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## Meeks, Rooks win reelection to BOCC

SEAN ARNOLD  
Editor

Rock Meeks and Lilly Rooks won their reelection bids for the Board of County Commissioners, and Ashley Breeden Clemenzi defeated Gary Bennett to win School Board of Levy County District 5 to succeed outgoing member Rick Turner in county primary races Aug. 28.

Meeks defeated Chiefland businessman Terance Reed, a first-time challenger, 58.86 percent to 41.14 percent (5,043 to 3,525 votes), according to unofficial results Tuesday night. It will be Meeks' second term serving District 2 (Chiefland).

Rooks won BOCC District 4 (Cedar

Key) 57.63 to 42.37 percent (4,974 to 3,657 votes) over Ryan Bell, who served on the Board previously, before Rooks' recent term.

Those pair of County Commission races were classified as Universal Primary Contests, since both candidates in both races were from the same party. All voters were eligible to vote in the races. They were decided in the primary.

The tallies included early votes, votes by mail as well as all 13 precincts' election day reporting.

There were 9,132 ballots cast, 34.82 percent of the 26,224 registered voters.

Clemenzi claimed 65.92 percent of the vote in the School Board race,

which pitted a couple of newcomers against one another to succeed Turner. School Board elections are nonpartisan, so they're open to all voters of all party identifications.

In the three-person nonpartisan contest for Circuit Judge of 8th Judicial Circuit, Group 8, Gloria Walker and David Robertson were projected to advance to the general election as the top two vote-getters, over Julie Waldman. The six-county district includes Levy, Gilchrist and Alachua Counties. Robertson received the most Levy County votes of the three, garnering 52.28 percent of the county's vote, while Walker was comfortably ahead overall at 47.7 percent.



Rock Meeks

## City debates RV fees

C.L. WATSON  
Citizen correspondent

Fees, fees and more fees may be prohibiting the City of Chiefland's future growth, according to some.

The local Dodge dealership coined the term, "It's cheaper in Chiefland," shortly after opening many years ago. The catchy advertisement stuck in people's heads beyond the campaign and helped put the town in perspective for future residents and businesses alike, yet it was only meant for the dealerships vehicle prices.

The City paid Government Services Group to conduct a study of new businesses and new residences impact in 2006 and voted for implementing an impact fee schedule in 2007. The impact fees are broken down into categories of Law Enforcement, Transportation, Fire Rescue and Recreation, with each having a fee based on either residential or commercial.

Deputy Clerk Laura

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# New era



The Chiefland Indians snapped an eight-game losing streak against Trenton with a 41-0 victory in their season opener Aug. 24 against the Tigers. See page B1 for more on the game.

## Funding secured for new animal control facility

LORI PREVATT  
Citizen Correspondent

Commissioner Lilly Rooks surprised the Board of County Commissioners and attendees Aug. 21 when she announced funding had been secured for the building of a new animal control facility.

The issue of a new facility has been a point of contention for those concerned because of a lack of central air.

Bob Eckels, of Ocala, is donating \$272,000 toward the new facility. Rooks said Eckels previously donated a large sum for a cat facility.

"It will have 50

kennels," Rooks said of the new facility. "There will be guillotine doors for dogs to go in and out of the kennels. The building will also have air conditioning and heat."

Jimmy Jones, Director of Maintenance, and David Weatherford, Director of Animal Services, spoke briefly about the upcoming plans.

"The plans are not drawn out yet," Weatherford said. "Drawings are probably the next step in the process. We just have to meet with Mr. Eckels one more time."

Jones added that the facility would offer more

storage space.

"David (Weatherford) wanted more space for donated items such as cat and dog food. This new facility will have that."

Weatherford said the facility would accept other donations, noting that County Coordinator Wilbur Dean signs off on all donations. Rooks said a county employee was assisting her in seeking grants to help funding for the facility.

When asked why the facility would not be open on Saturday, Commission Chairman John Meeks replied, "Animal Control

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## Fanning reaches agreement for hotel

*Groundbreaking later this year*

SEAN ARNOLD  
Editor

The City of Fanning Springs has reached an agreement with Nature Coast Development Group to bring a Best Western Premier to the City.

Fanning Mayor Trip Lancaster said NCDG was expected to close on a loan the first week of September, and a groundbreaking could be as soon as October or November.

The hotel would be located on U.S. 19, around 300 yards north of the agricultural weighing station.

Lancaster and City Council Chairman Tommy Darus first revealed the news on the City's Facebook page.

"We've got a great reception about it," said Lancaster.

The Mayor said he's been working on bringing a hotel to the area for 3 1/2 years. He said a majority of the shareholders live in Fanning Springs.

"The ecotourism is huge, and that's one of the things they're looking at," Lancaster said. "It's not just going to be an overnight stay hotel."

Lancaster also said it will also be good for the area's job supply.

"We're projecting it to have a \$1 million annual payroll, with a minimum of 30 full-time equivalent jobs," the Mayor said.

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# Levy County Sheriff's Reports

The Levy County Sheriff's Office reports the following arrests:

- Aug. 21, Cody Richard Adams, 25, Williston, possession of a controlled substance w/o a prescription, possession and/or use of drug equipment, VOP. Bond \$26,000.
- Aug. 21, Deana Mae Atchison, 21, Chiefland, grand theft, dealing in stolen property, possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams, possession of drug equipment. Bond \$36,000.
- Aug. 25, Jeffrey Eugene Benfield, 60, Dunnellon, battery. Bond \$5,000.
- Aug. 21, Dana Michelle Benton, 27, Trenton, DWLS. Bond \$1,000.
- Aug. 23, Kevin Lee Berryhill, 25, Bronson, contempt of court – violation of an order of protection (domestic violence). Bond \$25,000.
- Aug. 21, Claude Richard Bowman IV, 23, Chiefland, failure to register as a sex offender, sex offender failure to report vacating permanent residence. Bond \$200,000.
- Aug. 21, Amie Loraine Boyette, 47, Bell, shoplifting. Bond \$1,000.
- Aug. 22, David Matthew Brookins, 22, Old Town, DWLSR, possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams, possession of drug equipment. Bond \$3,000.
- Aug. 22, Carson Ray Cameron, 60, Inglis, out of county warrant.
- Aug. 26, Kenneth Wade Carpenter, 35, Wil-

## Often Used Abbreviations

- DL - Driver's License
- DWLSR - Driving While License Suspended or Revoked
- DUI - Driving Under the Influence
- FTA - Failure to Appear
- ROR - Released on Own Recognizance
- RWV - Resisting With Violence
- RW/OV - Resisting Without Violence
- VOP - Violation of Probation

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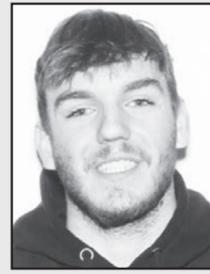
- Aug. 22, Gabriel Wade Deburger, 41, Williston, FTA. Bond \$10,000.
- Aug. 20, Kathy Belinda Douglas, 50, Chiefland, out of county warrant. ROR.
- Aug. 20, Christina Marie Ferranti, 36, Ocala, FTA. Bond \$2,500.
- Aug. 21, Oscar Garcia, 32, Williston, no DL.
- Aug. 22, James Donald Goins, 32, Trenton, grand theft, VOP. Bond \$45,000.
- Aug. 24, Matthew Shane Goins, 27, Chiefland, grand theft. Bond \$20,000.
- Aug. 23, William Warren Griffin, 25, East Prairie, Mo., FTA. Bond \$2,000.
- Aug. 22, Julie Ann Jackson, 58, Dunnellon, DUI, DWLSR. Bond \$6,000.
- Aug. 20, Jason Stephen Nelson, 44, Orlando, DUI, possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams, possession and/or use of drug equipment.
- Aug. 20, Anthony Germain Perry, 34, Cross City, giving false ID to LEO. Bond \$10,000.
- Aug. 23, Jordan Ray

Price, 23, Williston, six counts VOP.

- Aug. 24, Czecheno Ramirez, 33, Morriston, battery. Bond \$25,000.
- Aug. 23, James Edward Rennells Jr., 36, Anthony, DWLS. Bond \$2,000.
- Aug. 24, Joseph Duane Richards, 38, Carrabelle, VOP.
- Aug. 24, Todd Andrew Ridenour, 40, Williston, loitering/prowling. Bond \$5,000.
- Aug. 23, Cesaro Romulo, 52, Bell, DWLS. Bond \$1,000.
- Aug. 25, Michael Salley, 41, Chiefland, possession of a controlled substance w/o a prescription, VOP. Bond \$20,000.
- Aug. 24, Raymond Shelton Shiver Jr., 32, Williston, possession of drug equipment. Bond \$1,000.
- Aug. 24, Jesse Gordon Smith Jr., 52, East Point, two counts VOP.
- Aug. 24, Michael Ryan Smith, 36, Williston, battery. Bond \$10,000.
- Aug. 21, Roger Andrew Spruill, 21, Ocala, petit theft, illegal use of credit cards. Bond \$11,000.

- Aug. 22, Bryan Richard Stalnaker, 23, Williston, possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams.
- Aug. 20, Walter Earl Stancil III, 50, Dunnellon, VOP.
- Aug. 20, Katie Xiomara Stewart, 21, High Springs, VOP.
- Aug. 26, Brian Richard Stubbs, 29, Brooksville, DUI. Bond \$20,000.
- Aug. 24, Grady Tyler Tumlin, 25, Old Town, out of county warrant. Bond \$5,000.
- Aug. 24, Luther Maxwell White III, 49, Chiefland, aggravated assault. Bond \$25,000.
- Aug. 22, Freeman Leon Williams, 59, Williston, aggravated assault. Bond \$100,000.
- Aug. 23, Shaun Lee Williams, 38, Williston, out of county warrant. Bond \$5,000.
- Aug. 21, Antoin Pierre Wrotten, 29, Ocoee, DWLS – habitual, carrying a concealed weapon, resisting officer, possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams. Bond \$28,000.

## Most Wanted



**Mark Boivin**  
18, Chiefland  
FTA



**Ty Colella**  
20, Trenton  
FTA



**Joann Stacy**  
35, Lake City  
FTA



**John Wellbaum**  
29, Cross City  
FTA

Anyone with information about these individuals is asked to call the Sheriff's Office at 486-5111. To remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-877-349-8477.

**Our office will be closed Monday, September 3 for Labor Day. Deadlines for the September 6th issue are as follows. Display Ads: Thursday Aug. 30 at 5 p.m. Classifieds: Friday at 11 a.m. If you have any questions please call 352-493-4793.**

# National Public Lands Day at Fanning Springs State Park

Florida has one of the largest park systems in the Continental U.S. with 175 award-winning state parks and nearly 800,000 acres of land under management. On September 22, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., why not spend a few hours helping preserve the wonderful natural and cultural resources at Fanning Springs State Park.

Volunteers are needed to assist our Fanning Springs and Nature Coast State Trail teams in trimming overgrowth and clearing debris from trails, as well as, removing any trash along the banks of the Suwannee River and the main spring. Comfortable clothes and closed-toed shoes are required. Water,

sunscreen, and bug spray are suggested.

All volunteers must complete a Florida Park Service Volunteer Application. Applications will be provided upon arrival for the event.

For more information and to submit applications, please contact Roy Ficht, Park Services Specialist at roy.ficht@dep.state.fl.us

### Just Read, Florida! at Fanning Springs

In an effort to motivate and excite the community about reading and promote the wonderful

resources available through our public libraries, Fanning Springs State Park is hosting, *Just Read Florida*, Literacy Day, Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

A park ranger will read an excerpt from a book that reflects on our natural and cultural resources, as well as, discuss our Junior Ranger program. Information will be available from the Levy County Public Library System.

Admission to the park is free with the donation of a new or gently used book, or presentation of a library card. For all other visitors, regular admission is \$6 per vehicle.

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# Shakespearean production coming to Chief Theatre

**C.L. Watson**

Citizen correspondent  
Elizabeth Phillips, representing Suwannee Valley Players and Chief Theatre, spoke at the Chiefland Rotary Club Aug. 23 about the upcoming production of Much Ado About Nothing. The SVP production is directed by M. Lanette Six.

The romantic comedy by Shakespeare is presented at Chief Theatre, 25 East Park Avenue, from Aug. 31 to Sept. 9. Friday and Saturday showtimes begin at 7:30 p.m., while Sunday matinees will be at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased by calling 352-493-ARTS.

The Chief Theatre was originally a movie theater, and a Historic Preservation Grant paid for half of the building's purchase. It can seat 102 people per show, and a patron can have their name placed on a seat with a \$120 donation. It hosts six shows per season that can cost anywhere from \$5,000 to 8,000 to produce. Royalties, costumes and printed scripts are all



Chiefland Rotary Club President Sandy Oglesby with Elizabeth Phillips, representing Suwannee Valley Players and Chief Theatre.

Photo by C.L. Watson

expenses incurred as well as 7 to 10 weeks of preparation. SVP and the Chief Theatre encourage anyone to make plans to attend a show or possibly be a part of a future production.

# Rep. Stone discusses local concerns at BOCC

**Lori Prevatt**

Citizen correspondent  
Florida Representative Charlie Stone visited the Board of County Commissioners' meeting Aug. 21 to discuss a few recent Levy County projects.

Stone represents the 22<sup>nd</sup> district of Florida, which covers part of Marion County and all of Levy County.

The Representative began by thanking the board for their participation in legislation. "That is how we get things done," Stone said.

He mentioned he is working with the board to help repair the Withlacoochee boat ramp on Highway 40. "There is also an extra pot of money that Levy may be able to use from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill funding," Stone said. The board made arrangements for committee members to meet with Stone that day concerning the project.

Stone also praised the Mayor of Inglis, Drinda Merritt, for her work on the septic to sewer program in her town.

He discussed the ongoing concern of the School Safety Act, Bill 7026, the bill requiring at least one school resource officer, or guardian, at every school.

"The School Safety Act needs to be corrected," Stone said. "The bill is 40 pages. We will be working to get additional funding. Funding these resource officers is quite costly. I think we can do some things to get the counties more money for the School Safety Act."

Stone mentioned that many counties are having difficulties paying for the additional officers needed to man the schools. He reassured Commissioner Rock Meeks, who mentioned the funding concerns, that he will continue to make sure the funding was a "recurring process."

Stone also encouraged all the citizens to learn about the amendments on the November ballot prior to voting, explaining that there were more amendments this year because of the Constitution Revision Committee meeting this year, which only occurs once every 20 years in the State of Florida.

Commissioner Mike Joyner brought up the concern over Levy being divided between two different Water Management districts, Swift Mud and Suwannee River Management District. "We have been trying to get them to come together for three years," Joyner said. Stone said he and Senator Rob Bradley are working on the issue.

"The only concern with this is when the boundary lines are moved, some people will be under a different tax authority and they will have to pay more than they do today," Stone said.

An attendee at the meeting expressed concern over mandates being approved without sufficient funding. Stone replied, "In most cases, we are adjusting existing laws. I am not sure that unfunded mandates will ever go away. I served as a county commissioner before and I saw what unfunded mandates do to a county. We can certainly do all that we can to control them."

Commissioners raised the issue of "home rule," referring to states allowing counties and municipalities to govern themselves as they see fit, if they abide by Constitutional Law. In the past, there were concerns about power being taken away from the local governing bodies.

"There is no way this issue could get any worse, it has to get better," Stone said.

# Bronson FFA leaders get conference training



Four Bronson FFA members attended the Florida FFA Chapter Presidents Conference in Orlando on August 24 and 25.

Emilee Munden, Sr. Chapter President; Hope Surlles, Sr. Chapter Vice President; Shelby Strickland, Middle School Chapter President; and Andrea Horton, Middle School Vice President attended workshops and trainings to build leadership and communication skills.

The theme for the conference was "reMARKable" with a focus on how to leave an indelible mark on your chapter and community.

Emilee, Hope, Shelby and Andrea are excited about sharing what they learned at the conference with their fellow officers and FFA members of the Bronson Chapters. They are looking to another a successful year of activities that promote FFA and agriculture.



C.L. Watson/Citizen  
Caroline Kohn, pictured on right with Chiefland City Commissioner Teresa Barron, is recognized Aug. 27 by the Commission for her selection as a Student of the Month for last May at Chiefland Middle High School.

# Police Chief speaks at Chamber



SEAN ARNOLD/Citizen

**SEAN ARNOLD**  
Editor

Chiefland Police Chief Scott Anderson was the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Greater Chiefland Area Chamber of Commerce Aug. 24.

Anderson opted to take questions rather than deliver a speech, and, among other topics, he discussed budget constraints for police pay at the Chiefland Police Department due to shortages in revenue supply, noting that 63 percent of Chiefland's population is in poverty. Starting salaries for officers will increase to \$32,000 this year if the final budget passes as it's proposed, still the lowest pay for officers in the Tri-County Area, according to Anderson.

He detailed his department's history of functioning as a

virtual training ground for new officers, who tend to leave for higher paying positions in other counties when the opportunities come. His department has avoided turnover in his two years of leadership.

"We don't have a lot of industry here," Anderson said of the difficulty in finding more funding for salaries. "We need more businesses to come to town."

Anderson invited anyone interested to volunteer for the upcoming CPD haunted house, which is open the final two weekends of October. The event raises funds for the CPD's Christmas toys program. It yielded more than \$7,000 last year, enough to provide 33 childrens with up to \$200 in toys.

"We're happy to have you, we do need your help," Anderson said.

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# Picture day

The Chiefland Indians varsity football team and its coaches posed for pictures Aug. 27. Chiefland Ford also presented a custom-wrapped pickup truck to Coach Adam Gore for the season.



# BMHS Eagle Band makes return

**MAKAYLA EARNEST**  
BMHS band junior

The Bronson Middle High School Band is excited to be kicking off another year.

"I am excited to start my senior year with so many new members!" band senior Marvin Ramirez said.

Currently, the band has a membership of 26 students, and Ramirez hopes to see that grow in the future.

"I am happy to be able to help the band build a solid foundation before I graduate," Ramirez stated.

The returning band members

attended a three-day summer band camp during the break. Veteran members worked on old and new drum cadences as well as The Star Spangled Banner. We also took time to bond with each other as a family.

The band is currently meeting every Thursday after school to practice for football games. At our first band practice, it was exciting to have 12 new members come out. Trey Robinson, a fellow senior band member, said, "Our new members are excited about band and they have the drive it takes to learn music. It will be a challenge, but with practice they can



The 2018-2019 Bronson Middle High School Eagles senior band members.

The 2018-2019 Bronson Middle High School Eagle Band.



go far."

The band enjoys supporting our Eagle football team on Friday nights. We play The Star Spangled Banner before the game and we play our favorite drum cadence, Old Cadence, when the players run out, to pump them up for the game.

"The games are the best part of band," Josh Bengé, another band senior, said. "It can be hectic at times,

but it is a lot fun showing off our hard work during the games."

The band members had a blast supporting the Eagle football team at the preseason game, when we won 64-12 against Merritt Island Christian.

The band celebrates the end of each year with a trip to Disney World. We use the time to celebrate our hard work and to bond with each other.

# Thank You Levy!

Ryan Bell and his family would like to thank all of the supporters for all of their hard work and dedication throughout the 2018 Primary election.

Also, thank you to Mrs. Rooks and her family for such a respectfully clean campaign.

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# Benefit golf tournament raises over \$11,000

The “NEVER FORGET” golf tournament, held at Chiefland Golf and Country Club Aug. 25, raised more than \$11,000. The tournament was a huge success, with the community and players all pitching in. All proceeds from the tournament went to the Gilchrist County Sheriff’s Department Memorial and the families of the slain officers Sgt. Noel Ramirez, 29, and Deputy Taylor Lindsey, 25.

There were 124 players, 28 hole sponsors and 25 door prizes. There were numerous volunteers, including Coach Tony Morello and his Bell High School Golf Team. The golf team split up and sat on the No. 8 and No. 15 holes, offering to take a tee shot for the players. The golf team also cleaned all the trash cans on the

course, picked up all the signs, and cleaned all the golf carts. Pizza Hut in Chiefland donated six pizzas to feed the team.

Chiefland Dunkin Donuts donated 12 dozen assorted donuts, some decorated in blue and black icing. Orange juice, bananas, bottled water, sodas, and coffee were all donated as well. For lunch, the players enjoyed a chicken dinner provided by Chiefland BubbaQues. The Chiefland Ladies Golf League all made desserts.

During the drawings for the door prizes, tournament coordinator Shirley Meggs was surprised by the Bell HS Golf Team. Evidently, the boys had collected over \$400 in tips from the players during the tournament. They donated all of it back to the fund for the GCSO and the fam-



**Buddy Arrendall, Marty Swillen and Ty Gorton fired a combined 11-under-par 61 to win the Never Forget charity golf tournament in Chiefland.**

Photo Provided

ilies of the fallen officers.

There were cash prizes awarded to the first-, second-, and third-place teams. All nine golfers donated their money back to the fund. Coming in with a hot score of 11 under was the first-place team of Buddy Arrendall, Marty

Swillen, and Ty Gorton.

The second place team was close behind with a score of 9-under-par, consisting of Gary Shine, Donna Schaeffer, and Doug Isbell. The team of Terri Harris, Virgil Harris, and Norm Kreuter shot 7-under-par to take third.

The Gilchrist County Sheriff’s Office and the families of the fallen officers would like to thank all of the participants, volunteers, and sponsors. They would like to especially thank the Chiefland Golf and Country Club for hosting the event. When the

community comes together like this, it is very heart-warming and reassuring to know that we live in such a great area of Florida. We are strong and united! We support our law enforcement and our veterans!



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## Laughter in any other language is just not funny

When I was in high school, I played on the volleyball team. During one practice session, I forgot to bring my sneakers. Not thinking much of it, I just played anyway.

During the practice, I stepped forward to protect the player on the front line and when he jumped, he came down on my right foot. The consequence was he smashed my big toe.

That little incident put me out of the volleyball team for the rest of the season. I had to go to the doctor and have him fix my toe. I had to go several times for him to fix it. Consequently, my toenail on my right foot grew in crooked. It has been a painful thing ever since.

For years, I took care of it, but not too long ago I was doing more damage than help and I did not know what to do about it.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage suggested that I go have a pedicure.

Looking at her, I said rather sarcastically, "A pedicure is for girls."

"Well," she said rather slowly, "if you go to the doctor it will be about \$300. A pedicure is around \$25. Now," she continued, "you do the math."

I must say it took me a long time to do the math on that one. I knew I had to have some kind of professional help with that toe. I was doing so much damage that it hurt just to walk. And, I'm not old enough to hobble around.

After a long evaluation I thought that I did not have anything to lose except, \$275.

Not far from us was some kind of a Nail Salon. I went to it at least five times before I finally went in. It was a very humiliating experience for me. After all, I'm not a "girl."

When I went in, finally, I noticed they were not speaking English. It turned out to be some Vietnamese family running this nail salon. When I walked in nobody was smiling, but as



### Out to Pastor

James Snyder

soon as the door shut behind me, everybody looked at me and started smiling. What's that all about?

Somebody started speaking in Vietnamese and then everybody looked at me and started to laugh. I too laughed.

I had a moment of hesitation and I was about to turn around and go outside as fast as I could. It must have been the owner or manager of the nail salon who come up to me, greeted me very graciously and took me back to a chair where I was to have my pedicure.

A very nice young lady came and said something to me that I could not understand. Then she pointed to my shoes and said something else I could not understand. I believe she wanted me to take off my shoes and socks.

I did so and while I was doing it, she got the hot water in the pan in front of the chair I was to sit in. As soon as I took off my shoes and socks, she pointed to my feet and said something and everybody looked at me and started laughing.

She said something in English that sounded like, "Too long." Then everybody in the salon began to chuckle.

I honestly did not know what she meant. I did not know if my toenails were too long or if I waited too long to come and get a pedicure.

Then she started the process of a pedicure. I started feeling like a "girl."

She was rather gracious, and knew exactly what she was doing and did a wonderful job with the pedicure. She cut my toenails like they have never been cut before. And, there was no

blood!

I never had a pedicure before and really was not sure what to expect. Not only did she cut my toenails, but also she massaged my foot and my toes and they never felt better.

Every once in a while, she would say something in Vietnamese and everybody in the salon would look at me and then laugh. At first, I was laughing along with them. I do not know what I was laughing at. I do suspicion that I was laughing at myself.

It began slowly to dawn on me that perhaps she was making fun of my foot. Could it be she's never seen a "non-girl foot?"

I was feeling a little strange and thought to myself that this will be the last time I ever come here. Then when they were laughing at one point, I thought of the money involved. By coming here to this nail salon, I was saving \$275. It was then that I began to laugh, and laugh very loud.

When I went to the check out to pay for the pedicure the manager said to me, "Come back soon?" I just nodded my head thinking of the \$275 I was saving. Going out the door, I found myself still laughing.

I was reminded of what David said. "Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them" (Psalm 126:2).

When I refuse to do something because of my pride, I discover that when I face up to my pride and not allow it to define me that I can discover joy.

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## Getting ready for the upcoming deer season

I just finished putting in a food plot for the upcoming deer season. I have always enjoyed getting on a tractor and preparing the soil for seed.



### Outdoor Truths

Gary Miller

This year, instead of tilling the ground, I simply ran my disc harrow over it several times until I had turned up enough dirt to uproot what was presently growing and make it loose enough for the seed I was going to plant. The clincher was waiting until a day of rain had soaked the dirt. This made it loose enough for my disc to easily turn it over. It really was amazing what a day of rain did to the soil. I'm pretty excited to see what this ground produces. I'll need to throw a little fertilizer on it, but it should make for a great green field for the deer during the cold days of winter.

Some of the most common illustrations used all throughout the Bible are the ones that deal with farmers, farms, seed, and soil. Jesus, as well as many prophets and disciples used this common practice to illustrate some great truths about God and his ways. Jesus gave a parable about the different types of soil. The Apostle Paul talked about reaping and sowing. And James, the brother of Jesus, talked about the patience of the farmer. Each of these, gave a clear picture to listeners what God and his ways are really like. Most of the time, those who listened and read after each of these leaders could easily understand what message each teacher was trying to convey. After all, most everyone there had some experience farming.

What worked then, also works now. Relatable illustrations will always give listeners some anchor point. They will always give those we are trying to reach some tangible example of Biblical truth. And while no illustration is perfectly comparable, they will still draw a faithful picture as to what God is like and what his desire is for us. So, are you struggling with a picture of God? Do you want to know what he is like? Just look at the farmer who patiently waits for the harvest after he has faithfully sowed the seed. Then you will know that God is not only sowing seeds of belief into your life, he is also patiently waiting for the harvest of your soul to him.

**9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."**

**Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.**

*2 Corinthians 12:9-10*

## Log Cabin Quilters

### Great show and tell day

We had a great show and tell day when the Log Cabin Quilters met Aug. 23 at the Levy County Quilt Museum, with items from Lovezine, Ellen, Mary and Cheryl. Lovezine had some gorgeous quilts for sale, and Ellen brought in the crochet lap quilts for vets. Cheryl has a new table topper for her home. Mary's busy with a deer wall hanging. Show and tell day is always exciting.

