

Manatee Festival: Get your guide to weekend fun /Inside

WEDNESDAY
TODAY & next morning
HIGH 63
LOW 38
Partly sunny to mostly sunny. Cold at night.
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NEWS BRIEFS

Food available for vets caught in shutdown

The Citrus County Veterans Coalition will open its food pantry to feed any veterans caught in the federal government shutdown who are not receiving a salary. This will also include the members of the Coast Guard stationed out of Yankeetown and veterans employed by the Coleman Correctional Facility in Wildwood.

Any other veteran or active duty military personnel who may be affected by the shutdown, who is a resident of Citrus County, will be served.

The Food Pantry, located on Independence Highway and U.S. 41 North near Inverness, will be open from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays only, to serve the particular needs of these veterans/active duty personnel. The pantry, which is directly behind the DAV building, provides frozen meats, canned/dry goods, and bread and fruits/vegetables, when available.

The service will continue for as long as the government is shut down. All that is required is a copy of the DD214 form for veterans, or a government ID for military personnel and a copy of your latest pay stub, proving you work for the government (not required for active duty members of the Coast Guard). Wives or appointed friends may make the collection, in lieu of members who are required to work during these hours, as long as they have the proper identification.

Regular veteran clients will continue to be served on Tuesdays and the first and third Thursday of every month.

Anyone who wishes to donate food stuffs or monetary contributions to the pantry may do so during the hours mentioned above.

For more information, call Richard Floyd at 352-400-8952.

Airports helping federal workers during shutdown

MIAMI — Florida airports are helping federal workers who aren't getting paid during the government shutdown by offering free food, holding a food drive and opening a food bank.

At Miami International Airport, Wilkinson Sejour, owner of the Haitian restaurant Chef Creole, started giving away free meals Monday to federal workers at the airport who are among the 800,000 federal employees affected by the shutdown that began Dec. 22.

Elsewhere in the state, Orlando International Airport officials said they were holding a food drive this week for airport workers with the Transportation Security Administration, Customs and Border Protection, and the Federal Aviation Administration.

At Tampa International Airport, officials were partnering with two charities to open a food bank so federal workers not getting paid can get food and toiletries.

— From staff and wire reports

B&G Clubs awarded millions

Five-year \$1.7M federal grant will allow organization to waive program fees

FRED HIERS
Staff writer

A multimillion-dollar federal grant to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County is allowing the local nonprofit to scrap most of the program fees that it charges families to take in children.

The grant is also paying the organization to double its staff with certified teachers who have a



Travis Anderson
"The purpose is to advance the children academically."

focus on education and tutoring. The local organization, which mentors about 130 Citrus County

children daily at its three locations, this month finalized receiving the U.S. Department of Education's 21st Century Community Learning Grant, totaling as much as \$1.7 million per year for the next five years.

The goal is to hire 20 to 25 mostly part-time teachers and increase client enrollment to 80 children per location, about doubling the number at each of the

three locations at Homosassa/Crystal River, Beverly Hills and Inverness.

The federal grant requires that there not be any fees associated with the federal money, so the easiest step was to eliminate the fees altogether; organization CEO Travis Anderson told the Chronicle.

The fee elimination will cut See MILLIONS/Page A5

Sadie's college dream comes true

Take Stock in Children awards full-ride scholarship

CARLY ZERVIS
Staff writer



CARLY ZERVIS/Chronicle

Sadie Campbell, center, hugs her mother Terri Campbell as her father Michael Campbell looks on during a Take Stock in Children meeting Monday night. Sadie was surprised with a full-ride scholarship to the college of her choice.

When Sadie Campbell arrived at the College of Central Florida in Le-canto Monday evening, she thought she was there for a normal Take Stock in Children meeting.

Then she found out that she's going to college for free.

Campbell is one of Take Stock in Children's 2019 Leaders for Life fellows — there are six, chosen from nominees statewide. The program will cover the costs of her tuition, housing, meal plans, computer, books, supplies, and "all other college-related expenses," according to the group's website, as well as leadership training and internship opportunities.

"I thought we were just coming here for another meeting that we do, having a guest speaker; seeing a PowerPoint presentation," Campbell said after the meeting. "This, I mean — I can't even explain. This means the world. This is financially going to really help both my parents and relieve a lot of stress — not having to worry about having a job and doing school and getting good grades ... it'll really help."

She also thanked her mentor, Carolyn Fritsch.

"Oh my goodness. This is such a dream come true," Campbell said when she found out. "I want to thank all you guys for the support, and Take Stock and my mentor. Thank you."

Campbell is waiting to hear whether she'll be attending her dream school — the University of Florida — to study nursing, and wants to become an obstetric nurse "to work with ladies when they're

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Court digest

Trial set for fired CCSO crime-scene analyst

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

A trial date has been set for Ashley Pate, the Citrus County Sheriff's Office crime-scene analyst who was fired for allegedly sharing investigative information with an accused drug dealer.

At Pate's Monday morning plea-or-set court hearing, Circuit Court Judge Richard "Ric" Howard scheduled her case for trial the week of March 18, and for a final pretrial hearing on March 11.

Assistant State Attorney Janine Nixon said it will take one day for her to present her case to jurors.

Pate's new attorney, William Anderson, told Howard he would need time to depose witnesses, which was not done by her prior attorney — among other work.

"There was a lot I needed to do," Anderson said.

Pate, 34, faces between probation and up to five years in prison if found guilty of disclosing



Ashley Pate
accused of sharing confidential information.



Joseph Chappory
reportedly traded pills for information.

confidential criminal justice information of an upcoming sheriff's drug raid on Joseph Chappory, who reportedly gave the Inverness woman pills in exchange for the information and sexual favors.

Chappory, 33, is charged with possessing alprazolam (Xanax), which was deputies seized during a July 10 search of Chappory's

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CARLY ZERVIS/Chronicle

Sonia Bussiere and her husband took Edgar, their emu, home in their SUV.

After brief adventure, a happy ending for emu named Edgar

CARLY ZERVIS
Staff writer

It was an emotional scene Tuesday afternoon at Citrus County Animal Services as Edgar, a year-old emu, was reunited with his owner.

Edgar, who is about a year old and 4 feet tall, escaped his

enclosure on Sonia Bussiere's property early Tuesday morning. Passersby saw the emu roaming near Turkey Oak Drive in Crystal River and called animal control. A responding Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputy and two animal control officers found

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LIVE ON STAGE THIS WEEKEND



**SATURDAY
JANUARY 19
12-4PM
FREE BEER**

9AM-11AM H.O.G. CHAPTER MEETING
5PM-9PM VETS INVADE THE CANYON
2 DAY EVENT CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE VETERANS

**SUNDAY
JANUARY 20
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Crystal River OKs downtown redesign

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

In their first meeting of the new year, Crystal River officials gave their blessing to a plan that could change how the city's downtown looks and operates in the years to come.

The city council, acting as the city's Community Redevelopment Agency board, voted unanimously Monday to approve staff's Bayside Conceptual Plan.

This redesign rendering illustrates a number of different projects that are either completed, in progress or planned for areas south of U.S. 19, between the Crosstown Trail and Cedar Cove in King's Bay.

Some amenities include a splash park, new playground, parks, a mooring field, living shorelines,

boat slips and additional parking.

City Manager Dave Burnell said nothing in the plan is final, saying "it's meant to be a living document."

Mayor Joe Meek, who wanted to fast-track the presentation of this concept, said he was in favor of it but had concerns over some proposed partial closures of Northeast Fifth Street and Northeast Fourth Street affecting businesses along there.

Council members then discussed the city's delayed purchase of a piece of property behind the old, city-owned Citrus County Chamber of Commerce building along U.S. 19, which will be demolished to provide access and parking for businesses along South Citrus Avenue.

Burnell said he will be going out to bid for the demolition, and will give notice to the Crystal River Boat Builders operating in the building.

Riverwalk project delayed once more

Burnell said progress on the second half of the city's Riverwalk has continued to be delayed because two property owners who are affected by the proposed route along the northern shores of Cedar Cove are not signing off on easements.

Another route is possible, Burnell said, but reconfiguring the route would require reapplying for funding through the RESTORE Act, which may jeopardize money for the project.

City officials decided to set a deadline for the

property owners in question to make a final decision.

"I respect their decisions ... it's their property, they have that right. ... I think they're going to look back and say, 'I wish I had participated,'" Councilman Ken Brown said. "If they want to join on afterwards, they're going to pay for it."

Burnell said he will come back at the next meeting with a better idea of when that date might be.

Council mulls city water patrol

Council members were also interested in knowing how much the city is paying for its water patrol unit, and where cuts could be made.

"It's a big expense to pay somebody to drive around on a boat," Councilwoman/

Vice Mayor Cindi Guy said, leading discussions. Guy noted the patrol costs the city \$76,000 a year to run.

She also noted the city patrol can't write up violators, and said the money could be spent hiring a Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputy to exclusively boat around King's Bay. Burnell said the sheriff's office is not committed to dedicating an officer to that role.

Councilman Robert Holmes said he's happy with how the sight of a city boat has curtailed speeding and careless boaters on the water.

"Its presence kind of makes people think about what they're doing," Holmes said.

Council also:
■ Expressed interest in turning a portion of Legrone Park or other

location into an area for low-altitude drones, a wish expressed by eighth-grade students at Crystal River Middle School. City officials are hoping to mirror what Citrus County did with a Lecanto park.

■ Discussed the option of privatizing trolley service into Three Sisters Springs. Council members' questions were mostly exploratory in nature, and they made no commitment to proceed with additional discussion or with privatization. If it wants to cede control of the trolleys, Crystal River must give notice to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, which must decide in six months how to operate the trolley.

Contact Chronicle reporter Buster Thompson at 352-564-2916 or bthompson@chronicleonline.com.

Around the COUNTY

Purple Heart ceremony slated for Feb. 16

The combat wounded Patriots of Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776, Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), invite the public to attend the 14th Annual Purple Heart Ceremony at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Citrus County Auditorium, at the fairgrounds in Inverness.

The patriotic ceremony commemorates the proud legacy of the Purple Heart and pays tribute to Florida's fallen heroes of the Global War on Terror and America's wounded warriors. The ceremony will feature patriotic music by vocalists Paul and Jackie Stevio.

Information about Chapter 776 is posted on its Facebook page at Military Order of the Purple Heart - Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 and its website at: www.citruspurpleheart.org

County offices to close for MLK Day

Citrus County government offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The Citrus County landfill will be open until 2:30 p.m. on Monday; the administration office closed. Citrus County Transit Services will be closed.

All library branches will be closed. Bicentennial Park pool will be closed.

Vet advisory board seeks applicants

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners is seeking applications for three vacancies on the Veterans Services Advisory Board. Eligible applicants must be a veteran of a war-time era, a registered voter in Citrus County and must have a letter of recommendation by the DAV, VFW or American Legion.

The Veteran Services Advisory Board meets the second Thursday of every other month at the Citrus County Resource Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto. The purpose of this board is to advise the Veterans Service Officer on the unmet needs, policies, services, and all other pertinent matters as it relates to veterans' services.

Applications are due by Feb. 7, 2019, and those applications that meet eligibility requirements will be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for evaluation, nomination and selection. Applications can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/j75xg44>.

Please submit your application to: Citrus County Board of County Commissioners attention: Denise Gallagher, Citrus County Administration, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, FL 34461.

Sustainability workshop offered

Citrus County Utilities Florida-friendly Landscaping Program is offering a free gardening workshop on Jan. 22 from 2-3:30 p.m. Plan before you plant is an important concept when developing sustainable garden ideas. Basic principles of landscape design include site evaluation, selection and placement of the "right plant" and establishment practices for newly installed sustainable gardens. "What is and how to create a Florida-friendly Landscape" is the theme of this workshop.

The class will be at the Citrus County Extension Service building, 3650 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto. Please contact Steven Davis at 352-527-5708 to confirm participation or register at <https://ccuflffprogram.eventbrite.com>.

— From staff reports

Corrections

■ Due to editor error, HPH Bereavement Therapist Erin Cowley's name was misspelled in the Monday, Jan. 14, Page A1 article "Coping with loss."

The Chronicle regrets the error.

■ The Chronicle's 2018 Medical Directory and the 2018 Senior Care Guide contained inaccurate information. Miracle Mile Therapy, 2780 N. Florida Ave., Suite 1, Hernando, 877-773-7123, was placed under the category of Medical Transportation Non-Emergency and should be under Therapy and Rehabilitation.

The Chronicle regrets the errors.

Readers can alert the Citrus County Chronicle to any errors in news articles by emailing newsdesk@chronicleonline.com or by calling 352-563-5660.

Critters doing better



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

The Homosassa shrew is one of several species recently removed from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Species of Special Concern list.

Two local species downgraded from 'special concern' listing

CARLY ZERVIS
Staff writer

Good news: Two species found in Citrus County, the Homosassa shrew and the southern fox squirrel, will no longer be listed as species of special concern by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

The change took effect Dec. 23, 2018.

While they will no longer be subject to specific Imperiled Species Management Plans, both are still protected from hunting and capture.

