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Pioneer Museum Goes West

Overstreet House Used As Film Location

by Keri McAlpine

The dirt roads and 19th century buildings at the Pioneer Florida Museum & Village provided a cinematic backdrop last week when a student film crew used the location for their master's thesis project.

A group of about 15 students from Florida State University's College of Motion Picture Arts drove down with box trucks full of equipment for two nights of filming at 15602 Pioneer Museum Road.

The FSU film program is made up of 22 students, who are each specialists in different areas whether it be directing, editing, producing, or writing. The group has spent the past year working on 16 back-to-back films, taking turns



The 1860s Overstreet House at the Pioneer Florida Museum & Village was used as a set for the short film called "The Terrible Trio" made by students of Florida State University's film school last week.

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Alleged Gunman Surrenders

March 19 Incident Likely Tied To Drug Deal

by Joe Potter

A Dade City man faces five felony charges following a March incident in which he allegedly shot a Lakeland man, the Dade City Police Department said Tuesday.

Loren Lee Harris, 30, of 14652 Douglas Drive, turned himself in to police on March 30 after the alleged targeting of Adrian Deion Holmes, 27.

The shooting occurred at approximately 2 a.m. on March 19



Loren Harris

near the Villas apartment complex at 15th Street and Meridian Avenue.

DCPD spokesman Brian Uppercue said the incident was part of a drug deal gone bad.

Harris fired into a car occupied by Holmes, which was being driven by another man, Uppercue said.

Harris is being held without bail at the Pasco County Jail on charges of premeditated attempted murder/homicide, shooting a deadly missile into occupied vehicle, carrying a firearm during a felony, discharging a firearm in public and two counts of aggravated assault.

All of the charges are felonies except the one for discharging a firearm in public.

Holmes has been treated and released from an area hospital.

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Mayor Urges Support For Anti-Fracking Bill

by Joe Potter

A physician and an environmental activist joined Dade City Mayor Camille Hernandez last week to urge passage of an anti-fracking bill that is languishing in the state legislature.

A crowd of about 50 people gathered at City Hall to listen to the three speakers who are pressing House Speaker Richard Corcoran to push House Bill 451 through his chamber.

So far House and Senate members have been unable to agree on whether a scientific study is needed before anti-



Supporters of the proposed fracking ban included, front row, Jackie Filson of FFW; Mayor Camille Hernandez; Dr. Lynn Ringenberg, PSR/Florida; and Nathalia Assaad of Lutz.

Photo by Richard K. Riley

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Dade City Police Report

PHSC Welcomes Academy Law Enforcement Director



Staff Report

Pasco Sheriff Capt. Sharon Foshey has been introduced as director of Law Enforcement and Corrections Academy at Pasco-Hernando State College.

Foshey began her career with the Pasco Sheriff's Office as a patrol deputy where she progressively held leadership roles in field training, school resource,

missing persons, domestic violence and major crimes.

In 2016, she was selected as captain of the School Resource Unit and Child Protective Investigations. She transitioned to the role of Sheriff's Office training unit supervisor and now the academy director at PHSC's East Campus.

Foshey was named Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the West Pasco

Bar Association, and received a Purple Heart from Pasco Sheriff's Office. She is a member of the Tampa Bay Regional Critical Incident Team and a Pasco eSchool Criminal Justice Academy Board member.

She earned her bachelor of science in psychology degree from the University of Florida, and her MBA from the University of South Florida.

Pasco Sheriff's Capt. Sharon Foshey is the director of Pasco-Hernando State College's Law Enforcement and Corrections Academy in Dade City. Photo Provided

Dade City Police Department Says Arrests Are Up Better Communication Part Of The Reason

by Joe Potter

The Dade City Police Department is reaping the benefits of consolidating its 911 communications with Pasco County.

Brian Uppercue, the DCPD public information officer, reported last week that the arrest rate has improved for

2017 and the department is clearing more cases and improving response times since linking with the county nearly a year and a half ago.

"We are setting up perimeters more quickly and that is helping to catch burglary suspects," Uppercue continued.

The enhanced emergency communication system has also allowed DCPD to work in concert with other area law enforcement agencies to locate suspects who have committed crimes in other jurisdictions, Uppercue said.

There have been nine major thefts in Dade City this year compared to two in all of 2016, Uppercue said, citing the activity of crews that were hitting jewelry stores and money-changing businesses in Pasco and surrounding counties.

"We were affected by the same trend that Pasco and Hillsborough and Polk counties were because of these robbery crews," Uppercue said.

A surveillance camera image of a license tag on a vehicle used at one of those robberies in Dade City helped clear several cases in Hillsborough County and

put up to three bad guys behind bars, Uppercue said.