John and the guys from Lancaster were out. They were busy trying to catch up with all the plant growth. With the daily rain, they might not get caught up till the weather gets cooler which should be just a few months away. Thanks guys for your help.



Cheryl has a new table runner for her home. It's just in time for the fall season.

Saturday begins a new month, so the Backyard Pickers will be with us. We have Paul's washtub now that he's retired. He played that washtub for 60 years.

Thank you. We enjoyed learning how to play it. We won't be playing it with the band, but you could.

Johnny Johnston, the Old Sewing Machine Man, will

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# Obituaries

## Cecil Michael Gaither

Cecil Michael Gaither, 73, of Chiefland passed away Friday, Aug. 24, 2018. He was born March 14, 1945 in Tallassee, Ala. to the late Cecil and Lucy Gaither. He moved to Chiefland in 2001. He proudly served in the U.S. Army and was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans and Paralyzed Veterans of America.



Mr. Gaither was a member and the chaplain of William T. Carlton Masonic Lodge #46, in Trenton, Florida. His hobbies were computers and birdwatching. He and Honey the Wonder Dog were ambassadors for the U.S. War Dogs Association, and a key founder of "Kids for K-9's". He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Chiefland.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Kaye Gaither; son, Timothy S. Jeter of Tampa; daughters, Patricia Keenan Assaid of Cary, N.C. and Kelley Kaye Jeter of Tampa; grandchildren, Brandon Williams and Jazlin Williams; sister, Lucille (Albert) Rece of Chiefland.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Aug. 29 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church with Father Joseph McDonnell officiating. Interment followed at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell Thursday, Aug. 30.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: U.S. War Dogs, P.O. Box 10, Bronson, FL 32621, please mark, donation for "Honey the Wonder Dog" statue.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland 352-493-0050 and Cross City 352-498-5400. Please sign the online guest-book at [rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com](http://rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com)

# CF professor talks Peace Corps experience

**Lori Prevatt**  
Citizen correspondent

Cynthia Moody, business management professor for College of Central Florida in Ocala, paid a visit to the Suwannee Valley Rotary Club Aug. 23.

However, Moody did not come to discuss her work at the college. She talked about her time serving in the Peace Corps.

She served as a healthcare promoter in Mozambique, Africa.

"Mozambique is two times the size of California (and) each person that lives there has to pay \$3 in taxes per year," said Moody, who noted that the US helps fund the country's healthcare.

Moody shared some of the difficulties the area faced. "Car accidents are the number one killer in Mozambique. They also have issues with dehydration, HIV, Malaria, and Tuberculosis (TB). Ten years ago, about 50 percent of the population had TB. People typically live to about the age of 40."

Moody explained Peace Corps partners you with someone in your destination country.

Moody spent her time working with Cidalia. "Cidalia found out she was HIV positive at the age of 35," Moody said. "Instead of giving up, she founded an organization to help others with HIV. The goal of the organization was to get mothers on antiretrovirals so they could raise their children." Moody assisted her friend with this endeavor.

Moody also cared for a young child named Fani, who had burned his foot while jumping into a fire pit. The doctors believed he would never be able to walk correctly again. Moody reported the boy recovered and

was able to walk correctly from receiving the appropriate medical care.

Moody also assisted a young man name Florencio with his college funding. "I got \$200 a month for expenses and I only needed \$100," Moody said, "so I gave my extra money to Florencio. He came back to teach in the village he grew up in," Moody said.

Moody is planning on making a return trip to Mozambique around July 2019 and will stay for about 10 days and is looking for individuals who may be interested in traveling with her.

Anyone with a four-year degree can join the Peace Corps, Moody said. She said most join right after college, but she signed up at the age of 45. A two-year commitment is required, and you're promised to be placed within a country within six months.

Moody detailed the three goals of the Corps: to help people of other countries meet their needs for trained men and women; to help people of other countries understand Americans and to help Americans understand people from other countries. Moody explained that these goals involve sharing peace, friendship and technology with others.

Moody, who moved to Florida from Michigan to be closer to her parents as they were getting older, has over 20 years teaching experience. She previously served as a substitute teacher in Inglis and taught at the college level in the Tampa Bay area. She's taught at the University of South Florida and at a Mobile campus for Troy. She is also a licensed pilot.

If you are interested in finding out more information about the Peace Corp, visit [peacecorps.gov](http://peacecorps.gov).

# 9th Annual Great Suwannee River Basin Cleanup

The 9th Annual Great Suwannee River Basin Cleanup is upon us! Beginning Sept. 1, and lasting until Nov. 30, different groups will clean sections of the Suwannee River, the Santa Fe River, the Withlacoochee River, and coastal areas as well as any other waterbody within the basin.

During the past eight years, we've managed to collect over 100,000 pounds of garbage from the basin. Let's get to work and push for another 100,000!

This cleanup works best for those who either have their own vessels or

can rent a vessel. Rum 138 has offered a discount to those who want to rent a canoe or kayak for this cleanup. You can reach them at (386) 454-4247 for reservations. Santa Fe Canoe Outpost will also supply canoes, but please call ahead to reserve them at (386) 454-2050.

Current Problems (@currentproblems on Facebook) can supply grabbers, bags, gloves, nets, and other help if needed. We now have a motorboat and are available to assist for larger groups or groups that may need assistance.

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# Tri-County's world's greatest baby shower

There is exciting news for families expecting a new baby or who have an infant under the age of one-year-old; Tri-County's World's Greatest Baby Shower is back for the third year in a row, Sept. 25, at the Trenton Elementary School Cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m.

Organized through Healthy Start of North Central Florida Coalition and brought to the public by Tobacco Free Partnership of Gilchrist County, Palms Medical Group, North Florida Pediatrics, A Woman's Place and Tri-County Community Resource Center, the Tri-County's World Greatest Baby Shower is a free, educational event for mothers expecting a baby as well as new parents.

The Baby Shower will educate participants in a fun and friendly atmosphere which will promote prenatal and infant



healthcare. Topics will include prenatal nutrition, breastfeeding, avoidance of tobacco and substance use, skills in parenting and infant safety, and increase knowledge of community resources. It will be presented through a partnership of numerous community members, agencies, organizations,

health care providers, civic groups, businesses, and individuals. Participants will also be able to obtain much-needed items for baby's future or recent arrival with door prizes and education-based drawings.

TES is located at 1350 SW State Road 26 in Trenton. There is no cost to attend and pre-registration

is not required. Fathers are encouraged to join and an exciting activity just for dads or family members will be held during the event.

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# Opinion

## Letter to the Editor

### Let your voice be heard on county budget

My property taxes have nearly doubled this year, and they added a tax called Solid Waste Service for the county landfill dump that I don't use – that alone is \$160 added to taxes.

This is not right. They are having a public hearing for people to voice their opinions, Sept. 6, at 6 p.m. at the Levy County Courthouse. Speak up, and remember our County Commissioners at election time.

Fred Brouse  
Morrison

## Live in the present

When I leave home, my dog doesn't know how long I'll be gone, or if I'll ever even come back! I may hear a concerned whimper. But then when I do come home, she is a bundle of total excitement, love, and joy that I'm here! If there are any resentments or anger from the past, she sure doesn't show it. I know she's had some good times, as well as some bad times.

I don't think any of us have the "perfect life." There have been times in my life where I held onto resentments, or anger towards people who I thought treated me unfairly or cruelly. There have been times where I waited for news from the doctor about upcoming heart surgery, or a cancer diagnosis with uncertain future outcomes of treatment or recovery. Those weren't the happiest times. When we hold onto negative memories and bad feelings, it causes us to carry forth those negative emotions and negative attitudes into our present life, and to take some of the joy and appreciation away from our chances for real happiness.

Life taught me long ago that any time spent hating, or feeling sorry for myself, does no good. And time spent worrying about tomorrow is really wasted time and can take away some of our chances for future happiness. Really, all we have is the present. The past is gone and can't be changed. The future only exists as possibilities, and worrying about tomorrow does no good, either. All we have is now. How can we use this moment, right now, to help build that happier and better future?

Sometimes life presents us examples of how to live our lives from those who don't hate or worry: our pets. Is your dog happy to see you when you get home? When he or she plays, do they dive in with total commitment, effort, and joy? And when the end is near, does your pet deal with its situation and not worry about what happens next? I think so. The past is gone. The future only exists as possibilities.

What can you do now? Live life in the present! I've found that for me, getting over the past, and facing the future moment by moment, helps me live better in the "now." Let go of the past. All you've really got is this moment. What you think, feel, and do in this moment, will help you live that better life. Work on dropping any resentments, regrets, or hard feelings. Forgive. When you hold onto anger or resentment, it doesn't hurt or get back at whoever you blamed. The only one who suffers from hating or feeling sorry for themselves is the one who holds onto those bad feelings. Holding onto "baggage" from the past only gets in your way. Let it go.

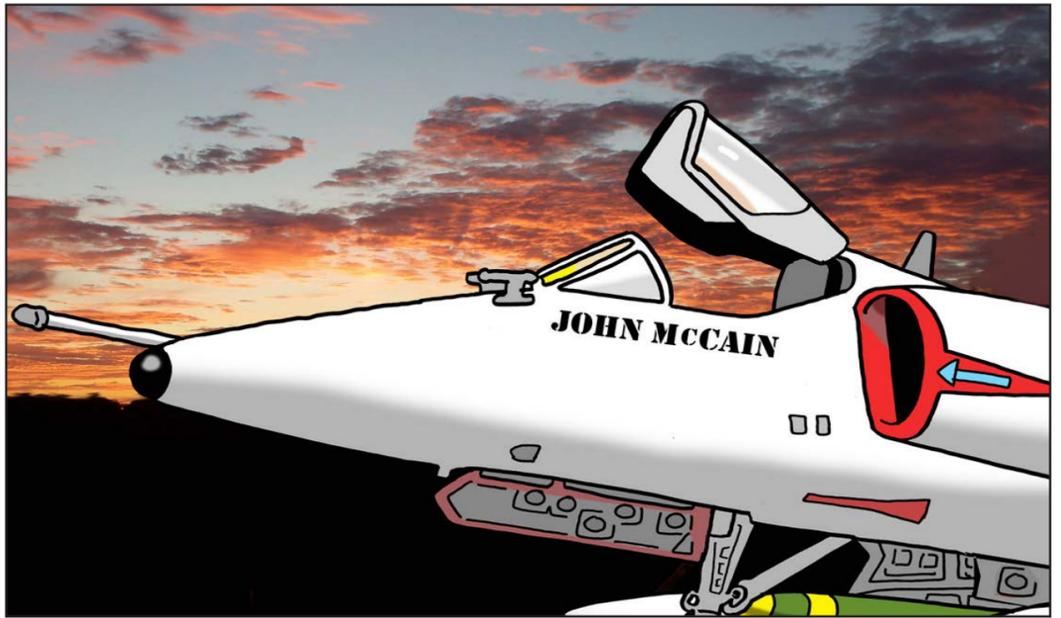
How about the future? At one time, I had the rest of my life planned out: a lifelong plan for my career, and even my retirement years. Then when I had the most solid long-range plans, life threw me curves. Sometimes, my life has totally changed in a day, or in a month. Life has many surprises. We can't predict the future. The best you can do is live your life the best you can now. A recent quote credited to Blogger, Elaine Dalton: "If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life." Learn to forgive, let go, and look forward with hope and a positive attitude. It's okay to plan, but use your plans as directions to aim towards, and to give you energy and hope. Believe that life will get better and better, and it's more likely to actually get better. The rest of your life can be the best of your life. Live for this day!

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Bob  
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Just Thinking



## First downs, Autumn Saturdays and Steve Earle

"We got a pretty good team, good boys, strong boys; District champs the last three years."

"No. 29" as performed by Steve Earle

Two years ago, on an autumn Saturday I lowered my home decorating magazine and said across the room, "What's a first down?" My husband stared in wonder and surprise. In 37 years, it was the first football related question I had ever initiated.

We talked about basic strategies and rules. Things evolved from there, and last year we purchased tickets and attended my first major college game in decades. I actually loved it.

The finer points and nuances of the game itself are still beyond me, though I cheer for our team. The winning and losing isn't nearly as important to me as the

Margaret  
McDowell



Arbor Outlook

quality of the evening. A spectacle under the lights on a college campus feels like autumn should. Maybe it reminds me of my own collegiate years. Regardless, it's an exhilarating and powerful experience: the sounds of pre-game and halftime band performances; the passion of the students and fans; the color and pageantry of the scene. It's all captivating. And football means fall is around the corner.

It is typical of my timing that just when college football attendance is experiencing its first serious decline in decades, I have jumped on the bandwagon. Perhaps my long association with investing has created a contrarian's approach to fandom.

Investing is an activity which, by definition, rewards those who avoid following the crowd. If you buy a security when everyone else is doing the same, frequently it has been bid up and it's likely that you're paying too high a price for it. This is not always the case; sometimes large numbers of investors purchase a security and it continues to increase in value. But, as the late financial journalist Louis Rukeyser once said, "Trees don't grow to the sky".

The trick is to locate a good company, and then buy it during a downturn, or when other investors are selling it. In this sense, a good investor must understand the value of a company, and then trust that a decline in share price is temporary.

Market dynamics are changing, but many basic investing principles still apply. Simply stated, buy a good company, one which you'll be glad to

own three to five years from now as well as today. And buy it a fair or advantageous price. To do so, you often must have the confidence to go against the grain and buy when others are selling. Then, during the next downturn, you must have the tenacity to hold when others are bailing.

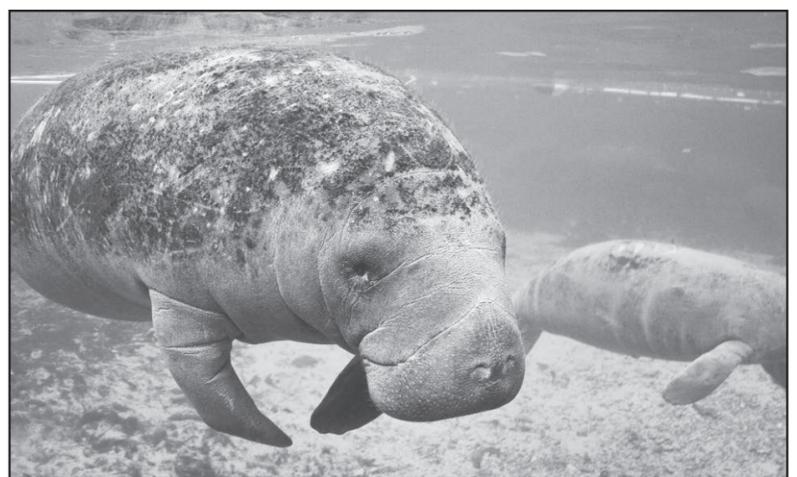
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## Civic disengagement partially to blame for red tides, lost summers

Katie Tripp, Ph.D.  
Director of Science & Conservation  
Save the Manatee Club

Martin County, located along Florida's southeast coast, adopted the term "Lost Summer" in 2013 to describe the disaster caused by discharges from Lake Okeechobee into coastal communities. Posted signs warned against swimming, fishing, or otherwise coming in contact with the water that was covered in "guacamole-thick" algae. The moniker was unfortunately applicable again in 2016 and now again in 2018.

On Florida's west coast, red tide has killed nearly 1,100 manatees over the last 23 years, and because blooms now occur so frequently, they are no longer characterized as "unusual mortality events" for these protected marine mammals. The organism that causes red tide is naturally-occurring. The input of human-generated pollution into our coastal waters, which causes that



organism to "bloom" and wreak havoc, is far from natural. The same is true for the various algae blooms that have occurred in the Indian River Lagoon in recent years, resulting in the deaths of manatees, dolphins, fish, and sea birds, and the loss of tens of thousands of acres of vitally-important seagrass.

Florida's waters are in crisis, and we need leaders who will protect our natural environment. Too many of our decision-makers and residents continue to

be in denial about our state's long-running addiction to growth at any cost and the toll it takes on our environment. Politicians have won election and re-election by campaigning on lower taxes and reduced oversight, but they have neglected the need to protect and invest in our natural environment. Too often, voters make decisions without having properly researched candidates, or they fail to vote at all. Until more citizens engage in their

democracy and vote with the future in mind, Floridians can expect continued Lost Summers and lost opportunities to fix our ailing waterways.

Dr. Tripp has been Save the Manatee Club's Director of Science and Conservation since May of 2008. She received her Ph.D. in Veterinary Medical Sciences from the University of Florida, where she conducted research on manatee physiology.

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## Shop Local, It Helps Everybody

# Florida-grown foods part of rich tailgating tradition

**BRAD BUCK**  
UF/IFAS

Set up the grill; it's tailgating season. Chicken, burgers, corn, slaw, potato salad, chips -- and maybe some fresh fruits and vegetables -- are just some staples for the weekly ritual that coincides with football season. Some will win before the games start by eating Florida-grown foods.

College football enthusiasts nationwide can take comfort in tips from University of Florida experts who specialize in food freshness and variety.

Some tailgating foods come in the form of new fruit and vegetable varieties that grew out of years of research by UF Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences faculty in labs and fields across the state. Those delectable delights include Tasti-Lee® tomatoes, Valquarius® sweet oranges, Sugar Belle® mandarins and Sweet Sensation® strawberries, among other cultivars.

But just like shopping for and eating produce, food selection for tailgating often depends on what's in season, UF/IFAS experts say.

"Food is best when it is fresh, so why not try a tailgate party using the rich bounty of Florida-grown foods," said Nan Jensen, a family and consumer sciences agent with UF/IFAS Extension Pinellas County. "From fruits and vegetables to seafood, beef or wine, Florida produces about 280 agricultural commodities.

"Seasonal foods are fresher and tastier and have the most nutrition," Jensen said. "Additionally, eating seasonally and locally tends to be more economical because food doesn't have to travel as far."

Jensen offers these ideas for your tailgating menu:

- Fix some sliders with Florida-grown beef or grouper. Top them with some Florida avocado and some freshly sliced tomatoes.
- Create fruit skewers using Florida fruits like strawberries,



Fans tailgate at The Swamp in Gainesville.

along with other fall favorites.

- Fall is the perfect time for citrus, so mix up a salad or salsa, using Florida oranges, tangerines and grapefruit.
- Mix a batch of guacamole with avocados or tomato salsa and serve with tortilla chips.
- Boiled, roasted or combined with your favorite trail mix ingredients, peanuts make a great snack for the tailgate crowd. Florida is one of 15 states where peanuts are grown commercially.

Whatever you eat for your tailgate party, you'll want to make sure it's safe for consumption. After all, if you're tailgating, you're eating outdoors.

Whether you're preparing and eating food outside The Swamp or some other venue, keep plenty of ice and a cooler on hand, said Keith Schneider, a UF/IFAS professor of food science and human nutrition.

"It's critical that fans keep food at the proper temperatures," Schneider said. "Outdoors, they can't control the elements, and food can turn unhealthy quickly if people don't take appropriate measures."

Since refrigerators and running water are not always available outdoors, tailgaters should familiarize themselves with safe food-handling practices and plan to bring enough coolers and/or ice and all the tools they need to keep and cook their food safely, according to a UF/IFAS Extension document.

Here are some tips from the UF/IFAS document:

- To ensure the food safety of the meal you are preparing, foods should be held continuously within safe temperatures (cold food at 40°F or below and hot food at 140°F or above) until you're ready to prepare, cook and consume the food. Once prepared, leftovers shouldn't be left out for more than two hours, especially on hot days.

- Pack raw meat and poultry separately from ready-to-eat foods. If juices from raw meat come in contact with food that's not going to be cooked, it's safer to throw it away.

- If you bring any hot foods, such as soup and chili, use an insulated container to keep them hot. If you bring hot take-out food, once it's in the danger zone (40°F to 140°F), it should be consumed within two hours. Cooked foods have fewer microorganisms and don't spoil quite as fast as raw items. If you have food that is not cooked (or won't be cooked) like luncheon meats and other deli items, try not to leave them out for more than one hour, especially on game days where the outside temperature is above 90°F, Schneider said.

- Meat should be either cooked completely at home and then reheated at the event, or cooked completely at the tailgate location. Partially cooking meat or poultry ahead of time without reaching a safe temperature will allow harmful pathogens to survive and grow. When you reheat cooked foods, heat them to 165°F as measured with a food thermometer.

## Pet of the Week



Zoot is a male bulldog, blue and white in color and 5 years old, and he's our Pet of the Week. Zoot is house trained and good with kids. He doesn't play well with other dogs so he needs to be the only dog in the family. He came to the shelter on Aug. 15 and is looking for a new home. Zoot is already neutered so his adoption fee is reduced to \$25 (cash). He will make an all-around good companion for the special family that brings him home. Contact Levy County Animal Services at 352-486-5138 or at [animalservices@levycounty.org](mailto:animalservices@levycounty.org). Also search Levy County Animal Services on Petfinder.com for more potential pets.

## HOTEL

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The City was approved for a Community Development Block Grant to build the infrastructure around the hotel.

# Commissioner asks for caution in peanut season

**SEAN ARNOLD**  
Editor

As the harvesting time of peanut season unfolds, Levy County Commissioner Mike Joyner asks that Levy County look out for its fellow peanut farmers on the roads.

"We need to slow down if you see these peanut wagons, if you see these combines going up and down the road, just please slow down and have a little patience, a little tolerance," said Joyner, who first requested caution for peanut farmers on the roads at the County Commission meeting Aug. 21. "They're just trying to make a living."

Joyner estimated there are around 30,000 acres of peanuts in Levy County this year.

"That's how this county was made up -- of peanuts and watermelons and stuff."

## FEES

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Cain could only recall two businesses, one residential home and two mobile homes being added since the impact fees were voted in. Phase one impact fees for Southern Leisure is \$25,543.11, and Strawberry Fields is \$11,397.00; both are RV parks and inquired with City Hall on the matter of fees prior to the groundbreaking of their respective sites.

City Commissioner Teresa Barron, at the Commission meeting on Aug. 27, wanted the Commission to entertain charging an impact fee per campsite at the parks, and asked City Manager Mary Ell-

zey why RV park impact fees were not presented to the Commission. Ellzey, who's been employed with the city for 27 years, simply replied that it wasn't a Commission item. The impact fees are part of the municipal code for the City and anyone planning to build could gain access to the information and costs prior to building within the city limits.

Tim West, manager for Strawberry Fields, and City Commissioner-elect for the group seat Barron occupied, and Allan Wallace, co-owner of Southern Leisure, agreed impact fees for each campsite instead of for the permanent structures for each facility would be a deal breaker. Unforeseen newly-added expenses such as new impact fees would squash both RV parks, they said, as both are in the final stages of completion on

phase one of development.

Mayor Betty Walker said if new impact fees were added, the RV parks should be grandfathered in under current impact fees.

Barron requested that Ellzey look into having the study reevaluated and solicit a price quote to do so. West and Wallace want the new study to include a positive impact on local economy. Chiefland business owner Robert Mount believes both RV parks will bring new money to the town and possibly some dental patients.

## ANIMAL

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es just lost an employee. They can take that into consideration

when they hire a replacement." Weatherford said the new facility will be located near the solid waste facility.

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# Aquifer alert system keeps residents informed

With aquifer levels reaching record-breaking highs in some areas, the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) has released a new alert system to keep local governments, residents and stakeholders informed on the changing groundwater conditions.

"In some areas of the District we continue to see flooding that began in early July, which is very unusual especially since there have been no tropical systems yet," said Fay Baird, senior hydrologist for the District. "In many places the Floridan Aquifer is more saturated than it has been for numerous years."

Aquifer Alert, the new alert system, allows users to sign up for automatic notifications through text and/or email whenever new groundwater or hydrological information is posted. The District is currently updating the information twice per week.

Over half of the 88 long-term groundwater gauges across the District are showing groundwater levels above the 90th percentile – the highest on record in

many areas. High groundwater levels increase the risk for flooding if a major rainfall event were to occur because the ground is already saturated.

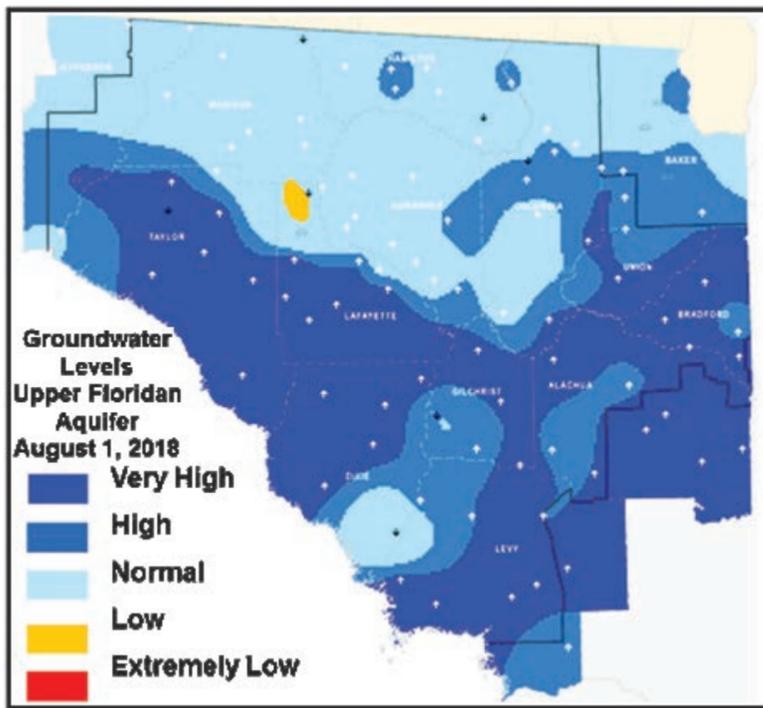
"If a significant weather system occurs over our already-wet conditions, we will very likely see localized flooding in many areas across the District," said Baird.

Although no major storms have been predicted for the area, residents should take action to get prepared now.

The District recommends residents take the following precautions:  
 Make a plan for an alternate exit route in the event your main route is flooded.  
 Identify a location to move low-lying valuables and animals to higher ground.  
 Clear drainageways and ditches of fallen trees or debris.

Become familiar with past flood water levels in your area so you have a reference point.

For more information on water level information throughout the District or to sign up for Aquifer Alerts, visit [www.MySuwanneeRiver.com/alertcenter](http://www.MySuwanneeRiver.com/alertcenter).



Groundwater levels across the southern portion of the District remain very high, which increase the potential for flooding if a major rain event were to occur.

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# B Sports

## Indians look to stay perfect in Branford

*Chiefland Indians (1-0) at  
Branford Buccaneers (1-0),  
August 31, 7:30 p.m.*

**SEAN ARNOLD**  
Editor

This matchup has been a grind the last few years. In 2016, the teams tied 0-0, before Lonnie Hinote scored a walk-off touchdown in overtime for a 6-0 Chiefland win. Last year, Chiefland mustered a 7-0 win in a game that was called at halftime due to weather.