Back in 2016, the agency directed its staff to create species

conservation measures and permitting guidelines for all 57 species in FWC's Imperiled Species Management Plan. Eight guidelines were approved in November 2016, when FWC also identified the Homosassa shrew as a species of special concern due to a lack of data about its population and habitat. Subsequent scientific review determined that concern was unwarranted, the agency said.

"The FWC is committed to ensuring the long-term stability of Florida's native wildlife," said Dr. Brad Gruver, head of the FWC's Species Conservation Planning Section in a news release.

"Ongoing conservation efforts for species recently removed from Florida's Endangered and Threatened Species List will ensure populations remain healthy."

For species no longer listed, species guidelines provide "recommended conservation practices that will maintain the status of the species" for landowners, consultants, conservation partners and the public.

For more information, find FWC's Imperiled Species Management Plan at myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/wildlife/plan.

Contact Chronicle reporter Carly Zervis at carly.zervis@chronicleonline.com or 352-564-2925.

Renters angry over city enforcement

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Crystal River homeowners who rent out their properties to vacationers strongly criticized city council members on Monday for how city staff investigates alleged violations.

City ordinances enacted in 2005 allow for short-term rentals of temporary stays between a week and 90 days in waterfront commercial zones, but not in residential or mixed-use areas, according to the city.

Renters operating beyond the waterfront claim they advertise their housing units as long-term rentals for stays longer than three months, but say city staff has forced, or "entrapped," them into becoming violators.

"I haven't been treated by anybody like this in my life," Bill Mast told city officials Monday from the chamber's lectern. "I pride myself on following the rules."

Lot managers shared stories of how code officers

went online and posed as customers who asked renters to book the properties for less than three months.

Even when they told their potential guests "no," renters were still fined for the way they advertised, they said. Some property owners, like Amanda Demery and her family, said they found themselves fined upwards of \$7,500.

"The city is nickel-and-diming its residents," Gail Kostelnik said. Vice Mayor Cindi Guy said she's witnessed code-enforcement hearings that antagonize renters and ignore evidence.

"They're charging these people before they're being found guilty," Guy said. "It's ethically wrong."

James Ross is not a fan of rental properties.

He described the one on his street "as a frat-house environment," crowded with belligerent, intoxicated guests who stay for a weekend and don't contribute to the local economy

because they bring their own food, drinks and entertainment.

"It's not the environment you want for your children and grandchildren to experience," Ross said. "Please allow hotels to take care of visitors."

Mayor Joe Meek led a council discussion about what the city could do to either change its ordinance or how it enforces it. Meek said he empathizes with property owners who try to make a living from the city's many tourists and visitors.

"We're leaving things on the table ... because of this ordinance being in place," he said, adding a city delegation should be sent to Tallahassee to address concerns with lawmakers.

City Attorney Jennifer Rey told council that a state law from 2011 prohibits local governments from changing their ordinance to modify the duration or frequency of stays. Doing so would open the door to lawsuits, Rey said.

"If you attempt to change aspects of your ordinance, you risk not being able to enforce," she said.

Rey said there's nothing definitive in state law on whether Crystal River could amend where in the city shorter-term rentals can operate. However, no municipality has tested the law, and there's a possibility the city could be challenged in court if it does so.

Councilmen Robert Holmes and Pat Fitzpatrick said they'd like to know what other cities in Florida are doing in response to the state's rules.

Meek recommended that staff re-evaluate enforcement practices to focus on complaint investigations rather than undercover stings operations.

Rey said she would look into how much legal flexibility the city has in changing the location of where short-term rentals can operate, and whether its enforcement method can be tweaked.

Today's
HOROSCOPES

Birthday — Look back to discover what you want now. Changes at home don't have to be drastic, but they should make you feel relaxed and happy in your environment. Let go and move forward.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A change at home will perk you up. Comfort, convenience and frugality will ease stress and encourage better relationships with loved ones.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Keep your thoughts and feelings to yourself. Revealing too much information can lead to loss of reputation and cause stress.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Contact an old friend or attend a reunion. Touching base with your past will be a good reminder of the goals you set and what you still want to accomplish.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Know your boundaries when dealing with superiors. If you stay focused on what you do best, you'll find a way to enhance your skills and apply them to current trends.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Don't lose sight of what you are trying to achieve. Strive for perfection.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Honesty will be in your best interest when dealing with partners, bosses or anyone who has an effect or influence on your life and future. Speak from the heart.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Make a kind gesture and you will keep the peace. Refuse to let the actions of others affect your behavior. Share your thoughts and feelings openly.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your goal is to achieve. If you channel your energy into something that matters to you, the rewards will be spectacular. Love and romance will enhance your life.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Travel, communication and sharing with friends and family will spark your imagination and encourage you to broaden your horizons.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Don't make a fuss. Look inward and consider the improvements you can make. Strive to be the best that you can be.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Make your accomplishments count by using your skills, knowledge and experience to effect change. Don't settle for less than your goal.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Physical activities or labor will pay off. Less talk and more action will help you avoid criticism and temptation.

ENTERTAINMENT

Publisher sues
Netflix over
'Bandersnatch'

BURLINGTON, Vt. — The company that publishes the "Choose Your Own Adventure" novels is suing Netflix, seeking \$25 million in damages over an interactive film in the science fiction "Black Mirror" anthology series.

In the federal suit filed Friday, the Waitsfield, Vermont-based company Choosco claims the online streaming giant violated its trademark with the movie "Bandersnatch," which was released last month.

The suit says "Bandersnatch" unfairly uses a format similar to those of the books, allowing viewers to choose among actions taken by the characters without knowing the outcome.

The show refers to the gimmick by having the protagonist refer to a book he is adapting into a video game as a "Choose Your Own Adventure" novel.

"The film's dark and, at times, disturbing content dilutes the goodwill for and positive associations with Choosco's mark and tarnishes its products," the lawsuit says.

In the lawsuit, Choosco, which trademarked the term "Choose your own adventure," says its brand is a series of interactive books are still sold today. They are designed for young adults in which the reader acts as the story's protagonist and makes choices that affect the plot and outcome.

The suit says that in 2016, Netflix pursued a license from Choosco to use the term "Choose Your own Adventure," but after extensive negotiations over a number of years, Netflix did not receive a license.



Associated Press

The arm on an Actor statuette is re-attached Tuesday during the 25th annual casting of the Screen Actors Guild Awards at American Fine Arts Foundry in Burbank, Calif. The SAG Awards will held on Artsy, Jan. 27 in Los Angeles.

Unknown cast as
Maria in Spielberg's
'West Side'

LOS ANGELES — Steven Spielberg has cast an unknown 17-year-old from New Jersey to play Maria in his remake of "West Side Story."

Deadline first reported Monday the director picked Rachel Zegler after auditioning more than 30,000 hopefuls.

The high school student from Clifton posted photos of herself and other cast members on Instagram as she expressed her gratitude. She said she never could imagine she'd get the role after playing Maria onstage a few summers ago.

Zegler wrote, "As a Colombian-American woman growing up in this day and age, strong roles like Maria are so important."

Ansel Elgort has been cast as her love interest in the adaptation of the 1957 Broadway musical that retells "Romeo and Juliet" with New York street gangs.

Sofia Coppola, Bill
Murray to reunite for
'On the Rocks'

NEW YORK — Sofia Coppola and Bill Murray will reunite 16 years after the Oscar-winning "Lost in Translation" in the splashiest feature film yet announced by Apple.

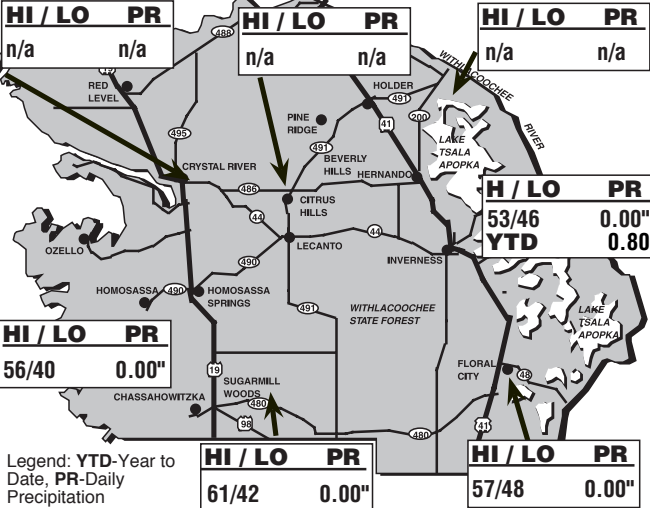
A24 said Tuesday that Coppola's "On the Rocks" will be the indie studio's first project under its joint deal with Apple, which is pushing into original content. The New York-set film stars Rashida Jones as a young mother who reconnects with her larger-than-life father, to be played by Murray.

"Lost in Translation" earned Coppola an Oscar for best screenplay and numerous nominations including Murray for best actor. Coppola also directed Murray in the Netflix holiday special "A Very Murray Christmas."

Production on "On the Rocks," which Coppola also wrote, will begin this spring in New York.

— From wire reports

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 63° Low: 38°
Partly sunny to mostly sunny and continued cool. Cold at night.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY MORNING
High: 68° Low: 45°
Sunny and milder.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY MORNING
High: 74° Low: 50°
Partly sunny and warmer.

ALMANAC		Data from Crystal River Airport	
TEMPERATURE		DEW POINT	
Tuesday	56/48	Tuesday at 3 p.m.	41°
Record*	82/27	HUMIDITY	
Normal	69/42	Tuesday at 3 p.m.	49%
Mean temp.	52	POLLEN COUNT**	
Departure from mean	-4	Today's active pollen:	
PRECIPITATION		Juniper, maple, elm	
Tuesday	0.00"	Today's count: 9.1/12	
Total for the month	0.00"	Thursday's count: 9.2	
Total for the year	0.00"	Friday's count: 9.5	
Normal for the year	1.55"	AIR QUALITY	
*Official record values from Tampa International		Tuesday observed:	
UV INDEX: 6		Pollutant:	
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high		PM 2.5	
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE		Good	
30.22			

SOLUNAR TABLES				
DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)
01/16	WEDNESDAY	2:35	8:15	1:50
01/17	THURSDAY	3:35	9:05	2:35

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK				
Jan 21	Jan 27	Feb 4	Feb 12	

BURN CONDITIONS

Today's Fire Danger Index is: **LOW**. There is no burn ban.

For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 797-4140. For more information on wildfire conditions, please visit the Division of Forestry's Web site: www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Wildland-Fire

WATERING RULES

Lawn watering is limited to twice-per-week unless your city or county has a different schedule or stricter hours.

Under the Southwest Florida Water Management District's year-round measures, even addresses may water on Thursday and/or Sunday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. and odd addresses may water on Wednesday and/or Saturday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. Hand watering or micro-irrigation of non-grass areas, such as vegetable gardens, flowers and shrubs, can take place any day at any time.

Questions, concerns or reporting violations, please call: City of Inverness at 352-726-2321; City of Crystal River at 352-795-4216, Ext. 313; unincorporated Citrus County at 352-527-7669.

For more details, visit WaterMatters.org/Restrictions

TIDES				
*From mouths of rivers **At King's Bay ***At Mason's Creek				
WEDNESDAY				
City	High	Low	High	Low
Chassahowitzka*	1:26 a.m.	0.5 ft.	1:58 p.m.	0.3 ft.
Crystal River**	12:27 p.m.	1.5 ft.	6:59 a.m.	0.3 ft.
Withlacoochee*	10:35 a.m.	2.3 ft.	9:13 p.m.	2.7 ft.
Homosassa***	1:52 p.m.	0.6 ft.	9:23 a.m.	0.2 ft.

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	63	46	pc	Miami	74	59	pc
Fort Lauderdale	73	60	pc	Ocala	64	39	s
Fort Myers	70	49	pc	Orlando	66	46	s
Gainesville	63	38	s	Pensacola	60	46	s
Homestead	73	57	s	Sarasota	65	47	pc
Jacksonville	62	40	s	Tallahassee	64	38	s
Key West	70	62	pc	Tampa	66	47	pc
Lakeland	66	44	pc	Vero Beach	69	49	pc
Melbourne	68	50	pc	W. Palm Bch.	72	58	pc

MARINE OUTLOOK

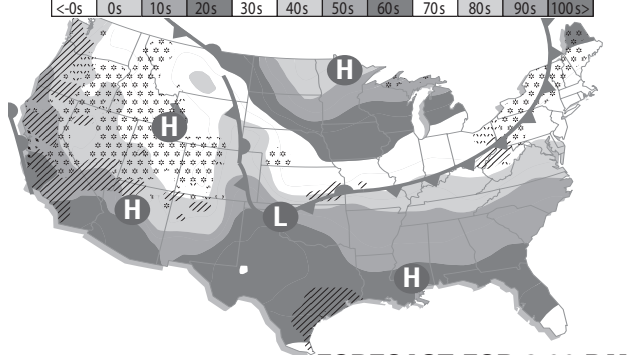
Today: Northeast winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Tonight: North winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Bay and inland waters a light chop.

Gulf water temperature
64°
Taken at Aripeka

LAKE LEVELS			
Location	TUE	MON	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	31.28	31.31	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	38.15	38.16	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	39.32	39.33	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	40.59	40.60	41.37

Levels reported in feet above sea level. Flood stage for lakes are based on 2.33-year flood, the mean-annual flood which has a 43-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any one year. This data is obtained from the Southwest Florida Water Management District and is subject to revision. In no event will the District or the United States Geological Survey be liable for any damages arising out of the use of this data. If you have any questions you should contact the Hydrological Data Section at (352) 796-7211.