DCPD has also been able to more readily identify crime trends and tries to educate the public on how to keep themselves from becoming victims.

Uppercue said one example is emphasizing that people should keep their vehicles locked even if they are only going to be away from them for a brief time.

It is a widespread practice for thieves to go from car to car and see which ones are unlocked.

"Sometimes they only get pennies, but you would be surprised what people leave in their cars," Uppercue said.

He also reported the department has a good working relationship with Sunrise of Pasco County, which operates a domestic violence and sexual assault center in east Pasco.

"We have been encouraging people to report incidents of domestic violence," Uppercue said. "Sometimes the number of reported cases go up because of the department's proactive actions."

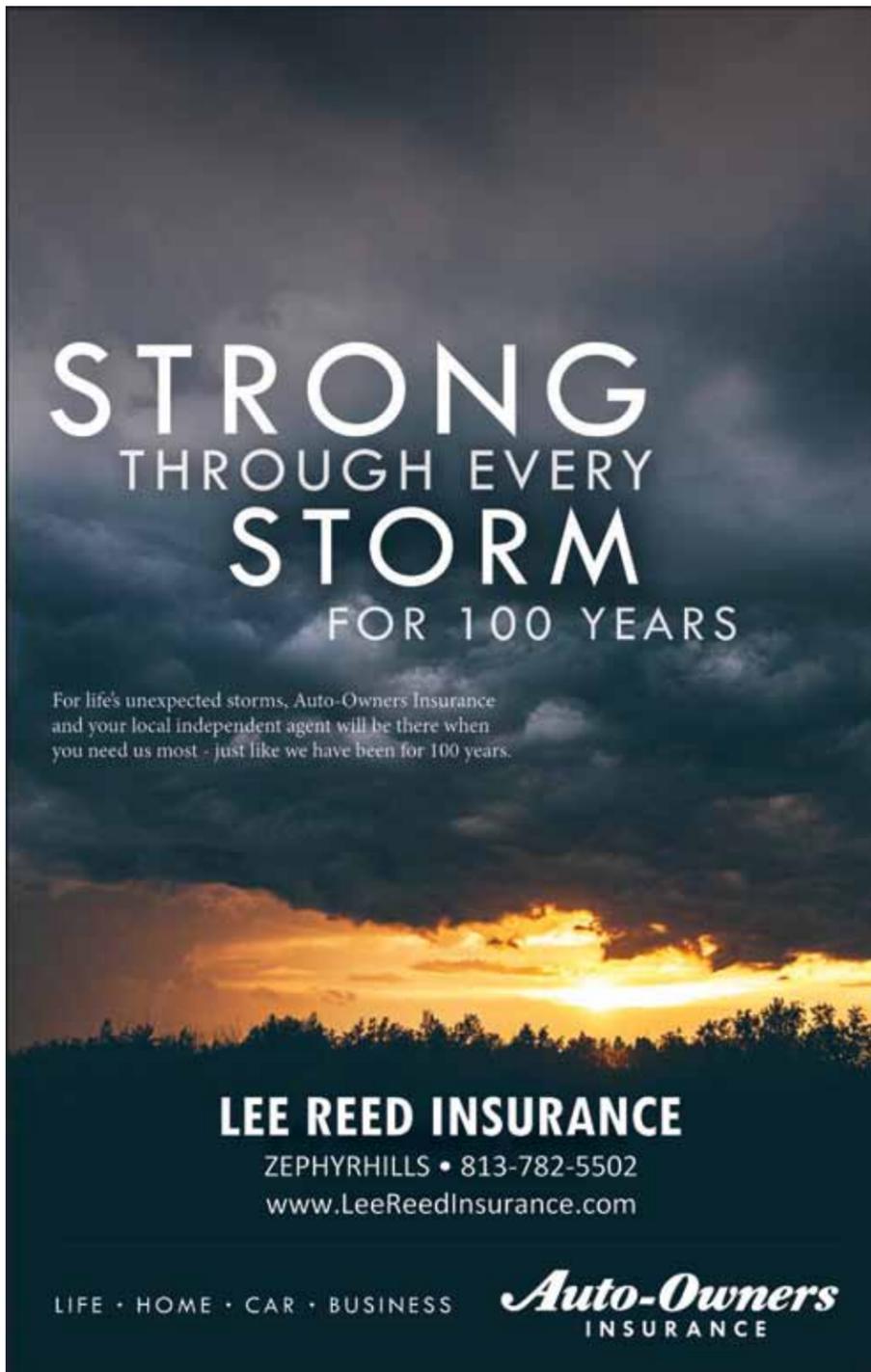


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City Receives Grant To Prevent Flooding

Staff Report

Some relief may soon be coming to flooded streets in downtown Dade City.