The Indians weren't bad on yardage in that one – 189 yards in that one half of play – but struggled to cash in.

While Chiefland is obviously an improved team this year, the Buccaneers also figure to be better in 2018. They returned their 1,000-yard rusher from 2017, Aaron McQuay, and saw a steady outing behind center in the season opener by senior quarterback Jevin Johnson. Senior Dakota Hamm, meanwhile, led the team with 139 yards on 16 carries last week, and Trey White scored twice on the ground in the Bucs' 39-12 win over Munroe, which only won one game in 2017.

There are no longer district games, but these two teams do share a region (1A-3), which means they are directly competing for one of six playoff spots out of nine teams. Both teams finished 5-5 last year.

The trip is one in a handful of early road tests for CMHS. The Indians were at Trenton last week and are in Mayo (Lafayette) next Friday. After their home opener Sept. 14 against Hamilton County, the Indians are back on the road for what could be their toughest game, a meeting with Dixie County in Cross City on Sept. 21.

The defense has set the tone for Chiefland so far, pitching shutouts in the preseason and opener, but the offense has hinted at a multitude of impressive weapons, and hasn't had to overly rely on any one player to rack up yards and points.

You can listen to the game at 940/1240 AM or at 93.1/96.3 FM, or stream it at Suncoastradio.com.

**Mayo-Lafayette Hornets (1-0) at Bronson Eagles (0-0), Friday, Aug. 31, 7:30 p.m.**

After notching one win in three years, Bronson has turned the tables in the spring and preseason, picking up running-clock wins over Ocala Christian and Merritt Island Christian.

The momentum was put on hold however, as the Eagles took a bye in the opening week.

Now BMHS gets what could very well be one of its two or three toughest opponents of the season.

Lafayette was an offensive juggernaut last season behind the arm and skill of Jaxson Beach, who threw for more than 2,000 yards in leading the Hornets to a 9-1 regular season mark.

Beach is back, and so is his top target, Ben Massey. LHS totaled 667 yards, including 316 passing on 25 attempts by Beach, in a 53-34 over Brookwood, Georgia on Aug. 24.

The Eagles have proved they have big-play potential from players like Levi Warmack and Cole Langston, and their defensive front is a strength, as they figure to be led on the line from both sides of the ball. The Eagle defense will look to put pressure on Beach to slow down the Hornets' spread pass.



## Blowing off steam

*CMHS gets on track in second half to stem losing streak versus Tigers in style with lopsided shutout*

**SEAN ARNOLD**  
Editor

Chiefland came into its Aug. 24 game against Trenton with years of frustration on its shoulders.

For the first half, the Indians let some of it get the best of them, as they were getting in their own way against their rivals to the immediate north.

But this Chiefland team wasn't going to be denied its prize on this night, as it eventually began to pad its modest first-half lead into a 41-0 rout for their first win over the Tigers since 2009.

CMHS led 14-0 at the half despite 10 penalties for 110 yards, with several big plays overturned, including an 85-yard would-be touchdown run by senior Kirk Williams.

"We got past Chiefland in that first half and really turned it on in the second half," Coach Adam Gore said.

Gore even apologized to Chiefland fans and the Chiefland community for his team's first half.

"That's not how we're supposed to conduct ourselves and represent our school," Gore said. "They're not coached to play that way and they know that. Emotions got high in this game and that's to be expected."

"But in order for us to be who we are, we've got to have that mental toughness to



Senior Kirk Williams gets to the edge against Trenton on Aug. 24. Williams ran for 140 yards and a score and had another long touchdown called back.

execute, despite past experiences playing this team. And we didn't really do that."

Much like in its 50-0 preseason win over Bell, the wealth was spread around on offense, as six different Indians scored touchdowns.

Fittingly, the "Shark Tank" defense, which held the team's place while the offense sputtered early, capped the night's scoring action when linebacker L.J. Jenkins scooped a loose ball in the end zone after a strip sack by

De'Shamar Shepherd.

Trenton, which barely managed 2 yards per play, finished with fewer total yards (97) than Chiefland had in penalty yards (139).

"(The defense is) playing well right now and I'm

proud of them," Gore said. "If we execute on offense, the score looks like (41-0) in the first half."

"There was no big half-time speech. It was, 'Settle down, and we'll find out in the second half if you want

to be a 3-5 or a 5-5 football team? Or do you want to be a playoff caliber football team? Because there's a difference, and you're playing like an undisciplined 3-5 football team right now.'"

Junior Jalen Rutledge first put Chiefland on the board midway through the opening quarter on a 32-yard run. Penalties, turnovers, route mistakes, errant throws and a few minus-yardage plays impeded the team's offensive efforts until junior Jarrett Jerrels punched in a 2-yard score on fourth down with 46 seconds remaining in the half. The shot-yardage series was set up by a fumble recovery by Elijah Flanders inside the Trenton 5-yard-line.

Senior Noah Nguyen was 5 for 5 on PATs.

Coming out of the break, junior quarterback Ty Corbin darted for a 36-yard scoring rush. Later, he found junior receiver Amonte Young for a 27-yard touchdown and a 28-0 CMHS advantage. Williams got loose for another 85-yarder in the fourth quarter, and this one counted.

Williams collected 140 rushing yards on six carries, while Corbin ran 14 times for 90 yards. Rutledge added 66 yards on seven touches. The team averaged 9.6 yards per carry.

The Chiefland JV Indians opened their season with a bang behind a 46-6 win at Williston.

## Short-handed, 'scrappy' Lady Indians fend off WMHS

**SEAN ARNOLD**  
Editor

Chiefland looked like its best volleyball of the night might be in the rearview mirror.

After going up 2-0 on district and county rival Williston Aug. 23, the Lady Indians were about to drop their second-straight set, trailing 19-10.

They did go on to lose that game, but found a spark toward the end, enough to get a bounce going into the deciding fifth set.

CMHS then jumped out to a 3-0 advantage and maintained a lead throughout in the fifth to win 15-9, giving the squad a 3-2 home win over the Lady Red Devils.

The resiliency it showed in the match is a key feature of this year's Chiefland team, says first-year coach Katie Jones. "They may not be the tallest, but they want it the most," Jones said. "Tonight was just a case of what happens when you work for it."

CMHS was swept by Williston last season; the Lady Red

Devils went on to win their district. The two are in the same district this year.

Chiefland lost four seniors and two more players from last year, and watched one of its leaders, Macie Thomas, go down with an injury in the opener at Mayo-Lafayette. Third-year starter Kate Weeks, still just a sophomore, is the vocal leader on the court.

"I like to call them scrappy," Jones said. "I've got one that thinks she's a soccer player about as much as she thinks she's a volleyball player. She'll make a play off her foot as quick as she'll make a play off her hands."

"I took six into a summer tournament, it was a mixture of JV and varsity, and all of our girls are scrappy."

After the Williston win, Chiefland picked up another district win over Branford, 3-0, on Aug. 28, improving the team to 3-1. The Lady Indians remain in district play Thursday, Aug. 30, at Trenton.

"We've got a couple great new players this year and they're working together trying to build team chemistry," Jones said. "That's all you can ask for."



SEAN ARNOLD/Citizen

Briauna Amann, left, and the Lady Indians defeated Williston in a strenuous five-set match Aug. 23 in Chiefland.

Chiefland Citizen

# Community Calendar

## New Yankee-town bingo season brings extra treats

Some new twists are coming to the Yankeetown Inglis Woman's Club Bingo beginning with the our new season Sept. 6. You will definitely want to be in "THE BOOK"!!! We open the doors at 5 p.m.; Thursday Kitchen serves meals and snacks (eat in or take-out) starting at 6 p.m.; and from 5 to 7 p.m., the doors of our newly decorated Second to None Thrift Shoppe are open for your convenience. See us at 5 56th Street, Yankeetown.

## Lion Club Texas Hold 'Em

Inglis Yankeetown Lions Club will host a Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament, Saturday, Sept. 8, starting at 12 p.m. at the Inglis Yankeetown Lions Clubhouse at 22 59th Street, Yankeetown. The tournament includes a \$30 buy-in, with winnings that include \$400.00 for first place, \$300 for second and \$100 for third, with a minimum of 50 entries. There is a cash bar and a 50/50 raffle and food is \$7 per person. Download the registration form at the IYLC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Inglis-Yankeetown-Lions-Club>. Or contact Lion Al Becker at 352-257-1388. All proceeds benefit Inglis Yankeetown Lions Club charities.

## 5K fundraiser

Elder Options, a non-profit agency that administers funds from

the Florida Department of Elder Affairs for senior services in a sixteen county area, including Levy, Gilchrist and Dixie Counties, is holding its annual Race for the Ages 5K Fundraiser Sept. 12, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the First Magnitude Brewery in Gainesville. The Brewery is located at 1220 SE Veitch Street. The race website is at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/Gainesville/RacefortheAges>.

## Levy County Fire Administration meeting

A Levy County Fire Administration meeting will be held Sept. 13 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in classroom A at the Levy County Public Safety Complex, 1251 NE County Road 343, in Bronson.

## Tobacco Free Levy groups

Tobacco Free Florida Quit Your Way is hosting Group Quit classes in Levy County this summer and fall. Included are free nicotine replacement patches, gum or lozenges – if medically appropriate and 18 years of age or older – as well offers for community, worksite and clinic groups. The group class cover all forms of tobacco addiction. For more information, or to register for groups, call 866-341-2730 or visit [www.ahectobacco.com](http://www.ahectobacco.com). All meetings are from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Meeting places include Capital City Bank Sept. 15; and Regional General Hospital in Williston Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15.

## Car and Truck Show

FREE event for spectators -- the Second Annual Open Car and Truck Show will be held Saturday,

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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September 29, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Davis Chevrolet, 2600 N. Main Street in Gainesville. This event is sponsored by Davis Gainesville Chevrolet and The Vette Set Corvette Club of Gainesville, with proceeds helping the Boys and Girls Club of Gainesville. There will be food trucks, raffles, 50/50, and music. There will be over 50 classes of vehicles, plus a rat rod class -- all professionally judged. Registration fee for cars and trucks entered is \$25.00, but spectators enter for free. Show registration is between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. with judging beginning at 11:30. Awards will be presented at 2 p.m.

## Square dance classes for beginners

Everyone ages 10 and up are invited for square dance lessons Tuesdays, starting Oct. 2, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Westside Park Recreation Building, 1001 NW 34 St. Gainesville. Wear casual attire. Loads of FUN! Oct. 2 and Oct. 9 are free. After that, classes are \$5.

For more information, contact Susie at 352-283-1296 or [Susiemoon4@gmail.com](mailto:Susiemoon4@gmail.com) and visit [www.GrandSquaresGainesville.com](http://www.GrandSquaresGainesville.com).

## CHS Class of 1968 announces 50th Reunion

The Chiefland High School Class of 1968 has settled on Homecoming weekend -- October 5, 6, and 7 -- for their 50th Reunion. Class President Franklin Watson said, "The class graduated 49 and have lost 14 that we know of, but we are missing contact information for quite a few of our classmates," adding that if anyone is in contact with any 1968 classmates, ask them to contact him at [fwatson@tallynet.com](mailto:fwatson@tallynet.com). Complete details of the weekend will be communicated as they are finalized.

## Yankeetown Inglis

## Woman's Club

The Yankeetown Inglis Woman's Club has announced its event/fundraiser lineup for next year. All proceeds from these events benefit the community in so many ways - Scholarships, school supplies for teachers & students, youth athletics, community garden, Kidz Eat, library maintenance, to name a few. Here's what to look forward to in the coming year, and all events are at the Woman's Clubhouse 5 56th St., Yankeetown, FL, unless otherwise noted: Chili Cook-Off & Bake Sale \$5 Sat. Oct 20, 2018, 12noon-2pm Prime Rib Dinner & Auction \$25 Sat. Dec 8, 2018, 5-9pm Women's Wellness Weekend STBD Fri-Sun Jan 18-20, 2019 Soup-A-Thon & Bake Sale \$5 Sat, Jan 26, 2019, 12 noon-2pm Italian Dinner \$10 Sat, Feb 9, 2019 5-8pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper \$5 adults, \$3 children under 10, Tues, Mar 5, 2019, 5-6:30pm Proceeds to Kidz Eat - location to be determined Education Salad Luncheon at Inglis Community Center \$10 in advance, \$15

at the door, Wed, Mar 13, 2019, 12 Noon Pancake Breakfast along with FOL Book Sale \$5, Sat, Apr 13, 2019, 8-10:30am These events always bring great food, fun and community spirit!

## Library Meeting

The Friends of the Luther Callaway Public Library (FLCPL), the Chiefland Branch of the Levy County Public Library System, will hold their monthly meeting on the second Thursday of every month at the Library, 104 NE 3rd Street, Chiefland (a block behind City Hall), at 11 a.m. The FLCPL supports the Luther Callaway Public Library by promoting the Library's programs and resources and through fundraising projects to augment the Library's budget for the purchase of reading materials, books on tape, videos, operating supplies and minor equipment. There are no dues, so plan on joining us soon. For further information, call FLCPL president Ann Brown at 352-226-7413. The next meeting will be September 13.

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# Puzzle Page

- CLUES ACROSS**
- One-time money in Spain
  - "Got \_\_\_ of one"
  - Set a framework for
  - Cover with drops of water
  - One who does something for a living
  - Germanium
  - An enclosure for confining livestock
  - Locks a door
  - Buddy
  - Supplement with difficulty
  - Not moving
  - Islamic unit of weight
  - Warmers
  - Hindu queen
  - Border river near Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - Analyzed
  - Caps
  - Pastime
  - Contrary belief
  - Walking devices
  - Accustom to something unpleasant
  - Singing methods
  - Shouts of farewell
  - Hand (Spanish)
  - Small constellation
  - Cardinals are this
  - Gives a hoot
  - Chatter incessantly
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- CLUES DOWN**
- Blues Traveler frontman
  - Found it!
  - Killed
  - A helper to Santa
  - Male fashion accessory
  - Autonomic nervous system
  - US Attorney General
  - Greek sophist
  - The world of the dead (Norse myth.)
  - Excessive and dangerous dose
  - One who receives a legacy
  - Brooded

- Hindu warrior king
- Used to anoint
- One point east (clockwise) of due north
- Connecting part of the brain stem
- Most uncommon
- Do-nothings
- Emerge
- Neat
- Herb of tropical Asia
- Reviews poorly
- Waterproof overshoes
- Fireplace floors
- Surround
- Regretted
- One who whips
- Ticket price
- Calming
- Citrus fruit
- Drooped
- An explorer's necessity
- Speak profanely
- Pouch
- A type of date (abbr.)
- Away from
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## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

- Armed Forces/Veterans Groups**
- Chiefland Veterans of Foreign Wars Post** and Auxiliary has moved to the corner of U.S. Highway 19 North and 137th Street. Any veteran of a foreign war and anyone who has a father, mother, brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, son or daughter who has served overseas during time of war and can furnish a copy of a DD214 from the military is invited to join us. We sponsor light dinners every Friday night with music. We are open on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Business meetings are the second Tuesday of each month and meetings for the Auxiliary are the first Tuesday of each month. Out-of-town members are also welcome to join us.
- Disabled American Veterans**
- The Disabled American Veterans seeks disabled veterans to join the (D.A.V.). We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Beef O Brady's Restaurant, 7050 NW 140th Street, Chiefland. For additional information call Commander Larry Folland at home: 352-493-1351 or on cell: 727-773-7124. D.A.V. Hours 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tri-County Marine League** Detachment No. 1018 Marines are looking for a few good men and women to join their organization. Meetings are on the third Monday of the month at 6 p.m. The organization is located at 1381 NE 82nd Ave. (off U.S. Highway 19), Old Town. Bring a copy of your DD214 or discharge. For more information, please call 352-275-7838. Semper Fidelis.
- Bingo/Karaoke/Games**
- Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Unit**

- 63 Disabled America Veterans Auxiliary Unit 63**, Prison Road, Cross City offers Bingo every Wednesday at 12 p.m. start. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., and coffee donuts and lunch will be available. DAVA also hosts Bingo on Saturdays at 6 p.m., with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. There are \$100 jackpots, prizes and giveaways. The address is 125 NE 165th Ave (Prison Road). Come and have fun and support our veterans! For more information, call 352-498-7707 or 352-221-8043.
- American Legion**
- Bingo** American Legion Post 236 of Bronson is open now for Bingo every Monday at 6 p.m. Bring a friend and come join us in the double-wide at 9550 Hwy 27 Alt. toward Williston on the right-hand side. Handicap parking is in the rear of the building. Hope to see you there. For inquiries, please call Margie at 352-317-5922 or Tom at 352-486-6721.
- AMVETS Post 444** hosts bingo each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.; and Friday and Sunday at 7 p.m. The post is at 13751 NE 52nd Place, Williston.
- AMVETS Post 88** in Bronson (next to the Bronson Speedway) at 10050 N.E. S.R. 24 has bingo on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.
- Grand Slam Bridge** meets 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays at the Gathering Table in Chiefland. For information, call Joan at 352-493-4743. Weekly and substitute players are needed.
- BINGO for a cause**
- Tired of the rain? Need to get out of the house? Come on down for Bingo on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month through August at the Yankeetown Inglis Woman's Club. Come join us & have some fun! Support a great local cause! Since 1969, YIWC has awarded over \$100,000

- in scholarships to local students. Bingo income funds the Woman's Club Scholarship program, which are awarded in May each year.
- Church/Thrift Shops**
- Bronson United Methodist Thrift Shop**, 235 Court St. in Bronson behind the church, shop hours are Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Divine Mercy Thrift Center** on the grounds of St. John the Evangelist Church, 4050 NW Highway 27A, is open Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sales go toward feeding the needy in the area. Donations are accepted. For more information, please call 352-493-9723.
- Holy Cross Catholic Church Thrift Shop** in Cross City has used furniture and low prices. It is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information or to donate, please call 352-542-0157.
- Second to None Thrift Shop** Come browse The Second To None Thrift Shoppe located behind the Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club in Yankeetown. The ladies are constantly adding and updating the shoppe, man cave and boutique sections. In March everything on the racks will be \$1. Stocked solely by donations from club members and the community, the Second To None Thrift Shoppe is one of the finest and least expensive in the area. Hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursday 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with questions 352-447-2057 before Bingo. All proceeds generated from sales are given back to the community. Thrift Shop Volunteers are needed and we will train. Any and all hours are needed.
- Tri-County Outreach Thrift Store** is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The store is at 708 N Main St., Chiefland. Sales benefit the on-site emergency food pantry. For more information,

- please call 352-493-2310.
- Farmers Markets**
- South Levy Marketplace** in Inglis is the fourth Saturday of each month. Summer hours are 9 a.m. to noon. The marketplace is in Inglis on Highway 19 in front of Food Ranch. For more information, please call 352-302-1771.
- DiETING/Weight Control**
- Chiefland TOPS** meets from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. on Mondays at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, U.S. Highway 19, north of Chiefland. Both sexes are welcome. For information, call 352-463-9111. **We have a new TOPS No. 0891** in Chiefland. The group meeting is Thursdays at 11 a.m. All are welcome. The group has national and international recognition. Come for a visit and learn to lose weight your way! Please call 352-493-7339 or 352-493-1351 for the location and more information.
- Tai Chi Chuan:** Moving for Better Balance every Monday and Wednesday at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 707 N. Main St., Chiefland, in the fellowship hall. To register, please contact Elizabeth (Liz) Dalusio at Elder Options by calling 352-378-6649 ext. 152 or 352-692-5252
- Social/Civic Groups**
- Clover Squares** will hold a "plus" workshop at 6:30 p.m. and the dance at 7 p.m. every Wednesday until a new class begins in November at the Williston Crossings RV Resort community center, 410 NE Fifth St., Williston. For more information, please call 352-528-3323.
- Friends of the Luther Callaway Public Library**, the Chiefland branch of the Levy County Public Library System, meet the second Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. at the library, 104 NE Third St., Chiefland. The Friends sup-

- port the library by promoting the library's programs and resources and through fund-raising projects to purchase reading materials, books on tape, videos, operating supplies and minor equipment. There are no dues. For more information, please call Friends President Ann Brown at 352-226-7413.
- Grand Slam Bridge** meets 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Chiefland. For information, call Joan at 352-493-0279. Weekly and substitute players are needed.
- Levy/Gilchrist Retired Educators Association** meets on the third Monday of every month at the Gathering Table in Chiefland. The meeting will start at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Any retired educator from Gilchrist or Levy counties is invited to attend.
- Tri-County Cruisers** meet to show off their classic vehicles from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Fridays at the Gathering Table in Chiefland. Show up to show your car and have a good time.
- Interested in bee keeping?** Thinking about starting a hive? Do you have a hive and just want to meet fellow bee keepers in the community? Please join fellow bee keepers in Bronson on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Bronson Library at 600 Gilbert St. Get questions answered in a relaxed atmosphere at informal meetings. The Bronson Library is located at 600 Gilbert Street, across from the Save-A-Lot.
- Rotary**
- Chiefland Rotary** meets at noon Wednesdays at The Gathering Table on Main Street.
- Suwannee Valley Rotary** meets at noon on Thursdays at the Haven Hospice Community Center in Chiefland.
- Williston Rotary** meets at 11:45 a.m. Tuesdays at First Presbyterian Church,

- 247 NE First St.
- Help**
- Ask for help:** Every day, older adults are abused, neglected and denied their rights. Older adults have the right to dignity and respect; to not be yelled at, hit or humiliated; and to make their own decisions. No one has the right to abuse our elders physically or emotionally, to threaten them, or to take their money or property without consent. Be empowered to prevent becoming a victim of elder abuse. Talk to your clergy, doctor or someone you trust and call the confidential Elder Abuse Hotline at 1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873), if you or someone you know is abused. Do not be afraid to ask for help.
- Grandparents Raising Grandkids Support Group** meets the third Tuesday at 10 a.m. to noon at First Baptist Church of Cross City, 16024 US 19., Cross City. Childcare is provided. Meet with other grandparents raising grandchildren, share experiences, help find resources that can help and support each other.
- For more information, please call Gigi at 352-493-9183.
- Chiefland Senior Center**, 305 SW First St., serves breakfast and lunch, Monday-Friday. Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. is exercise class. At 9:30 a.m. to noon on Mondays is a card-making class. Wednesday is all other crafts. Tuesday and Thursday come and socialize. Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon is line dancing. The center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please call Bernadette Preble at 352-490-7055 ext.1.
- Food for Life** distribution at Chiefland First United Methodist Church will be every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. The requested donation is \$5 per family for fuel cost.

# NASCAR THIS WEEK

## SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

**Any throwback idea you'd add to Darlington?**  
**GODSPEAK:** One of my favorite stock-car designs was the Havoline colors of Davey Allison. Me want.  
**KEN'S CALL:** A 75-car field like the first one in 1950 would be fun, but impossible, so I'd say a return to bias ply tires.

**After Bill Elliott's one-off Xfinity race, what oldtimer would you like to see try it?**  
**GODSPEAK:** Bring back Rusty Wallace for one race. The chatter factor would be worth it.  
**KEN'S CALL:** Assuming it has to be someone who can still wheel it, give me Kenny Schrader.

## FEUD OF THE WEEK

**JAMIE McMURRAY VS. KURT BUSCH:** The NASCAR "Silly Season" rumor mill has Busch sniffing around McMurray's seat at Ganassi Racing in 2019. That can't be comfortable for McMurray.  
**GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE:** This is all part of the game. Busch has some sponsorship money to offer and his stock just went up. "I just don't discuss any of that kind of stuff," McMurray told the media.

## GODWIN'S PICKS FOR DARLINGTON

**WINNER:** Denny Hamlin  
**REST OF TOP 5:** Kevin Harvick, Jimmie Johnson, Martin Truex Jr., Kyle Busch  
**FIRST ONE OUT:** William Byron  
**DARK HORSE:** Matt Kenseth  
**DON'T BE SURPRISED IF:** That phrase "need to win" by car owner Joe Gibbs at Daytona in July is put to bed by Hamlin.

## MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

In honor of Darlington Throwback Week, the guys are bringing Schlitz and Lucky Strikes to the pod.

Tune in online at [www.news-journalonline.com/daytonamotormouths](http://www.news-journalonline.com/daytonamotormouths)



# DARLINGTON

## THREE THINGS TO WATCH



Kevin Harvick in the No. 4 Ford leads the field past the green flag at the start of the 2017 Southern 500 at historic Darlington Raceway. [AP/TERRY RENNA]

### 1. Historic stretch

The next two weekends of racing will be full of motor-sports history and lore. The NASCAR Cup Series has been racing at Darlington Raceway since 1950 and returns to the track "too tough to tame" for its annual throwback racing weekend. After competitors race in South Carolina, it is on to Indianapolis, which is hosting its 25th Cup Series race, known as the Brickyard 400. Indy has hosted racing for more than 100 years.

### 2. Smell of desperation

With only two regular-season NASCAR Cup Series races left in the regular season, there is desperation spreading through the garage area. Twelve playoff positions have been clinched, leaving only four openings for the postseason. Alex Bowman is on the points bubble with a 79-point cushion on Ricky Stenhouse Jr. But should Stenhouse or any driver outside the points wall win, Bowman would not make the playoffs.

### 3. Championship battle

On the other end of the points spectrum are Kyle Busch and Kevin Harvick battling for the regular-season Cup Series championship. The winner of that title will earn 15 of those golden playoff points, which drivers carry over from one knockout round to the next. Busch has a 43-point lead on Harvick. Martin Truex Jr. had a pile of playoff points that he used as a safety net to carry him to the 2017 Cup Series championship.

— Godwin Kelly, [godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com](mailto:godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com)

## QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

### Are the paint-schemers running out of ideas at Darlington?

When AJ Allmendinger is paying homage to a 1990s Busch Series car driven by Robert Pressley, and Erik Jones is honoring spotter Rick Carelli's old Truck Series colors, yes, maybe it's time to regroup. But it still seems to be a fun diversion for the teams, and occasionally there's still a paint job that makes you smile, such as the old Bobby Allison colors that Landon Cassill will run with this weekend.

### But other than that ...?

Well, hate to keep beating this drum, but the term "special paint scheme" isn't exactly special these days, since teams tend to run a different paint scheme EVERY week. I'll say it again: When you turn on the TV and can't almost immediately find your favorite driver, it's time to consider permanent team colors, regardless of the weekly shifting of race-day sponsors and their assorted logos and colors. This isn't the predominant issue right now, but it's among them.