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M.

City	TUE			WED			City	TUE			WED		
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Atlanta	46	35		55	38	s	Oklahoma City	52	27		59	38	cd
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HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 16, the 16th day of 2019. There are 349 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
On Jan. 16, 1920, Prohibition began in the United States as the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect, one year to the day after its ratification. (It was later repealed by the 21st Amendment.)

On this date:
In 1935, fugitive gangster Fred Barker and his mother, Kate "Ma" Barker, were killed in a shootout with the FBI at Lake Weir, Florida.

In 1978, NASA named 35 candidates to fly on the space shuttle, including Sally K. Ride, who became America's first woman in space, and Guion S. Bluford Jr., who became America's first black astronaut in space.

Ten years ago: President-elect Barack Obama made a pitch for his massive economic stimulus plan at a factory in Bedford Heights, Ohio, saying his proposal would make smart investments in the country's future and create solid jobs in up-and-coming industries.

Five years ago: The U.S. Senate voted 72-26 for a \$1.1 trillion government-wide spending bill, sending it to President Barack Obama for his signature.

One year ago: The Trump administration cut tens of millions of dollars for Palestinian refugees, demanding that the U.N. agency responsible for the programs undertake a "fundamental re-examination."

Today's Birthdays: Author-editor Norman Podhoretz is 89. Opera singer Marilyn Horne is 85. Hall of Fame auto racer A.J. Foyt is 84. Country singer Ronnie Milsap is 76. Movie director John Carpenter is 71. Model Kate Moss is 45.

Thought for Today: "A fanatic is a man that does what he thinks th' Lord wud do if He knew th' facts iv th' case." — From "Mr. Dooley's Philosophy" by Finley Peter Dunne, American humorist (1867-1936).

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DUI arrests

■ **Dillon Walker**, 25, of South Old Jones Road, Floral City, at 6:09 p.m. Jan. 9 on felony charges of battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting an officer with violence and threatening an officer, along with misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence, DUI with property damage, and leaving the scene of an accident. According to his arrest affidavit, Walker is accused of fleeing the scene of an accident, then shouting threats at a Sumter County deputy who was arresting him. The deputy reportedly tasered him after Walker attempted to fight him. His bond was set at \$15,000.

■ **Patricia Coulon**, 60, of Inverness, at 7:48 p.m. Jan. 10 on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. Her bond was set at \$1,000.

Other arrests

■ **Eric Savoy**, 44, of Homosassa, at 12:13 a.m. Jan. 9 on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance. His bond was set at \$2,000.

■ **Patrick Collins**, 29, of East Northlake Drive, Floral City, at 6:09 p.m. Jan. 9 on felony charges of battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting an officer with violence and threatening an officer. According to his arrest affidavit, Collins is accused of fleeing the scene of an accident, then shouting threats at a Sumter County deputy who was to there to arrest him. The deputy reportedly tasered him during a scuffle. His bond was set at \$20,000.

■ **Michael Kline**, 45, of South Sesame Street Terrace, Homosassa, at 8 p.m. Jan. 9 on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance and a misdemeanor charge of drug paraphernalia. According to his arrest affidavit, Kline was a passenger in a vehicle pulled over for a cracked

windshield and a baggie containing methamphetamine and a digital scale were found in his possession. His bond was set at \$3,000.

■ **Marc Manchester**, 22, of Inverness, at 11:52 p.m. Jan. 9 on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor charges of drug paraphernalia and driving with a suspended license. His bond was set at \$3,500.

■ **Tiffany Morgan**, 33, of South Alabama Avenue, Homosassa, at 5:02 a.m. Jan. 10 on misdemeanor charges of trespassing and resisting an officer without violence. According to her arrest affidavit, Morgan is accused of trespassing at the Homosassa RaceTrac and resisting the officer as he attempted to detain her. Her bond was set at \$2,000.

■ **Patrick Hess**, 47, of Hernando, at 6:41 a.m. Jan. 10 on misdemeanor charges of possession of cannabis and resisting an officer without violence. His bond was set at \$2,000.

■ **Colleen Mahoney**, 34, of West Roadrunner Court, Homosassa, at 9:02 a.m. Jan. 10 on a felony charge of grand theft. According to her arrest affidavit, Mahoney is accused of stealing a trailer full of donations from the Living Waters Ministry Thrift Store. Her bond was set at \$2,000.

■ **Joseph Morgan**, 39, of Southwest 75th Street, Gainesville, at 10:25 a.m. Jan. 10 on an active Columbia County warrant for failing to comply with a court order. He was already incarcerated at the Citrus County Detention Facility on unrelated charges.

■ **Travis Roberts**, 42, of St. Petersburg, at 11:05 a.m. Jan. 10 on a felony charge of trafficking in stolen property. His bond was set at \$1,000.

Burglaries

■ A vehicle burglary was reported at 8:04 a.m. Monday, Jan. 14, in the 10600 block of N. Haitian Drive, Dunnellon.

■ A commercial burglary was reported at 8:25 a.m. Jan. 14 in the 6800

block of N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills.

■ A vehicle burglary was reported at 12:53 p.m. Jan. 14 in the 2600 block of W. Santana Drive, Dunnellon.

■ A residential burglary was reported at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 14 in the 700 block of W. Dampier St., Inverness.

Thefts

■ A larceny petit theft was reported at 9:38 a.m. Monday, Jan. 14, in the 1200 block of N. U.S. 41, Inverness.

■ A grand theft was reported at 10:12 a.m. Jan. 14 in the 9900 block of W. Deepwoods Drive, Crystal River.

■ A grand theft was reported at 10:26 a.m. Jan. 14 in the 3700 block of E. Jerome St., Inverness.

■ A larceny petit theft was reported at 12:17 p.m. Jan. 14 in the 1100 block of S. Dream Terrace, Inverness.

■ An auto theft was reported at 12:53 p.m. Jan. 14 in the 3400 block of E. Odier St., Inverness.

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Inverness home. Police also obtained Chappory's cell-phone, which contained evidence of his communications with Pate about the raid, reports show.

Sheriff's officials fired

Pate, who had been with the agency since December 2007, before arresting and charging her July 27.

Man to decide on plea in child-sex case

The deadline for Jeremiah Rowe to agree to a 12-year prison offer for sexually battering a young girl will arrive

when his attorney deposes his alleged victim, according to Assistant State Attorney Shannon Schlarf.

Rowe, 45, of Arizona, faces two counts of sexual battery of a child less than 12 years old, and one count of lewd and lascivious molestation.

He must be sentenced to life in prison if convicted of the capital sex battery

felony charge.

Rowe's accused of sexually battering a 7-year-old girl when her mother was sleeping at his house in April 2016, according to Schlarf and court documents.

Schlarf said Rowe denied everything, saying his arrest and charges are a conspiracy connected to a murder case that ended last year.

"I have never done this," Rowe said, continuing his denial at his hearing Monday. "Ray Charles could see that I did not do this. I'll take responsibility for some things, but I didn't do this heinous thing, your honor."

Contact Chronicle reporter *Buster Thompson* at 352-564-2916 or *bthompson@chronicleonline.com*.



Jeremiah Rowe
accused of sexual battery.

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out about \$200,000 from the organization's revenue stream, but considering the difference the federal money will make, agreeing to do away with most fees was an easy decision, Anderson said.

Anderson said he has already hired about a dozen part-time teachers and the number of children has also increased, with little doubt that the Boys & Girls Clubs will reach its enrollment goals.

But the ways in which the federal money can be spent are limited, Anderson said.

"The purpose is to advance the children academically," he said, with the aim of improving state performance grades for local schools.

"We have target schools, but our goal is to make a difference with all children who come to us," Anderson said.

Anderson said Tuesday he's enrolled only about 30 additional children, but feels confident that will improve.

"Now that it's free ... our program is going to be a lot more ramped up. The fees have always kept some people away," he said.

The prior fees were \$20 per week during the school year with programs from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and \$85 per week during the summers, with

programs from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

But Anderson said he fears that the announcement of the grant will lead some regular and potential donors to conclude that the organization no longer needs help.

Prior to the federal grant, the organization's budget was about \$650,000 annually, with about a third of that coming from program fees. Fundraising and grants have been difficult to get, but while the organization has never had to reduce staff, programs have had to be curtailed, Anderson said.

But that federal revenue stream will end and the organization will have to be prepared for that, he said.

So in the meantime, Anderson said he will use that time to ensure that donors understand that their continued support is vital.

"We're preparing for when we no longer have that grant ... so we have to do a better job fundraising," he said. "We've got to get on a personal level (with our donors)."

While the federal money changes so much in the number of kids that can be served, the grant is strictly earmarked for educational purposes such as tutors and educational materials such as computers and office supplies.

The federal grant doesn't cover the cost of other events for children that Anderson considers educational but also "the fun stuff." In previous years that's included river excursions and visits to theme parks such as Medieval Times.

Regardless of the grant, Anderson doesn't want the federal money to distract from the organization's core mission and services.

"Our first goal is academic enrichment," he said. "Tutoring, remediation and getting kids to the point where they're (getting) passing (grades) and moving on and graduating on time."

"But it's a mixture: getting the academic in but still making it fun," he said.

Regardless of the new grant, the line of services offered by the Boys & Girls Clubs here haven't changed, he said.

The focus is still tutoring kids with their school work, Anderson said, and providing personal enrichment — teaching life skills such as sewing a button, cooking, and teaching them to deal with anger.

"Part of our mission is to create caring, productive, adult citizens," he said.

"The stereotype is (Boys & Girls Clubs) kids are rough around the edges ... but they come from all sectors of society."

Also important: Keeping them fit, teaching them basic tech skills and letting them know there are adults they can rely on.

"Getting the kids outside ... playing football and basketball ... getting them

to exercise. We want to get them outside moving around," Anderson said. "Above all, we want all our kids to have an adult that they can rely on. What they're going to remember is that adult person who cared about them."

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Obituaries

Robert 'Bob' Cubberley, 93
INVERNESS

Robert "Bob" Edward Cubberley, age 93, of Inverness, FL passed away at his home on January 9, 2019. Bob was born on



Robert Cubberley

June 4, 1925 in Irvington, N.J. to the late Warren and Anna (Von Oesen) Cubberley. He proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946 and was a Veteran of World War II. He served on the USS Sebec and the USS Calamus. He went on to own and operate the Colonial Cake Box Bakery in Sparta, NJ and the Country Barn Confectionery in Sandy Hook, CT. In addition to baking, he enjoyed gardening and watching his favorite baseball team, the Tampa Bay Rays. He loved the United States flag and proudly displayed it wherever he was. Bob made Citrus Country Florida his home in 2007 after relocating from Queensbury, N.Y. and in 2015 made the Inverness Club Senior Apartments his home. He greatly enjoyed the activities offered there and socializing with the other residents.

Those left to mourn Bob's passing include his sons: Robert Cubberley and his wife Lori of Glen Mills, PA; Ronald Cubberley of Lacey, WA; Douglas Cubberley and his wife Laurel of Norman, OK; daughters: Sue Nute and her husband Bob of Southbury, CT; Amy Rock and her husband Ron of Pine Ridge, FL; six grandchildren: Jason, Justin, Rob, Lauren, Sophia and Ronnie; five great grandchildren: Riley, Bently, Logan, Grayson, Ronnie, with a sixth great grandchild due in April. Bob was preceded in death by his two wives, Mary Cubberley and Helen Cubberley; three brothers: Warren, Herb and Henry Cubberley; and his sister, Anne Cubberley.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service is scheduled for Friday, February 8, 2019 at 11:00 AM from the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness with Reverend Terry McKee officiating. Following the service, a procession will depart at 11:45 AM for Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL where Robert will be laid to rest with full military honors. Friends are invited to join the family in visitation beginning at 10:00 AM until the hour of service. Arrangements are under the direction of the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL

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Jon La Fontaine, 75

Jon Maurice La Fontaine passed away on January 13, 2019, at the age of 75. He



Jon La Fontaine

was born on December 4, 1943 in Watertown, N.Y. to Maurice and Kathryn La Fontaine. Jon married Phyllis Embling September 9, 1967 at the First Methodist Church in North Chili, N.Y. Jon and Phyllis were proud and loving parents to their two sons, David and Stephen.

Jon proudly spent 45 years working in Fire and Safety Management at companies such as Eastman Kodak and the New York State Department of Transportation. Jon was also an active member of the volunteer fire department in Rochester, N.Y for 35 years.

In retirement, Jon and Phyllis enjoyed traveling the nation and later became Florida "Snowbirds". In 2017 they moved to Inverness, where Jon enjoyed fixing up their new home, reading, baking, playing golf, and fishing with his family and friends. Jon was active in the church community, and was considered a much loved member. Jon will be remembered as a loving husband, father, and friend.