City commissioners unanimously accepted a \$400,000 grant on March 28 from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The money will be used to expand Irvin Pond and to build a sewer line to move stormwater to existing drains owned by the DOT and the CSX Railroad.

Dade City has been seeking relief for the last five years to address the flooding that occurs during moderate to heavy rainfalls. The city's existing stormwater system is currently unable to handle the flow.

Dade City adopted a stormwater master plan in 2012 and enacted a stormwater fee in 2014.

The city was slated to receive \$1.9 million state funds in 2015 but Gov. Rick Scott cut the project from the budget.

Approximately \$4 million in improvements need to be made to the system citywide, \$2 million of which is

needed just for flooding that occurs downtown.

"The city pond will be expanded to control, treat and slowly release the stormwater to the receiving system. Proposed improvements will aid in eliminating street, parking, and stormwater flooding ... and relieve several city blocks from existing recurrent flooding once all phases have been fully executed," city engineer Joseph DeBono wrote in the memo to the commission.

The city must complete the project by April 30, 2019, according to its agreement with the state.

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fracking measures are debated. The legislation is not expected to pass either branch of the legislature this year.

"Communities across the state are struggling with the challenges of securing stable water supplies," said Hernandez. "The fact that fracking a well uses millions of gallons of freshwater that we never get back is why I think over 90 communities

have opposed fracking in the state," said Hernandez, who holds a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in public health.

She was joined by Dr. Lynn Ringenberg, the immediate Past President of Physicians for Social Responsibility and cofounder of PSR/Florida, and Brooke Errett, an organizer for Food & Water Watch.

"It's not just the amount of water, but the carcinogenic chemicals that can commonly spill and the leaks from fracking that pose a grave threat," said Ringenberg, who has been practicing medicine in the Tampa Bay area for nearly 40 years.

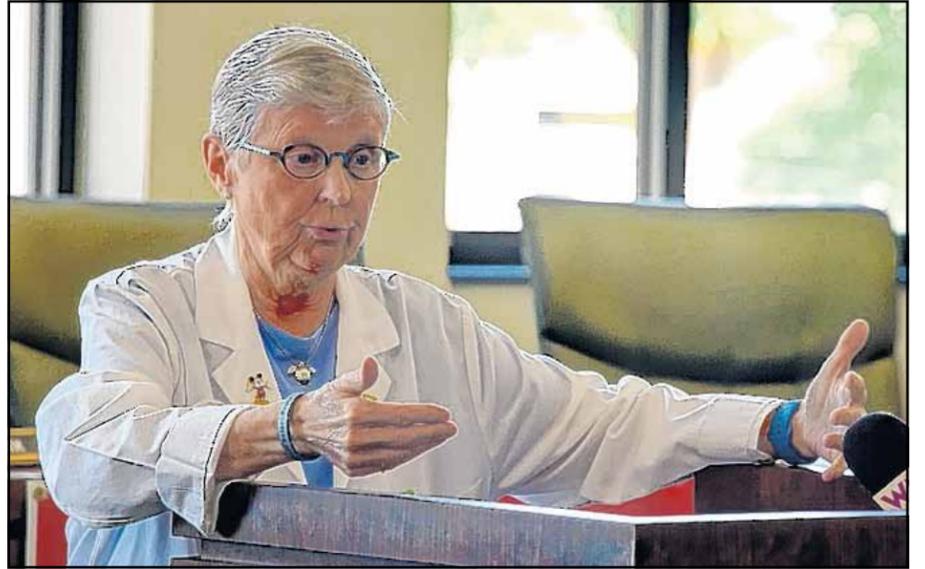
Ringenberg said the PSR has published a compendium that includes more than 900 studies that prove fracking harms human health and the environment.

"There is no doubt that fracking is harming health now in this country. There have been recent studies on pregnant women in particular who live in areas where there is fracking that their babies have a 40 percent chance of being born prematurely," she said.

"A more recent study that came out in February of this year shows an increase in blood cancers in patients in Michigan and Colorado who are close to fracking sites," Ringenberg said. "The impact to the body ... may take five, 20, or 50 years to show



Dade City Mayor Camille Hernandez speaking at City Hall on March 31 about supporting a state-wide ban of fracking.



Dr. Lynn Ringenberg, immediate past president of Physicians for Social Responsibility, explains why fracking is dangerous to the land, animals, plants and people during last week's presentation.

cancer from being exposed to fracking."

The Food & Water Watch activist noted the financial cost to the state where tourism is crucial to the economy.

"After the BP oil spill, more than 50,000 jobs were lost in Florida even though no oil came on our shores," Errett said. "The process of hydraulic fracturing ... just does

not make sense here in Florida. It is just not worth the risk."

