

Tri-County Passings

Thomas Max Hargis



THE VILLAGES - Thomas Max Hargis, a devoted husband and loving father and grandfather passed away May 15, 2018 in The Villages, FL. He was the son of William and Maxine (Lang) Hargis of Olean, NY.

On July 6, 1957 he married Joan Klink, his high school sweetheart. Surviving besides his wife are a daughter, Vicki Hargis of Gainesville, FL; a son, Kevin Hargis of Olean, NY; three grandchildren, Scott Baham of Gainesville, FL, Paige Baham of Nashville, TN and Nicholas Hargis of Olean, NY; two sisters-in-law, Donna Whitney (Gene) of The Villages, FL and Carol Kuchinski (David) of Blacksburg, VA; nephews, Mark Whitney and Eric and Brad Kuchinski; and a brother, Mark from Georgia.

He was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the United States Air Force from 1950-1954. Tom was a member of the First Baptist Church of Olean and upon moving to The Villages joined the North Lake Presbyterian Church.

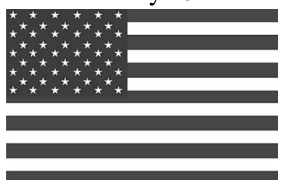
He was employed by the NY Telephone Co. for 33 years as a lineman, cable splicer and board operator retiring in 1987. On April 23, 1985 he received the prestigious NY Telephone Co. Vail Award for saving a Buffalo, NY woman from a house fire during working hours.

Mr. Hargis was a Pack Master 87 at School 10 in Olean and Scout Master of Troop 20 at First Baptist Church. Playing fast pitch softball for many years he initiated amateur baseball in Allegany NY, coached Little League in Olean and Midget Football in Olean and Allegany.

He was a member of the Olean Elks Lodge 491, NY Telephone Pioneers, Olean Exchange Club, Olean Junior Chamber of Commerce, Allegany Fire Dept., American Legion of Allegany, The Villages Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite of Ocala and Florida High 12 of Lady Lake. Tom spent his free time taping old movies, golfing and landscaping around his home.

The family will receive relatives and friends at a visitation to be held at the Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services, 1511 Buenos Aires Blvd., The Villages on Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 4 to 7 PM. A Funeral Service will be held on Monday, May 21, 2018, 10:00 AM, at North Lake Presbyterian Church 975 Rolling Acres Rd., Lady Lake. Committal Services with Military Honors will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at Florida National Cemetery.

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Man Taken to Hospital After Overdosing at Store

A Village of Glenbrook resident overdosed on drugs Wednesday in the restroom of the Walmart in Summerfield, the Marion County Sheriff's Office reported.

A worker at the store on south U.S. Highway 441 told the sheriff's office he found the man lying down in a handicapped stall, needle in hand, according to the report.

The 47-year-old Villager told a deputy sheriff he'd taken two opioid pain pills. A search of the stall turned up a used syringe and a brown powdery substance that tested positive for heroin, the report said.

Emergency workers took the Glenbrook man to The Villages Regional Hospital, the report said.

— Greg Miller, Daily Sun



Amber Hair | Daily Sun

The doctors at Davis Clinic of Chiropractic Inc. who were honored include Dr. Chris Hopkins, Dr. Lawrence Morris, Dr. Jason Davis and Dr. William Garofolo.

Chiropractor Clinic Earns Service Award For Continued Support

By AMBER HAIR
Daily Sun Staff Writer

Years of dedicated service and community outreach aligned in Dr. Jason Davis' favor this month.

On May 4, the doctors at the Davis Clinic of Chiropractic received a peer-voted service award at a national convention in Orlando.

"Our goal is to prevent patients from losing their independence," said Dr. William Garofolo, one of the senior treating physicians at Davis Clinic.

To do that, doctors at the clinic prioritize continued learning. The state of Florida requires that chiropractors take 40 hours of continued instruction every two years, but the Davis Clinic goes above and beyond that, traveling to Orlando at least six times a year for seminars and training sessions.

"We take the time to advance our profession," said Davis, the clinic's founder.