Left to honor and remember Jon are his wife Phyllis, his two sons: David La Fontaine and wife Miriam, Stephen La Fontaine; granddaughter, Katelyn La Fontaine; brother, Stephen (Karen) La Fontaine; sister Michele (Stephen) Babin; brother-in-law Ron Embling and his wife Judy; sister-in-law Janet Stewart and her husband Doug.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service is scheduled for Friday, January 18, 2019 at 12:00 PM from the First Presbyterian Church of Inverness with Pastor Ron Pfeifer officiating. Services were provided by Chas E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness.

Memorial donations in memory of Jon can be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Inverness.

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Tanner McFall, 19
INVERNESS

Tanner James McFall, 19, of Hernando, FL passed away Saturday, January 12, 2019 in Inverness. Tanner was born on February 6, 1999 in Gainesville, FL and was a lifetime resident of Citrus County. He attended Hernando Elementary School, Citrus Springs Middle School and was a 2018 graduate of Citrus High School. Tannner was a field technician for his father's utility and excavation company. His passions included spending time with his family and friends. He enjoyed soccer, riding his motorcycle, and driving "fast" cars. He also enjoyed going to car shows, his Xbox, paintballing, camping, and boating, just to name a few of the many things that he did at 100 miles an hour.

Left to cherish his memory are his parents, Walter "Rusty" and Annette (Erdman) McFall; two brothers, Trevor McFall of Inverness, now stationed with the US Coast Guard in Kodiak, Alaska and Nathan McFall and wife, Ashley of Illinois; two nephews, Brayden and Bryson McFall and his niece, Brielle Mc Fall; several aunts, uncles, cousins and many, many friends. Tanner was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Elmer and Joice Erdman and his paternal grandparents, Dorous and Freda McFall; his uncle, Bobby McFall and aunt, Linda Peterson.

A Celebration of Tanner's life will be conducted on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 6 PM from the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Inverness, with Rev. Greg Kell, officiating. Friends may call at

church from 5 PM until service time. Cremation with care is under the direction of the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorials to Cornerstone Baptist Church, 1100 W. Highland Blvd., Inverness, FL 34452 (Attn: Student Ministries)

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Robert Minney, 91
CHASSAHOWITZKA

Robert W. Minney, 91, of Chassahowitzka, Florida, passed away on January 13, 2019. He was born May 7, 1927, in Ross County, Ohio to the late Theodore and Hazel Minney.

He leaves behind his second wife of 20 years, Sharon (Londergan) Minney, daughters: Cindy Rauch and son-in-law, Steve Rauch; Claudia Minney and special friend, Bob McNelley; and son Steven Minney. Grandchildren: Steve and Stephanie Rauch, Heath and Hugh Haynes and Victor Minney; great grandchildren: Katie, Sarah, Wilson, Wyatt, Khole, Cheyanne and one great, great grandchild.

He was a WWII Navy Veteran and belonged to all Veterans' Clubs and never met a stranger. He loved meeting and talking to people and will be missed by many.

Services are pending at this time.

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Delores Pace, 86
HERNANDO

Delores R. Pace, 86, of Hernando, FL passed away Tuesday January 8, 2019 at Vitas Hospice in Lecanto, FL.

She was born May 21,



Delores Pace

1932 in Evansville, IN and came to this area in 1970 from Ft. Lauderdale, FL. She was a member of Oakland Heights Baptist Church in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. She was a homemaker and enjoyed yard sales, fishing, gardening and cooking for family.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lloyd R. Pace who died in August of 1967, three sons: Steven D. Pace, Michael R. Pace and Tom L. Pace, two brothers: Tom Richardson and Dee Clay Richardson, three sisters; Dora Herr, Pauline Cavanaugh and Mildred Speece.

She is survived by her daughter Patricia Pace Cox (Fred) of Hernando, FL, a sister Agnes Vilalobos (Gus) of Victoria, VA, a daughter-in-law Amy Pace, 13 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandson.

A memorial service will be held on Friday January 18th at 6 PM in the Strickland Funeral Home Chapel in Crystal River.

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Effervescent 'Hello, Dolly!' icon
Carol Channing dies at 97

MARK KENNEDY
AP Entertainment writer

NEW YORK — Broadway theaters will dim their lights to honor the death of Carol Channing, the three-time Tony Award-winning ebullient musical comedy star who delighted American audiences over 5,000 performances as the scheming Dolly Levi in "Hello, Dolly!" on Broadway and beyond. She was 97.

Publicist B. Harlan Boll said Channing died of natural causes at 12:31 a.m. Tuesday in Rancho Mirage, California. Boll says she had twice suffered strokes in the last year.

Besides "Hello, Dolly!," Channing starred in other Broadway shows, but none with equal magnetism. She often appeared on television and in nightclubs, for a time partnering with George Burns in Las Vegas and a national tour.

Her outsized personality seemed too much for the screen, and she made only a few movies, notably "The First Traveling Saleslady" with Ginger Rogers and "Thoroughly Modern Millie" with Julie Andrews.

Over the years, Channing continued as Dolly in national tours, the last in 1996, when she was in her 70s. Tom Shales of The Washington Post called her "the ninth wonder of the world."

Messages of love and appreciation lit up Twitter early Tuesday, with the League of Professional Theatre Women saying Channing "was a gift of inspiration to so many." Fans who saw her work also took to social media, calling her a "firecracker" and saying she was "matchmaking for the angels now."

Veteran actress Bernadette Peters said Channing "was show business and love personified" and Margaret Cho said "you will forever be missed." Viola Davis mourned: "You had a great run! Rest well."

Channing was not the immediate choice to play Dolly, a matchmaker who receives her toughest challenge yet when a rich grump seeks a suitable wife. The show, which features a rousing score by Jerry Herman that's bursting with joy and tunes like "Put On Your Sundry Clothes," "Before the Parade Passes By" and "It Only Takes a Moment," is a musical version of Thornton Wilder's play "The Matchmaker."

Theater producer David Merrick told her: "I don't want that silly grin with all those teeth that go back to your ears." Even though director Gower Champion had worked on her first Broadway hit, "Lend an Ear," he had doubts

about Channing's casting.

She wowed them in an audition and was hired on the spot. At opening night on Jan. 16, 1964, when Channing appeared at the top of the stairs in a red gown with feathers in her hair and walked down the red carpet to the Harmonia Gardens restaurant, the New York audience went crazy. The critics followed suit. "Hello, Dolly!" collected 10 Tony Awards, including one for Channing as best



Carol Channing

actress in a musical. She would later win a special Tony in 1968 and a Tony for Lifetime Achievement in 1995.

"Carol Channing was one of the great icons of the American theater, and a beloved ambassador for this art form. She possessed a quality so unique and so special that she became her own archetype," said Heather Hitchens, president and CEO of the American Theatre Wing.

Broadway will pause on Wednesday to honor Channing by dimming all theater marquees for a minute at 7:45 p.m.

Channing was born Jan. 31, 1921, in Seattle, where her father, George Channing, was a newspaper editor. When his only child was 3 months old, he moved to San Francisco and worked as a writer for The Christian Science Monitor and as a lecturer. He later became editor-in-chief of Christian Science publications.

At the age of 7, Channing decided she wanted

to become an entertainer. She credited her father with encouraging her: "He told me you can dedicate your life at 7 or 97. And the people who do that are happier people."

While majoring in drama and dance at Bennington College in Vermont, she was sent off to get experience in her chosen field. She found a job in a New York revue. The show lasted only two weeks, but a New Yorker magazine critic commented, "You will hear more about a satiric chanteuse named Carol Channing." She said later: "That was it. I said goodbye to trigonometry, zoology and English literature."

Channing was the hit of "Lend an Ear" in a small Hollywood theater, and she captivated audiences and critics when the show moved to New York. As the innocent gold digger in the musical "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," her stardom was assured. One reviewer reported she "hurls across the footlights in broad strokes of pantomime and bold, certain, exquisitely comical gestures." The show's hit song, "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend," became her signature number.

Over and over again she returned to the surefire "Hello, Dolly!," which earned her \$5 million on one tour. She considered Dolly Levi "a role as deep as Lady Macbeth," but added that "the essence of her character was her unquenchable thirst for life." That description fit Carol Channing, who attributed her sunny optimism to her lifelong faith in Christian Science.

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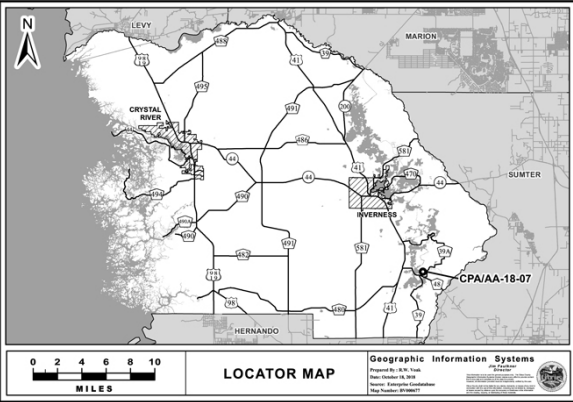
The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) proposes to adopt the following by ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITRUS COUNTY FUTURE LAND USE MAP BY REDESIGNATING APPROXIMATELY 0.8 ACRES FROM THE LOW INTENSITY COASTAL AND LAKES DISTRICT, TO THE COASTAL AND LAKES COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; AND AMENDING THE CITRUS COUNTY LAND USE ATLAS MAP BY REDESIGNATING APPROXIMATELY 0.8 ACRES FROM THE COASTAL AND LAKES RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT WITH MOBILE HOMES ALLOWED, TO THE COASTAL AND LAKES COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATION THAT MAY ARISE FROM CONSIDERATION AT PUBLIC HEARINGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CPA/AA-18-07 Michael Wilburn for Rodney Wilburn, as Trustee of the Florida Land Trust 1330

Section 13, Township 20 South, Range 20 East; more specifically, Cove Bend, Lot 31, (AK 1852226), which address is 9977 E. Bushnell Road, Floral City, FL. A complete legal description of the property is on file with the Land Development Division.

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners will conduct a Public Hearing on **February 12, 2019 at 5:05 PM in Room 100, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida.**



A copy of the proposed ordinance(s) and supporting materials are available for public inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, at the Department of Growth Management, 3600 West Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461. For more information about this application, please contact the Land Development Division at (352) 527-5239.

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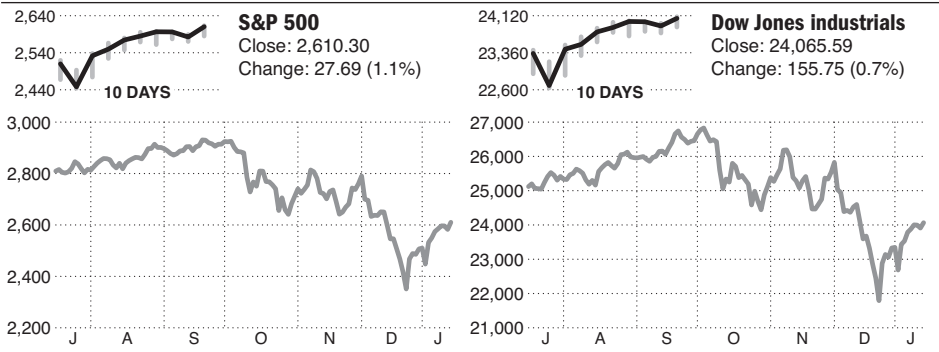
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	NYSE	NASD		HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD
Vol. (in mil.)	3,511	1,990	DOW	24099.14	23887.93	24065.59	+155.75	+0.65%	+3.16%
Pvs. Volume	3,593	1,903	DOW Trans.	9658.30	9507.67	9557.70	-73.22	-0.76%	+4.22%
Advanced	1791	1999	DOW Util.	705.43	689.10	701.69	+6.61	+0.95%	-1.58%
Declined	992	907	NYSE Comp.	11877.42	11798.03	11868.66	+69.55	+0.59%	+4.35%
New Highs	13	27	NASDAQ	7025.85	6928.12	7023.83	+117.92	+1.71%	+5.86%
New Lows	12	15	S&P 500	2613.08	2585.10	2610.30	+27.69	+1.07%	+4.13%
			S&P 400	1764.64	1751.70	1763.90	+10.73	+0.61%	+6.06%
			Wilshire 5000	26998.70	26715.48	26979.60	+281.91	+1.06%	+4.78%
			Russell 2000	1445.22	1432.13	1445.22	+12.41	+0.87%	+7.17%