Attempts to regulate fracking also failed during the 2014, 2015 and 2016 legislative sessions.

Dade City and Zephyrhills both adopted ordinances last year prohibiting fracking within their corporate limits.

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East Pasco Events

April 7 – Joe Kiefer Golf Tournament – The Dade City Chamber of Commerce presents the 32nd annual golf tournament at Lake Jovita Golf and Country Club, 12900 Lake Jovita Blvd. Registration begins at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Registration deadline is March 31. Visit dadecitychamber.org for a full list of registration and sponsorship opportunities or call the Chamber at (352) 567-3769 for information.

April 7 – Florida Bats – Join Shari Clark, with Florida Bat Conservancy, as we listen to a bat program, see live bats and go look and listen for wild bats. Cost is \$3/vehicle or annual park pass. Held from 6-7:30 p.m. at Dade Battlefield, 7200 C.R. 603 in Bushnell. Call (352) 793-4781 for information.

April 7-8 – Book Bazaar – Great bargains on gently-used bestsellers. There will be a diverse selection of books, audio and video media, magazines, and related materials available for a modest cost. Admission is open to the public. Presented by the Hugh Embry Library Branch of the Pasco County Library System, located at 14215 Fourth St. both days from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Call (352) 567-7449 for information.

April 8 – Farmers Market – Held in the San Antonio City Park from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The market, sponsored by the Rotary Club of San Antonio, will offer fresh produce, hand-crafted wine, yard art, plants, jams and jellies, dog treats, honey and other bee products, repurposed glass items, dried herbs and herbal products and baked goods. Hungry shoppers will be able to purchase hot dogs, popcorn, coffee and sodas. Vendor spaces are available for a fee of \$25. Contact Winnie Burke at (352) 437-5161 or rotarysanantoniofl@gmail.com for information.

April 8 – Hittin’ the Road for Hospice – The date for this year’s Hittin’ the Road for Hospice annual motorcycle poker run has been set! Riders will be cruising across Pasco County. The run starts at Harley-Davidson of New Port Richey, 5817 S.R. 54. Check-in, registration, and breakfast at 8 a.m. and last bike out at 10 a.m. Post-run celebration starts at 1 p.m. at the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Zephyrhills #3752, at 4149 New River Road. Visit www.HittinTheRoadForHospice.org to register.

April 8 – Jelly Bean Fling – A new event for the Pioneer Florida Museum & Village including a visit with the Easter Bunny, an Easter bonnet parade and egg hunts. You’ll also have a chance to visit all of the wonderful exhibits at the museum. Held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at 15602 Pioneer Museum Road. Call (352) 567-0262 or visit www.pioneerfloridamuseum.org for information.

April 9 – Easter Eggstravaganza – Saint Leo University’s Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority and the First Year Experience team are hosting Easter Eggstravaganza from 2-4 p.m. Children of all ages from the community, as well as faculty, staff and students, are welcome to attend this free event, which will be held in The Bowl, behind Saint Francis Hall and the Daniel A. Cannon Memorial Library at 33701 S.R. 52. Activities will include an Easter egg hunt, egg toss, egg race and more. Contact orientation@saintleo.edu for more information.

April 12 – Saint Leo SASSabration – Join us for an evening of energized performances by Saint Leo’s student a

capella group S.A.S.S. (soprano, alto, second soprano) with special guest appearances by the Slam Poetry Club. Admission is free and the event is open to the public. No reservations required, but limited seating is available. Show starts at 7 p.m. Contact Ms. Megan Orendorf at (352) 588-8401 or jennifer.orendorf@saintleo.edu for information.

April 13 – Earth Day Celebration – Join Pasco-Hernando State College as we celebrate all that our beautiful Earth has to offer. Enjoy a live gardening demonstration, “Compost Happens,” and vendors from 12:30-2 p.m. at 36727 Blanton Road. Attendees may also visit with service organization representatives, including Nick Makris, Southwest Florida Water Management District; Scott Kirby, Florida Department of Environmental Protection; Mona Neville, Florida Forest Service, Pasco; and a representative from Florida State Park Service. Call (855) NOW-PHSC for information.

April 13 – Sunrise of Pasco Benefit – Beef O’Brady’s, located at 14136 Seventh St. will donate 10 percent of its earnings tonight to Sunrise of Pasco County Domestic and Sexual Violence Center. Call (352) 567-4136 for information.

April 15 – Eggs in the Park – Free annual event for children ages 0-12 and their families. Egg hunt starts promptly at 10 am for all ages followed by several games and relays. Held from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Dade Battlefield, 7200 C.R. 603 in Bushnell. Call (352) 793-4781 for information.