— Ken Willis, [ken.willis@news-jrnl.com](mailto:ken.willis@news-jrnl.com)

## CUP STANDINGS

1. Kyle Busch	1003
2. Kevin Harvick	960
3. Martin Truex Jr.	849
4. Kurt Busch	796
5. Clint Bowyer	776
6. Joey Logano	768
7. Ryan Blaney	733
8. Brad Keselowski	730
9. Kyle Larson	729
10. Denny Hamlin	707
11. Chase Elliott	697
12. Aric Almirola	658
13. Erik Jones	635
14. Jimmie Johnson	604
15. Alex Bowman	572
16. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	493
17. Ryan Newman	481
18. Daniel Suarez	479
19. Austin Dillon	475
20. Paul Menard	473

## WHAT'S ON TAP

**CUP SERIES:** Bojangles' Southern 500  
**SITE:** Darlington Raceway (1.366-mile egg-shaped oval)  
**SCHEDULE:** Friday, practice (NBC Sports Network, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.). Saturday, qualifying (NBC Sports Network, 2 p.m.). Sunday, race (NBC Sports Network, coverage begins at 5 p.m.; green flag, 6:15 p.m.)  
**XFINITY:** Sport Clips 200  
**SITE:** Darlington Raceway  
**SCHEDULE:** Friday, practice (NBC Sports Network, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.). Saturday, qualifying (NBC Sports Network, 12:30 p.m.), race (NBC, 3:30 p.m.)

# ROAD AMERICA

## THREE THINGS WE LEARNED

### 1. Bill is back!

Bill Elliott came out of the NASCAR Hall of Fame to compete in Saturday's Xfinity race at Road America. The 62-year-old driver finished 20th with a big smile. "I hit everything except the lottery," Elliott said of the road race.

### 2. No more Bill

Elliott had a big time donning a driver's suit and helmet, but he indicated this was a one-time experience. "It was a great day. It was a lot of fun," said Elliott, who started 23rd in the field. Asked if he would race again, Elliott said: "I doubt it. This was a good time."

### 3. Legge improves

Katherine Legge, who has



Bill Elliott (right) and son Chase had fun in Victory Lane after Chase's victory at Watkins Glen on Aug. 5. Bill tried his hand at road racing on Saturday and finished 20th in a NASCAR Xfinity race at Road America. [AP/JULIE JACOBSON]

wheeled everything from sports cars to IndyCars in her racing career, did much better in her second Xfinity start. After a 30th-place at Mid-Ohio, the blazing Brit finished 14th at Road America.

She hopes to get a Cup ride for the Charlotte Roval.

— Godwin Kelly, [godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com](mailto:godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com)

## 2018 SCHEDULE AND WINNERS

**Feb. 11:** Clash at Daytona (Brad Keselowski)  
**Feb. 15:** Can-Am Duel at Daytona (Ryan Blaney and Chase Elliott)  
**Feb. 18:** Daytona 500 (Austin Dillon)  
**Feb. 25:** Folds of Honor 500 at Atlanta (Kevin Harvick)  
**March 4:** Kobalt 400 at Las Vegas (Kevin Harvick)  
**March 11:** Camping World 500(k) at Phoenix (Kevin Harvick)  
**March 18:** Auto Club 400 at Fontana (Martin Truex Jr.)  
**March 26:** STP 500 at Martinsville (Clint Bowyer)  
**April 8:** O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 at Texas (Kyle Busch)  
**April 15:** Food City 500 at Bristol (Kyle Busch)  
**April 21:** Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond (Kyle Busch)  
**April 29:** Geico 500 at Talladega (Joey Logano)

**May 6:** AAA 400 at Dover (Kevin Harvick)  
**May 12:** Go Bowling 400 at Kansas (Kevin Harvick)  
**May 19:** All-Star Race at Charlotte (Kevin Harvick)  
**May 27:** Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte (Kyle Busch)  
**June 3:** Pocono 400 (Martin Truex Jr.)  
**June 10:** FireKeepers Casino 400 at Michigan (Clint Bowyer)  
**June 24:** Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma (Martin Truex Jr.)  
**July 1:** Chicago 400 at Chicagoland (Kyle Busch)  
**July 7:** Coke Zero 400 at Daytona (Erik Jones)  
**July 14:** Quaker State 400 at Kentucky (Martin Truex Jr.)  
**July 22:** New Hampshire 301 (Kevin Harvick)  
**July 29:** Pennsylvania 400 at Pocono (Kyle Busch)  
**Aug. 5:** 355 at the Glen, at Watkins Glen (Chase Elliott)

**Aug. 12:** Pure Michigan 400 (Kevin Harvick)  
**Aug. 18:** Night Race at Bristol (Kurt Busch)  
**Sept. 2:** Southern 500 at Darlington  
**Sept. 9:** Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis  
**Sept. 16:** Las Vegas 400  
**Sept. 22:** Federated Auto Parts 400 at Richmond  
**Sept. 30:** Bank of America 500(k) at Charlotte road course  
**Oct. 7:** Delaware 400 at Dover  
**Oct. 14:** Alabama 500 at Talladega  
**Oct. 21:** Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas  
**Oct. 28:** First Data 500 at Martinsville  
**Nov. 4:** Texas 500  
**Nov. 11:** Can-Am 500(k) at Phoenix  
**Nov. 18:** Ford EcoBoost 400 at Homestead

## Miss Rodeo Florida Pageant to be held September 27 – 29, 2018

Applications are now available for the 2019 Miss Rodeo Florida Pageant to be held September 27 – 29, 2018 in Osceola County, Florida. Held annually, the Miss Rodeo Florida Pageant is open to Florida girls wishing to promote the great sport of Rodeo. Contestants from around the state of Florida will compete for the following titles.

- Miss Rodeo Florida (Age 19 – 25)
- Miss Teen Rodeo Florida (Age 15 – 18)
- Miss Rodeo Florida Princess (Age 11 – 14)
- Miss Rodeo Florida Sweetheart (Age 7 – 10)

All contestants compete in the areas of appearance, speech, modeling, impromptu questions, most photogenic and personal interview. Contestants ages 15 & up (Miss and Teen) also compete in horsemanship, horsemanship interview, the selling of a live auction item and a knowledge written test.

Rodeo Queens attend rodeos, parades, community events and speak to students in schools educating others about the sport of rodeo, the western way of life and our states agribusiness. Miss Rodeo Florida (Age 19 – 25) will represent Florida at the Miss Rodeo America Pageant in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Miss Rodeo Florida Association is a 501 c3 non-profit organization dedicated to helping young ladies build confidence and achieve dreams.

Attached (Grove) is the 2018 Miss Teen Rodeo Florida – McKenzie Conner (Grove), Miss Rodeo Florida Princess (Ocala/Ft. McCoy) Heaven Crosby and Miss Rodeo Florida Sweetheart (Miami) Aubrey Rosenhaus.

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**Joseph Kuefner III**  
19531 SE 116th Ave  
Dunnellon, FL 34431

**Brittany Ward**  
551 Holmes St  
Bronson, FL 32621

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**Tammy Jones**  
**Levy County Supervisor of Elections**  
421 South Court Street  
Bronson, FL 32621

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA. CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2016 CA 000768**

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR TRUMAN 2016 SC6 TITLE TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. JASON PAGEL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JASON PAGEL; CYNTHIA LEE GULNER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CYNTHIA LEE GULNER; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO.2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, Defendant(s)

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated June 19,2018, and entered in Case No. 2016 CA 000768 of the Circuit Court in and for Levy County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR TRUMAN 2016 SC6 TITLE TRUST is Plaintiff and JASON PAGEL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JASON PAGEL; CYNTHIA LEE GULNER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CYNTHIA LEE GULNER; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Main Lobby of the Levy County Courthouse, 355 Court Street, Bronson, FL 32621 on Monday, 11:00 a.m., on September 24, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit: LOT 4, BLOCK 7, GREEN PATCH COUNTRY ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 25, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH A 1998 FLEETWOOD DW MOBILE HOME BEARING ID# FLFL-V70A25485GH21 AND ID# FLFL V70B25485GH21. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Levy County Courthouse. Telephone 352-486-5228 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

Dated at Bronson, Florida on August 1, 2018.  
Danny J Shipp  
As Clerk, Circuit Court

By: LaQuanda Latson  
As Deputy Clerk

SHD Legal Group P. A.  
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Published: August 30, 2018 & September 6, 2018

**Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of : NATIVE PEOPLES SOCIETY Located at PO BOX 1144, in the County of LEVY, In the City of BRONSON, Florida 32621 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated: BRONSON, Florida this 20TH day of AUGUST, 2018.  
ANGEL ARE FOREVER, INC

PUBLISHED August 30, 2018

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 38-2018-CP-0113 Division**

IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES EARL CLARK Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of JAMES EARL CLARK, deceased, whose date of death was November 30, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Levy County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 355 South Court Street, Bronson, FL 32621. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is August 30, 2018.

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Personal Representative: John Robert Clark  
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Noblesville, IN 46060  
Published: August 30, 2018 & September 6, 2018

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was received on August 24, 2018:

Miles Andrews, 1709 SE Highway 317, Old Town, FL 32680, has submitted an application to modify Water Use Permit number 2-075-230859-2, with no change in allocation. This project is located in Township 12S, Range 15E, and Section 12; in Levy County.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the Suwannee River Water Management District, Attn: Resource Management, 9225 C.R. 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 14 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing, pursuant to Title 28, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.

PUBLISHED August 30, 2018

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 38-2018-CP-161 Division**

IN RE: ESTATE OF MICHAEL GEORGE SCHENK JR. Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of Michael George Schenk, Jr., deceased, whose date of death was June 6, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Levy County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 355 S Court Street, Bronson, FL 32621. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is August 30, 2018.

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70 Easy Street  
Bronson, FL 32621  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.38-2018-CA-000265**

GERALD D. MATHIS, Plaintiff, v. PATRICIA WHITE, STATE OF FLORIDA and TOWN OF INGLIS, a Florida Municipality Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE is given that pursuant to a Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 25, 2018 in Case No. 38-2018-CA-000265, of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Levy County, Florida in which GERALD D. MATHIS is the Plaintiff and PATRICIA WHITE, STATE OF FLORIDA, TOWN OF INGLIS, a FLORIDA MUNICIPALITY and DANNY J. SHIPP, LEVY COUNTY CLERK OF COURT are the Defendants, DANNY J. SHIPP, Clerk of the Court, shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash by Public Sale at the BOCC Room located at 355 S. Court St., in Levy County, in Bronson, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 the following described property set forth in the Summary Judgment:

Lot 50, WITHLACHOOCHEE RIVER PARK ESTATES, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page(s) 64, of the Public Records of Levy County, Florida.

AND all movables, including but not limited to, the 1984 Villiers Mobile Homes identified with Title No. 40233219 and Title No. 40226439.

THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL MONEY FROM THE SALE AFTER PAYMENT OF PERSONS WHO ARE ENTITLED TO BE PAID FROM THE SALE PROCEEDS PURSUANT TO THIS FINAL JUDGMENT. IF YOU ARE A SUBORDINATE LIENHOLDER CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS.

Submitted by: Donald F. Perrin, Esq., DONALD F. PERRIN, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, FL Bar No. 164338, Post Office

Box 250, Inverness, FL 34451-0250, (352) 726-6767

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**N THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO: 2017 CA 000871**

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. ROBERT D. MAPLE, JR.; PA-MELA MAPLE; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2, Defendant(s).

**CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Order on Plaintiff's Motion to Cancel and Reschedule Foreclosure Sale entered on July 9, 2018 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on September 17, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.(EST), at the Levy County Courthouse BOCC Meeting Room, 355 S. Court Street, Bronson, FL, 32621.

LOT 4, BLOCK 10, B AND R SUBDIVISION, UNIT 1, AC-CORDING TO PLAT HEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 28, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 5011 NE 141ST TER., WILLISTON, FL 32696  
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. Dated: August 14, 2018.

DANNY J. SHIPP, CLERK LEVY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT  
By: LaQuanda Latson  
Deputy Clerk  
(Court Seal)

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation in order to participate should call Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352) 337-6237 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call (800) 955-8770.

Published August 23, 30, 2018

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY< FLORIDA CASE NO.: 38-2081-DR-000619 Divison:**

Barbara G. Sparks  
Petitioner  
and  
Erika Recore & Anthony Mendenhall  
Respondent.

**Notice of Action for Temporary Custody**

To Erika Recore  
You are Notified than an action for Temporary Custody has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Barbara J. Sparks, whose address is 8451 N.E. 118th Ln, Bronson, FL 32621, on or before 9/28/18 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 355 South Court St., Bronson FL 32621, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you in the relief demanded in the petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed ore-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.

Instructions for Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a)(2), Notice of Action For Family Cases With Minor or Dependent Child(ren) (06/18)  
WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated August 24, 2018

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Hope Gibson  
Deputy Clerk

PUBLISHED August 30, September 6, 19th & 26th, 2018

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2017 CP 0203 Division**

IN RE: ESTATE OF JUANITA M. WHITE, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of JUANITA M. WHITE, deceased, whose date of death was August 24, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Levy County, Florida, Probate Division, File Number 2017 CP 0203, the address of which is 355 S. Court Street Bronson, Florida 32621. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS: August 30, 2018.

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Personal Representative: NANCY W. BENNETT

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2018 CA 000319**

FLORIDA CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, vs. RICHARD ACRIPELLI, LINDA LEE ELLSMORE F/K/A LINDA L. ACRIPELLI AND UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: Linda Lee Ellsmore f/k/a Linda L. Acritelli  
7550 SE 181 Court  
Morrison, FL 32668

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property in Levy County, Florida: LOT 16, PRAIRIE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 1, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH 2001 SKYO DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME, INDENTIFICATION NUMBERS #2T630413NA & 2T630413NB SITUATED THEREON.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on James E. Sorenson, D. Tyler Van Leuven, J. Blair Boyd, Stephen Orsillo and Jessica A. Thompson, the Plaintiff=s attorneys, whose address is Post Office Box 3637, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-3637, within 30 days of the first publication and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff=s attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition. Dated this 21 day of August, 2018.  
Danny Shipp, Clerk  
As Clerk of the Court

By LaQuanda Latson  
As Deputy Clerk

PUBLISHED August 30, 2018 and September 6, 2018

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA. PROBATE DIVISION FILE NUMBER: 38-2018-CP-000 111**

IN RE: ESTATE OF: TERRYL CLARENCE LAC-ASSE Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of Terryl Clarence LaCasse, deceased, whose date of death was April 23, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Levy County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 355 South Court Street, Bronson, FL 32621. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is August 30, 2018

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**LEVY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD BUSINESS MEETING**

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a business meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: September 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room in the Levy County Courthouse located at 355 South Court Street in Bronson, Florida

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the regular business of the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 2 business days before the meeting by contacting 352.955.2200. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1.800. 955.8771 (TDD) or 1.800. 955.8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

PUBLISHED August 30, 2018

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS FOR THE 2018 GENERAL ELECTION

I, **Ken Detzner, Secretary of State for Florida**, do hereby give notice that the following proposed amendments and revisions to the Florida Constitution will be presented in each county on the 2018 General Election Ballot.

The language for these amendments may also be found at FloridaPublicNotices.com, at DOS.Elections.MyFlorida.com/initiatives, and at this newspaper's website.

### NO. 1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 37

#### BALLOT TITLE:

Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption

#### BALLOT SUMMARY:

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to increase the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 from all levies other than school district levies. The amendment shall take effect January 1, 2019.

#### FULL TEXT:

ARTICLE VII  
FINANCE AND TAXATION  
SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions. —

(a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, and on the assessed valuation greater than one hundred thousand dollars and up to one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entireties, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant either or both of the following additional homestead tax exemptions:

(1) An exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to a person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, who has attained age sixty-five, and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars; or

(2) An exemption equal to the assessed value of the property to a person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate with a just value less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as determined in the first tax year that the owner applies and is eligible for the exemption, and who has maintained thereon the permanent residence of the owner for not less than twenty-five years, who has attained age sixty-five, and whose household income does not exceed the income limitation prescribed in paragraph (1).

The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant these additional exemptions, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection is self-executing and does not require implementing legislation.

(f) By general law and subject to conditions and limitations specified therein, the Legislature may provide ad valorem tax relief equal to the total amount or a portion of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property to:

(1) The surviving spouse of a veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces.

(2) The surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty.

(3) A first responder who is totally and permanently disabled as a result of an injury or injuries sustained in the line of duty. Causal connection between a disability and service in the line of duty shall not be presumed but must be determined as provided by general law. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "disability" does not include a chronic condition or chronic disease, unless the injury sustained in the line of duty was the sole cause of the chronic condition or chronic disease.

As used in this subsection and as further defined by general law, the term "first responder" means a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic, and the term "in the line of duty" means arising out of and in the actual performance of duty required by employment as a first responder.

#### ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE

SECTION 37. Increased homestead exemption.—This section and the amendment to Section 6 of Article VII increasing the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school district levies shall take effect January 1, 2019.

### NO. 2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE XII, SECTION 27

#### BALLOT TITLE:

Limitations on Property Tax Assessments

#### BALLOT SUMMARY:

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to permanently retain provisions currently in effect, which limit property tax assessment increases on specified nonhomestead real property, except for school district taxes, to 10 percent each year. If approved, the amendment removes the scheduled repeal of such provisions in 2019 and shall take effect January 1, 2019.

#### FULL TEXT:

ARTICLE XII  
SCHEDULE  
SECTION 27. Property tax exemptions and limitations on property tax assessments. —

(a) The amendments to Sections 3, 4, and 6 of Article VII, providing a \$25,000 exemption for tangible personal property, providing an additional \$25,000 homestead exemption, authorizing transfer of the accrued benefit from the limitations on the assessment of homestead property, and this section, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at a special election authorized by law to be held on January 29, 2008, shall take effect upon approval by the electors and shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2008, or, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election, shall take effect January 1 of the year following such general election. The amendments to Section 4 of Article VII creating subsections (g)(f) and (h)(g) of that section, creating a limitation on annual assessment increases for specified real property, shall take effect upon approval of the electors and shall first limit assessments beginning January 1, 2009, if approved at a special election held on January 29, 2008, or shall first limit assessments beginning January 1, 2010, if approved at the general election held in November of 2008. Subsections (f) and (g) of Section 4 of Article VII are repealed effective January 1, 2019; however, the legislature shall by joint resolution propose an amendment abrogating the repeal of subsections (f) and (g), which shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the general election of 2018 and, if approved, shall take effect January 1, 2019.

(b) The amendment to subsection (a) abrogating the scheduled repeal of subsections (g) and (h) of Section 4 of Article VII of the State Constitution as it existed in 2017, shall take effect January 1, 2019.

#### NO. 3

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 29

#### BALLOT TITLE:

Voter Control of Gambling in Florida

#### BALLOT SUMMARY:

This amendment ensures that Florida voters shall have the exclusive right to decide whether to authorize casino gambling by requiring that in order for casino gambling to be authorized under Florida law, it must be approved by Florida voters pursuant to Article XI, Section 3 of the Florida Constitution. Affects articles X and XI. Defines casino gambling and clarifies that this amendment does not conflict with federal law regarding state/tribal compacts.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The amendment's impact on state and local government revenues and costs, if any, cannot be determined at this time because of its unknown effect on gambling operations that have not been approved by voters through a constitutional amendment proposed by a citizens' initiative petition process.

#### FULL TEXT:

ARTICLE X. FLORIDA CONSTITUTION, is amended to include the following new section:

Voter Control of Gambling in Florida.

(a) This amendment ensures that Florida voters shall have the exclusive right to decide whether to authorize casino gambling in the State of Florida. This amendment requires a vote by citizens' initiative pursuant to Article XI, section 3, in order for casino gambling to be authorized under Florida law. This section amends this Article, and also affects Article XI, by making citizens' initiatives the exclusive method of authorizing casino gambling.

(b) As used in this section, "casino gambling" means any of the types of games typically found in casinos and that are within the definition of Class III gaming in the Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq. ("IGRA"), and in 25 C.F.R. §502.4, upon adoption of this amendment, and any that are added to such definition of Class III gaming in the future. This includes, but is not limited to, any house banking game, including but not limited to card games such as baccarat, chemin de fer, blackjack (21), and pai gow (if played as house banking games); any player-banked game that simulates a house banking game, such as California black jack, casino games such as roulette, craps, and keno; or any slot machines as defined in 15 U.S.C. 1171(a)(1); and any other game not authorized by Article X, section 15, whether or not defined as a slot machine, in which outcomes are determined by random number generator or are similarly assigned randomly, such as instant or historical racing. As used herein, "casino gambling" includes any electronic gambling devices, simulated gambling devices, video lottery devices, internet sweepstakes devices, and any other form of electronic or electromechanical facsimiles of any game of chance, slot machine, or casino-style game, regardless of how such devices are defined under IGRA. As used herein, "casino gambling" does not include pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing, dog racing, or jai alai exhibitions. For purposes of this section, "gambling" and "gaming" are synonymous.

(c) Nothing herein shall be deemed to limit the right of the Legislature to exercise its authority through general law to restrict, regulate, or tax any gaming or gambling activities. In addition, nothing herein shall be construed to limit the ability of the state or Native American tribes to negotiate gaming compacts pursuant to the Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act for the conduct of casino gambling on tribal lands, or to affect any existing gambling on tribal lands pursuant to compacts executed by the state and Native American tribes pursuant to IGRA.

(d) This section is effective upon approval by the voters, is self-executing, and no legislative implementation is required.

(e) If any part of this section is held invalid for any reason, the remaining portion or portions shall be severed from the invalid portion and given the fullest possible force and effect.

#### NO. 4

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4

#### BALLOT TITLE:

Voting Restoration Amendment

#### BALLOT SUMMARY:

This amendment restores the voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions after they complete all terms of their sentence including parole or probation. The amendment would not apply to those convicted of murder or sexual offenses, who would continue to be permanently barred from voting unless the Governor and Cabinet vote to restore their voting rights on a case by case basis.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The precise effect of this amendment on state and local government costs cannot be determined, but the operation of current voter registration laws, combined with an increased number of felons registering to vote, will produce higher overall costs relative to the processes in place today. The impact, if any, on state and local government revenues cannot be determined. The fiscal impact of any future legislation that implements a different process cannot be reasonably determined.

#### FULL TEXT:

Article VI, Section 4. Disqualifications.—

(a) No person convicted of a felony, or adjudicated in this or any other state to

be mentally incompetent, shall be qualified to vote or hold office until restoration of civil rights or removal of disability. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, any disqualification from voting arising from a felony conviction shall terminate and voting rights shall be restored upon completion of all terms of sentence including parole or probation.

(b) No person convicted of murder or a felony sexual offense shall be qualified to vote until restoration of civil rights.

(bc) No person may appear on the ballot for re-election to any of the following offices:

(1) Florida representative,

(2) Florida senator,

(3) Florida Lieutenant governor,

(4) any office of the Florida cabinet,

(5) U.S. Representative from Florida, or

(6) U.S. Senator from Florida

if, by the end of the current term of office, the person will have served (or, but for resignation, would have served) in that office for eight consecutive years.

#### NO. 5

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 19

#### BALLOT TITLE:

Supermajority Vote Required to Impose, Authorize, or Raise State Taxes or Fees

#### BALLOT SUMMARY:

Prohibits the legislature from imposing, authorizing, or raising a state tax or fee except through legislation approved by a two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature in a bill containing no other subject. This proposal does not authorize a state tax or fee otherwise prohibited by the Constitution and does not apply to fees or taxes imposed or authorized to be imposed by a county, municipality, school board, or special district.

#### FULL TEXT:

ARTICLE VII  
FINANCE AND TAXATION  
SECTION 19. Supermajority vote required to impose, authorize, or raise state taxes or fees.—

(a) SUPERMAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED TO IMPOSE OR AUTHORIZE NEW STATE TAX OR FEE. No new state tax or fee may be imposed or authorized by the legislature except through legislation approved by two-thirds of the membership of each house of the legislature and presented to the Governor for approval pursuant to Article III, Section 8.

(b) SUPERMAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED TO RAISE STATE TAXES OR FEES. No state tax or fee may be raised by the legislature except through legislation approved by two-thirds of the membership of each house of the legislature and presented to the Governor for approval pursuant to Article III, Section 8.

(c) APPLICABILITY. This section does not authorize the imposition of any state tax or fee otherwise prohibited by this Constitution, and does not apply to any tax or fee imposed by, or authorized to be imposed by, a county, municipality, school board, or special district.

(d) DEFINITIONS. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Fee" means any charge or payment required by law, including any fee for service, fee or cost for licenses, and charge for service.

(2) "Raise" means:

a. To increase or authorize an increase in the rate of a state tax or fee imposed on a percentage or per mill basis;

b. To increase or authorize an increase in the amount of a state tax or fee imposed on a flat or fixed amount basis; or

c. To decrease or eliminate a state tax or fee exemption or credit.

(e) SINGLE-SUBJECT. A state tax or fee imposed, authorized, or raised under this section must be contained in a separate bill that contains no other subject.

#### NO. 6

### CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION ARTICLE I, SECTION 16 ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 8 AND 21 ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION

#### BALLOT TITLE:

Rights of Crime Victims; Judges

#### BALLOT SUMMARY:

Creates constitutional rights for victims of crime; requires courts to facilitate victims' rights; authorizes victims to enforce their rights throughout criminal and juvenile justice processes. Requires judges and hearing officers to independently interpret statutes and rules rather than deferring to government agency's interpretation. Raises mandatory retirement age of state justices and judges from seventy to seventy-five years; deletes authorization to complete judicial term if one-half of term has been served by retirement age.

#### FULL TEXT:

ARTICLE I  
DECLARATION OF RIGHTS  
SECTION 16. Rights of accused and of victims.—

(a) In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall, upon demand, be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, and shall be furnished a copy of the charges, and shall have the right to have compulsory process for witnesses, to confront at trial adverse witnesses, to be heard in person, by counsel or both, and to have a speedy and public trial by impartial jury in the county where the crime was committed. If the county is not known, the indictment or information may charge venue in two or more counties conjunctively and proof that the crime was committed in that area shall be sufficient; but before pleading the accused may elect in which of those counties the trial will take place. Venue for prosecution of crimes committed beyond the boundaries of the state shall be fixed by law.

(b) To preserve and protect the right of crime victims to achieve justice, ensure a meaningful role throughout the criminal and juvenile justice systems for crime victims, and ensure that crime victims' rights and interests are respected and protected by law in a manner no less vigorous than protections afforded to criminal defendants and juvenile delinquents, every victim is entitled to the following rights, beginning at the time of his or her victimization:

(1) The right to due process and to be treated with fairness and respect for the victim's dignity.

(2) The right to be free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse.

(3) The right, within the judicial process, to be reasonably protected from the accused and any person acting on behalf of the accused. However, nothing contained herein is intended to create a special relationship between the crime victim and any law enforcement agency or office absent a special relationship or duty as defined by Florida law.

(4) The right to have the safety and welfare of the victim and the victim's family considered when setting bail, including setting pretrial release conditions that protect the safety and welfare of the victim and the victim's family.

(5) The right to prevent the disclosure of information or records that could be used to locate or harass the victim or the victim's family or which could disclose confidential or privileged information of the victim.

