Rat Pack alive and well, as he belts out the favorites of "The Chairman of the Board" and his friends. Reminisce as Juceam brings the look and sound of "Ole Blue Eyes" himself. A donation of $10 is requested at the door on the night of the concert.

For more information, call Concert Series Coordinator Kevin Goodenow at 813-362-0956. To learn more about the United Methodist Church of Sun City center, visit t www.sccumc.com

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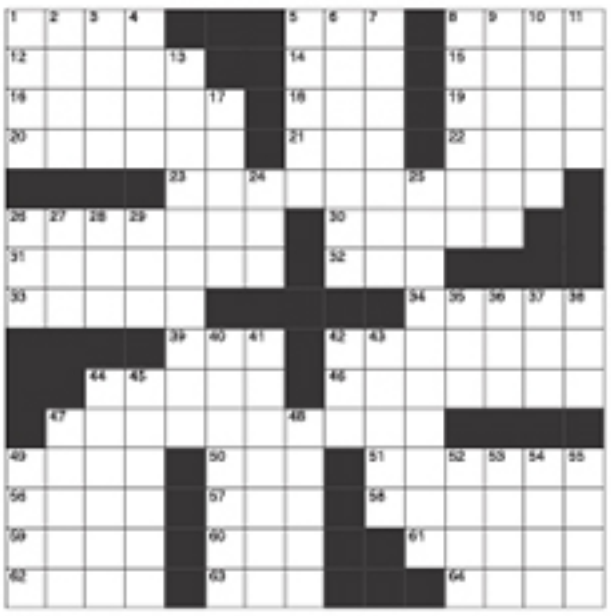

ACROSS

1. In bed
5. Project portfolio management
8. __ Bator: Mongolian capital
12. Roamed
14. Notre Dame legend Parseghian
15. Nothing (Spanish)
16. Not level
18. Self-contained aircraft unit
19. Baseball broadcaster Caray
20. __ Tomei, actress
21. "The Raven" writer
22. Bathrooms
23. Skilled inventors
26. Forcefully silence
30. Remove
31. The arrival of daylight
32. Split lentils
33. "Walking Dead" actress
34. A lazy person
39. Doctors' group
42. Crooks
44. Fragrant essential oil
46. Conjured
47. One who predicts
49. Scarlett's home
50. Television network
51. Something comparable to another
56. What a thespian does
57. Word element meaning life
58. Italian island
59. "King of Queens" actress Remini
60. Jogged
61. Norse gods
62. Lazily
63. Midway between northeast and east
64. Hindu queen

DOWN

1. Top Rank boxing promoter
2. __ fide (Latin)
3. At all times
4. Hindu female deity
5. Tufts of hairs on plant seeds
6. Edited
7. Portuguese archipelago
8. Your parents' brothers
9. Pakistani city
10. Farewell
11. Short sleep sessions
13. Remove salt
17. Drug officers
24. One and only
25. The Golden State
26. Fabric baby carrier (abbr.)
27. Quid pro __
28. New England research university
29. Baseball pitcher's stat
35. Western India island
36. __ Angeles
37. Midway between east and southeast
38. British singer Stewart
40. Suggesting the horror of death and decay
41. Riding horse
42. Where wrestlers work
43. Regions
44. Of a main artery
45. Not classy
47. Competed against
48. Biscuit-like cake
49. Large ankle bones
52. Computer company
53. "Friends" actress Kudrow
54. "Chocolat" actress Lena
55. Brain folds

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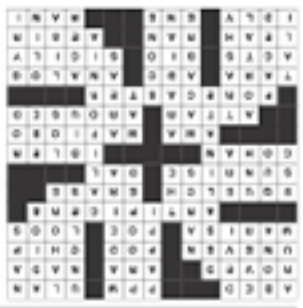

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Meetings are: VFW and VFW Auxiliary on the 2nd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.; Breakfast at the VFW every Sunday

May 4 — Fish Fry 4:30 to 7 p.m.; Music by Motown Dave 7 to 11 p.m.

May 5 — District meeting at noon, election of new officers at 6287; Music by Anthony Barcelo 7 to 11 p.m.

May 6 — Breakfast 9 a.m. to noon; Music by Bert & Sassy 6 to 10 p.m.