April 15 – Spring Egg Hunt – The Hugh Embry Library’s 10th annual spring egg hunt will be held from 10-11 a.m. at the library, located at 14215 Fourth St. For kids 10 and under with a parent or guardian. Hunt for candy filled eggs, then join us for crafts, face painting and more. Call (352) 567-3576 for information.

April 18 – Tunes In Bloom – As part of our New Moon Concert Series, join St. Leo Singers, St. Leo Chambers Singers, Saint Leo Rhythm Machine and Saint Leo Strings for a musical showcase starting at 7 p.m. Admission is free and the event is open to the public. Seating is limited. Contact jennifer.orendorf@saintleo.edu to ensure your place in the audience. Don’t forget to indicate the number of seats you’d like to reserve. Held at the Black Box Theatre, Benedictine Hall at the west end of campus, 33701 S.R. 52, with its own parking entrance.

April 20 – Tea(L) and Crumpets – Dade City Woman’s Club and Angel Tea Room of Dade City are partnering with Sunrise to host this luncheon to bring awareness to community members of all the services and programs that Sunrise provides for those who need them. Held from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Dade City Woman’s Club, 37922 Palm Ave. There is no charge to attend the event but please RSVP by contacting Vicki Wiggins at (352) 521-3358 or events@sunrisepasco.org. Visit www.SunrisePasco.org for information.

April 21 – Diabetes Education Class – If you were recently diagnosed with diabetes or struggle with managing your diabetes, then this free, certified education class is a program that will help you. Call (352) 567-6763 to reserve your space or for information. Held from 10-11 a.m. at Bayfront Health Dade City, 13100 Fort King Road, Medical Plaza 1, Classroom 108.

Commentary



First Things First

Greg First

Vlad’s Comrades Are To Blame

Weird things have been happening lately around my house. I think I told you several months ago that I had won a huge European lottery and all I had to do was send my bank routing information along with my full social security number, my mom’s maiden name and the name of my first pet, and several million dollars would be put into my account. I started to think about what I could do with all that money and then I realized that it was probably wasn’t true.

A friend I will not mention said the Russians had to be behind the scam. They wanted to steal all my money. There is not really any proof but he was told by an anonymous source that the Russians did it and have been doing it for years. They are phishing and hacking everything.

Here is another example: several weeks ago I got my bank statement and I made less than five dollars in interest. That is another sure-fire reason my account was hacked. Why would I keep money in the bank if I was only making five bucks in a month? It seems like this has been going on for years. I remember when we were earning double-digit interest rates and the numbers have

continued to fall because of this hacking. My dad lived during the Great Depression and he would say he could make more money picking up cans on the side of the road. I miss him and my mom and loved their humor and great wisdom.

Another example is something that almost everyone can relate to. What happened to all those socks? It either happened in the washer or the dryer. Somehow they are being transported to another country. I heard it is a machine like the one in Back To The Future. It can take something like a sock and transport it anywhere that is programmed into the computer systems. This is something else the Russians have been doing for years.

There are so many other things, such as losing your keys. They weren’t lost; they were moved. You probably always put them in the same place, right? How about going to do something and then forgetting what you were going to do?

Here’s a good one. Changing your password and not writing it down because you know you would never forget it and boom, you completely forgot it. It happened to me the other day and I had to prove once again who I am.

Even my TV is being hacked. When I go to bed no matter what channel I am watching when I wake up somehow during the night it changes to Bay News 9. It happens all the time. Be careful what you say around your TV, it can hear you and maybe even see you.

With all of the talk lately about the Russians hacking everything you just never know. I would think the technology and cyber defense in the United States is world class but how do you ignore the facts? It doesn’t take a committee to try and figure out who is doing this. I think you know the answer.

County Offices Closing For Good Friday

Pasco County Government offices, including the Constitutional Offices and the Courts, will be closed on April 14, in observance of Good Friday. All government offices and the Courts will reopen on April 17.

The Pasco County Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources’ Offices and Recreation Complexes will be closed on April 14; however, the parks and beaches will remain open to the public from dawn to dusk.

Pasco County Public Transportation (PCPT) is providing service on all fixed routes and paratransit service on April 14; however, PCPT administrative offices will be closed.

The Pasco County Animal Services Administration Office, Adoption

Center, Intake/Reclaim Shelter and Field Services will be closed on April 14. An Animal Control Officer will be available for emergencies only. The Adoption Center & Intake/Reclaim will resume regular business hours on April 15.

The Pasco County Resource Recovery Facility, West Pasco Class III, and the East Pasco Transfer Station will be closed to the public on April 14; however, they will be open to Pasco County licensed, commercial haulers.