(6) A victim shall have the following specific rights upon request:

a. The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of, and to be present at, all public proceedings involving the criminal conduct, including but not limited to, trial, plea, sentencing or adjudication, even if the victim will be a witness at the proceeding, notwithstanding any rule to the contrary. A victim shall also be provided reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any release or escape of the defendant or delinquent, and any proceeding during which a right of the victim is implicated.

b. The right to be heard in any public proceeding involving pretrial or other release from any form of legal constraint, plea, sentencing, adjudication, or parole, and any proceeding during which a right of the victim is implicated.

c. The right to confer with the prosecuting attorney concerning any plea agreements, participation in pretrial diversion programs, release, restitution, sentencing, or any other disposition of the case.

d. The right to provide information regarding the impact of the offender's conduct

on the victim and the victim's family to the individual responsible for conducting any presence investigation or compiling any presence investigation report, and to have any such information considered in any sentencing recommendations submitted to the court.

e. The right to receive a copy of any presence report, and any other report or record relevant to the exercise of a victim's right, except for such portions made confidential or exempt by law.

f. The right to be informed of the conviction, sentence, adjudication, place and time of incarceration, or other disposition of the convicted offender, any scheduled release date of the offender, and the release of or the escape of the offender from custody.

g. The right to be informed of all post-conviction processes and procedures, to participate in such processes and procedures, to provide information to the release authority to be considered before any release decision is made, and to be notified of any release decision regarding the offender. The parole or early release authority shall extend the right to be heard to any person harmed by the offender.

h. The right to be informed of clemency and expungement procedures, to provide information to the governor, the court, any clemency board, and other authority in these procedures, and to have that information considered before a clemency or expungement decision is made, and to be notified of such decision in advance of any release of the offender.

(7) The rights of the victim, as provided in subparagraph (6)a, subparagraph (6)b, or subparagraph (6)c, that apply to any first appearance proceeding are satisfied by a reasonable attempt by the appropriate agency to notify the victim and convey the victim's views to the court.

(8) The right to the prompt return of the victim's property when no longer needed as evidence in the case.

(9) The right to full and timely restitution in every case and from each convicted offender for all losses suffered, both directly and indirectly, by the victim as a result of the criminal conduct.

(10) The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay, and to a prompt and final conclusion of the case and any related postjudgment proceedings.

a. The state attorney may file a good faith demand for a speedy trial and the trial court shall hold a calendar call, with notice, within fifteen days of the filing demand, to schedule a trial to commence on a date at least five days but no more than sixty days after the date of the calendar call unless the trial judge enters an order with specific findings of fact justifying a trial date more than sixty days after the calendar call.

b. All state-level appeals and collateral attacks on any judgment must be complete within two years from the date of appeal in non-capital cases and within five years from the date of appeal in capital cases, unless a court enters an order with specific findings as to why the court was unable to comply with this subparagraph and the circumstances causing the delay. Each year, the chief judge of any district court of appeal or the chief justice of the supreme court shall report on a case-by-case basis to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate all cases where the court entered an order regarding inability to comply with this subparagraph. The legislature may enact legislation to implement this subparagraph.

(11) The right to be informed of these rights, and to be informed that victims can seek the advice of an attorney with respect to their rights. This information shall be made available to the general public and provided to all crime victims in the form of a card or by other means intended to effectively advise the victim of their rights under this section.

(c) The victim, the retained attorney of the victim, a lawful representative of the victim, or the office of the state attorney upon request of the victim, may assert and seek enforcement of the rights enumerated in this section and any other right afforded to a victim by law in any trial or appellate court, or before any other authority with jurisdiction over the case, as a matter of right. The court or other authority with jurisdiction shall act promptly on such a request, affording a remedy by due course of law for the violation of any right. The reasons for any decision regarding the disposition of a victim's right shall be clearly stated on the record.

(d) The granting of the rights enumerated in this section to victims may not be construed to deny or impair any other rights possessed by victims. The provisions of this section apply throughout criminal and juvenile justice processes, are self-executing, and do not require implementing legislation. This section may not be construed to create any cause of action for damages against the state or a political subdivision of the state, or any officer, employee, or agent of the state or its political subdivisions.

(e) As used in this section, a "victim" is a person who suffers direct or threatened physical, psychological, or financial harm as a result of the commission or attempt of commission of a crime or delinquent act or against whom the crime or delinquent act is committed. The term "victim" includes the victim's lawful representative, the parent or guardian of a minor, or the next of kin of a homicide victim, except upon a showing that the interest of such individual would be in actual or potential conflict with the interests of the victim. The term "victim" does not include the accused. The terms "crime" and "criminal" include delinquent acts and conduct. Victims of crime or their lawful representatives, including the next of kin of homicide victims, are entitled to the right to be informed, to be present, and to be heard when relevant, at all crucial stages of criminal proceedings, to the extent that these rights do not interfere with the constitutional rights of the accused.

#### ARTICLE V JUDICIARY

SECTION 8. Eligibility.—No person shall be eligible for office of justice or judge of any court unless the person is an elector of the state and resides in the territorial jurisdiction of the court. No justice or judge shall serve after attaining the age of seventy-five, seventy years except upon temporary assignment or to complete a term, one-half of which has been served: No person is eligible for the office of justice of the supreme court or judge of a district court of appeal unless the person is, and has been for the preceding ten years, a member of the bar of Florida. No person is eligible for the office of circuit judge unless the person is, and has been for the preceding five years, a member of the bar of Florida. Unless otherwise provided by general law, no person is eligible for the office of county court judge unless the person is, and has been for the preceding five years, a member of the bar of Florida. Unless otherwise provided by general law, a person shall be eligible for election or appointment to the office of county court judge in a county having a population of 40,000 or less if the person is a member in good standing of the bar of Florida.

SECTION 21. Judicial interpretation of statutes and rules.—In interpreting a state statute or rule, a state court or an officer hearing an administrative action pursuant to general law may not defer to an administrative agency's interpretation of such statute or rule, and must instead interpret such statute or rule de novo.

#### ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE

Eligibility of justices and judges.—The amendment to Section 8 of Article V, which increases the age at which a justice or judge is no longer eligible to serve in judicial office except upon temporary assignment, shall take effect July 1, 2019.

#### NO. 7

### CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION ARTICLE IX, SECTIONS 7 AND 8 ARTICLE X, NEW SECTION

#### BALLOT TITLE:

First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits; Public Colleges and Universities

#### BALLOT SUMMARY:

Grants mandatory payment of death benefits and waiver of certain educational expenses to qualifying survivors of certain first responders and military members who die performing official duties. Requires supermajority votes by university trustees and state university system board of governors to raise or impose all legislatively authorized fees if law requires approval by those bodies. Establishes existing state college system as constitutional entity; provides governance structure.

#### FULL TEXT:

ARTICLE IX  
EDUCATION  
SECTION 7. State University System.—

(a) PURPOSES. In order to achieve excellence through teaching students, advancing research and providing public service for the benefit of Florida's citizens, their communities and economies, the people hereby establish a system of governance for the state university system of Florida.

(b) STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. There shall be a single state university system comprised of all public universities. A board of trustees shall administer each public university and a board of governors shall govern the state university system.

(c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each local constituent university shall be administered by a board of trustees consisting of thirteen members dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The board of governors shall establish the powers and duties of the boards of trustees. Each board of trustees shall consist of six citizen members appointed by the governor and five citizen members appointed by the board of governors. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of five years as provided by law. The chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members.

(d) STATEWIDE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. The board of governors shall be a body corporate consisting of seventeen members. The board shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible for the management of the whole university system. These responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, defining the distinctive mission of each constituent university and its articulation with free public schools and community colleges, ensuring the well-planned coordination and operation of the system, and avoiding wasteful duplication of facilities or programs. The board's management shall be subject to the powers of the legislature to appropriate for the expenditure of funds, and the board shall account for such expenditures as provided by law. The governor shall appoint to the board fourteen citizens dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of seven years as provided by law. The commissioner of education, the chair of the advisory council of faculty senates, or the equivalent, and the president of the Florida student association, or the equivalent, shall also be members of the board.

(e) FEES. Any proposal or action of a constituent university to raise, impose, or authorize any fee, as authorized by law, must be approved by at least nine affirmative votes of the members of the board of trustees of the constituent university, if approval by the board of trustees is required by general law, and at least twelve affirmative votes of the members of the board of governors, if approval by the board of governors is required by general law, in order to take effect. A fee under this subsection shall not include tuition.

SECTION 8. State College System.—

(a) PURPOSES. In order to achieve excellence and to provide access to undergraduate education to the students of this state; to originate articulated pathways to a baccalaureate degree; to ensure superior commitment to teaching and learning; and to respond quickly and efficiently to meet the demand of communities by aligning certificate and degree programs with local and regional workforce needs, the people hereby establish a system of governance for the state college system of Florida.

(b) STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM. There shall be a single state college system comprised of all public community and state colleges. A local board of trustees shall govern each state college system institution and the state board of education shall supervise the state college system.

(7) "Designated smoking guest rooms at public lodging establishments" means the sleeping rooms and directly associated private areas, such as bathrooms, living rooms, and kitchen areas, if any, rented to guests for their exclusive transient occupancy in public lodging establishments including hotels, motels, resort condominiums, transient apartments, transient lodging establishments, rooming houses, boarding houses, resort dwellings, bed and breakfast inns, and the like; and designated by the person or persons having management authority over such public lodging establishment as rooms in which smoking may be permitted.

(8) "Stand-alone bar" means any place of business devoted during any time of operation predominantly or totally to serving alcoholic beverages, intoxicating beverages, or intoxicating liquors, or any combination thereof, for consumption on the licensed premises; in which the serving of food, if any, is merely incidental to the consumption of any such beverage; and that is not located within, and does not share any common entryway or common indoor area with, any other enclosed indoor workplace including any business for which the sale of food or any other product or service is more than an incidental source of gross revenue.

(9) "Vapor-generating electronic device" means any product that employs an electronic, a chemical, or a mechanical means capable of producing vapor or aerosol from a nicotine product or any other substance, including, but not limited to, an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or other similar device or product, and any replacement cartridge for such device, and any other container of a solution or other substance intended to be used with or within an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or other similar device or product.

(10) "Vapor-generating electronic device retailer" means any enclosed indoor workplace dedicated to or predominantly for the retail sale of vapor-generating electronic devices and components, parts, and accessories for such products, in which the sale of other products or services is merely incidental.

(d) LEGISLATION. In the next regular legislative session occurring after voter approval of this section or any amendment to this section amendment, the Florida legislature shall adopt legislation to implement this section and any amendment to this section amendment in a manner consistent with its broad purpose and stated terms, and having an effective date no later than July 1 of the year following voter approval. Such legislation shall include, without limitation, civil penalties for violations of this section; provisions for administrative enforcement; and the requirement and authorization of agency rules for implementation and enforcement. This section does not Nothing herein shall preclude the legislature from enacting any law constituting or allowing a more restrictive regulation of tobacco smoking or the use of vapor-generating electronic devices than is provided in this section.

**NO. 10**  
**CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION**  
**ARTICLE III, SECTION 3**  
**ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 4 AND 11**  
**ARTICLE VIII, SECTIONS 1 AND 6**

**BALLOT TITLE:**  
 State and Local Government Structure and Operation

**BALLOT SUMMARY:**  
 Requires legislature to retain department of veterans' affairs. Ensures election of sheriffs, property appraisers, supervisors of elections, tax collectors, and clerks of court in all counties; removes county charters' ability to abolish, change term, transfer duties, or eliminate election of these offices. Changes annual legislative session commencement date in even-numbered years from March to January; removes legislature's authorization to fix another date. Creates office of domestic security and counterterrorism within department of law enforcement.

**FULL TEXT:**

**ARTICLE III**  
**LEGISLATURE**  
**SECTION 3. Sessions of the legislature.—**  
 (a) ORGANIZATION SESSIONS. On the fourteenth day following each general election the legislature shall convene for the exclusive purpose of organization and selection of officers.  
 (b) REGULAR SESSIONS. A regular session of the legislature shall convene on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each odd-numbered year, and on the second first-Tuesday after the first Monday in January March, or such other date as may be fixed by law, of each even-numbered year.  
 (c) SPECIAL SESSIONS.  
 (1) The governor, by proclamation stating the purpose, may convene the legislature in special session during which only such legislative business may be transacted as is within the purview of the proclamation, or of a communication from the governor, or is introduced by consent of two-thirds of the membership of each house.  
 (2) A special session of the legislature may be convened as provided by law.  
 (d) LENGTH OF SESSIONS. A regular session of the legislature shall not exceed sixty consecutive days, and a special session shall not exceed twenty consecutive days, unless extended beyond such limit by a three-fifths vote of each house. During such an extension no new business may be taken up in either house without the consent of two-thirds of its membership.  
 (e) ADJOURNMENT. Neither house shall adjourn for more than seventy-two consecutive hours except pursuant to concurrent resolution.  
 (f) ADJOURNMENT BY GOVERNOR. If, during any regular or special session, the two houses cannot agree upon a time for adjournment, the governor may adjourn the session sine die or to any date within the period authorized for such session; provided that, at least twenty-four hours before adjourning the session, and while neither house is in recess, each house shall be given formal written notice of the governor's intention to do so, and agreement reached within that period by both houses on a time for adjournment shall prevail.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**EXECUTIVE**  
**SECTION 4. Cabinet.—**  
 (a) There shall be a cabinet composed of an attorney general, a chief financial officer, and a commissioner of agriculture. In addition to the powers and duties specified herein, they shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by law. In the event of a tie vote of the governor and cabinet, the side on which the governor voted shall be deemed to prevail.  
 (b) The attorney general shall be the chief state legal officer. There is created in the office of the attorney general the position of statewide prosecutor. The statewide prosecutor shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the state attorneys to prosecute violations of criminal laws occurring or having occurred, in two or more judicial circuits as part of a related transaction, or when any such offense is affecting or has affected two or more judicial circuits as provided by general law. The statewide prosecutor shall be appointed by the attorney general from not less than three persons nominated by the judicial nominating commission for the supreme court, or as otherwise provided by general law.  
 (c) The chief financial officer shall serve as the chief fiscal officer of the state, and shall settle and approve accounts against the state, and shall keep all state funds and securities.  
 (d) The commissioner of agriculture shall have supervision of matters pertaining to agriculture except as otherwise provided by law.  
 (e) The governor as chair, the chief financial officer, and the attorney general shall constitute the state board of administration, which shall succeed to all the power, control, and authority of the state board of administration established pursuant to Article IX, Section 16 of the Constitution of 1885, and which shall continue as a

body at least for the life of Article XII, Section 9(c).  
 (f) The governor as chair, the chief financial officer, the attorney general, and the commissioner of agriculture shall constitute the trustees of the internal improvement trust fund and the land acquisition trust fund as provided by law.  
 (g) The governor as chair, the chief financial officer, the attorney general, and the commissioner of agriculture shall constitute the agency head of the Department of Law Enforcement. The Office of Domestic Security and Counterterrorism is created within the Department of Law Enforcement. The Office of Domestic Security and Counterterrorism shall provide support for prosecutors and federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies that investigate or analyze information relating to attempts or acts of terrorism or that prosecute terrorism, and shall perform any other duties that are provided by law.  
**SECTION 11. Department of Veterans' Affairs.—**The legislature, by general law, shall provide for a—may provide for the establishment of the Department of Veterans' Affairs and prescribe its duties. The head of the department is the governor and cabinet.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
**SECTION 1. Counties.—**  
 (a) POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. The state shall be divided by law into political subdivisions called counties. Counties may be created, abolished or changed by law, with provision for payment or apportionment of the public debt.  
 (b) COUNTY FUNDS. The care, custody and method of disbursing county funds shall be provided by general law.  
 (c) GOVERNMENT. Pursuant to general or special law, a county government may be established by charter which shall be adopted, amended or repealed only upon vote of the electors of the county in a special election called for that purpose.  
 (d) COUNTY OFFICERS. There shall be elected by the electors of each county, for terms of four years, a sheriff, a tax collector, a property appraiser, a supervisor of elections, and a clerk of the circuit court; except, when provided by county charter or special law approved by vote of the electors of the county, any county officer may be chosen in another manner therein specified, or any county office may be abolished when all the duties of the office prescribed by general law are transferred to another office. Unless When not otherwise provided by county charter or special law approved by vote of the electors or pursuant to Article V, section 16, the clerk of the circuit court shall be ex officio clerk of the board of county commissioners, auditor, recorder and custodian of all county funds. Notwithstanding subsection 6(e) of this article, a county charter may not abolish the office of a sheriff, a tax collector, a property appraiser, a supervisor of elections, or a clerk of the circuit court; transfer the duties of those officers to another officer or office; change the length of the four-year term of office; or establish any manner of selection other than by election by the electors of the county.  
 (e) COMMISSIONERS. Except when otherwise provided by county charter, the governing body of each county shall be a board of county commissioners composed of five or seven members serving staggered terms of four years. After each decennial census the board of county commissioners shall divide the county into districts of contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable. One commissioner residing in each district shall be elected as provided by law.  
 (f) NON-CHARTER GOVERNMENT. Counties not operating under county charters shall have such power of self-government as is provided by general or special law. The board of county commissioners of a county not operating under a charter may enact, in a manner prescribed by general law, county ordinances not inconsistent with general or special law, but an ordinance in conflict with a municipal ordinance shall not be effective within the municipality to the extent of such conflict.  
 (g) CHARTER GOVERNMENT. Counties operating under county charters shall have all powers of local self-government not inconsistent with general law, or with special law approved by vote of the electors. The governing body of a county operating under a charter may enact county ordinances not inconsistent with general law. The charter shall provide which shall prevail in the event of conflict between county and municipal ordinances.  
 (h) TAXES; LIMITATION. Property situate within municipalities shall not be subject to taxation for services rendered by the county exclusively for the benefit of the property or residents in unincorporated areas.  
 (i) COUNTY ORDINANCES. Each county ordinance shall be filed with the custodian of state records and shall become effective at such time thereafter as is provided by general law.  
 (j) VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES. Persons violating county ordinances shall be prosecuted and punished as provided by law.  
 (k) COUNTY SEAT. In every county there shall be a county seat at which shall be located the principal offices and permanent records of all county officers. The county seat may not be moved except as provided by general law. Branch offices for the conduct of county business may be established elsewhere in the county by resolution of the governing body of the county in the manner prescribed by law. No instrument shall be deemed recorded until filed at the county seat, or a branch office designated by the governing body of the county for the recording of instruments, according to law.  
**SECTION 6. Schedule to Article VIII.—**  
 (a) This article shall replace all of Article VIII of the Constitution of 1885, as amended, except those sections expressly retained and made a part of this article by reference.  
 (b) COUNTIES; COUNTY SEATS; MUNICIPALITIES; DISTRICTS. The status of the following items as they exist on the date this article becomes effective is recognized and shall be continued until changed in accordance with law: the counties of the state; their status with respect to the legality of the sale of intoxicating liquors, wines and beers; the method of selection of county officers; the performance of municipal functions by county officers; the county seats; and the municipalities and special districts of the state, their powers, jurisdiction and government.  
 (c) OFFICERS TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE. Every person holding office when this article becomes effective shall continue in office for the remainder of the term if that office is not abolished. If the office is abolished the incumbent shall be paid adequate compensation, to be fixed by law, for the loss of emoluments for the remainder of the term.  
 (d) ORDINANCES. Local laws relating only to unincorporated areas of a county on the effective date of this article may be amended or repealed by county ordinance.  
 (e) CONSOLIDATION AND HOME RULE. Article VIII, Sections 9, 10, 11 and 24, of the Constitution of 1885, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect as to each county affected, as if this article had not been adopted, until that county shall expressly adopt a charter or home rule plan pursuant to this article. All provisions of the Metropolitan Dade County Home Rule Charter, heretofore or hereafter adopted by the electors of Dade County pursuant to Article VIII, Section 11, of the Constitution of 1885, as amended, shall be valid, and any amendments to such charter shall be valid; provided that the said provisions of such charter and the said amendments thereto are authorized under said Article VIII, Section 11, of the Constitution of 1885, as amended.  
 (f) DADE COUNTY; POWERS CONFERRED UPON MUNICIPALITIES. To the extent not inconsistent with the powers of existing municipalities or general law, the Metropolitan Government of Dade County may exercise all the powers conferred now or hereafter by general law upon municipalities.  
 (g) SELECTION AND DUTIES OF

**NO. 11**  
**CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION**  
**ARTICLE I, SECTION 2**  
**ARTICLE X, SECTIONS 9 AND 19**

**BALLOT TITLE:**  
 Property Rights; Removal of Obsolete Provisions; Criminal Statutes

**BALLOT SUMMARY:**  
 Removes discriminatory language related to real property rights. Removes obsolete language repealed by voters. Deletes provision that amendment of a criminal statute will not affect prosecution or penalties for a crime committed before the repeal of a criminal statute.

**FULL TEXT:**

**ARTICLE I**  
**DECLARATION OF RIGHTS**  
**SECTION 2. Basic rights.—**All natural persons, female and male alike, are equal before the law and have inalienable rights, among which are the right to enjoy and defend life and liberty, to pursue happiness, to be rewarded for industry, and to acquire, possess and protect property; except that the ownership, inheritance, disposition and possession of real property by aliens ineligible for citizenship may be regulated or prohibited by law. No person shall be deprived of any right because of race, religion, national origin, or physical disability.

**ARTICLE X**  
**MISCELLANEOUS**  
**SECTION 9. Repeal of criminal statutes.—**Repeal or amendment of a criminal statute shall not affect prosecution or punishment for any crime previously committed before such repeal.  
**SECTION 19. Repealed High-speed ground transportation system.—**To reduce traffic congestion and provide alternatives to the traveling public, it is hereby declared to be in the public interest that a high-speed ground transportation system consisting of a monorail, fixed guideway or magnetic levitation system, capable of speeds in excess of 120 miles per hour, be developed and operated in the State of Florida to provide high-speed ground transportation by innovative, efficient and effective technologies consisting of dedicated rails or guideways separated from motor-vehicular traffic that will link the five largest urban areas of the State as determined by the Legislature and provide for access to existing air and ground transportation facilities and services. The Legislature, the Cabinet and the Governor are hereby directed to proceed with the development of such a system by the State and/or by a private entity pursuant to state approval and authorization, including the acquisition of right-of-way, the financing of design and construction of the system, and the operation of the system, as provided by specific appropriation and by law, with construction to begin on or before November 1, 2003.

**NO. 12**  
**CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION**  
**ARTICLE II, SECTION 8**  
**ARTICLE III, SECTION 13**  
**ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION**

**BALLOT TITLE:**  
 Lobbying and Abuse of Office by Public Officers

**BALLOT SUMMARY:**  
 Expands current restrictions on lobbying for compensation by former public officers; creates restrictions on lobbying for compensation by serving public officers and former justices and judges; provides exceptions; prohibits abuse of a public position by public officers and employees to obtain a personal benefit.

**FULL TEXT:**

**ARTICLE II**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**  
**SECTION 8. Ethics in government.—**A public office is a public trust. The people shall have the right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse. To assure this right:  
 (a) All elected constitutional officers and candidates for such offices and, as may be determined by law, other public officers, candidates, and employees shall file full and public disclosure of their financial interests.  
 (b) All elected public officers and candidates for such offices shall file full and public disclosure of their campaign finances.  
 (c) Any public officer or employee who breaches the public trust for private gain and any person or entity inducing such breach shall be liable to the state for all financial benefits obtained by such actions. The manner of recovery and additional damages may be provided by law.  
 (d) Any public officer or employee who is convicted of a felony involving a breach of public trust shall be subject to forfeiture of rights and privileges under a public retirement system or pension plan in such manner as may be provided by law.  
 (e) No member of the legislature or statewide elected officer shall personally represent another person or entity for compensation before the government body or agency of which the individual was an officer or member for a period of two years following vacation of office. No member of the legislature shall personally represent another person or entity for compensation during term of office before any state agency other than judicial tribunals. Similar restrictions on other public officers and employees may be established by law.  
 (f)(1) For purposes of this subsection, the term "public officer" means a statewide elected officer, a member of the legislature, a county commissioner, a county officer pursuant to Article VIII or county charter, a school board member, a superintendent of schools, an elected municipal officer, an elected special district officer in a special district with ad valorem taxing authority, or a person serving as a secretary, an executive director, or other agency head of a department of the executive branch of state government.  
 (2) A public officer shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before the federal government, the legislature, any state government body or agency, or any political subdivision of this state, during his or her term of office.  
 (3) A public officer shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement for a period of six years after vacation of public position, as follows:  
 a. A statewide elected officer or member of the legislature shall not lobby the legislature or any state government body or agency.  
 b. A person serving as a secretary, an executive director, or other agency head of a department of the executive branch of state government shall not lobby the legislature, the governor, the executive office of the governor, members of the cabinet, a department that is headed by a member of the cabinet, or his or her former department.  
 c. A county commissioner, a county officer pursuant to Article VIII or county charter, a school board member, a super-

**NO. 13**  
**CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION**  
**ARTICLE X, NEW SECTION**  
**ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION**

**BALLOT TITLE:**  
 Ends Dog Racing

**BALLOT SUMMARY:**  
 Phases out commercial dog racing in connection with wagering by 2020. Other gaming activities are not affected.

**FULL TEXT:**

**ARTICLE X**  
**MISCELLANEOUS**  
**Prohibition on racing of or wagering on greyhounds or other dogs.—**The humane treatment of animals is a fundamental value of the people of the State of Florida. After December 31, 2022, a person authorized to conduct gaming or pari-mutuel operations may not race greyhounds or any member of the Canis Familiaris subspecies in connection with any wager for money or any other thing of value in this state, and persons in this state may not wager money or any other thing of value on the outcome of a live dog race occurring in this state. The failure to conduct greyhound racing or wagering on greyhound racing after December 31, 2018, does not constitute grounds to revoke or deny renewal of other related gaming licenses held by a person who is a licensed greyhound permit holder on January 1, 2018, and does not affect the eligibility of such permit holder, or such permit holder's facility, to conduct other pari-mutuel activities authorized by general law. By general law, the legislature shall specify civil or criminal penalties for violations of this section and for activities that aid or abet violations of this section.