Stocks of Local Interest

		52-WK RANGE		◇CLOSE						YTD		1YR					
NAME	TICKER	LO	HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	%CHG	%RTN	P/E	DIV				
AK Steel Hold	AKS	2.05	6.80	2.68	-0.06	-2.2	▼	▲	▲	+19.1	-55.7	12	...				
AT&T Inc	T	26.80	39.29	30.60	-0.02	-0.1	▼	▲	▲	+7.2	-11.6	6	2.04f				
Ametek Inc	AME	63.14	81.92	69.88	-0.33	-0.5	▼	▲	▲	+3.2	-5.9	29	0.56f				
Anheuser-Busch InBev	BUD	64.55	117.06	72.52	-0.01	...	▼	▲	▲	+10.2	-34.0	18	3.19e				
Bank of America	BAC	22.66	33.05	26.55	+0.18	+0.7	▲	▲	▲	+7.8	-13.7	13	0.60				
Capital City Bank	CCBG	19.93	26.95	23.68	+0.02	+0.1	▼	▼	▼	+2.0	-0.0	19	0.36				
CenturyLink Inc	CTL	13.97	24.20	16.19	-0.03	-0.2	▼	▼	▼	+6.9	+5.9	7	2.16				
Citigroup	C	48.42	80.70	61.38	+2.45	+4.2	▲	▲	▲	+17.9	-21.3	9	1.80f				
Disney	DIS	97.68	120.20	111.76	-0.66	-0.6	▼	▲	▲	+1.9	+1.5	15	1.76f				
Duke Energy	DUK	71.96	91.35	85.14	+1.48	+1.8	▲	▼	▼	-1.3	+10.6	21	3.71				
EPR Properties	EPR	51.87	72.18	69.18	+0.97	+1.4	▲	▲	▲	+8.0	+21.7	21	4.32f				
Equity Commonwealth	EQC	27.96	32.66	30.54	-0.02	-0.1	▼	▼	▼	+1.8	+10.9	31	2.50e				
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	64.65	89.30	71.67	+0.04	+0.1	▼	▼	▲	+5.1	-14.5	13	3.28				
Ford Motor	F	7.41	13.48	8.84	-0.15	-1.7	▲	▲	▲	+15.6	-26.5	5	0.60a				
Gen Electric	GE	6.66	18.51	8.73	-0.17	-1.9	▼	▲	▲	+15.3	-50.6	dd	0.03p				
HCA Holdings Inc	HCA	88.51	147.42	131.49	+2.23	+1.7	▲	▲	▲	+5.7	+47.1	20	0.35p				
Home Depot	HD	158.09	215.43	176.47	-2.34	-1.3	▼	▲	▲	+2.7	-6.9	19	4.12				
Intel Corp	INTC	42.04	57.60	48.60	+0.25	+0.5	▼	▲	▲	+3.6	+14.6	18	1.20				
IBM	IBM	105.94	171.13	121.73	+1.34	+1.1	▲	▲	▲	+7.1	-22.4	9	6.28				
LKQ Corporation	LKQ	22.74	43.86	26.66	+0.01	...	▲	▲	▲	+12.3	-38.7	15	...				
Lowes Cos	LOW	81.16	117.70	94.91	-2.00	-2.1	▼	▲	▲	+2.8	-2.2	21	1.92				
McDonalds Corp	MCD	146.84	190.88	181.02	-0.20	-0.1	▼	▲	▲	+1.9	+6.8	27	4.64f				
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	83.83	116.18	105.01	+2.96	+2.9	▲	▲	▲	+3.4	+15.3	44	1.84				
Motorola Solutions	MSI	95.28	133.97	115.77	+0.65	+0.6	▼	▼	▼	+0.6	+21.4	21	2.28f				
NextEra Energy	NEE	145.10	184.20	174.72	+3.49	+2.0	▼	▼	▼	+0.5	+16.9	13	4.44				
Penney JC Co Inc	JCP	0.92	4.75	1.32	+0.02	+1.5	—	▲	▲	+26.9	-67.9	dd	...				
Piedmont Office RT	PDM	16.43	20.57	18.03	+0.21	+1.2	▼	▲	▲	+5.8	-3.2	8	0.84				
Regions FncI	RF	12.39	20.21	15.11	+0.15	+1.0	▲	▲	▲	+12.9	-15.7	13	0.56				
Smucker, JM	SJM	91.32	133.38	103.17	+0.54	+0.5	▲	▲	▲	+10.4	-14.2	13	3.40				
Texas Instru	TXN	87.70	120.75	97.63	+1.30	+1.3	▼	▲	▲	+3.3	-12.9	25	3.08f				
UniFirst Corp	UNF	132.38	193.05	137.32	+0.49	+0.4	▼	▼	▼	-4.0	-19.8	16	0.45				
Verizon Comm	VZ	46.09	61.58	58.10	+0.07	+0.1	▲	▲	▲	+3.3	+16.5	7	2.41f				
Vodafone Group	VOD	18.45	32.75	19.04	-0.24	-1.2	▼	▼	▼	-1.2	-34.2	...	1.74e				
WalMart Strs	WMT	81.78	109.98	96.25	+1.30	+1.4	▲	▲	▲	+3.3	-3.8	55	2.08f				
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	59.07	86.31	71.79	+1.14	+1.6	▲	▼	▲	+5.1	-4.9	13	1.76				

Dividend Footnotes: a - Extra dividends were paid, but are not included. b - Annual rate plus stock. c - Liquidating dividend. d - Amount declared or paid in last 12 months. f - Current annual rate, which was increased by most recent dividend announcement. i - Sum of dividends paid after stock split, no regular rate. j - Sum of dividends paid this year. Most recent dividend was omitted or deferred. k - Declared or paid this year, a cumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m - Current annual rate, which was decreased by most recent dividend announcement. p - Initial dividend, annual rate not known, yield not shown. r - Declared or paid in preceding 12 months plus stock dividend. t - Paid in stock, approximate cash value on ex-dividend date.

PE Footnotes: q - Stock is a closed-end fund - no P/E ratio shown. cc - P/E exceeds 99. dd - Loss in last 12 months.

Interestrates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 2.70 percent Tuesday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

	PRIME RATE	FED FUNDS
LAST	5.50	2.38
6 MO AGO	5.00	1.88
1 YR AGO	4.50	1.38

Commodities

The price of U.S. crude oil rose Tuesday as traders felt better about China's economic growth. Wholesale gasoline and heating oil also rose. Natural gas fell. Gold and silver also fell.



TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	NET CHG	1YR AGO
3-month T-bill	2.42	2.42	...	1.44
6-month T-bill	2.50	2.50	...	1.59
52-wk T-bill	2.56	2.57	-0.01	1.77
2-year T-note	2.53	2.53	...	2.00
5-year T-note	2.52	2.53	-0.01	2.35
7-year T-note	2.60	2.59	+0.01	2.48
10-year T-note	2.70	2.71	-0.01	2.55
30-year T-bond	3.07	3.06	+0.01	2.85

BONDS	LAST	PVS	NET CHG	1YR AGO
Barclays Glob Agg Bd	2.03	2.03	...	1.73
Barclays USAggregate	3.28	3.28	...	2.81
Barclays US Corp	4.17	4.17	...	3.32
Barclays US High Yield	7.27	7.20	+0.07	5.60
Moodys AAA Corp Idx	4.00	3.96	+0.04	3.53
10-Yr. TIPS	.90	0.89	+0.01	.52

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	52.11	50.51	+3.17	+14.8
Ethanol (gal)	1.27	1.29	-1.09	+0.6
Heating Oil (gal)	1.87	1.85	+1.06	+11.0
Natural Gas (mm btu)	3.50	3.59	-2.51	+19.1
Unleaded Gas (gal)	1.41	1.36	+3.49	+6.8
METALS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Gold (oz)	1286.20	1289.10	-0.22	+0.6
Silver (oz)	15.55	15.61	-0.40	+0.7
Platinum (oz)	795.60	798.80	-0.40	-0.0
Copper (lb)	2.65	2.65	+0.19	+0.9
Palladium (oz)	1274.60	1279.50	-0.38	+1.7
AGRICULTURE	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Cattle (lb)	1.27	1.25	+1.22	+1.7
Coffee (lb)	1.05	1.06	-1.60	+2.7
Corn (bu)	3.71	3.79	-1.92	-1.0
Cotton (lb)	0.72	0.73	-0.86	+0.0
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	340.00	325.00	+4.62	...
Orange Juice (lb)	1.21	1.21	+0.54	-3.0
Soybeans (bu)	8.93	8.91	-1.15	+1.2
Wheat (bu)	5.11	5.14	-0.63	+1.5

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

MutualFunds

FAMILY	FUND	NAV	CHG	YTD	1YR	3YR*	5YR*
American Funds	AmrcnBalA m	25.46	+14	+2.2	-2.6	+9.4	+6.7
	CptWldGrIncA m	44.44	+45	+3.8	-10.4	+10.5	+4.7
	CptIncBlldrA m	57.51	+26	+2.1	-6.6	+6.9	+3.9
	FdmIlvnsA m	54.52	+59	+4.3	-6.8	+13.9	+8.0
	GrfAmrcA m	45.23	+67	+5.8	-2.3	+16.0	+10.1
	IncAmrcA m	21.10	+09	+2.3	-4.9	+8.7	+5.4
	InvCAmrcA m	35.15	+35	+3.7	-6.7	+12.9	+8.1
	NwPrspctvA m	39.42	+50	+4.6	-5.9	+12.7	+7.1
	WAMIlvnsA m	42.40	+30	+3.2	-3.6	+14.0	+8.8
	Inc	13.32	...	+0.5	+0.3	+3.4	+2.3
Dodge & Cox	IntlStk	38.72	+20	+4.9	-18.5	+9.3	+0.8
	Stk	181.04	+134	+4.8	-8.1	+15.6	+8.0
	500IdxInsPrrm	90.76	+96	+4.2	-4.5	+13.8	+9.4
Fidelity	Contrafund	11.63	+21	+5.6	-2.1	+15.6	+10.4
	TtlMktIdxInsPrrm	73.86	+76	+4.6	-4.8	+13.9	+8.8
	USBDIdxInsPrrm	11.27	-01	0.0	+0.5	+1.7	+2.4
Franklin Templeton	IncA1 m	2.21	+01	+3.8	-4.2	+9.7	+3.4
	SP500Idx	39.92	+43	+4.2	-4.5	+13.8	+9.3
Schwab	BCGr	101.87	+1.84	+6.1	+1.5	+18.5	+12.6
	500IdxAdmrl	241.16	+2.56	+4.2	+4.5	+13.8	+9.3
Vanguard	HCAAdmrl	84.00	+1.46	+4.6	+1.3	+7.9	+10.0
	InTrTEAdmrl	13.96	+01	+0.5	+2.1	+1.9	+3.1
	McCpldxAdmrl	180.40	+1.68	+5.5	-7.8	+12.0	+7.2
	PrrmCpAdmrl	126.35	+1.56	+4.5	-3.4	+17.2	+12.1
	STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.45	...	+0.2	+1.3	+1.9	+1.8
	TrgtRtr2025Inv	17.48	+09	+2.8	-4.9	+8.8	+5.2
	TrgtRtr2030Inv	31.78	+19	+3.1	-5.6	+9.5	+5.4
	TlBMlIdxAdmrl	10.44	-01	0.0	+0.5	+1.7	+2.3
	TlInBlIdxAdmrl	21.79	+01	+0.3	+3.5	+3.2	+3.9
	TlInSlIdxAdmrl	26.44	+16	+4.2	-14.5	+9.6	+1.8
	TlInSlIdxInv	15.81	+10	+4.2	-14.6	+9.6	+1.8
	TlISMlIdxAdmrl	64.97	+68	+4.6	-4.7	+14.0	+8.8
	TlISMlIdxInv	64.94	+67	+4.6	-4.8	+13.8	+8.7
	WlmgtnAdmrl	65.40	+36	+2.0	-3.8	+9.8	+5.6
	WislyIncAdmrl	59.83	+11	+1.1	-2.0	+6.2	+1.1

* - Annualized; d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee. m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee. x - fund paid a distribution during the week.

Facebook to invest \$300M in news, focusing on local

BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology writer

NEW YORK — Facebook said it is investing \$300 million over the next three years in news initiatives, with a focus on local news partnerships and other programs.

The money will go toward reporting grants for local newsrooms, expanding Facebook's program to help local newsrooms with subscription business models and investing in nonprofits aimed at supporting local news. It will also be used for Facebook's other, broad news initiatives such as news literacy programs and third-party fact-checking.


The move comes at a difficult time for the news industry, which is facing falling profits and print readership. Facebook, like Google, has also been partly blamed for the on-going decline in newspapers' share of advertising dollars as people and advertisers have moved online.

Campbell Brown, Facebook's head of global news partnerships, acknowledges the company "can't uninvent the internet," but said it wants to work with publishers to help them

succeed on and off the social network.

"The industry is going through a massive transition that has been underway for a long time," she said. "None of us have quite figured out ultimately what the future of journalism is going to look like but we want to be

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LACK OF TRANSPARENCY

Fort Myers fails to come clean on issue of sludge

When it comes to Fort Myers’ sludge saga, city officials appear to favor “if at first you don’t succeed, try, try again” instead of striving to “get it right the first time.”

Approximately five decades ago, Fort Myers officials made the decision to bury 30,000 tons of arsenic-tainted deposits from its waste treatment plant on vacant property owned by the city — unbeknownst to the residents of the Dunbar community built around the site.

In 2007, media reports revealed the arsenic’s presence in the sludge. Nonetheless, Fort Myers officials inexplicably failed to inform residents until 10 years later, even though the Dunbar community’s children played on the site.

Prompted by a \$500 million federal lawsuit filed against the city by a group of 200 residents contending the arsenic-tainted sludge should never have been buried in a place surrounded by residential streets and homes without precautions, Fort Myers officials have desperately sought to dispose of the sludge.

Rather than being transparent about its disposal of the sludge, Fort Myers officials tried to have it trucked to the LafargeHolcim quarry north of Crystal River for treatment and transshipment to a cement plant in Theodore, Alabama, without any notice given to Citrus County officials or residents.