All Pasco County Libraries will be closed on April 14 and will resume regular business hours on April 15.

The Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office will be closed on April 14 and April 15.

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Pieter Kohnstam speaking to the crowd at a Saint Leo University special presentation on March 29.

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Holocaust Presentation Details Flight To Freedom

A Saint Leo University campus audience recently heard a presentation about the Holocaust of World War II. Pieter Kohnstam, along with his wife Sue, presented "Narrow Escape – A Flight to Freedom," through the sponsorship of the Saint Leo University Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies. Kohnstam was only 6 when he and his parents fled Amsterdam in 1942 to escape the Nazis. The Kohnstams were Jewish and originally from Germany and went into hiding in Amsterdam. The Kohnstams had many near brushes with death, but finally escaped to Argentina. Pieter Kohnstam, now nearing 81, lives in Venice, Fla. He and his wife now do educational presentations.



An illustrative quilt made by Susan Kohnstam, Pieter's wife. Photo Provided



Health And Wellness

by Jayapriya Raj, M.D.

Board Certified Internal Medicine
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Mental Wellness

How about a fresh start this season with a positive attitude? Mental health is defined as "a state of well-being in which the individual realizes his or her own abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to his or her community".

When relationships, financial issues or work environment overwhelm us, and our coping skills are poor, we can suffer from stress. Stress can be acute and manifest as anger, depression and anxiety, and also cause physical symptoms like chest pain, palpitations, headache etc. Stress can also lead to heart attacks and stroke. When an individual's stress becomes chronic, the risk for harming themselves or others increases.

People with mental health problems

can get well, and often recover completely with treatment and help. It is important to be aware of warning signs of a mental health problem and seek professional help if needed. Eating or sleeping too much or too little, loss of interest in usual activities, feeling helpless, having low energy, mood swings, inability to concentrate and thoughts of harm to oneself or others, are some of the warning signs of a mental health problem.

Good mental health is about developing positive coping skills, while avoiding negative coping skills, through practice. Good coping skills include the use of relaxation techniques when stressed, staying physically active, getting adequate sleep, connecting with others, setting time aside for vacations or hobbies, helping others and praying. Negative coping skills like drugs, excessive alcohol use, storing hurt feelings or denial can be harmful to mental health.

Looking after your mental health can positively impact your physical health, relationships, financial status and productivity. You can realize your full potential by making your mental wellness a top priority.

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Couple Carve Out A Café

Food Again Available At American Eagle Antiques

by Keri McAlpine

After working in the restaurant business for a number of years, husband and wife duo Tina and Joe Novak took their career into their own hands and opened up a new Dade City café.

Located downtown inside of American Eagle Antiques at 14232 Seventh St., next to Wells Fargo, the name of the game at this café is: fresh.

“Everything is made from scratch every day,” Tina said. And when she says everything, she means everything. From soups, quiches, salad dressings, mayonnaise, croissants, chicken salad and a selection of fresh pies, everything that can be done by themselves, they do it.

Tina and Joe’s Café is open for lunch Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The couple gets to the shop every morning at about 6:30 a.m. to prep for the lunch crowd.

Novak’s daughter, Elizabeth, son Dalton, and family friend Sydney, help wait tables and wash dishes while the

couple prepares the food.

While the Novaks have never owned a restaurant before, they have had enough experience in the business and were ready to roll when they opened March 27.

“We decided it was time to do it,” Tina said.

Working out of the antique store has presented them with an advantage they did not expect.

“It’s been very nice because you get to know everybody on a first name basis. There are a lot of repeat customers, they come in there three or four times a week,” to the antique store, she said.

“It’s like Cheer’s – you know everybody’s name and everybody’s so friendly.”

American Antiques owner Thalia Stilson has operated her shop for 15 years. It was always in her business plan to have a café operating in the same space, and when the space’s previous tenant, Mallie Kyla’s restaurant, had to leave, she needed a worthy business to take its place.

“They’re adorable,” Stilson said. “They’re really nice people and I’m



Joe Novak, left, Thalia Stilson and Tina Novak work in a harmonious relationship with their two businesses, American Eagle Antiques and Tina and Joe’s Café at 14232 Seventh St.

Photo by Stephanie Stephenson

enjoying them ... and more importantly than all that, the food’s good.”

Having a café inside of her shop has been a successful move ever since Stilson opened for business.

“It’s just real homey. They sit down, put their order in, they get up, they shop. Or, my shoppers come in smell the food and sit down and eat. It works both ways and it’s just fun. People walk in and go

‘Oh, I’ve never seen anything like this before.’ It’s just a real different concept and it works for us,” Stilson said.