**ARTICLE XII**  
**SCHEDULE**  
**Prohibition on racing of or wagering on greyhounds or other dogs.—**The amendment to Article X, which prohibits the racing of or wagering on greyhound and other dogs, and the creation of this section, shall take effect upon the approval of the electors.  
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**intendent of schools, an elected municipal officer, or an elected special district officer in a special district with ad valorem taxing authority shall not lobby his or her former agency or governing body.**  
 (4) This subsection shall not be construed to prohibit a public officer from carrying out the duties of his or her public office.  
 (5) The legislature may enact legislation to implement this subsection, including, but not limited to, defining terms and providing penalties for violations. Any such law shall not contain provisions on any other subject.  
 (6)(f)—There shall be an independent commission to conduct investigations and make public reports on all complaints concerning breach of public trust by public officers or employees not within the jurisdiction of the judicial qualifications commission.  
 (h)(1)(g) A code of ethics for all state employees and nonjudicial officers prohibiting conflict between public duty and private interests shall be prescribed by law.  
 (2) A public officer or public employee shall not abuse his or her public position in order to obtain a disproportionate benefit for himself or herself, his or her spouse, children, or employer, or for any business with which he or she contracts, in which he or she is an officer, a partner, a director, or a proprietor, or in which he or she owns an interest. The Florida Commission on Ethics shall, by rule in accordance with statutory procedures governing administrative rulemaking, define the term "disproportionate benefit" and prescribe the requisite intent for finding a violation of this prohibition for purposes of enforcing this paragraph. Appropriate penalties shall be prescribed by law.  
 (i)(h)—This section shall not be construed to limit disclosures and prohibitions which may be established by law to preserve the public trust and avoid conflicts between public duties and private interests.  
 (j)(f) Schedule—On the effective date of this amendment and until changed by law:  
 (1) Full and public disclosure of financial interests shall mean filing with the custodian of state records by July 1 of each year a sworn statement showing net worth and identifying each asset and liability in excess of \$1,000 and its value together with one of the following:  
 a. A copy of the person's most recent federal income tax return; or  
 b. A sworn statement which identifies each separate source and amount of income which exceeds \$1,000. The forms for such source disclosure and the rules under which they are to be filed shall be prescribed by the independent commission established in subsection (g) (f), and such rules shall include disclosure of secondary sources of income.  
 (2) Persons holding statewide elective offices shall also file disclosure of their financial interests pursuant to paragraph (1) subsection (f)(+).  
 (3) The independent commission provided for in subsection (g) (f) shall mean the Florida Commission on Ethics.

**ARTICLE V**  
**JUDICIARY**  
**SECTION 13. Ethics in the judiciary Prohibited activities.—**  
 (a) All justices and judges shall devote full time to their judicial duties. A justice or judge shall not engage in the practice of law or hold office in any political party.  
 (b) A former justice or former judge shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before the legislative or executive branches of state government for a period of six years after he or she vacates his or her judicial position. The legislature may enact legislation to implement this subsection, including, but not limited to, defining terms and providing penalties for violations. Any such law shall not contain provisions on any other subject.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**PROBITIONS REGARDING LOBBYING FOR COMPENSATION AND ABUSE OF PUBLIC POSITION BY PUBLIC OFFICERS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.—**The amendments to Section 8 of Article II and Section 13 of Article V shall take effect December 31, 2022, except that the amendments to Section 8(h) of Article II shall take effect December 31, 2020, and:  
 (a) The Florida Commission on Ethics shall, by rule, define the term "disproportionate benefit" and prescribe the requisite intent for finding a violation of the prohibition against abuse of public position by October 1, 2019, as specified in Section 8(h) of Article II.  
 (b) Following the adoption of rules pursuant to subsection (a), the legislature shall enact implementing legislation establishing penalties for violations of the prohibition against abuse of public position to take effect December 31, 2020.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO.: 2018 CA 000322**

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,**  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
**CHRISTINE D. ANDREWS; et al.,**  
 Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
 TO: Christine D. Andrews  
 Last Known Residence: 8270 Northeast 115th Street, Bronson, FL 32621  
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Levy County, Florida:  
 THE W 112 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF NE 114 OF THE SW 1/4, SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP II SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING TRACT NO. 108. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN HMMT DOUBLE-WIDE MOBILE HOME, VIN NOS. FLHML-2F163725812A AND FLHML-2F163725812B, TITLE NOS. 0085814221 AND 0085814361. has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ALDRIDGE/Pite, LLP, Plaintiff's attorney, at 1615 South Congress Avenue, Suite 200, Delray Beach, FL 33445, on or before September 10, 2018, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.  
 Dated on August, 2018  
 Danny J. Shipp  
 as Clerk of the Court  
 by LaQuanda Latson  
 Deputy Clerk

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**PLANNING COMMISSION**

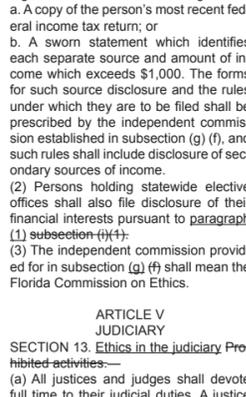
A public hearing on the ordinance described below will be conducted by the Planning Commission on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard during the course of action. The hearing will be held in the Levy County Courthouse, 355 South Court Street, Bronson, Florida. The Planning Commission is not bound to consider the petitions in the order listed in this notice. Any of these petitions may be considered as soon as the meeting commences.

PP 02-18 Andrew Carbaugh of C & A Survey, Inc., representing Edward and Mila Vailliencourt, petitioning the board for a Preliminary Plat of "Vaillien Court Subdivision," on a parcel of land located in Section 27, Township 12S, Range 18E, in Levy County. Said parcel contains 12.39 acres more or less and has a zoning designation of "ARR" Agriculture/Rural Residential.

FP 02-18 Michael Harbert of CHW representing Tammy Watson, Gary Watson, Cheryl Moore, Rebecca Watson, and Coburn Watson, petitioning the board for a Final Plat of "Watson Subdivision," on a parcel of land located in the S ½ of the SE ¼ in Section 7, Township 11S, Range 15E, in Levy County. Said parcel contains 77.90 acres more or less and has a zoning designation of "ARR" Agriculture/Rural Residential.

CZ 02-18 EDA, Inc. representing Fred Miner and Rosewood Lands, LLC, petitioning the board for a Change of Zoning from "C-2" Neighborhood Commercial to "RR" Rural Residential, on a parcel of land located in Section 30, Township 14S, Range 18E, in Levy County. Said parcel contains 13.72 acre more or less. Subject property is located in the recognized community of Rosewood-Summer.

Copies of said petitions with complete legal descriptions and subsequent staff reports will be available for review at the Levy County Development Department. For Information call 352-486-5203. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard regarding the proposed ordinance. Any person requiring reasonable accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the County Commissioners Administration Office at 352-486-5218.



Levy County, Florida

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

A public hearing on each petition as described below will be conducted by the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard during the course of action. The hearing will be held in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room, The Levy County Courthouse, 355 South Court Street, Bronson, Florida. The Board of County Commissioners are not bound to consider the petitions in the order listed in this notice. Any of these petitions may be considered as soon as the meeting commences.

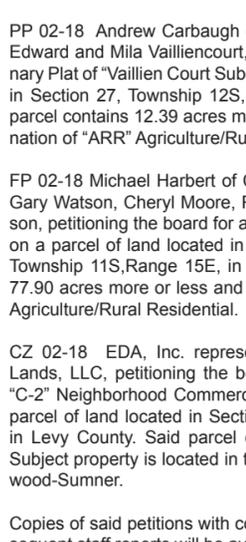
FP 01-18 McMillen Surveying representing Aranda Brothers, Inc. petitioning the board for a Final Plat of "Replat of Tract 27, Starting Point," located in Section 16, Township 14S, Range 19E, in Levy County. Said parcel contains 10.29 acres more or less and has a zoning designation of "ARR" Agriculture/Rural Residential.

Copies of said petition with complete legal descriptions and subsequent staff reports will be available for review at the Levy County Development Department. For Information call 352-486-5203. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard regarding the proposed petitions. Any person requiring reasonable accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the County Commissioners Administration Office at 352-486-5218.

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## PROPUESTAS DE ENMIENDAS Y REVISIONES CONSTITUCIONALES PARA LA ELECCION GENERAL DEL 2018

Yo, Ken Detzner, Secretario de Estado de la Florida, por el presente notifico que las siguientes enmiendas constitucionales propuestas y revisiones estarán presentes en la papeleta de las elecciones generales en cada condado de la elección general del 2018.

El lenguaje para estas enmiendas también se puede encontrar en FloridaPublicNotices.com, en DOS.Elections.MyFlorida.com/Initiatives, y en el sitio web de este periódico.

### N.º 1 ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO VII, SECCIÓN 6 ARTÍCULO XII, SECCIÓN 37

#### TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

Aumento de la Exención sobre los Impuestos a la propiedad de la Vivienda Familiar (Homestead)

#### RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

Se propone una enmienda a la Constitución del Estado con el fin de aumentar la exención fiscal de la vivienda familiar mediante la exención de la tasación fiscal de la propiedad de la vivienda familiar superior a \$100,000 y hasta \$125,000 para todos los gravámenes, a excepción de los gravámenes para distritos escolares. La enmienda entrará en vigencia el 1 de enero de 2019.

#### TEXTO COMPLETO:

##### ARTÍCULO VII FINANZAS Y TRIBUTACIÓN SECCIÓN 6. Exenciones fiscales para la vivienda familiar. —

(a) Todas las personas que tengan titularidad legal o equitativa sobre bienes raíces y mantengan en los mismos la residencia permanente del propietario, u otra que dependa legal o naturalmente del propietario, quedarán exentos de la tributación sobre los mismos, a excepción de las imposiciones para beneficios especiales, hasta la tasación fiscal de veinticinco mil dólares y, respecto a todos los otros gravámenes a excepción de los gravámenes para distritos escolares, sobre la tasación fiscal superior a cincuenta mil dólares y hasta setenta y cinco mil dólares, y sobre la tasación fiscal superior a cien mil dólares y hasta ciento veinticinco mil dólares, una vez que se establezca el derecho sobre estos según lo prescribe la ley. La titularidad sobre los bienes raíces podrá ser legal o equitativa, mancomunada, solidaria, en común, como condominio, o indirectamente mediante la tenencia de acciones o la participación que representen el derecho del propietario o socio en una sociedad que tenga el dominio o los derechos de arrendamiento que inicialmente superen noventa y ocho años. La exención no se aplicará respecto a ningún registro de evaluación hasta que primero un organismo estatal designado por la ley general determine que dicho registro cumple las disposiciones de la Sección 4. Esta exención se revocará en la fecha de entrada en vigencia de cualquier enmienda a este Artículo que disponga la tasación de la propiedad de la vivienda familiar a un valor inferior al valor justo.

(b) No se le permitirá más de una exención a ninguna persona o unidad familiar respecto a ninguna unidad residencial. Ninguna exención superará el valor de los bienes raíces tasables al propietario o, en caso de posesión mediante acciones o participación en una sociedad, el valor de la proporción que devengue de la membresía en la corporación sobre el valor tasado de la propiedad.

(c) De conformidad con la ley general y con sujeción a las condiciones que se especifican en la misma, el Poder Legislativo podrá entregares a los arrendatarios que sean residentes permanentes una reducción fiscal ad valorem sobre todos los gravámenes fiscales ad valorem. Dicha reducción fiscal ad valorem se establecerá de la forma y en el monto que disponga la ley general.

(d) El poder legislativo podrá, de conformidad con la ley general, permitirles a los condados o municipios, para efectos de sus gravámenes fiscales respectivos y con sujeción a las disposiciones de la ley general, conceder cualquiera de las siguientes exenciones fiscales adicionales para la vivienda familiar o ambas:

(1) Una exención que no supere cincuenta mil dólares para una persona que tenga titularidad legal o equitativa sobre bienes raíces y mantenga en los mismos la residencia permanente del propietario, que haya cumplido la edad de sesenta y cinco años, y cuyos ingresos del hogar, según lo define la ley general, no superen veinte mil dólares; o

(2) Una exención equivalente al valor tasado de la propiedad para una persona que tenga titularidad legal o equitativa sobre los bienes raíces con un valor justo inferior a doscientos cincuenta mil dólares, según se determine en el primer año fiscal que aplique el propietario y que cumpla los requisitos para la exención, y que haya mantenido en los mismos la residencia permanente del propietario durante al menos veinticinco años, que haya cumplido la edad de sesenta y cinco años, y cuyos ingresos del hogar no superen la limitación sobre ingresos que se prescribe en el párrafo (1).

La ley general debe permitirles a los condados y municipios conceder dichas exenciones adicionales, dentro de los límites que se prescriben en esta subsección, mediante una ordenanza que se adopte de la manera que lo prescribe la ley general, y debe disponer el ajuste periódico de la limitación sobre ingresos que se prescribe en esta subsección respecto a los cambios en el costo de vida. (e) Cada veterano que tenga 65 años o más y que se encuentre total o parcialmente discapacitado recibirá un descuento del monto del impuesto ad valorem que se adeude sobre la propiedad de la vivienda familiar que posea el veterano y donde el mismo reside si la discapacidad hubiera sido causada por el combate y el veterano hubiera sido dado de baja con honor tras retirarse del servicio militar. El descuento se expresará en un porcentaje equivalente al porcentaje de discapacidad permanente vinculada al servicio del veterano, según lo determine el Departamento de Asuntos de los Veteranos de los Estados Unidos. Para optar al descuento que concede esta subsección, el solicitante debe presentarle al tasador de propiedades del condado, a más tardar el 1 de marzo, una carta oficial del Departamento de Asuntos de los Veteranos de los Estados Unidos mediante la que se indique el porcentaje de la discapacidad vinculada al servicio del veterano y las pruebas que demuestren de manera razonable que la discapacidad fue causada por el combate, así como también una copia de la baja honorable del veterano. Si el tasador de propiedades rechaza la solicitud de descuento, el tasador debe notificarle al solicitante por escrito los motivos del rechazo, y el veterano podrá volver a realizar la solicitud. El Poder Legislativo podrá, de conformidad con la ley general, ceder del requerimiento anual de solicitudes en los años posteriores. Esta subsección tiene efecto inmediato y no necesita legislación de implementación.

(f) De conformidad con la ley general y con sujeción a las condiciones y limitaciones que se especifican en la misma, el Poder Legislativo podrá entregarle una deducción fiscal ad valorem equivalente al monto total o una parte del impuesto ad valorem que se adeude sobre la propiedad de la vivienda familiar a:

(1) La cónyuge sobreviviente de un veterano que haya muerto durante su servicio activo en calidad de miembro de las Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos. (2) La cónyuge sobreviviente de un miembro de primeros auxilios que haya muerto en acto de servicio.

(3) Un miembro de primeros auxilios que se encuentre totalmente y permanentemente discapacitado a causa de una lesión o lesiones que haya sufrido en acto de servicio. La conexión causal entre una discapacidad y el acto de servicio no debe presumirse, sino que debe determinarse según lo dispone la ley general. Para efectos de este párrafo, el término "discapacidad" no incluye una

condición crónica o enfermedad crónica, a menos que la lesión que se haya sufrido en acto de servicio hubiera sido la única causa de la condición crónica y la enfermedad crónica.

Según se usa en esta subsección y según lo define más extensamente la ley general, el término "miembro de primeros auxilios" hace referencia a un oficial de la policía, un oficial correccional, un bombero, un técnico médico de emergencia o un paramédico, y el término "en servicio activo" significa que surge a raíz del desempeño real del servicio que sea necesario en virtud del trabajo como miembro de primeros auxilios.

#### ARTÍCULO XII ANEXO

SECCIÓN 37. Aumento de exención fiscal para la vivienda familiar. —Esta sección y la enmienda a la Sección 6 del Artículo VII mediante las que se aumenta la exención fiscal para la vivienda familiar a través de la exención de la tasación fiscal de la propiedad de la vivienda familiar superior a \$100,000 y hasta \$125,000 para todos los gravámenes, a excepción de los gravámenes para distritos escolares, entrarán en vigencia el 1 de enero de 2019.

### N.º 2 ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO XII, SECCIÓN 27

#### TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

Limitaciones sobre las Tasaciones Fiscales de las Propiedades

#### RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

Se propone una enmienda a la Constitución del Estado con el fin de conservar de manera permanente las disposiciones actualmente vigentes, las que limitan el aumento de las tasaciones fiscales sobre las propiedades en propiedades determinadas específicas que no sean destinadas a la vivienda familiar, a excepción de los gravámenes para distritos escolares, a un 10% anual. Si se aprueba, la enmienda eliminará la revocación programada de dichas disposiciones para el 2019 y entrará en vigencia el 1 de enero de 2019.

#### TEXTO COMPLETO:

##### ARTÍCULO XII ANEXO

SECCIÓN 27. Exenciones fiscales sobre las propiedades y limitaciones sobre las tasaciones fiscales sobre las propiedades. — (a) Las enmiendas a las Secciones 3, 4 y 6 del Artículo VII, que disponen una exención de \$25,000 para los bienes muebles tangibles, que disponen una exención fiscal adicional para la propiedad de la vivienda principal de \$25,000, que autorizan el traspaso de los beneficios acumulados de las limitaciones sobre la tasación de la propiedad de la vivienda familiar, y esta sección, si se le presenta a los electores de este estado para su aprobación o rechazo en una elección especial que la ley autorizó que se realizara el 29 de enero de 2008, entrarán en vigencia con la aprobación de los electores y operarán de manera retroactiva hasta el 1 de enero de 2008, o, si se le presentan a los electores de este estado para su aprobación o rechazo en la próxima elección general, entrarán en vigencia el 1 de enero del año posterior a dicha elección general. Las enmiendas a la Sección 4 del Artículo VII mediante las que se crean las subsecciones (g)(f) y (h) (g) de dicha sección, mediante las que se crea una limitación sobre el aumento de la tasación anual para las propiedades determinadas específicas, entrarán en vigencia con la aprobación de los electores y primero limitarán las tasaciones a partir del 1 de enero de 2009, si se aprueban en una elección especial que se realice el 29 de enero de 2008, o primero limitarán las tasaciones a partir del 1 de enero de 2010, si se aprueban en la elección general que se realice en noviembre de 2008. Las subsecciones (f) y (g) de la Sección 4 del Artículo VII se revocan con fecha 1 de enero de 2019; sin embargo, el poder legislativo, mediante resolución conjunta, propondrá una enmienda mediante la que se abrogue la revocación de las subsecciones (f) y (g); la que se les presentará a los electores de este estado para su aprobación o rechazo en la elección general de 2018 y, si se aprueba, entrará en vigencia el 1 de enero de 2019.

(b) La enmienda a la subsección (a) mediante la que se abroga la revocación programada de las subsecciones (g) y (h) de la Sección 4 del Artículo VII de la Constitución del Estado que existía en 2017 entrará en vigencia el 1 de enero de 2019.

### N.º 3 ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO X, SECCIÓN 29

#### TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

Control de Apuestas en Florida por parte de los Volantes

#### RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

La presente enmienda garantiza que los votantes de Florida tengan el derecho exclusivo a decidir si autorizar o no las apuestas en casinos, exigiendo que para que estas sean autorizadas conforme a la ley de Florida, deban ser primero aprobadas por los votantes de Florida de conformidad con el Artículo XI, Sección 3 de la Constitución de Florida. Afecta los artículos X y XI. Define las apuestas en casinos y aclara que la presente enmienda no discrepa con la ley federal respecto a los convenios entre tribus y el estado.

#### DECLARACIÓN DE IMPACTO FINANCIERO:

El impacto de la enmienda en los ingresos públicos y costos del gobierno estatal y local, si los hubiere, no pueden determinarse en este momento. Esto debido a que se desconoce su efecto en las operaciones de apuestas que no hayan sido aprobadas por los votantes mediante una enmienda constitucional propuesta a través de un proceso de petición de iniciativa por parte de los ciudadanos.

#### TEXTO COMPLETO:

EL ARTÍCULO X DE LA CONSTITUCIÓN DE FLORIDA se enmienda para que incluya la siguiente nueva sección: Control de Apuestas en Florida por parte de los Volantes.

(a) La presente enmienda garantiza que los votantes de Florida tengan el derecho exclusivo a decidir si autorizar o no las apuestas en casinos en el Estado de Florida. La presente enmienda requiere del voto mediante una iniciativa de los ciudadanos de conformidad con el Artículo XI, Sección 3, para que las apuestas en casinos sean autorizadas conforme a la ley de Florida. Esta sección enmienda el presente Artículo, y además afecta al Artículo XI, al hacer que las iniciativas de los ciudadanos sean el método exclusivo de autorizar las apuestas en casinos.

(b) Según se utiliza en la presente sección, "apuestas en casinos" hace referencia a cualquiera de los tipos de juegos que suelen encontrarse en los casinos y que se ajustan a la definición de juegos Clase III de la Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act [Ley Federal de Regulación de Juegos entre la Población Indígena], 25 U.S.C. § 2701 y ss. ("IGRA"), y en el 25 C.F.R. §502.4, una vez que se adopte la presente enmienda, y cualquiera que se agregue a dicha definición de juegos Clase III en el futuro. Esto incluye, sin limitación, cualquier juego donde la casa participe y pueda ganar, lo que incluye, sin limitación, juegos de cartas como bacará, chemin de fer, blackjack (21), y pai gow (si se practican como juegos donde la casa participe), cualquier juego bancario por los jugadores que simule un juego donde la casa participe, como el black jack de California; juegos de casino como o la ruleta, el pase inglés y el keno; cualquier máquina tragamonedas según se definen en 15 U.S.C. 1171(a)(1); y cualquier otro juego no autorizado por el Artículo X, Sección 15, ya sea si se define como una máquina tragamonedas o no, en el que los resultados sean determinados por un generador de números aleatorios o se asignen de manera similar al azar, como instant

o historical racing. Según se utiliza en el presente, "apuestas en casinos" incluye dispositivos electrónicos de apuestas, dispositivos de apuestas simuladas, dispositivos de video lotería, dispositivos de concursos por Internet, y cualquier otra forma de réplica electrónica o electromecánica de cualquier juego de azar, máquina tragamonedas, o juego de casino, independientemente de la manera en que dichos dispositivos sean definidos conforme a la IGRA. Según se utiliza en el presente, "apuestas en casinos" no incluye apuestas mutuas en carreras de caballos, carreras de ferros o exhibiciones de cesta punta. Para efectos de la presente sección, "apuestas" y "juegos" son sinónimos. (c) Ninguna disposición aquí empleada se considerará acción que limita el derecho del Congreso a ejercer su autoridad a través de la ley general para restringir, regular o gravar cualquier actividad de apuestas o juegos. Además, ninguna disposición aquí empleada se interpretará como que limita la capacidad del estado o de las tribus americanas nativas de negociar convenios en materia de juegos de conformidad con la Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act con el fin de realizar apuestas en casinos en tierras tribales, o de afectar las apuestas existentes en tierras tribales de conformidad con los convenios formalizados por el estado y las tribus americanas nativas según establece la IGRA.

(d) La presente sección tiene vigencia una vez aprobada por los votantes, tiene efecto inmediato y no se requiere ninguna implementación legislativa.

(e) Si cualquier parte de la presente sección se considera inválida por cualquier razón, la parte o partes restantes serán separadas de la parte inválida y se les asignará la mayor vigencia posible.

### N.º 4 ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO VII, SECCIÓN 4

#### TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

Enmienda de Restablecimiento de Derechos al Voto

#### RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

La presente enmienda restablece los derechos de votación de los Floridianos que han sido condenados por delitos graves después de que cumplan todos los términos de su sentencia, lo que incluye la libertad condicional o provisional. La enmienda no regirá para aquellos condenados por homicidio o delitos sexuales, a quienes se les seguirá prohibiendo de manera permanente votar, a menos que el Gobernador y el Gabinete votaran para restablecer sus derechos de votación según cada caso en particular.

#### DECLARACIÓN DE IMPACTO FINANCIERO:

Los efectos precisos de la presente enmienda en los costos del gobierno estatal y local no pueden determinarse. Sin embargo, la vigencia de las leyes actuales de inscripción de votantes, así como el mayor número de personas condenadas por delitos graves que se inscriban para votar, producirá mayores costos generales en relación a los procesos que existen actualmente. El impacto, si lo hubiere, en los ingresos públicos del gobierno estatal y local no puede determinarse. El impacto fiscal de cualquier legislación futura que implemente un proceso distinto no puede determinarse de manera razonable.

#### TEXTO COMPLETO:

Artículo VI, Sección 4. Descalificación.

(a) Ninguna persona que haya sido condenada por un delito grave, o que haya sido declarada mentalmente incompetente en este o cualquier otro estado, estará habilitada para votar u ocupar un cargo público hasta que se restablezcan sus derechos civiles y hasta que desaparezca su discapacidad. Salvo según se disponga en la subsección (b) de la presente sección, cualquier descalificación que surja a raíz de una condena por delito grave se extinguirá, y los derechos de votación se restablecerán, una vez que se cumplan todos los términos de la sentencia, incluyendo la libertad condicional o provisional.

(b) Ninguna persona que haya sido condenada por homicidio o por un delito sexual grave estará habilitada para votar hasta que se restablezcan sus derechos civiles.

(c) Ninguna persona podrá ser candidata a la reelección para ninguno de los siguientes cargos:

(1) Representante de Florida, (2) Senador de Florida, (3) Vicegobernador de Florida, (4) Cualquier cargo del gabinete de Florida, (5) Representante de EE. UU. de Florida, o

(6) Senador de EE. UU. de Florida Si, al término del periodo de su cargo, la persona ha ocupado (o) si no fuera por renuncia, hubiera ocupado) dicho cargo por ocho años consecutivos.

### N.º 5 ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO VII, SECCIÓN 19

#### TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

Voto Mayoritario Requerido para Imponer, Autorizar o Aumentar los Impuestos o Tasas Estatales

#### RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

Se prohíbe al sistema legislativo imponer, autorizar o aumentar los impuestos o tasas estatales, a excepción de cuando dos tercios de la membresía de cada casa del sistema legislativo hayan aprobado la legislación a través de una ley que no contenga ninguna otra materia. Esta propuesta no autoriza un impuesto o tasa estatal que esté prohibido por la Constitución y no aplica a ningún impuesto o tasa impuesta por, o autorizada por su imposición por, un condado, municipalidad, junta escolar o distrito especial.

#### TEXTO COMPLETO:

ARTÍCULO VII FINANZAS Y TRIBUTACIÓN SECCIÓN 19. Para imponer, autorizar o elevar los impuestos o tasas estatales se requiere una mayoría calificada de votos. —

(a) VOTO MAYORITARIO REQUERIDO PARA IMPONER O AUTORIZAR NUEVOS IMPUESTOS, O TASAS ESTATALES. Ningún impuesto o tasa estatal pueden ser impuestos o autorizados por el sistema legislativo, a excepción de cuando dos tercios de la membresía de cada casa del sistema legislativo hayan aprobado la legislación y la misma haya sido presentada al Gobernador para su aprobación de acuerdo con lo establecido en el Artículo III, Sección 8.

(b) VOTO MAYORITARIO REQUERIDO PARA AUMENTAR LOS IMPUESTOS, O TASAS. Ningún impuesto o tasa estatal pueden ser aumentados por el sistema legislativo, a excepción de cuando dos tercios de la membresía de cada casa del sistema legislativo hayan aprobado la legislación y la misma haya sido presentada al Gobernador para su aprobación de acuerdo con lo establecido en el Artículo III, Sección 8.

(c) APLICABILIDAD. Esta sección no autoriza la imposición de ningún impuesto o tasa estatal que estén prohibidos por la Constitución, y no aplica a ningún impuesto o tasa impuesta por, o autorizada para su imposición por, un condado, municipalidad, junta escolar o distrito especial.