Following the divulgement of Fort Myers’ surreptitious disposal plan by the Chronicle and a Lee County TV station, a firestorm of protest by

THE ISSUE:

Fort Myers’ unwanted sludge.

OUR OPINION:

Rebuff of Fort Myers officials well deserved.

Citrus County residents and threatened litigation by local county officials stopped the trucking of the sludge in its tracks.

After a follow-on attempt to truck the sludge directly to Alabama was scuttled, Fort Myers officials disregarded their Citrus County experience by choosing to transport the 30,000 tons of sludge under the radar to Clark Environmental in Polk County for treatment prior to burial in a Bartow landfill.

Not surprisingly, Polk County residents, just as Citrus County residents, angrily reacted by slamming Polk County commissioners with messages and decrying it during a Polk County Commission meeting last week. Lacking regulatory authority, Polk County officials’ hands are tied, as the sludge continues to come.

Even though the arsenic-tainted sludge is above the Department of Environmental Protection’s cleanup target levels for residential and industrial properties, DEP and Fort Myers officials contend it’s not hazardous and is safe for disposal. With that being the case, one cannot help but wonder why Fort Myers officials were mum about the sludge for decades and then opted to try and try again to surreptitiously dispose of it in Citrus and Polk counties.

Whatever their motivation, the sludge saga’s lack of transparency has certainly soiled the reputation of Fort Myers officials and left a bad taste in the mouths of the residents of Citrus and Polk counties, as well as the Dunbar community.

Don’t like our ways? It’s a big country

Now that we’re in the midst of the Northern invasion season, I notice that Sound Off has many more criticisms of the way we do things in our county. My suggestion would be that they find other winter residences that would more suit their desires and best solution would be back home. Back home would probably be the best for all of them. Then they shouldn’t have anything much to complain about.

Maybe Jimmie’s not so bad after all

Jimmie T. Smith asked us in your Sunday column of his about business atmosphere, you know, if we support him or not (Jan. 6’s guest column, “Create

right kind of business atmosphere”). I haven’t been a fan of his in the past since he told me once at the Crystal River Mall that his kids should have a right to move here and live wherever they want, including building out in the Withlacoochee Forest.

So I figured he was all for business and sprawl and paving over the county, but it sounds like he’s changed his tone. Now he’s talking about infilling infrastructure. Does that mean putting businesses in the old Kmart-Publix shopping center? I’m all for that — reusing these buildings. I realize codes might have changed over the years because of hurricanes, but they’re not tall buildings and we don’t really get hit by the full force of hurricanes here in the 20 years I’ve been here, so I’m for that.

He did mention he don’t want to pave over the county, like one of your Sound Off people talking about going down (U.S.) 19, down past the Tarpon Springs area, all the lines of people and cars. We don’t want that here. We want to stay the Nature Coast. But if we can get some businesses, even light manufacturing in the old Kmart building or something like that, I don’t think the traffic would be that much greater than it used to be when they were open as supermarkets and department stores. So, OK, I’m kind of with you, Jimmie.

Spend all of it on resurfacing roads

We have all the road projects going on in Homosassa and stuff going on in Crystal River

and we have, you know, an increase of tourism here and everything seems to be going pretty good. We have collected on the gas tax in excess of \$13 million on what the people appropriated that tax to be spent on — resurfacing existing roads — and I see where we’re spending \$3.4 million that’s going to be awarded. We hope that the additional \$10-plus million will be spent on existing road resurfacing, as the tax was approved for and voted on by the voters here in Citrus County. We’re looking for the commissioners and the Chronicle, I guess, to follow up and to make sure that \$10-plus million that’s still in that

account from 2018 is spent on existing road resurfacing.

Too much AP coverage

I am just finishing my Chronicle this morning (Jan. 9) and I had to double-check the headline because all I’ve been reading about is articles from The Associated Press. I was wondering if they bought the Chronicle since this is all we have in the paper is The Associated Press. I buy the Chronicle because it’s a local paper. Everything I’m reading this morning I could get in the Tampa Bay Times and get a lot more information about worldwide (news), but I would prefer to see a local paper to get local news.

► “Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering, ‘it will be happier.’”

Alfred Lord Tennyson, 1809-1892

LETTERS to the Editor

Thanks, United Way, for your support

The Pregnancy and Family Life Center would like to thank the Citrus County United Way for funding our support services program this year. These grant funds will be used to purchase much-needed food, diapers and wipes for our families. Thank you again for this contribution to the Pregnancy and Family Life Center and your ongoing support to our community.

Stephanie Bell
executive director, the
Pregnancy and Family Life
Center

Thank you to all our supporters

To all who support the Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary as we remember, respect and honor our veterans at Bushnell Cemetery, we thank you.

The members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary, Unit 776 would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported our veterans by purchasing a wreath to be placed at Bushnell Cemetery for Wreaths Across America on Dec. 15. Thanks to you all, we were able to donate 295 wreaths this year, almost 100 more than last year. There are approximately 155,000 sites in Bushnell. This year the volunteers were able to place about 30,000 wreaths. The Citrus County Jeepers, American Legion, scouts and other groups also gave of their time to place the specific site wreaths. We would like to thank them also.

We will start again in July for our Christmas in July donations as soon as we get the information. Please watch the Chronicle for dates and information as soon as we get it. Next year, Wreaths Across America will be Dec. 14.

Thank you again from MOPHA Unit 776 for all of your support.

Sandy Cross
president, Unit 776

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could be used to help establish a genuine governing process. What is needed is for Democrats and Republicans to start thinking about their responsibility to us, “the American people.” Building a case for getting themselves re-elected instead of governing is abandoning their responsibility to all of us.

If Congress dedicates the next two years in an effort to continue the policy of personal destruction, everyone will lose. After all the investigating that has taken place during the past two years, anyone with an ounce of common sense should know it is a waste of time, and that the mission of Congress is to promote the best for all of us, not to concentrate on what might get them re-elected.

Congress has had years to solve the immigration issue. However, so many people have a vested interest in not solving it that it continues to be a problem. Democrats want more illegals, or “undocumented,” in order to get more votes for their politicians. At the same time, many employers want them for cheap labor. All that would be necessary is to implement a plan to make it possible for more people to come into the country legally, if they are needed. Of course if that happened, the Democrats would lose their leverage for voters, and cheap labor would not be so available. In the long run, everyone would win, even though there would no longer be a vested interest for anyone.

At least we can dream!

Robert E. Hagaman
Homosassa

Critic needs to brush up on scripture

Questioning one’s Christianity on the basis of the party affiliation is laughable, especially when equating confiscation with charity. Nowhere in my religious lessons was I taught to believe that letting the government care for those that were in need is charity. One was supposed to help with their own property and of their own desire. Nowhere does it say free food, free

health care, free housing, etc. There is a passage, though, that says if a man does not toil, he shall not eat.

Climate change is nowhere to be found in scripture except when man so enraged God, He punished man for his sins. Maybe that time has come again?

That Larry Johansen would debase himself in using the same language to describe President Trump as does the president he so reviles demonstrates Johansen to be of the same character.

Mike Dragoun
Lecanto

Umpires, not lawmakers

President Abraham Lincoln warned us that that “if the policy of the government upon vital questions affecting the whole people is to be irrevocably fixed by the decisions of the Supreme Court ... the people will have ceased to be their own rulers, having to that extent practically resigned their government into the hands of the eminent tribunal.” These words are profound — just take a few minutes and mentally digest them. They are just as important in today’s toxic political atmosphere as they were Lincoln’s day.

The Supreme Court must restore judicial humility — and that can only be accomplished by returning to following the Constitution’s original intent. Each justice must remember that he or she is there not to make the law (the philosopher-king model) — they are there to determine what the words of the law meant at the time of the law’s enactment, and that they apply to the case at hand (the umpire model).

The Founders were afraid that the accumulation of power would only lead to tyranny. In an attempt to prevent this, they diffused power at the federal level by creating three branches of government, exercising three different powers. The Founders also diffused power between the federal and state governments. Madison referred to this as a “double security” for the people’s liberty.

Over the last hundred years or so, the progressives have continued to attacked the separation of powers. President Woodrow Wilson introduced the idea that our constitutional protections have become antiquated and inefficient. Since President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, our government has evaded the separation of powers by concentrating the three powers in federal agencies.

The Constitution, as written and understood when enacted, is our supreme law. Our only hope is that the high court will return to following the Constitution’s original intent. If the Supreme Court starts this process of restoration in 2019, it will be a very good year for the republic!

Bill Claustre
Inverness



CARLY ZERVIS/Chronicle
Take Stock in Children program director Pat Lancaster, left, talks about Crystal River High School student Sadie Campbell, right, during a meeting Monday evening. Campbell was surprised with a full-ride college scholarship from the organization.

SADIE

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pregnant, and making sure they're taking care of themselves and their baby."

Guests as well as leaders of the Take Stock in Children turned up at the meeting in person and by phone to surprise and congratulate Campbell.

"Sadie is a remarkable, remarkable student and she is a wonderful person," said program director Pat Lancaster when she announced Campbell's award. "We're so lucky to have had her and her sister in the program, and this year we nominated her as one of our Leader for Life fellows."

Campbell is one of three girls her parents, Michael

and Terri Campbell, adopted from Africa in 2005, when she was about 5 years old.

"When we got her, she didn't even know shapes," Michael Campbell said in an interview after the meeting. "My wife has a degree in communication disorders and a minor in special education, and taught school. So when we got them here, instead of just throwing them into school, she taught them at home (first)."

Campbell and her sisters have thrived since. She was voted Miss Crystal River High and "Most Likely to Succeed" by her senior peers at CRHS, and works two jobs while continuing to excel academically, taking college courses while still in high school.

"She really is amazing," Terri Campbell said. "She

came that way."

Take Stock in Children President and CEO Jillian Hasner called during the meeting to congratulate Campbell.

"We're just really super proud of you and we know everyone there is super proud of you," Hasner said. "This is such a special night and we just wanted to call in and be a part of it—we're super excited for you!"

Also on hand was Sheriff Mike Prendergast, who presented Campbell with a certificate.

"This is really a blank check for your future," Prendergast said. "We're really proud of you and wish you success."

For more information about Take Stock in Children and the Leaders for Life fellowships, visit takestockinchildren.org.

EMU

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Edgar and were able to get the bird into a truck.

A post on the sheriff's office's Facebook page looking for Edgar's owners

quickly made the rounds, and had been shared 324 times by Tuesday afternoon.

Animal Control Supervisor Lora Peckham escorted Edgar to the shelter, where Bussiere found him Tuesday around 3 p.m.

"We have an owl that's been killing our chickens, and he got scared and jumped a 6-foot fence," Bussiere explained to gathered, curious Animal Services staff.

And then, Edgar was loaded into Bussiere's SUV for the trip home.

Around the STATE

Governor goes after Airbnb over West Bank decision

BOCA RATON — Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis is pushing for sanctions against Airbnb unless it reverses its decision barring lodging listings in the disputed West Bank in the Middle East.

The Republican governor on Tuesday criticized the online lodging marketplace for a policy he said unfairly targets Jewish people.

DeSantis is suspending the use of Airbnb for any state-paid travel. DeSantis also said the state was looking into whether to bar the state's pension fund from investing in Airbnb even though right now the company is not publicly traded.

Airbnb announced in November that it would cease its operations in Israeli settlements "that are at the core of the dispute between the Israelis and Palestinians."

In a response to DeSantis' announcement, company spokesman Ben Breit underscored all of the other business Airbnb does in Israel.

Man steals Good Samaritan's pickup at I-95 crash scene

DAYTONA BEACH — Investigators said a 27-year-old Florida man caused a crash on Interstate 95 and then stole a pickup truck from a man who stopped to help.

Florida Highway Patrol Lt. Kim Montes

said in a statement that 27-year-old Zachary Searls hit a van in front of him Monday night. Searls' car then hit a tree and caught fire.

Montes said 52-year-old Felix Coffman stopped to help. When Coffman got out of his truck, Searls got in it and drove away, Montes says.

Volusia County Sheriff's deputies said they found the truck parked outside Searls' home a short time later and arrested him. He's charged with several offenses including grand theft of a motor vehicle and is being held on a \$6,000 bond.

Seven people accused of using teen as a sex slave

OCALA — Seven people have been arrested in a human trafficking case in Florida involving a 15-year-old boy who investigators said was used as a sex slave.

News outlets quoted St. Petersburg police Maj. Mark Hensley as saying that six men and a woman have been arrested. He said the men introduced the boy to sadomasochism.

Investigators said a woman the boy knew introduced him to two men after he said he was unhappy with his life at home. The boy left a note for his mother telling her not to try to find him, but she went to the sheriff's office.

Hensley said the boy is receiving special care designed for human trafficking victims. Police believe there could be more victims.

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Fifteen dead in Kenya attack

JOSEPH MWIHIA
Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — Extremists stormed a luxury hotel in Kenya’s capital on Tuesday, setting off thunderous explosions and gunning down people at cafe tables in an attack claimed by Africa’s deadliest Islamic militant group. A police officer said at least 15 people had died.

“It is terrible. What I have seen is terrible,” said Charles Njenga, who ran from a scene of blood, broken glass, burning vehicles and pillars of black smoke.