The café is working on a couple of hot food items to be tested next week. The most popular item, other than the pastries and whoopee pies, tends to be the stuffed avocado, Tina said. Not to mention, the chefs are almost always willing to customize an order to fit one’s taste.

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heading up their own specialization. In the end, each student will have four

films to submit as their master’s thesis. The group started the school year

developing, pitching and writing different story ideas. This semester

they are focusing on shooting, editing and finalizing their projects.

Rika Bhakta, 23, is the only production specialist this year, and was the producer for “The Terrible Trio,” the short western filmed at the museum.

“It’s about three unlikely people that band together to seek revenge on a notorious outlaw for stealing their possessions,” Bhakta summarized.

Students have eight days in production for each film, and when they were planning where to shoot The Terrible Trio, they were specifically looking for a late 1800s or early 1900s cabin to fit the film’s genre.

“We had found another area for a saloon in Parish, so we were looking for cabins and houses around the area ... We had a night shoot so it was very hard to find a location that would let us film there until two o’clock in the morning,” Bhakta said. “We found the museum and it was just perfect. They were very accommodating of our schedule.”

The museum had the right look, provided an open space for the students, and its secluded nature allowed the group to take control of the environment. The students shot specifically at the Overstreet House, originally built in the 1860s.

Museum executive director Stephanie Black was amazed at how professional the students were when filming on site.

“They showed up with a couple of box trucks and they were like little ants out there. Everybody knew exactly what they were supposed to be doing – they got it unloaded and set up in a matter of minutes,” Black said Tuesday. “You wouldn’t be able to tell it wasn’t a big budget film because they were just so professional and everything was so well done.”

The cast and crew worked at the location from about 5:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. on March 27 and 29. The film has wrapped on production and is now in the first round of editing in post-production, Bhakta said.

Black has been invited to the film’s eventual screening at FSU’s campus in August. A copy of the completed film will also be given to the museum to use as well, Black said.

“It was an incredible experience. It’s always nice to have location owners who are welcoming to us ... and encouraging us to follow what we want to do,” Bhakta said.

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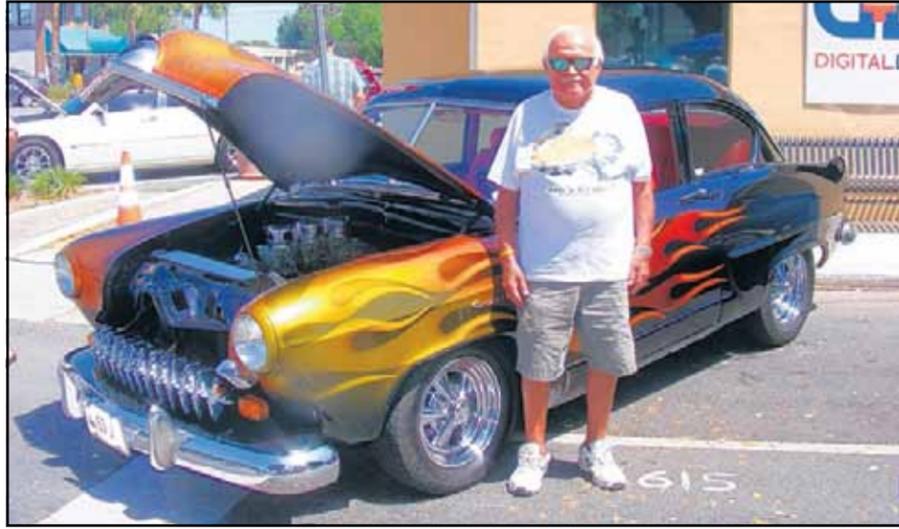
Story and photos by Joe Potter

They say big surprises come in small packages and that was certainly true Saturday in the appearance of a highly customized 1953 Henry J during the monthly Cruise In.

A Zephyrhills man, who calls himself “Tommy Z,” bought the rare Henry J Corsair de Luxe in 2007 while attending a car show in Connecticut. The Kaiser-Frazier Corporation built only 8,172 De Luxe models in 1953.

When Tommy Z bought the compact fastback two-door hardtop it had its original inline six-cylinder engine and three-speed standard transmission.

Kaiser-Frazier had introduced the base model Corsair, with a four-cylinder engine, and the de Luxe, in 1952.



Tommy Z of Zephyrhills with his prized 1953 Henry J he has owned for 10 years.

The de Luxe was manufactured until 1954. It had front and rear chrome windshield trim, dome lights with door-mounted switches, a padded dashboard, an ashtray and nicer interior upholstery and door panels than the base model Corsair.

The Henry Js were named after Henry J. Frazier, the company’s chairman, and were intended to help stimulate the company’s sales. They failed to do this as they were priced higher than medium or full size cars manufactured by the Big Three – Chrysler, Ford and General Motors.