(d) DEFINICIONES. Conforme serán utilizados en esta sección, los siguientes términos contarán con los siguientes significados:

(1) "Tasa" se refiere a cualquier cobro o pago requerido por la ley, incluyendo las de servicio, tasas o costos de emisión de licencias, y cargos por servicios.

(2) "Aumentar" se refiere a:

a. Aumentar o autorizar el aumento en la tasa de un impuesto estatal o una tasa impuesta sobre una base porcentual o por cada mil; b. Aumentar o autorizar el aumento en la cantidad de impuestos o tasas estatales que son calculados sobre una base pla-

na o fija; o c. Disminuir o eliminar una exoneración o crédito sobre un impuesto o tasa estatal. (e) MATERIA ÚNICA. Los impuestos o tasas estatales impuestos, autorizados o aumentados bajo esta sección deberán estar contenidos en una ley separada que no contenga ninguna otra materia.

### N.º 6 REVISIÓN CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO I, SECCIÓN 16 ARTÍCULO V, SECCIONES 8 Y 21 ARTÍCULO XII, NUEVA SECCIÓN

#### TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

Derechos de las Víctimas de Delitos; Jueces

#### RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

Establece derechos constitucionales para las víctimas de delitos; exige que los tribunales faciliten los derechos de las víctimas; autoriza a las víctimas a hacer respetar sus derechos durante los procesos penales y de justicia juvenil. Exige que los jueces y los oficiales de audiencia interpreten de manera independiente los estatutos y las reglas en lugar de deferir a la interpretación de la agencia gubernamental. Aumenta la edad obligatoria de jubilación de jueces y magistrados estatales desde setenta a setenta y cinco años; elimina la autorización para completar el término judicial si la mitad del plazo se ha cumplido antes de la edad de jubilación.

#### TEXTO COMPLETO:

ARTÍCULO I DECLARACIÓN DE DERECHOS SECCIÓN 16. Derechos del acusado y de las víctimas. —

(a) En todos los procesamiento penales, el acusado deberá, bajo pedido, ser informado de la naturaleza y causa de la acusación, asimismo se le proporcionará una copia de los cargos, y tendrá derecho a tener medidas compulsivas para la comparecencia de testigos, a enfrentar testigos adversos en el juicio, a ser escuchado en persona, por un abogado o ambos, y a tener un juicio rápido y público impartido por un jurado imparcial en el condado donde se cometió el crimen. Si no se conoce el condado, la acusación o información podrá cobrar lugar en dos o más condados de manera conjunta y la prueba de que el crimen fue cometido en esa área será suficiente; sin embargo, antes de declararse, el acusado podrá elegir en cuál de estos condados se llevará a cabo el juicio. El lugar para el enjuiciamiento de los delitos cometidos fuera de los límites del estado será fijado por la ley.

(b) Para preservar y proteger el derecho de las víctimas de delitos a alcanzar la justicia, garantizar a las víctimas de delitos un papel significativo en todos los sistemas de justicia penal y juvenil, y asegurar que los derechos e intereses de las víctimas de delitos sean respetados y protegidos por la ley de una manera no menos vigorosa que las protecciones otorgadas a los acusados penales y delincuentes juveniles, toda víctima tendrá los siguientes derechos, a partir del momento de su victimización:

(1) El derecho al debido proceso y a ser tratado con rectitud y respeto por la dignidad propia.

(2) El derecho a ser libre de intimidación, acoso y abuso.

(3) El derecho, dentro del proceso judicial, de estar razonablemente protegido del acusado y de cualquier persona que actúe en nombre del acusado. Sin embargo, nada de lo contenido en este documento tiene la intención de crear una relación especial entre la víctima del delito y cualquier agencia u oficina de aplicación de la ley que no tenga una relación o deber especial según lo defina la ley de la Florida.

(4) El derecho a tener en cuenta la seguridad y el bienestar de la víctima y de la familia de la víctima al establecer la fianza, incluyendo el establecimiento de condiciones de libertad provisional que protejan la seguridad y el bienestar de la víctima y de la familia de la víctima.

(5) El derecho a evitar la divulgación de información o registros que puedan ser utilizados para localizar o acosar a la víctima o la familia de la víctima, o que puedan revelar información confidencial o privilegiada de la víctima.

(6) Una víctima tendrá los siguientes derechos específicos bajo pedido:

a. El derecho a recibir una notificación razonable, precisa y oportuna, y a estar presente en todos los procedimientos públicos que involucren la conducta delictiva, incluidos, entre otros: juicio, declaración de culpabilidad, sentencia o adjudicación, incluso si la víctima será un testigo en el procedimiento y a pesar de cualquier regla en lo contrario. A la víctima también se le proporcionará una notificación razonable, precisa y oportuna de cualquier liberación o escape del acusado o del delincuente, y de cualquier procedimiento durante el cual algún derecho de la víctima esté implicado.

b. El derecho a ser escuchado en cualquier procedimiento público que implique la libertad provisional u otro tipo de liberación de cualquier forma de restricción legal, declaración de culpabilidad, sentencia, adjudicación o libertad condicional, y en cualquier procedimiento durante el cual algún derecho de la víctima esté implicado.

c. El derecho de consultar con el fiscal sobre cualquier acuerdo de culpabilidad, participación en programas alternativos previos al juicio, liberación, restitución, sentencia o cualquier otra disposición del caso.

d. El derecho a proporcionar información sobre el impacto de la conducta del delincuente sobre la víctima y la familia de la víctima a la persona responsable de llevar a cabo cualquier investigación previa a la sentencia, a compilar cualquier informe de investigación previo a la sentencia, y a hacer considerar cualquier recomendación de sentencia presentada al tribunal.

e. El derecho a recibir una copia de cualquier informe previo a la sentencia y cualquier otro informe o registro relevante para el ejercicio del derecho de la víctima, a excepción de aquellas partes que sean confidenciales o estén exentas por ley.

f. El derecho a ser informado de la condena, sentencia, adjudicación, lugar, y tiempo de encarcelamiento u otra disposición del delincuente convicto, así como de cualquier fecha programada para la excarcelación del delincuente, y de la liberación o el escape del delincuente de la custodia.

g. El derecho a ser informado de todos los procesos y procedimientos posteriores por la condena, a participar en tales procesos, y procedimientos, a proporcionar información a la autoridad de liberación para que sea considerada antes de que se tome una decisión de liberación, y a ser notificado de cualquier decisión de liberación con respecto al delincuente. La autoridad de libertad condicional o de libertad anticipada extenderá el derecho a ser escuchado a cualquier persona perjudicada por el delincuente.

h. El derecho a ser informado de los procedimientos de indulto y expurgo, a proporcionar información al gobernador, al tribunal, a cualquier junta de indulto y otras autoridades en estos procedimientos, a que esa información se considere antes de que se tome una decisión de clemencia o expurgo, y a ser notificado de tal decisión antes de cualquier liberación del delincuente.

i. Los derechos de la víctima, según lo dispuesto en el subpárrafo (6) a., subpárrafo (6) b., o subpárrafo (6) c., que apliquen a cualquier primer procedimiento de comparecencia se cumplirán mediante un intento razonable por parte de la agencia competente para notificar a la víctima y transmitir las opiniones de la víctima al tribunal.

(8) El derecho a la pronta devolución de la propiedad de la víctima cuando ya no sea necesaria como evidencia en el caso.

(9) El derecho a la restitución completa y oportuna, en cada caso y por parte de cada delincuente condenado, por motivo de todas las pérdidas sufridas por la víctima, tanto directa como indirectamente.

(10) El derecho a procedimientos sin demoras irrazonables, y a una pronta y

#### final conclusión del caso y de cualquier procedimiento posterior al juicio.

a. El abogado del estado podrá presentar una demanda de buena fe para un juicio rápido, y el tribunal de primera instancia deberá celebrar una audiencia de señalamientos, bajo previo aviso, dentro de los quince días de la presentación de la demanda, para programar un juicio que comience en una fecha de al menos cinco días pero no más de sesenta días después de la fecha de la llamada del calendario, a menos que el juez de primera instancia presente una orden con determinaciones de hecho que justifiquen una fecha de prueba más de sesenta días después de la audiencia de señalamientos.

b. Todas las apelaciones a nivel estatal y los ataques colaterales sobre cualquier sentencia deberán completarse dentro de los dos años posteriores a la apelación en casos que no sean capitales y dentro de los cinco años posteriores a la apelación en casos capitales, a menos que un tribunal dicte una orden con conclusiones específicas acerca de por qué dicho tribunal no pudo cumplir con este subpárrafo y las circunstancias que causaron el retraso. Cada año, el juez principal de cualquier tribunal de apelación del distrito o el presidente de la Suprema Corte informará caso por caso al presidente de la Cámara de Representantes y al presidente del Senado de todos los casos en que dicho tribunal introdujo una orden con respecto a la incapacidad de cumplir con este subpárrafo. La legislación podrá promulgar legislación para implementar este subpárrafo.

(11) El derecho a ser informado de estos derechos, y a ser informado de que las víctimas pueden buscar el consejo de un abogado con respecto a sus derechos. Esta información se pondrá a disposición del público en general y se proporcionará a todas las víctimas de delitos en forma de una tarjeta o por otros medios destinados a informar efectivamente a la víctima de sus derechos en virtud de esta sección.

(c) La víctima, el abogado retenido de la víctima, un representante legal de la víctima o la oficina del procurador del Estado, a petición de la víctima, pueden hacer valer y solicitar el cumplimiento de los derechos enumerados en esta sección y cualquier otro derecho otorgado a una víctima por ley en cualquier juicio o tribunal de apelación, o ante cualquier otra autoridad con jurisdicción sobre el caso, como cuestión de derecho. El tribunal u otra autoridad con jurisdicción actuará con prontitud sobre dicha solicitud, ofreciendo una solución jurídica de acuerdo con la ley por la violación de cualquier derecho. Las razones de cualquier decisión con respecto a la disposición del derecho de una víctima se indicarán claramente en el registro.

(d) El otorgamiento de los derechos enumerados en esta sección a las víctimas no puede interpretarse como denegación o menoscabo de otros derechos que poseen las víctimas. Las disposiciones de esta sección se aplican a todos los procesos penales y de justicia juvenil, sin autoejecutables y no requieren una legislación de implementación. Esta sección no podrá ser interpretada para crear cualquier causa de acción por daños y perjuicios contra el estado o una subdivisión política del estado, o contra cualquier funcionario, empleado o agente del estado o sus subdivisiones políticas.

(e) Como se usa en esta sección, una "víctima" es una persona que sufre daño físico, psicológico o financiero directo o amenazado como resultado de la perpetración o intento de perpetración de un delito o acto delictuencial o contra quien el delito o acto delictuente es cometido. El término "víctima" incluye al representante legítimo de la víctima, al padre o tutor de un menor o al familiar de una víctima de homicidio, excepto cuando se demuestre que el interés de dicho individuo estaría en conflicto real o potencial con los intereses de la víctima. El término "víctima" no incluye al acusado. Los términos "delito" y "delincuente" incluyen conducta y actos delictivos. Las víctimas del crimen o sus representantes legítimos, incluidos los familiares de las víctimas de homicidios, tienen derecho a ser informados, a estar presentes, y a ser escuchados cuando sea pertinente, en todas las etapas cruciales de los procedimientos penales, en la medida en que estos derechos no interfieran con los derechos constitucionales del acusado.

(f) La víctima, el abogado retenido de la víctima, un representante legal de la víctima o la oficina del procurador del Estado, a petición de la víctima, pueden hacer valer y solicitar el cumplimiento de los derechos enumerados en esta sección y cualquier otro derecho otorgado a una víctima por ley en cualquier juicio o tribunal de apelación, o ante cualquier otra autoridad con jurisdicción sobre el caso, como cuestión de derecho. El tribunal u otra autoridad con jurisdicción actuará con prontitud sobre dicha solicitud, ofreciendo una solución jurídica de acuerdo con la ley por la violación de cualquier derecho. Las razones de cualquier decisión con respecto a la disposición del derecho de una víctima se indicarán claramente en el registro.

(g) El otorgamiento de los derechos enumerados en esta sección a las víctimas no puede interpretarse como denegación o menoscabo de otros derechos que poseen las víctimas. Las disposiciones de esta sección se aplican a todos los procesos penales y de justicia juvenil, sin autoejecutables y no requieren una legislación de implementación. Esta sección no podrá ser interpretada para crear cualquier causa de acción por daños y perjuicios contra el estado o una subdivisión política del estado, o contra cualquier funcionario, empleado o agente del estado o sus subdivisiones políticas.

(h) Como se usa en esta sección, una "víctima" es una persona que sufre daño físico, psicológico o financiero directo o amenazado como resultado de la perpetración o intento de perpetración de un delito o acto delictuencial o contra quien el delito o acto delictuente es cometido. El término "víctima" incluye al representante legítimo de la víctima, al padre o tutor de un menor o al familiar de una víctima de homicidio, excepto cuando se demuestre que el interés de dicho individuo estaría en conflicto real o potencial con los intereses de la víctima. El término "víctima" no incluye al acusado. Los términos "delito" y "delincuente" incluyen conducta y actos delictivos. Las víctimas del crimen o sus representantes legítimos, incluidos los familiares de las víctimas de homicidios, tienen derecho a ser informados, a estar presentes, y a ser escuchados cuando sea pertinente, en todas las etapas cruciales de los procedimientos penales, en la medida en que estos derechos no interfieran con los derechos constitucionales del acusado.

(i) El otorgamiento de los derechos enumerados en esta sección a las víctimas no puede interpretarse como denegación o menoscabo de otros derechos que poseen las víctimas. Las disposiciones de esta sección se aplican a todos los procesos penales y de justicia juvenil, sin autoejecutables y no requieren una legislación de implementación. Esta sección no podrá ser interpretada para crear

**VOTACIÓN:**  
Establece un límite de mandato de ocho años consecutivos para los miembros de la junta escolar y requiere que la legislatura provea fondos para la promoción de la alfabetización cívica en las escuelas públicas. Actualmente, las juntas escolares del distrito tienen el deber constitucional de operar, controlar y supervisar todas las escuelas públicas. La enmienda mantiene los deberes de una junta escolar a las escuelas públicas que establezca, pero permite que el estado opere, controle y supervise las escuelas públicas no establecidas por la junta escolar.

**TEXTO COMPLETO:**  
**ARTÍCULO IX EDUCACIÓN**  
**SECCIÓN 4. Distritos escolares; juntas escolares. —**  
(a) Cada condado constituirá un distrito escolar, sin embargo, dos o más condados contiguos, con el voto de los electores de cada condado conforme a ley, podrán ser combinados en un distrito escolar. En cada distrito escolar habrá una junta escolar compuesta de cinco o más miembros electos por el voto de los electores en una elección no-partidista, para mandatos de cuatro años apropiadamente escalonados, según lo dispuesto por ley. Una persona no puede aparecer en la boleta para la reelección a la oficina de la junta escolar si, para el final del mandato actual, la persona hubiese servido, o hubiese servido si no fuese por su renuncia, durante ocho años consecutivos.  
(b) La junta escolar deberá operar, controlar, y supervisar todas las escuelas gratuitas públicas establecidas por la junta escolar del distrito dentro del distrito escolar y deberá determinar la tasa de impuestos del distrito escolar dentro de los límites establecidos en este documento. Dos o más distritos escolares podrán operar y financiar programas educativos comunes.

**SECCIÓN. Alfabetización cívica. —**  
**Como la educación es esencial para la preservación de los derechos y las libertades de las personas, la legislatura deberá proveer fondos por ley para la promoción de la alfabetización cívica con el fin de garantizar que los estudiantes matriculados en la educación pública comprendan y estén preparados para ejercer sus derechos y responsabilidades como ciudadanos de una república constitucional.**

**ARTÍCULO XII APÉNDICE**  
**Limitación del mandato para los miembros de una junta escolar del distrito. —**  
**Esta sección y la enmienda a la Sección 4 del Artículo IX que imponen límites a los términos de los mandatos de los miembros de la junta escolar del distrito entrarán en vigor en la fecha en que sean aprobadas por el electorado, pero ningún servicio en un mandato que comenzó antes del 6 de noviembre de 2018, se contará en contra de la limitación impuesta por esta enmienda.**

**N.º 9 REVISIÓN CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO II, SECCIÓN 7 ARTÍCULO X, SECCIÓN 20**

**TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:**  
Prohibición de la Perforación de Petróleo y Gas en Alta Mar; Prohibición del Fumado de Cigarillos Electrónicos en Lugares de Trabajo Encerrados.

**RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:**  
Prohíbe la perforación para la exploración o extracción de petróleo y gas natural o extracción de todas las aguas estatales entre la línea de media alta y los límites territoriales más alejados del estado. Agrega, con excepciones, el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor a la prohibición actual de consumo de tabaco en lugares de trabajo encerrados; permite ordenanzas locales de vapor más restrictivas.

**TEXTO COMPLETO:**  
**ARTÍCULO II DISPOSICIONES GENERALES**  
**SECCIÓN 7. Recursos naturales y belleza escénica. —**  
(a) Será la política de este estado conservar y proteger sus recursos naturales y belleza escénica. La ley establecerá disposiciones adecuadas para la reducción de la contaminación del aire y el agua y del ruido excesivo e innecesario y para la conservación y protección de los recursos naturales.  
(b) Aquellos en el Área Agrícola de los Everglades que causen contaminación del agua dentro del Área de Protección de los Everglades o el Área Agrícola de los Everglades serán los principales responsables de pagar los costos de la reducción de esta contaminación. Para propósito de esta subsección, los términos "Área Agrícola de los Everglades" y "Área Protegida de los Everglades" tendrán la misma definición como las definiciones contenidas en las leyes en efecto el 1 de enero de 1996.  
(c) Para proteger a la población de Florida y su entorno, la perforación para exploración o extracción de petróleo o gas natural está prohibida en tierras debajo de todas las aguas estatales que no se hayan alienado y que se encuentren entre la línea de media alta y los límites exteriores de los mares territoriales del estado. Esta prohibición no aplica al transporte de productos de petróleo y gas producidos fuera de dichas aguas. Esta subsección es autoejecutable.

**ARTÍCULO X MISCELÁNEO**  
**SECCIÓN 20. Lugares de trabajo sin humo o vapor de tabaco. —**  
(a) **PROHIBICIÓN.** Como una iniciativa de salud para proteger a las personas de los riesgos de salud del humo y del vapor de tabaco de segunda mano, el consumo de tabaco y el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor están prohibidos está prohibido en lugares de trabajo encerrados dentro del estado de Florida. Esta sección no excluye la adopción de ordenanzas que impongan una regulación más restrictiva sobre el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor que la proporcionada en esta sección.  
(b) **EXCEPCIONES.** Como se explica en las definiciones siguientes, se puede permitir el consumo de tabaco y el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor en residencias privadas siempre que no se utilicen comercialmente para proporcionar cuidado infantil, cuidado de adultos, atención médica, o cualquier combinación de los mismos; y, además, puede permitirse en tiendas minoristas de tabaco, minoristas de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor, habitaciones designadas para fumadores en hoteles y otros establecimientos públicos de alojamiento; y en bares independientes. Sin embargo, nada en esta sección o en su legislación de aplicación o reglamentos, lo prohíbe al propietario, arrendatario u otra persona en el control de la utilización de un lugar de trabajo encerrado el derecho de imponer prohibiciones o limitaciones más estrictas con respecto a fumar o usar dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor en el lugar.  
(c) **DEFINICIONES.** A los fines de esta sección, las siguientes palabras y términos tendrán los significados indicados:  
(1) "Fumar" significa inhalar, exhalar, quemar, transportar o poseer cualquier producto de tabaco encendido, incluidos cigarillos, habanos, tabaco para pipa y cualquier otro producto de tabaco encendido.

(2) "Humo de segunda mano", también conocido como humo de tabaco ambiental (HTA), significa humo emitido por el tabaco encendido, humeante o en combustión cuando el fumador no está inhalando; humo emitido en la boquilla durante el soplo; y humo exhalado por el fumador.  
(3) "Trabajo" significa cualquier empleo o servicio de empleo proveído por una persona a petición de otra persona o personas o de cualquier entidad pública o privada, ya sea pago o no, ya sea a tiempo completo o parcial, ya sea legal o no. "Trabajo" incluye, sin limitaciones, cualquier servicio realizado por un empleado, contratista independiente, agente, socio, propietario, gerente, funcionario, director, aprendiz, pasante, asociado, servidor, voluntario y similares.  
(4) "Lugar de trabajo encerrado" significa cualquier lugar donde una o más personas se dediquen al trabajo, cuyo espacio esté predominantemente o totalmente delimitado por barreras físicas en todos los lados y por encima, independientemente de si tales barreras constituyen o incluyen aberturas descubiertas, aberturas parcialmente cubiertas o con pantallas; ventanas abiertas o cerradas, persianas, puertas o similares. Esta sección aplica a todos los lugares de trabajo encerrados sin importar si el trabajo se está produciendo en un momento dado.  
(5) El uso "Comercial" de una residencia privada significa cualquier período durante el cual el propietario, arrendatario u otra persona que ocupe o controle el uso de la residencia privada esté suministrando o permitiendo que se suministre: cuidado de niños, cuidado de adultos mayores, atención médica, o cualquier combinación de los mismos en la residencia privada, y que reciba o espere recibir una compensación por ello.  
(6) "Tienda minorista de tabaco" significa cualquier lugar de trabajo encerrado dedicado principalmente a la venta al por menor de tabaco, productos de tabaco y accesorios para tales productos, en el cual la venta de otros productos o servicios sea meramente incidental.  
(7) "Habitaciones designadas para fumadores en establecimientos públicos de alojamiento" significa los dormitorios y áreas privadas directamente asociadas, tales como baños, salas de estar y áreas de cocina, si las hay, alquiladas a huéspedes para su ocupación transitoria exclusiva en establecimientos públicos de alojamiento, incluyendo hoteles, moteles, condominios de resorts, apartamentos transitorios, establecimientos de alojamiento transitorio, casas de hospedaje, pensiones, viviendas de complejos turísticos, posadas de alojamiento y desayuno y similares; que sean designadas por la persona o personas que tienen autoridad de gestión sobre el establecimiento de alojamiento público como habitaciones en las que se permite fumar.  
(8) "Bar independiente" se refiere a un lugar de negocios dedicado, durante cualquier momento de su operación, en mayor parte o totalmente a servir bebidas alcohólicas, bebidas embriagantes, licores embriagantes, o cualquier combinación de los mismos para su consumo en las instalaciones autorizadas; en el cual el servicio de alimentos, si lo hay, es meramente secundario al consumo de tales bebidas; y que no se encuentra dentro, ni comparte, cualquier entrada o área interior común con ningún otro lugar de trabajo encerrado que incluya cualquier negocio para el cual la venta de alimentos o cualquier otro producto o servicio sea más que una fuente incidental de ingresos brutos.

(9) "Dispositivo electrónico generador de vapor" significa cualquier producto que emplee un medio electrónico, químico o mecánico capaz de producir vapor o aerosol a partir de un producto de nicotina o cualquier otra sustancia, incluidos, entre otros, un cigarrillo electrónico, cigarro electrónico, pipa electrónica u otro dispositivo o producto similar, cualquier cartucho de recambio para dicho dispositivo y cualquier otro recipiente de una solución u otra sustancia destinada a ser utilizada con o dentro de un cigarrillo electrónico, cigarro electrónico, pipa electrónica u otro dispositivo o producto similar.  
(10) "Minorista de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor" se refiere a cualquier lugar de trabajo encerrado dedicado principalmente a la venta al por menor de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor, y componentes y accesorios para tales productos, en el que la venta de otros productos o servicios sea meramente incidental.  
(d) **LEGISLACIÓN.** En la próxima sesión legislativa regular que se produzca después de la aprobación de esta sección o cualquier enmienda a esta sección enmienda por parte de los votantes, la Legislatura de Florida aprobará legislación para implementar esta sección y cualquier enmienda a esta sección enmienda de una manera consistente con su objetivo general y términos establecidos, y con una fecha de vigencia a más tardar del 1 de julio del año siguiente a la aprobación de los votantes. Dicha legislación deberá incluir, sin limitaciones, sanciones civiles por violaciones de esta sección; disposiciones para la aplicación de medidas administrativas; y el requisito y autorización de las reglas de la agencia para su implementación y cumplimiento. Esta sección no ~~debe de lo contenido~~ le prohíbe a la Legislatura promulgar una ley que constituya o que permita una regulación más restrictiva sobre el consumo de tabaco y el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor que la proporcionada en esta sección.

**N.º 10 REVISIÓN CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO III, SECCIÓN 3 ARTÍCULO IV, SECCIONES 4 Y 11 ARTÍCULO VII, SECCIONES 1 Y 6**

**TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:**  
Estructura y Operación del Gobierno Estatal y Local

**RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:**  
Requiere legislación para conservar el Departamento de Asuntos de Veteranos. Asegura la elección de alguaciles, tasadores de propiedad, supervisores de elecciones, recaudadores de impuestos y secretarios de tribunal en todos los condados; elimina la capacidad de los estatutos del condado para abolir, cambiar el mandato, transferir deberes o eliminar la elección de estas oficinas. Cambia la fecha de inicio de la sesión legislativa anual en los años pares de marzo a enero; elimina la autorización de la legislatura para fijar otra fecha. Crea una oficina de seguridad nacional y contraterrorismo dentro del departamento de aplicación de la ley.

**TEXTO COMPLETO:**  
**ARTÍCULO III LEGISLATURA**  
**SECCIÓN 3. Sesiones de la legislatura. —**  
(a) **SESIONES DE ORGANIZACIÓN.** En el decimocuarto día después de cada elección general, la Legislatura se convocará en sesión con el propósito exclusivo de la organización y selección de oficiales.  
(b) **SESIONES REGULARES.** Una sesión regular de la legislatura se convocará el primer martes después del primer lunes de marzo de cada año impar, y en el segundo primer martes después del primer lunes de ~~enero~~ marzo, o en cualquier otra fecha que pueda ser fijada por ley, de cada año par.  
(c) **SESIONES ESPECIALES.** (1) El gobernador, mediante una proclamación que declare el propósito, po-

drá convocar a la legislatura en sesión especial, durante la cual sólo se tratará actividad legislativa que sea relevante a la proclamación, o a una comunicación del gobernador, o que se introduzca con el consentimiento de dos tercios de los miembros de cada cámara.  
(2) Una sesión especial de la legislatura podrá ser convocada según sea dispuesto por ley.  
(d) **DURACIÓN DE LAS SESIONES.** Una sesión regular de la legislatura no podrá durar más de sesenta días consecutivos, y una sesión especial no durará más de veinte días consecutivos, a menos de que sea extendida más allá de ese límite por un voto de tres quintas partes de cada cámara. Durante dicha extensión ningún asunto nuevo podrá ser tratado en ninguna de las cámaras sin el consentimiento de dos tercios de sus miembros.  
(e) **POSTERGACIÓN.** Ninguna de las cámaras podrá postergarse por más de setenta y dos horas consecutivas, a menos que sea en virtud de una resolución concurrente.  
(f) **POSTERGACIÓN POR EL GOBERNADOR.** Si durante alguna sesión regular o especial las dos cámaras no pueden acordar sobre el tiempo de postergación, el gobernador podrá postergar la sesión sine die o a cualquier fecha durante el período autorizado para esas sesiones, siempre y cuando, por lo menos veinticuatro horas antes de postergar la sesión y mientras ninguna cámara esté en receso, cada cámara reciba aviso formal y por escrito de la intención del gobernador. Un acuerdo alcanzado por ambas cámaras acerca del momento de postergación durante ese período deberá prevalecer.