Al-Shabab — the Somalia-based group that carried out the 2013 attack at the nearby Westgate Mall in Nairobi that left 67 people dead — claimed responsibility for the carnage at the DusitD2 hotel complex, which includes bars, restaurants, offices and banks and is in a well-to-do neighborhood with many American, European and Indian expatriates.

A Kenyan police officer said 15 bodies had been taken to the morgue. He



Kenyan security forces aim their weapons up at buildings Tuesday as they run through a hotel complex in Nairobi, Kenya. Terrorists attacked an upscale hotel complex in Kenya’s capital Tuesday, sending people fleeing in panic as explosions and heavy gunfire reverberated through the neighborhood.

spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to reporters. Al-Shabab asserted that 47 people were killed but its Shahada news agency post gave no details.

Authorities sent special forces into the hotel to flush out the gunmen. Late Tuesday night, about eight hours after the siege began, Interior Minister Fred Matiang’i said all of the buildings affected had been secured and that

security forces were mopping up.

“I would like to reiterate that the situation is under control and the country is safe,” he said.

However, more gunfire was heard about an hour later, Kenyan broadcaster NTV reported. Some family members said they had been in touch with loved ones still hiding inside the complex, waiting to be rescued.

Authorities did not say how many attackers there

were — or what happened to them — though Kenya’s Citizen TV aired security-camera footage that showed at least four heavily armed men in dark-colored, paramilitary-style gear.

A police officer who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media said bodies were seen in restaurants downstairs and in offices upstairs, but “there was no time to count the dead.”

A witness who gave his name only as Ken said he saw five bodies at the hotel entrance. Other people were shouting for help and “when we rushed back to try to rescue them, gunshots started coming from upstairs, and we had to duck because they were targeting us and we could see two guys shooting,” he said.

The coordinated assault began with an explosion that targeted three vehicles outside a bank, and a suicide bombing in the hotel lobby that severely wounded a number of guests, said Kenya’s national police chief, Joseph Boinnet.

House rebukes GOP’s King over racist remarks

Laurie Kellman and Matthew Daly
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Democratic measure rebuking Republican Rep. Steve King for his comments about white supremacy won easy approval Tuesday in the House.

In a twist, the nine-term Iowa congressman was among those supporting the measure of disapproval, which was adopted, 424-1.

King said he agreed with Majority Whip James Clyburn of South Carolina, the resolution’s sponsor, that white supremacy is an evil that cannot be ignored. King’s racist comments have been widely condemned by members of both parties in recent days.

The ideology of white supremacy “never shows up in my head,” King said in a speech from the House floor. “I do not know how it could possibly come out of my mouth.”

Democratic Rep. Bobby Rush of Illinois was the sole lawmaker to oppose the measure, saying the House should take the more serious step of censuring King for his “repugnant and racist behavior.”

Any measure short of censure is “shallow,” Rush said. “Steve King has made a career of making racist statements. That is the only thing he is known for and this pattern of rabid racism must be confronted head on by

the House of Representatives.”

The vote came as Republicans dialed up the pressure on King, with one GOP leader suggesting Tuesday that the veteran lawmaker leave Congress.

“I’d like to see him find another line of work,”

Rep. Liz Cheney, the third-highest Republican in the House, told reporters.

It was the most explicit call from a senior Republican for King to leave and the latest GOP effort to inspire him to quit over an article in The New York Times last week, where he was quoted saying: “White nationalist, white supremacist, Western civilization — how did that language become offensive?”

Republicans looking to avoid worsening the party’s relationship with blacks and minorities quickly condemned King’s remarks as racist. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., wrote an op-ed saying that any GOP silence in the face of King’s remarks would be a blemish on the party and the nation. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky condemned King. And tellingly, Republicans refused to say whether they support King’s re-election effort.

On Monday, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy announced that King would not be given any committee assignments, the prized seats at the policy table where lawmakers represent their constituents.



Rep. Steve King

Brexit vote crashes, May faces reckoning

Jill Lawless, Gregory Katz and Raf Casert
Associated Press

LONDON — British lawmakers overwhelmingly rejected Prime Minister Theresa May’s divorce deal with the European Union on Tuesday, plunging the Brexit process into chaos and triggering a no-confidence vote that could topple her government.

The defeat was widely expected, but the scale of the House of Commons’ vote — 432 votes against the government and 202 in support — was devastating for May’s fragile leadership.

It followed two years of political upheaval in which May has staked her political reputation on getting a

Brexit deal and was the biggest defeat for a government in the House of Commons in modern history.

Moments after the result was announced — with Speaker John Bercow bellowing “the noes have it” to a packed Commons chamber — May said it was only right to test whether the government still had lawmakers’ support to carry on. Opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn quickly obliged, saying May’s government had lost the confidence of Parliament.

Lawmakers will vote Wednesday on his motion of no-confidence. If the government loses, it will have 14 days to overturn the result or face a national election.

Although May lacks an overall majority in Parliament, she looks likely

to survive the vote unless lawmakers from her Conservative party rebel. Northern Ireland’s Democratic Unionist Party, which props up May’s government, said it would support her.

“The House has spoken and the government will listen,” May said after the vote, which leaves her Brexit plan on life support just 10 weeks before the country is due to leave the EU on March 29.

She faces a stark choice: Steer the country toward an abrupt “no-deal” break with the EU or try to nudge it toward a softer departure. Meanwhile, lawmakers from both government and opposition parties are trying to wrest control of the Brexit process from a paralyzed government.

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Florida falls in final seconds

Weatherspoon lifts No. 24 Mississippi St.

Associated Press

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Quindary Weatherspoon converted a three-point play with 3.4 seconds left to lift No. 24 Mississippi State over Florida 71-68 on Tuesday night.

Weatherspoon drove the lane and was fouled by Kevarrus Hayes while sinking the winning layup. Weatherspoon finished with nine points.

Lamar Peters scored all 16 of his points in the first half, and Tyson Carter added 12 for Mississippi State (13-3, 1-2 Southeastern Conference).

KeVaughn Allen had 17 points for Florida (9-7, 1-3), and Andrew Nembhard had 13 points. Noah Locke had 12 points for the Gators, who had won eight straight against Mississippi State.

The Bulldogs led 36-34 at halftime and the teams played close throughout the second half. Allen's 3-pointer with

2:55 remaining put the Gators ahead 66-61, but Aric Holman answered with a 3 on the next possession, and Weatherspoon tied it at 66 with a layup with 1:27 left.

Holman and Locke exchanged baskets in the final 24 seconds before Weatherspoon won it with his three-point play.

BIG PICTURE

Florida: The Gators have dropped three of their first four SEC games. The road doesn't get easier with a trip to Georgia this weekend.

Mississippi State: After losing two close games to open SEC play, the Bulldogs finally closed out a game thanks to Weatherspoon's heroics.

UP NEXT

Florida travels to Georgia on Saturday.

Mississippi State travels to Vanderbilt on Saturday.

Mississippi State guard Robert Woodard (12) reaches for a rebound between Florida's KeVaughn Allen, left, and Dontay Bassett during the first half Tuesday in Starkville, Miss. Mississippi State won 71-68.

Associated Press



'If they can't score, we can't lose'



MATT PFIFFNER/Chronicle

ABOVE: Lecanto defender Marley Spate, right, chips the ball away from Citrus' Nina Courterier on Jan. 8 at Citrus High School in Inverness. The Panther freshman has stepped in to help a veteran defensive team post nine shutouts so far this season. **BELOW:** Lecanto senior Liz-Beth Chiavetta gets the ball out of the Panther end of the field Nov. 13, 2018, at home against Crystal River. She is one of several experienced defenders for the Panthers.



D-line standing firm for Lecanto girls soccer team

DAVID PIEKLIK
Correspondent

With one shutdown-causing wall grabbing national headlines, there's another one in Lecanto: gaining attention for shutting down opponents: the Lecanto girls soccer defensive line.

Four girls who have become like family have built chemistry, skill and determination into an almost impenetrable wall that has led to back-to-back state playoff runs. Frustrating opposing players and dictating outcome after outcome, goals make the news, but defense certainly wins games.

Senior Peyton Burdette doesn't hesitate when summing up the backline mentality.

"I think all of us on defense would rather die than let the ball go into the net. You can train, you can try to teach, you can watch videos, but at the end of the day, I think it's heart, and every single one of us on the field has heart," she said.

Burdette and fellow seniors Kelley Sullivan and Liz-Beth Chiavetta entered the 2018-19 season with some uncertainty and high expectations. The team had just come off consecutive state playoff appearances before losing significant scoring talent to graduations last year. Some players found

Serena wins Aussie return

Unseeded Venus gets by in 3 sets

HOWARD FENDRICH
AP tennis writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — This was quite a return for Serena Williams. Almost as if she never left.

In her first match at the Australian Open since winning the 2017 title while pregnant — and her first official match anywhere since a loss in the chaotic U.S. Open final last September — Williams



Serena Williams

looked to be at her dominant best, overpowering Tatjana Maria 6-0, 6-2 in the first round Tuesday.

"I kind of like to jump in the deep end and swim," Williams said in an on-court interview after the 49-minute workout, "and see what happens."

Truth be told, the match against Maria was not much of a test for Williams, given that the 74th-ranked German entered with an 11-15 record in first-round matches at Grand Slam tournaments, only once has made it as far as the third round at any major and owns a total of one career WTA title after a dozen years on the tour.

Williams, meanwhile, is pursuing an eighth title in Melbourne and 24th Slam singles trophy overall, which would equal Margaret Court — whose career spanned the amateur and professional eras — for the most in tennis history.

"I have been going for the record (for) what seems like forever now," the 37-year-old Williams said, "so it doesn't feel any different."

How lopsided was this?

Williams needed all of 18 minutes to wrap up the first set, ceding just five of 29 points along the way.

The American, a former No. 1 who is seeded 16th on account of playing only 24 matches in 2018, never faced a single break point and compiled a 22-7 edge in winners.

"Maybe," Maria said afterward, "I was a little bit overwhelmed."

Just a little bit.

Other seeded winners Tuesday included No. 4 Naomi Osaka, No. 7 Karolina Pliskova, No. 12 Elise Mertens, No. 13 Anastasija Sevastova, No. 17 Madison Keys and No. 18 Garbine Muguruza among the women, plus No. 4 Alexander Zverev, No. 8 Kei Nishikori, No. 11 Borna Coric and No. 12 Fabio Fognini among the men.

Both Nishikori, who had dropped the opening two sets

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No. 4 Virginia routs No. 9 Hokies

*Hagans silences
Georgia crowd,
lifts No. 12
Kentucky, 69-49*

Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — De’Andre Hunter scored 21 points and Ty Jerome had 14 and a career-high 12 assists as No. 4 Virginia started fast and routed No. 9 Virginia Tech 81-59 on Tuesday night.

Kyle Guy added 15 points for the Cavaliers (16-0, 4-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), who never trailed in the first meeting of the programs in which both were ranked in the top 10.

Nickeil Alexander-Walker scored 19 points and Ahmed Hill 14 to lead Virginia Tech (14-2, 3-1), which was seeking the first 15-1 start in program history.

No. 3 Tennessee 106, Arkansas 87

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Lamonte’ Turner and Jordan Bowden combined to score 40 points off the bench, and No. 3 Tennessee whipped Arkansas 106-87 for its 11th consecutive victory.

Tennessee last won 11 straight in the 2007-08 season. Tennessee (15-1, 4-0 Southeastern Conference) is off to its fastest start since that 2007-08 campaign, when the Vols won 16 of their first 17.

Isaiah Joe scored 23 points, Mason Jones had 18, Reggie Chaney 11 and Daniel Gafford 10 for Arkansas (10-6, 1-3).

No. 13 N. Carolina 75, Notre Dame 69

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Nassir Little scored all 11 of his points in the final 11 minutes, and No. 13 North Carolina beat Notre Dame 75-69.

Coby White had 17 points while Luke Maye added 14 points and 10 rebounds and Cameron Johnson finished with 11 points for the Tar Heels (13-4, 3-1 Atlantic Coast



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Virginia Tech forward Kerry Blackshear Jr., left, tries to block Virginia guard De’Andre Hunter during the first half Tuesday in Charlottesville, Va. The Cavaliers crushed the Hokies, 81-59.

Conference). UNC used a late 12-1 run to bounce back from its most lopsided home loss under Hall of Fame coach Roy Williams.

Prentiss Hubb scored 18 points, John Mooney had 16 points and 19 rebounds, and D.J. Harvey added 15 points for the Fighting Irish (11-6, 1-3).

No. 12 Kentucky 69, Georgia 49

ATHENS, Ga. — Ashton Hagans silenced a hostile crowd by scoring a season-high 23 points, leading No. 12 Kentucky to a 69-49 victory over Georgia.

The Wildcats (13-3, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) pulled away in the second half for their third straight victory.

Hagans, a freshman who initially committed to Georgia out of high school but wound up signing with

Kentucky, was booed by the sellout crowd at Stegeman Coliseum each time he touched the ball.

It sure didn’t seem to bother him. Nicolas Claxton led Georgia (9-7, 1-3) with 12 points.