But the Henry J did stimulate Tommy Z.

Within the first six months of owning it, he replaced the original powertrain with a 350-cubic-inch Chevrolet V-8 backed up by a 350 Chevrolet automatic transmission.

Some work was done on the suspension of the car that has a 100” wheelbase, is 181” long, and originally

weighed about 2,400 pounds.

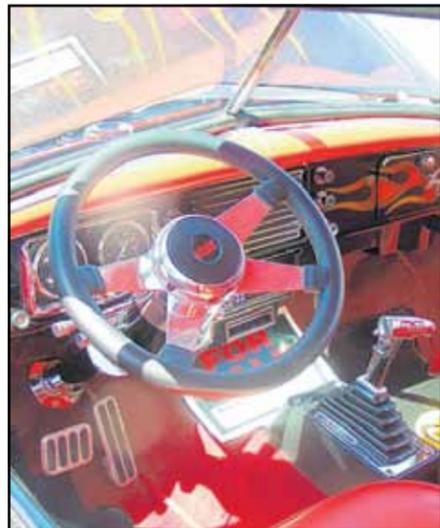
The Henry J has a rack-and-pinion

steering assembly from a Mustang II up front. There is an 8” Ford rear axle with a gear ratio of 3.08:1. The rear suspension is held in place by a ladder bar with coil overs, Tommy Z said.

He installed power steering, power brakes and air conditioning to the car and dressed up the interior with a tilting/telescoping steering wheel, Mustang seats and moon gauges.

Some of the other collectable vehicles displayed Saturday included a 1948 Willys-Overland Jeep, a 1947 Cadillac convertible and a 1970s Chevrolet Camaro. The Camaro boasted a 502-cubic-inch V-8.

The Cruise In is held the first Saturday of each month from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. It is organized by the Dade City Merchants Association and sponsored by several area organizations including Pasco News Publications.



A telescoping/tilt steering wheel and moon gauges are among the custom items Tommy Z has added to his 1953 Henry J.



This 1947 Cadillac convertible’s chrome gleamed as it was parked along Meridian Avenue last Saturday.



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Dade City Gets 'Uncorked'

The Dade City Garden Club welcomed garden, wine and food enthusiasts Sunday at the club's main fundraiser, 'Uncorked' in Dade City. The adventure in wine, food and music offered six unique wines to sample from the club's wine consultant, Time for Wine. Wine stations were set up in the beautiful gardens at 13630 Fifth

St., and each station featured a wine, accompanied by appropriately paired appetizers. Guests were able to mingle with "celebrity" wine pourers at each station, stroll through the gardens and enjoy live music.



Dennis Alfonso led a combo in popular garden-themed and oldies music for the event.



Celebrity Wine Pourer Brent Sutton of Growers Fertilizer Corp in Dade City and his wife, Michele, in the Hollyhock Circle of the Dade City Garden Club.



Kyle Peterson of Peterson Insurance in Dade City was a Celebrity Wine Pourer and was supported by Lydia Wong, Jan Condic and Charles Visalli of Time for Wine of Tampa.

Photos by Richard K. Riley



A plethora of well-dressed and elegantly hatted women attended the 2017 Dade City Garden Club's "UnCorked" event Sunday.



Dade City City Manager Billy Poe oversees Sam McCarrell of Time for Wine of Tampa pour wine to taste for Mady Sidwell of Dade City.

Come Worship Our Risen Lord

Florida Hospital Zephyrhills, in partnership with the Zephyrhills-Wesley Chapel Ministerial Association, cordially invites you to attend this event. Children are welcome.



GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF THE CROSS

Friday, April 14, 2017

The Walk of the Cross on Good Friday takes a pilgrimage with a cross through the streets of Zephyrhills marking the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Along the way, we will stop at seven locations to reflect on the last Seven Sayings of Christ on the Cross. The evening will conclude at the First United Methodist Church of Zephyrhills. The walk is a couple of miles and takes place rain or shine.

5:30 PM

Walk of the Cross begins
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
5316 11th Street, Zephyrhills

6:45 PM (approximate)

Final Reflections and Music
First United Methodist Church
38635 Fifth Avenue, Zephyrhills



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 16, 2017

Join Florida Hospital Zephyrhills for this annual gathering to proclaim that Jesus Christ is alive! Celebrating through song, prayer and scripture, this beautiful, hour-long service will uplift and inspire you. The service takes place rain or shine.

*"Why do you seek the living among the dead?
He is not here, but is risen!" Luke 24: 5-6*

6:45 AM

Easter Sunrise Service
Florida Hospital Zephyrhills - Front Lawn
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