**ARTÍCULO IV EJECUTIVO**

**SECCIÓN 4. Gabinete. —**  
(a) Existirá un gabinete compuesto de un fiscal general, un jefe financiero, y un comisionado de agricultura. En adición a los poderes y deberes especificados aquí, podrán ejercer tales poderes y desempeñar tales deberes como pueda ser provisto por ley. En caso de una votación empate entre el gobernador y el gabinete, el lado en cuál el gobernador votó a favor se considerará prevaleciente.  
(b) El fiscal general deberá ser el jefe legal estatal. Será creada en la oficina del fiscal general la posición de fiscal del estado. El fiscal del estado tendrá jurisdicción concurrente con los abogados del estado para procesar la violación de leyes criminales que han o hayan ocurrido en dos o más circuitos judiciales como parte de una transacción relacionada, o cuando cualquier tal delito esté afectando o haya afectado a dos o más circuitos judiciales tal y como provisto por ley general. El fiscal del estado será nombrado por el fiscal general de estado no menos de tres personas nominadas por la comisión de nominaciones judiciales para la Corte Suprema, o como sea provisto por ley general.  
(c) El director de finanzas servirá como el principal funcionario financiero del estado, saldará y aprobará cuentas debidas por el estado, y almacenará todos los fondos y valores del estado.  
(d) El comisionado de agricultura tendrá supervisión sobre asuntos relacionados con la agricultura excepto cuando sea provisto de lo contrario por ley.  
(e) El gobernador como presidente, el director de finanzas, y el fiscal general constituirán la junta estatal de administración establecida por el Artículo IX, Sección 16 de la Constitución de 1885, y la cual continuará como entidad por lo menos durante la vida del Artículo XII, Sección 9(c).  
El gobernador como presidente, el director de finanzas, el fiscal general, y el comisionado de agricultura constituirán los administradores fiduciarios del fideicomiso de mejora interna y del fideicomiso de adquisición de tierras como provisto por ley.  
(g) El gobernador como presidente, el director de finanzas, el fiscal general, y el comisionado de agricultura constituyen la directiva de agencia del Departamento de Investigaciones Criminales. La Oficina de Seguridad Doméstica y Contraterrorismo se crea dentro del Departamento de Aplicación de la Ley. La Oficina de Seguridad Doméstica y Contraterrorismo proporcionará apoyo a los fiscales y agencias de aplicación de la ley federal, estatal y local que investiguen o analicen información relacionada con intentos y actos de terrorismo o que sancionen el terrorismo, y realizará cualquier otro cometido que establezca la ley.

**SECCIÓN 11. Departamento de Asuntos Veteranos de Veteranos.** La legislatura, por ley general, deberá organizar podrá organizar la creación de un Departamento de Asuntos Veteranos de Veteranos y prescribir sus deberes La directiva del departamento son el gobernador y el gabinete.

**ARTÍCULO VIII GOBIERNO LOCAL**

**SECCIÓN 1. Condados. —**  
(a) **SUBDIVISIONES POLÍTICAS.** El estado se dividirá, por ley, en subdivisiones políticas llamadas condados. Los Condados podrán ser creados, abolidos o cambiados por ley, con provisiones para el pago o repartición de la deuda pública.  
(b) **FONDOS DEL CONDADO.** El cuidado, custodia y método de distribuir los fondos del condado será provisto por ley general.  
(c) **GOBIERNO.** Mediante ley general o especial, un gobierno del condado podrá ser establecido por carta orgánica la cual se adoptará, enmendará, o revocará solo con el voto de los electores del condado en una elección especial convocada para ese propósito.  
(d) **OFICIALES DEL CONDADO.** Serán electos por los electores de cada condado, por términos de cuatro años, un alguacil, un recaudador de impuestos, un tasador de propiedades, un supervisor de elecciones, y un secretario de la corte de circuito; excepto que, cuando le disponga la carta orgánica o una ley especial aprobada por el voto de los electores del condado, cualquier funcionario del condado puede ser elegido de otra manera que esté especificada en ella, o cualquier oficina del condado puede ser abolida cuando todos los deberes de la oficina prescritos por ley general sean transferidos a otra oficina. A menos que Cuando no por ley especial aprobada por la carta orgánica o voto de los electores o de conformidad con el Artículo V, Sección 16, disponga lo contrario, el secretario de la corte de circuito será secretario ex officio de la junta de comisionados del condado, auditor, registrador y custodio de todos los fondos del condado. Sin perjuicio de la subsección 6(e) de este artículo, la carta del condado no puede abolir la oficina de un alguacil, un recaudador de impuestos, un tasador de propiedades, un supervisor de elecciones, o un secretario del tribunal de circuito; transferir los deberes de esos oficiales a otro oficial u oficina; cambiar la duración del mandato de cuatro años; o establecer cualquier forma de selección que no sea por elección de los electores del condado.  
(e) **COMISIONADOS.** Excepto cuando sea provisto de otra manera por la carta orgánica del condado, el cuerpo gobernante de cada condado será una junta de comisionados del condado compuesto de cinco o siete miembros sirviendo términos escalonados de cuatro años. Después de cada censo decenal el cuerpo de comisionados del condado dividirá el condado en distritos de territorio contiguos lo más iguales en población posible. Un comisionado residiendo en cada distrito será electo como previsto

por ley.  
(f) **GOBIERNO SIN CARTA ORGÁNICA.** Condados que no operen bajo cartas orgánicas tendrán tal poder de autogobierno como sea provisto por ley general o especial. La junta de comisionados de un condado sin carta orgánica podrá promulgar, en manera prescrita por ley general, ordenanzas de condado que no sean inconsistentes con ley general o con ley especial aprobada por voto de los electores. El cuerpo gobernante de un condado actuando bajo una carta orgánica podrá promulgar ordenanzas del condado no inconsistentes con ley general. La carta orgánica proporcionará aquello que deba prevalecer en caso de conflicto entre ordenanzas del condado y ordenanzas municipales.  
(h) **IMPUESTOS; LIMITACIONES.** Propiedad situada dentro de municipios no será sujeta a impuestos por servicios provistos por el condado exclusivamente para beneficio de la propiedad o de los residentes en áreas no incorporadas.  
(i) **ORDENANZAS DEL CONDADO.** Cada ordenanza del condado se archivará con el custodio de los registros estatales y entrará en vigor a tal tiempo de allí en adelante como sea provisto por ley general.  
(j) **VIOLACIÓN DE ORDENANZAS.** Personas que violen las ordenanzas del condado serán procesadas y castigadas según lo dispuesto por la ley.  
(k) **SEDE DEL CONDADO.** En cada condado habrá una sede del condado donde estarán localizadas las oficinas principales y registros permanentes de todos los oficiales del condado. La sede del condado no podrá ser movida excepto sea provisto por ley general. Oficinas sucursales para conducir asuntos del condado podrán ser establecidas en otras partes del condado por resolución del cuerpo gobernante en la manera prescrita por ley. Ningún instrumento se considerará registrado hasta que sea archivado en la sede del condado, o en una oficina sucursal designada por el cuerpo gobernante del condado para el registro de instrumentos de acuerdo con la ley.

**SECCIÓN 6. Anexo al Artículo VIII. —**  
(a) Este artículo reemplazará todo el Artículo VIII de la Constitución de 1885, como fue enmendada, excepto aquellas secciones retenidas expresamente y hechas parte de este artículo por referencia.  
(b) **CONDADOS; SEDE DE CONDADO; MUNICIPIOS; DISTRITOS.** El estado de los siguientes puntos, tal y como existan en la fecha en que este artículo tome efecto, es reconocido y será prolongado hasta que se cambie de acuerdo con la ley; los condados del estado; su condición con respecto a la legalidad de la venta de licores intoxicantes, vinos y cervezas; el método de selección de los oficiales del condado; el desempeño de funciones municipales por oficiales del condado; las sedes de los condados; los municipios y distritos especiales del estado, sus poderes, jurisdicción y gobierno.  
(c) **OFICIALES A CONTINUAR EN EL CARGO.** Toda persona que ocupe un cargo cuando este artículo tome efecto continuará en el cargo por el resto de su término si dicho cargo no es abolido. Si el cargo es abolido, al titular del cargo le será pagada una compensación adecuada, la cual será fijada por ley, por la pérdida de emolumentos del resto del término.  
(d) **ORDENANZAS.** Las leyes locales relacionadas solamente con áreas no incorporadas del condado que estén en existencia en la fecha en que este artículo tome efecto podrán ser enmendadas o derogadas por ordenanza del condado.  
(e) **CONSOLIDACIÓN Y AUTONOMÍA DEL GOBIERNO LOCAL.** El Artículo VIII, Secciones 9, 10, 11 y 24, de la Constitución de 1885, según enmendada, permanecerá en plena vigencia y efecto en cuanto a cada condado afectado, como si este artículo nunca hubiera sido adoptado, hasta que aquel condado adopte expresamente una carta orgánica o plan de autonomía gubernamental mediante este artículo. Todas las provisiones de "La Carta Orgánica de Autonomía Gubernamental del Condado de Dade", adoptadas hasta ahora o de aquí en adelante por los electores del Condado de Dade, en conformidad con el Artículo VIII, Sección 11, de la Constitución de 1885, según enmendada, serán válidas, y cualquier enmienda a tal carta orgánica será válida; siempre y cuando dichas provisiones de la carta orgánica y dichas enmiendas a la misma sean autorizadas bajo dicho Artículo VIII, Sección 11, de la Constitución de 1885, según enmendada.  
(f) **CONDADO DE DADE; PODERES CONFERIDOS SOBRE MUNICIPIOS.** En la medida en que no sea inconsistente con los poderes de municipios existentes o ley general, El Gobierno Metropolitano del Condado de Dade podrá ejercer todos los poderes conferidos ahora o de aquí en adelante por ley general a los municipios.  
(g) **SELECCIÓN Y OBLIGACIONES DE LOS OFICIALES DEL CONDADO. —**  
(1) Salvo lo dispuesto en esta subsección, la enmienda a la Sección 1 de este artículo, relacionada con la selección y obligaciones de los funcionarios del condado, entrará en vigencia el 5 de enero de 2021, pero regirá con respecto a la calificación y la celebración de las elecciones primarias y generales para oficiales constitucionales del condado en 2020.  
(2) Para el Condado de Miami-Dade y el Condado de Broward, la enmienda a la Sección 1 de este artículo, relacionada con la selección y obligaciones de los oficiales del condado, entrará en vigencia el 7 de enero de 2025, pero regirá con respecto a la calificación y la celebración de las elecciones primarias y generales para oficiales constitucionales del condado en 2024.  
(h)(g) **SUPRESIÓN DE ARTÍCULOS OBSOLETOS DEL APÉNDICE.** La legislatura tendrá el poder, a través de resolución conjunta, de borrar de este artículo cualquier subsección de esta Sección 6, incluyendo esta subsección, cuando todos los eventos a los cuales la subsección que será borrada es o podría ser aplicable hayan ocurrido. Una determinación legislativa hecha como base para la aplicación de esta subsección deberá ser sujeta a revisión judicial.

**N.º 11 REVISIÓN CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO X, SECCIONES 9 Y 19**

**TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:**

Derechos de Propiedad; Eliminación de la Disposición Obsoleta; Estatutos Criminales

**RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:**  
Elimina el lenguaje discriminatorio relacionado con los derechos de propiedades determinadas. Elimina el lenguaje obsoleto derogado por los votantes. Elimina la disposición de que la enmienda de un estatuto penal no afectará el enjuiciamiento o las sanciones para un delito cometido antes de la enmienda; retiene la disposición actual que permite el enjuiciamiento de un delito cometido antes de la derogación de un estatuto penal.

**TEXTO COMPLETO:**  
**ARTÍCULO I**

**DECLARACIÓN DE DERECHOS SECCIÓN 2. Derechos básicos. —**Todas las personas naturales, tanto mujeres como hombres, son iguales ante la ley y tienen derechos inalienables, entre los que se encuentran el derecho a disfrutar y a defender la vida y la libertad, a buscar la felicidad, a ser recompensados por la industria y a adquirir, poseer y proteger propiedad, excepto que la posesión, la herencia, la disposición y la posesión de propiedades determinadas por parte de extranjeros no elegibles para la ciudadanía puede estar regulada o prohibida por la ley. Ninguna persona será privada de ningún derecho debido a su raza, religión, origen nacional o discapacidad física.

**ARTÍCULO X MISCELÁNEO**

**SECCIÓN 9. Derogación de las estatutos penales. —**La derogación o enmienda de una ley penal no afectará el enjuiciamiento o castigo por cualquier delito cometido previamente antes de dicha derogación.  
**SECCIÓN 19. Derogación Sistema de transporte terrestre de alta velocidad. —**Para reducir la congestión del tráfico y proporcionar alternativas al público que viaje, se declara de interés público que un sistema de transporte terrestre de alta velocidad compuesto por un monorraíl, línea ferroviaria o sistema de levitación magnética, capaz de alcanzar velocidades superiores a 120 millas por hora, sea desarrollado y operado en el Estado de Florida con el fin de proporcionar transporte terrestre de alta velocidad mediante tecnologías innovadoras, eficientes y efectivas que incorporen rieles o carriles separados del tráfico de vehículos automotores y enlacen las cinco áreas urbanas más grandes del Estado según lo determinado por la Legislatura, y de proporcionar acceso a las instalaciones y servicios de transporte terrestre y aéreo ya existentes. Se ordena a la Legislatura, al Gabinete y al Gobernador a proceder con el desarrollo de dicho sistema por parte del Estado y/o de una entidad privada en conformidad con la aprobación y autorización del Estado, incluida la adquisición de los derechos de vía, el financiamiento del diseño y la construcción de este sistema, y la operación del sistema, como provisto por apropiación específica y por ley, con la construcción para comenzar el día 1 de noviembre de 2003 o antes de esa fecha.

**N.º 12 REVISIÓN CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO II, SECCIÓN 8 ARTÍCULO V, SECCIÓN 13 ARTÍCULO XII, NUEVA SECCIÓN**

**TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:**

Calibdeo y Abuso de Poder por parte de Funcionarios Públicos

**RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:**

Expande las restricciones actuales sobre el calibdeo para obtener compensación por parte de ex funcionarios públicos; crea restricciones al calibdeo por compensación para funcionarios públicos en servicio y ex magistrados y jueces; proporciona excepciones; prohíbe el abuso de un cargo público por parte de funcionarios públicos y empleados para obtener un beneficio personal.  
**TEXTO COMPLETO:**  
**ARTÍCULO II PROVISIONES GENERALES**  
**SECCIÓN 8. Ética en el gobierno. —** Una oficina pública constituye un fondo público. El pueblo tiene el derecho de proteger y sostener ese fondo contra el abuso. Para asegurar este derecho:  
(a) Todo funcionario constitucional electo, los candidatos para tales cargos, y otros funcionarios públicos, candidatos, y empleados, deberán presentar pública y completamente las revelaciones de sus intereses financieros cuando sea dispuesto por ley.  
(b) Todos los funcionarios públicos electos y candidatos para tales cargos deberán presentar pública y completamente las revelaciones de las finanzas de sus campañas.  
(c) Cualquier funcionario público o empleado que viole el fondo público para obtener beneficios privados y cualquier persona o entidad que induzca tal infracción deberá responder al estado por todos los beneficios económicos obtenidos por sus acciones. El modo de recuperación y daños adicionales pueden ser previstos por ley.  
(d) Cualquier funcionario público o empleado que haya sido condenado por un delito grave por violar el fondo público estará sujeto a perder sus derechos y privilegios bajo el sistema de retiro público o plan de pensión en la manera en que pueda ser provisto por ley.  
(e) Ningún miembro de la legislatura u oficial estatal electo podrá representar bajo pago a otra persona o entidad ante una agencia o cuerpo gubernamental del cual el individuo fue funcionario o miembro por un período de dos años después de vacar su cargo. Ningún miembro de la legislatura personalmente representará bajo pago a otra persona o entidad durante el plazo de su cargo ante cualquier agencia estatal que no sea un tribunal judicial. Restricciones similares contra otros funcionarios públicos o empleados podrán ser establecidas por ley.  
(f) (1) Para los fines de esta subsección, el término "funcionario público" significa un funcionario electo estatal, un miembro de la legislatura, un comisionado del condado, un funcionario del condado de conformidad con el Artículo VIII o con el estatuto del condado, un miembro de la junta escolar, un superintendente de escuelas, un funcionario municipal electo, un oficial de distrito especial elegido en un distrito especial con autoridad tributaria ad valorem, o una persona que sirva como secretaria, directora ejecutiva u otra agencia jefe de departamento de la rama ejecutiva del gobierno del estado.  
(2) Un funcionario público no caliddeará para obtener compensación sobre asuntos de política, asignaciones o adquisiciones ante el gobierno federal. La legislatura, cualquier agencia u organismo del gobierno estatal o cualquier subdivisión política de este estado, durante su mandato.  
(3) Un funcionario público no caliddeará para que se le pague una indemnización en asuntos de políticas, asignaciones o adquisiciones durante un período de seis años después de que su cargo público sea vacante, como se indica a continuación:  
a. Un funcionario electo a nivel estatal o un miembro de la legislatura no caliddeará a la legislatura ni a ningún organismo o agencia del gobierno estatal.  
b. Una persona que se desempeñe como secretaria, directora ejecutiva u otro jefe de agencia de departamento de la rama ejecutiva del gobierno estatal no caliddeará a la legislatura, al gobernador, a la oficina ejecutiva del gobernador, a los miembros del gabinete, a ningún departamento que sea encabezado por un miembro del gabinete, o a su departamento anterior.  
c. Un comisionado del condado, un funcionario del condado de conformidad con el Artículo VIII o el estatuto del condado, un miembro del consejo escolar, un superintendente de escuelas, un funcionario municipal electo o un funcionario del distrito especial, elegido en un distrito especial con autoridad tributaria ad valorem no caliddeará a su antigua agencia u organismo de gobierno.  
(4) Esta subsección no se interpretará como que prohíbe a un funcionario público llevar a cabo los deberes de su cargo público.  
(5) La legislatura podrá promulgar leg-

islación para implementar esta subsección, que incluya, entre otras cosas, la definición de términos y la imposición de sanciones por violaciones. Dicha ley no deberá contener disposiciones sobre ningún otro tema.  
(g)(h) Habrá una comisión independiente para conducir investigaciones y hacer reportes públicos sobre todas las denuncias concernientes a infracciones contra el fondo público por funcionarios públicos o empleados no dentro de la jurisdicción de la comisión de calificaciones judiciales.

(h)(1)(g) Un Código de Ética para todos los empleados estatales y funcionarios no judiciales que prohíba conflicto entre cargos públicos e intereses privados será provisto por ley.  
(2) Un funcionario o empleado público no deberá abusar de su posición pública para obtener un beneficio desproporcionado para sí mismo, su cónyuge, hijos o empleador; o para cualquier negocio con el que contrate, en el que él o ella sea un oficial, un socio, un director o un propietario; o en el que posea algún interés. La Comisión de Ética de Florida deberá, por norma de conformidad con los procedimientos legales que rigen la reglamentación administrativa, definir el término "beneficio desproporcionado" y prescribir la intención requerida para encontrar una violación de esta prohibición a los efectos de hacer cumplir este párrafo. Las penalizaciones apropiadas serán prescritas por ley.  
(i)(h) Esta sección no se interpretará para limitar revelaciones y prohibiciones que puedan ser establecidas para preservar el bien público y evitar conflictos entre las funciones públicas y los intereses privados.  
(j)(i) Apéndice. —En la fecha en que esta enmienda sea efectiva y hasta que sea cambiada por ley:

(1) La revelación pública y completa de intereses financieros significará presentar con el custodio de los registros estatales antes del 1 de julio de cada año una declaración jurada mostrando el patrimonio completo e identificando cada activo y deuda de más de \$1000 y su valor junto con uno de los siguientes:  
a. Una copia de la declaración federal de impuestos sobre ingresos más reciente de la persona; o  
b. Una declaración jurada que identifique cada fuente y cantidad de ingreso que supere los \$1000. Los formularios para tal declaración y las reglas bajo las cuales serán archivados serán prescritos por la comisión independiente establecida en subsección (g) (f), y tales reglas incluirán la declaración de fuentes secundarias de ingresos.  
(2) Personas ocupando cargos estatales electos también deberán presentar revelaciones de sus intereses financieros de acuerdo con el párrafo (h) la subsección (h)(4).  
(3) La comisión independiente establecida en subsección (g) (f) será la Comisión de Ética de Florida.

**ARTÍCULO V PODER JUDICIAL**

**SECCIÓN 13 Ética en el Poder Judicial. Actividades Prohibidas. —**  
Todos los jueces se dedicarán a tiempo completo a sus funciones judiciales. Un magistrado o juez Estos no podrá participar en el ejercicio de la abogacía o desempeñar cargos en ningún partido político.  
(b) Un ex magistrado o ex juez no caliddeará para obtener compensación sobre asuntos de política, asignaciones o adquisiciones ante las ramas legislativas o ejecutivas del gobierno estatal por un período de seis años después de que él o ella desocupe su puesto judicial. La legislatura puede promulgar legislación para implementar esta subsección que incluya, entre otros, la definición de términos y la imposición de sanciones por violaciones. Dicha ley no deberá contener disposiciones sobre ningún otro tema.

**ARTÍCULO XII APÉNDICE**

**Prohibiciones respecto al calibdeo por compensación y contra el abuso de la posición pública por parte de funcionarios y empleados públicos. —**Las enmiendas a la Sección 8 del Artículo II y a la Sección 13 del Artículo V entrarán en vigencia el 31 de diciembre de 2022, excepto las enmiendas a la Sección 8 (h) del Artículo II que entrarán en vigencia el 31 de diciembre de 2020, y:  
(a) La Comisión de Ética de Florida definirá, por regla, el término "beneficio desproporcionado" y prescribirá la intención requerida para encontrar una violación de la prohibición contra el abuso de la posición pública antes del 1 de octubre de 2019, como se especifica en la Sección 8 (h) del Artículo II.  
(b) Luego de la adopción de las reglas de conformidad con la subsección (a), la legislatura deberá promulgar una legislación de implementación que establezca sanciones por violaciones a la prohibición contra el abuso de la posición pública a partir del 31 de diciembre de 2020.

**N.º 13 REVISIÓN CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO X, NUEVA SECCIÓN ARTÍCULO XII, NUEVA SECCIÓN**

**TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:**

Fin a las Carreras Caninas

**RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:**

Elimina progresivamente las carreras caninas comerciales relacionadas con apuestas para el 2020. Otras actividades de juego no se ven afectadas.

**TEXTO COMPLETO:**

**ARTÍCULO X MISCELÁNEO**  
Prohibición de competir y apostar con galgos u otros perros. El trato humano a los animales es un valor fundamental de las personas del estado de Florida. Después del 31 de diciembre de 2020, una persona autorizada para llevar a cabo operaciones de juego o apuestas mutuas no podrá competir con galgos o ningún otro miembro de la subespecie Canis Familiaris en cualquier apuesta por dinero u otros objetos de valor en este estado, y las personas en este estado no podrán apostar dinero o cualquier otra cosa de valor al resultado de una carrera canina que se produzca en el estado. La no realización de carreras o apuestas en carreras de galgos después del 31 de diciembre de 2018 no constituye motivo para revocar o denegar la renovación de otras licencias de juego relacionadas que posea una persona con licencia autorizada para carreras de galgos el 1 de enero de 2018, y no afectará la elegibilidad de dicha persona autorizada, o de las instalaciones de dicha persona para llevar a cabo otras actividades de apuestas mutuas autorizadas por la ley general. Por ley general, la legislatura deberá especificar sanciones civiles o penales por infracciones de esta sección y por actividades que ayuden o contribuyan a infringir esta sección.

**ARTÍCULO XII APÉNDICE**

**Prohibición de competir o apostar con galgos u otros perros. —** La enmienda al Artículo X, que prohíbe competir o apostar con galgos y otros perros, y la creación de esta sección, entrarán en vigencia con la aprobación de los electores.

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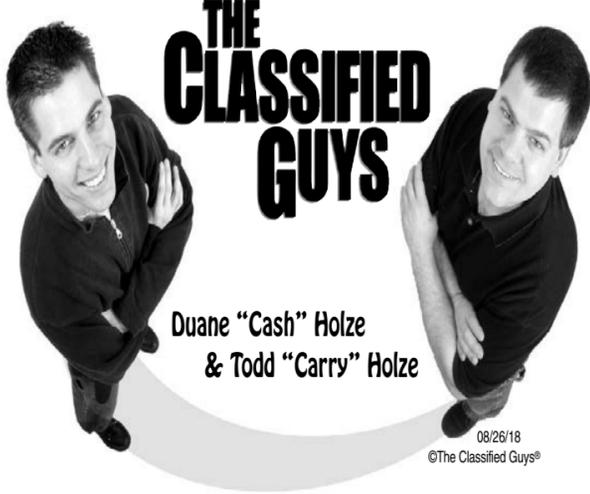
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**Carry:** The next step is to check your asking price. Since you're not getting much activity, compare your price to other homes of similar size, style and location. Price your home slightly lower to gain more interest.

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**Carry:** If you really want a quick sale to avoid living next to your in-laws, consider some creative incentives. Offer to pay the buyer's mortgage or property taxes for the first year when they buy your home. Although it may cost you several thousand dollars, it can make for a quick sale.

**Cash:** Another option is to have a one-day sale. Advertise an open house and let buyers submit their best offers in envelopes throughout the day. At the end of your open house, you can choose the highest bidder.

**Carry:** And remember as an added incentive, you can always tell them that your in-laws can stop by with dinner.

**Fast Facts**

**Advertising**

Although the Internet has changed much of the real estate market, sellers still rely on standard methods for advertising their home. According to the National Association of Realtors, 9% of all homes are purchased directly from the previous owner. These are the methods they typically used for advertising:

- 61% used a simple sign posted in the front yard.
- 46% used word of mouth through friends and neighbors.
- 37% used a newspaper ad.
- 29% held an open house.
- 17% advertised on the Internet.

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- Fixing up or preparing the home for sale (16%)
- Getting the right price (14%)
- Attracting potential buyers (9%)
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