May 7 — Lunch with Wendy noon til sold out $5, Meatball Hoagie

May 8 — Bar Poker 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Kitchen opens 4:30; Bingo 6 p.m.

May 9 — VFW Aux Meeting 7 p.m.

May 10 — Fire in the Hole 1 to 4 p.m.; Bar Bingo 6 p.m.

May 11 — Fish Fry 4:30 to 7 p.m.; Music by Mike Worley 7 to 11 p.m.

May 12 — Insulation of new Officers noon to 5 p.m.; Music by Juke Box and trivia 7 to 11 p.m.

All retired firefighters welcome at breakfast

All retired firefighters are invited to a once-a-week 10 a.m. gathering at Denny's restaurant, 3747 Sun City Center Blvd., Sun City Center, FL 33573.

They meet every Tuesday at 10 a.m. Join the fun, no reservations needed.

FWC Commission shark update

After listening to public comments on and discussing the current and future management of sharks in Florida at the April meeting, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) directed staff to continue to stay engaged on all shark-related issues and to pursue development of draft regulations for shore-based shark fishing. The FWC understands this is an issue that is important to the public, especially those who have had negative interactions, and they want to work toward finding solutions. Staff will hold workshops and bring draft regulations to a future commission meeting.

Background

Shore-based shark fishing is a sport that has drawn increased public attention in recent years. Because of to this, the FWC has made it a priority to increase outreach on best practices when shark fishing from shore. This outreach has included working more closely with shark-fishing tournament directors and other user groups, and creating a series of Shark-Smart Fishing guidelines.

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To reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, call 1-800-273-8255; for the deaf or hard of hearing, call 1-800-799-4889. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Accordion players at the Elks Lodge

The second Wednesday of each month the South Hillsborough Elks Lodge 2672 features a group of accordion players. They perform from 5 to 8 p.m. A spaghetti dinner is served from 5 to 7 p.m. The South Hillsborough Elks Lodge is located at 1630 U.S. 41 S., Ruskin, FL 33570. Telephone 813-645-2089.

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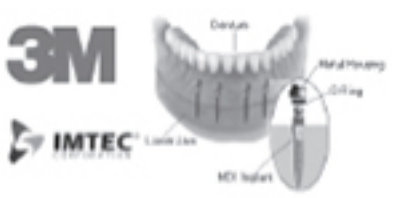

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WED., MAY 9 • *2 – 3 p.m.* • **DIABETES EDUCATION SUPPORT GROUP**
Sponsored by the Men's Club of SCC. Have you been given the diagnosis of diabetes? Are you unsure of your dietary and physical future? Discover options and learn information that will prepare you for a healthy future with diabetes. Our facilitator Shirley Sullivan, Nutritionist and Founder of Southshore Wellness, LLC... integrates her love of education and health through personalized nutritional workshops and programs.

THURS., MAY 10 • *1:30 – 2:30 p.m.* • **CHRONIC PAIN, ARTHRITIS AND NEUROPATHY GROUP** Sponsored by the Men's Club of Sun City Center. This month, Son Nguyen, Pharmacy Manager at Superior Care Pharmacy dba Benzer Pharmacy will discuss opioid use in relation to chronic pain. Amy Yepez continues to facilitate this group with open discussion encouraged by all. Yepez has specialist certification with the Dolphin MPS device. Please come to share and to learn! Supported by Sun Towers Retirement Community Outpatient Therapy.

MON., MAY 14 • *8:30 – 10:30 a.m.* • **WIDOWERS' GROUP** Meeting for **widowers only.** Women are into groups, men are not. Men are taught early on that when adversity hits: "suck it up — get on with it!" Men can benefit greatly from the experience of others and sit and listen as others share their experiences in dealing with the different stages of the tragic loss of losing their spouse. For information, call 813-892-2990.

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Moving/Downsizing Sale. Thursday & Friday, May 3rd & 4th, 8am-12noon. 1603 Alexander Crossing Way, SCC. Recliners, queen sleeper, many small appliances, ceramic cookie jars & breadbox, pots/pans/ pyrex, plus too many items to list!

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Yard Sale – Summerfield 11935 Lark Song Loop, Riverview. Saturday, 8am-? Lots of household items, pictures, clothes, lamps, antiques – No Junk!

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