The clinic then passes that information on to patients and other doctors in the area through community lectures, which are open to the public. The clinic has been offering these lectures for the past 10 years of the 13 years it has been in The Villages.

Depending on the time of year, the clinic can treat up to 500 people in a week. The lectures are at least once a week, but during the winter, lectures often are offered on multiple days to accommodate the larger number of residents in the area.

Davis wants his patients to know more about and

understand health issues they might face.

"We really try to provide as much value to our patients as we can," Davis said.

During the lectures, the doctors go into detail about diseases and conditions that can impact their patients, as well as risk factors and possible treatments. The lectures have covered topics including neck and back pain, knee pain and peripheral neuropathy, a condition that can cause pain and weakness in the hands and feet.

Davis said more than a third of the patients he treats have chronic pain for which they already have undergone spinal surgeries, which failed to deliver the relief they needed. The clinic focuses on helping patients find nonsurgical, drug-free treatments.

"What we always want to do is provide the best possible technology for our patients," Garofolo said. "We very much enjoy treating people here in The Villages."

Technology isn't the only way they treat patients, though. To help comfort anyone who is anxious or worried about their treatments, Davis sometimes brings his black Russian terrier therapy dog, Blue, into the clinic.

Garofolo thinks the award is a testament to the success the clinic has had treating patients in and around The Villages, as well as the 20 people who work in the clinic.

Unfortunately, those who visit the clinic won't be able to see the award right now.

It is currently in the bedroom of Davis' 7-year-old son, who was with Davis when he won the award.



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Seasoned comedians, from left, Mark Schiff, Carol Siskind and Brett Butler will put on a three-in-one comedy show at 7 p.m. on June 16 at The Sharon.

See Three Headliner Comedians in One Show

Enjoy some comedy you can relate to at Boomer Comedy Unlimited's upcoming show at The Sharon.

By KRISTEN FIORE
Daily Sun Senior Writer

As a headlining comedian, sometimes you have to worry about who's opening for you, according to Carol Siskind.

"My first headlining job was in San Antonio, Texas, and the guy who opened for me drank beer out of a bedpan on stage," Siskind said.

Gross, right? Luckily, Siskind doesn't have to worry about that sort of thing happening at her upcoming show in The Villages.

Boomer Comedy Unlimited will present Siskind and two other headlining stand-up comedians at 7 p.m. June 16 at the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

The show will feature three comedians with equal amounts of experience, accomplishments and professionalism.

Included in the show are Siskind, who has been seen on "The Tonight Show" with

Jay Leno and Johnny Carson, "The Larry Sanders Show" and an NBC Comedy Special; Brett Butler, who starred in ABC's "Grace Under Fire"; and Mark Schiff, author of "I Killed: True Stories of the Road From America's Top Comics."

Siskind and business partner Patricia Buckles were the brains behind Boomer Comedy Unlimited, a company meant to create a tour of baby boomer comics who have had a lot of exposure on TV, print and film.

Though the comedians who perform vary, each show features multiple headliners who appeal to audiences ages 55 and over.

"We all started together many years ago in the '70s and early '80s," Schiff said. "We can relate to this audience. If you put a 20-year-old comic in front of some of these people, it won't happen. This is a clean show. It's going to be fun, funny and something people can relate to."

Both Schiff and Siskind said being a comedian often entails traveling alone, so for this show, it is nice to get together and appreciate each other's work.

"It's nice to have showtimes together," Schiff said. "It's also fun to watch some real pros at work. We support each other. I

love watching stand-up comedians as much now as I did 35 years ago when I got into it."

Siskind said another perk is getting to perform at venues like The Sharon.

"Working in major showrooms is what we worked so hard for over the years," she said. "When people come to a theater, they expect to be entertained. A place like The Villages has a great track record, so we know the audience has come to expect top-notch entertainment."

Tickets are still available for those who would like to experience top-of-the-line comedy to which they can relate.

Tickets range in price from \$20 to \$45 and can be purchased online at thevillagesentertainment.com or at any Villages Box Office location.

"More than anything, we want the audience to feel better leaving than when they walked in," Schiff said. "That's always my goal. I want them to have a good time. It's comedy. It's supposed to make you feel good and laugh. It's healing."

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