No. 15 Marquette 74, Georgetown 71

WASHINGTON — Sam Hauser scored a career-high 31 points, Theo John tied a career-high with 14 points, and No. 15 Marquette held on to beat Georgetown 74-71 despite Markus Howard — the nation’s fourth leading scorer — playing just three scoreless minutes due to lower back tightness.

John blocked Georgetown’s James Akinjo’s drive with four seconds left as Marquette (15-3, 4-1) won its fourth straight game.

Georgetown (12-6, 2-3) was led by Mac McClung with 24 points

while Jessie Govan added 14 points and nine rebounds. McClung’s desperation 3-point heave from half court was off the mark.

No. 16 Buffalo 88, Western Michigan 79

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — Jeremy Harris had 22 points and 11 rebounds, and No. 16 Buffalo held off upset-minded Western Michigan 88-79.

Nick Perkins added 14 points for the Bulls (16-1, 4-0 Mid-American Conference).

Josh Davis scored 24 points for WMU (6-11, 0-4).

Wake Forest 71, No. 17 N.C. State 67

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Freshman Jaylen Hoard had 16 points and 10 rebounds, and Wake

Forest blew a 22-point lead before recovering in time to top No. 17 North Carolina State 71-67.

Graduate transfer Torry Johnson added 11 points for the Demon Deacons (8-8, 1-3 Atlantic Coast Conference).

Wake Forest led 42-27 at half-time, and then 51-29 with a flurry out of the break. But the Wolfpack (14-3, 2-2) made a move with 15 straight points to get back in it, and then fought all the way back to tie it at 58 on Devon Daniels’ floater with 7:46 left.

Torin Dorn had 18 points for N.C. State, while C.J. Bryce added 17 points.

LSU 83, No. 18 Mississippi 69

OXFORD, Miss. — Tremont Waters scored 20 points, Kavell Bigby-Williams had 14 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks, and LSU beat No. 18 Mississippi 83-69.

LSU (13-3, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) used an early 8-0 run in the second half to take a 48-39 lead.

Waters also had nine assists, and Skylar Mays scored 14 points. LSU has won six straight.

Ole Miss (13-3, 3-1) had its 10-game winning streak snapped. The Rebels hadn’t lost since Nov. 24, when they fell 71-57 to Cincinnati.

Terence Davis led the Rebels with 21 points and 10 rebounds. K.J. Buffen added 13 points.

Cincinnati 82, South Florida 74

CINCINNATI — Jarron Cumberland scored a career-high 34 points, and Cincinnati blew a 14-point lead and had coach Mick Cronin ejected before rallying for an 82-74 victory over South Florida.

The Bearcats (15-3, 4-1 American Athletic) got their third win in six days.

Cincinnati has won 10 straight games against the Bulls (12-5, 2-3), who suffered their most lopsided loss of the season.

LaQuincy Rideau scored 15 of his 26 points before fouling out in the second half, when South Florida managed to tie the score twice but couldn’t pull ahead.

Lightning blank Dallas, 2-0

Associated Press

DALLAS — Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped 35 shots for his second shut-out in a week, Ondrej Palat and Mikhail Sergachev scored and the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Dallas Stars 2-0 on Tuesday night.

Vasilevskiy improved to 10-2-1 since his return from injury, posting his third shutout this season and 15th of his career for the Lightning, who have an NHL-best 74 points.

Palat gave Tampa Bay a first-period lead with his seventh goal, sending a shot over the glove of Anton Khudobin on a pass from Steven Stamkos, who got his 29th assist. Khudobin had 19 saves.

The Stars were 0 for 6 on the power play, with four of those chances coming in the second period when they trailed 1-0. It was the third straight loss for Dallas.

Canadiens 5, Panthers 1

MONTREAL — Antti Niemi made a career-high 52 saves and the Montreal Canadiens extended their winning streak to three games with a 5-1 victory over the Florida Panthers.

Shea Weber, Phillip Danault, Max Domi, Jesperi Kotkaniemi and Brendan Gallagher scored for Montreal in the second of back-to-back games.

Mike Hoffman scored in the first period for the Panthers, who have dropped seven consecutive games, their longest skid of the season.

Roberto Luongo was expected to start in goal for Florida, but James Reimer got the nod in a game-time decision. Reimer stopped 23 shots.

Blue Jackets 4. Devils 1

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Joonas Korpisalo had 29 saves, three Columbus players recorded a goal and an assist and the Blue Jackets beat the New Jersey Devils 4-1.

Top-liners Artemi Panarin, Pierre-Luc Dubois and Cam Atkinson carried the offensive load, and Boone Jenner also scored as Columbus won its fourth straight.

Islanders 2, Blues 1, OT

NEW YORK — Valtteri Filppula scored 1:37 into overtime and the New York Islanders beat the St. Louis Blues 2-1 for their 12th win in 15 games.

Jordan Eberle had a goal in the first period for New York, and Robin Lehner stopped 30 shots.

David Perron scored the tying goal in the third period for the Blues, and Jordan Binnington — making his fourth straight start and fourth of his career — finished



Associated Press

Dallas goaltender Anton Khudobin (35) is unable to stop a shot by Tampa Bay forward Ondrej Palat (18) during the first period Tuesday in Dallas. The Lightning won 2-0.

with 23 saves.

Rangers 6, Hurricanes 2

NEW YORK — Mika Zibanejad had two goals and two assists to help the New York Rangers beat the Carolina Hurricanes 6-2.

Pavel Buchnevich and Tony DeAngelo each scored twice and Mats Zuccarello added three assists as the Rangers won for only the second time in eight games.

Henrik Lundqvist made 24 saves for his 444th win, one behind Terry Sawchuk for sixth place on the NHL’s career list.

Saku Maenalanen had two goals and Curtis McElhinney stopped 22 shots for the Hurricanes.

Red Wings 3, Ducks 1

DETROIT — Gustav Nyquist broke a tie with 4:16 left and Darren Helm scored a little later, lifting the Detroit Red Wings over the Anaheim Ducks 3-1 to extend their franchise-record losing streak to 12 games.

John Gibson stopped 22 shots for the Ducks, who haven’t won since Dec. 17.

Predators 7, Capitals 2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Viktor Arvidsson scored a hat trick on National Hat Day, and the Nashville Predators routed the Washington Capitals 7-2 to snap a two-game skid.

Nick Bonino scored twice, and Rocco Grimaldi and Calle Jarnkrok each added a goal as 12 players contributed at least one point for the Predators.

Jets 4, Golden Knights 1

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Kyle Connor had two goals and an assist and the Winnipeg Jets extended their unbeaten streak to six games with a 4-1 victory over the Vegas Golden Knights.

Wild 3, Kings 2, SO

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Jason Zucker scored in a shootout to lift the Minnesota Wild to a 3-2 win over the Los Angeles Kings.

Nino Niederreiter and Eric Staal scored for the Wild, who had lost their previous two games.

Bucks crush Heat, 124-86

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Giannis Antetokounmpo had 12 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists in his fourth triple-double of the season, and the Milwaukee Bucks cruised past the Miami Heat 124-86 on Tuesday night.

Eric Bledsoe had 17 points and Malcolm Brogdon added 16 for Milwaukee.

Justise Winslow and Hassan Whiteside had 19 points apiece for Miami, which fell to 21-21.

76ers 149, Timberwolves 107

PHILADELPHIA — Joel Embiid had 31 points and 13 rebounds, and the Philadelphia 76ers scored 83 points in the first half in a 149-107 thrashing of the Minnesota Timberwolves in Jimmy Butler’s first game against his former team.

Butler scored 19 points in the first meeting with Minnesota since it sent him to the 76ers.

Pacers 131, Suns 97

INDIANAPOLIS — Bojan Bogdanovic scored 20 points and the Indiana Pacers cruised to a 131-97 victory over the Phoenix Suns.

T.J. Warren led Phoenix with 18 points and Kelly Oubre Jr. scored 16 points off the bench.

Hawks 142, Thunder 126

ATLANTA — Trae Young had 24 points and 11 assists to win the showdown of past and former Atlanta point guards, leading the Hawks over the Oklahoma City Thunder 142-126.

Former Hawks point guard Dennis Schroder scored 21 points in his return to Atlanta.



Associated Press

Milwaukee’s Giannis Antetokounmpo shoots over Miami’s Rodney McGruder during the second half Tuesday in Milwaukee. The Bucks won 124-86.

BASKETBALL

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	33	12	.733	—
Philadelphia	29	16	.644	4
Boston	25	18	.581	7
Brooklyn	22	23	.489	11
New York	10	33	.233	22
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	21	21	.500	—
Charlotte	20	23	.465	1½
Orlando	19	24	.442	2½
Washington	18	26	.409	4
Atlanta	14	30	.318	8

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	31	12	.721	—
Indiana	29	14	.674	2
Detroit	18	24	.429	12½
Chicago	10	33	.233	21
Cleveland	9	35	.205	22½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	25	18	.581	—
San Antonio	25	20	.556	1
New Orleans	21	23	.477	4½
Dallas	20	23	.465	5
Memphis	19	24	.442	6

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	29	13	.690	—
Oklahoma City	26	17	.605	3½
Portland	26	19	.578	4½
Utah	24	21	.533	6½
Minnesota	21	23	.477	9

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	29	14	.674	—
L.A. Clippers	24	19	.558	5
L.A. Lakers	23	21	.523	6½
Sacramento	23	21	.523	6½
Phoenix	11	34	.244	19

Tuesday's Games
Indiana 131, Phoenix 97
Philadelphia 149, Minnesota 107
Atlanta 142, Oklahoma City 126
Milwaukee 124, Miami 86
Golden State at Denver, late
Chicago at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games
Orlando at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Houston, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Portland, 10 p.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
Atlantic Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Tampa Bay	47	36	9	2	74	191	133			
Toronto	45	28	15	2	58	161	128			
Boston	46	26	15	5	57	133	119			
Montreal	48	26	17	5	57	146	142			
Buffalo	46	23	17	6	52	133	137			
Detroit	48	18	23	7	43	136	161			
Florida	45	17	20	8	42	139	165			
Ottawa	46	17	24	5	39	143	178			

Metropolitan Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Columbus	46	28	15	3	59	152	140			
Washington	46	27	14	5	59	157	139			
N.Y. Islanders	45	26	15	4	56	136	118			
Pittsburgh	45	25	14	6	56	161	132			
Carolina	46	22	19	5	49	125	136			
N.Y. Rangers	46	19	20	7	45	132	159			
New Jersey	46	18	21	7	43	137	157			
Philadelphia	46	17	23	6	40	130	164			

WESTERN CONFERENCE										
Central Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Winnipeg	46	30	14	2	62	160	129			
Nashville	48	28	16	4	60	152	124			
Colorado	46	21	17	8	50	157	147			
Dallas	47	23	20	4	50	121	124			
Minnesota	46	23	20	3	49	131	134			
St. Louis	45	20	20	5	45	126	137			
Chicago	48	16	23	9	41	142	179			

Pacific Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Calgary	47	30	13	4	64	173	133			
San Jose	47	27	13	7	61	167	141			
Vegas	49	28	17	4	60	147	131			
Edmonton	46	22	21	3	47	133	146			
Vancouver	47	21	21	5	47	136	148			
Anaheim	47	19	19	9	47	113	143			
Arizona	45	20	22	3	43	116	130			
Los Angeles	47	18	25	4	40	107	139			

Tuesday's Games
Columbus 4, New Jersey 1
N.Y. Islanders 2, St. Louis 1, OT
N.Y. Rangers 6, Carolina 2
Montreal 5, Florida 1
Detroit 3, Anaheim 1
Nashville 7, Washington 2
Minnesota 3, Los Angeles 2, SO
Winnipeg 4, Vegas 1
Tampa Bay 2, Dallas 0
Pittsburgh at San Jose, late

Today's Games
Colorado at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
San Jose at Arizona, 10 p.m.

TENNIS

Australian Open

Men's Singles
First Round
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Mitchell Krueger, United States, 6-2, 6-2.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, France, def. Martin Kli-
zan, Slovakia, 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
Taro Daniel, Japan, def. Thanasi Kokkinakis,
Australia, 5-7, 4-2, ret.
Denis Shapovalov (25), Canada, def. Pablo
Andujar, Spain, 6-2, 6-3, 7-6 (3).
David Goffin (21), Belgium, def. Christian
Garin, Chile, 6-0, 6-2, 6-2.
Marius Copil, Romania, def. Marcel Granol-
lers, Spain, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
Ryan Harrison, United States, def. Jiri Vesely,
Czech Republic, 6-0, 7-5, 6-3.
Daniil Medvedev (15), Russia, def. Lloyd
Harris, South Africa, 6-1, 6-2, 6-1.
Fabio Fognini (12), Italy, def. Jaume Antoni
Munar Clar, Spain, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (7), 3-1, ret.
Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, def. Nicolas
Jarry, Chile, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (3), 4-6, 6-3.
Ilya Ivashka, Belarus, def. Malek Jaziri, Tuni-
sia, 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-1, 4-0, ret.
Pablo Carreno-Busta (23), Spain, def. Luca
Vanni, Italy, 6-7 (5), 2-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.
Philipp Kohlschreiber (32), Germany, def.
Zhe Li, China, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.
Joao Sousa, Portugal, def. Guido Pella, Ar-
gentina, 7-6 (2), 4-6, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-2.
Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, def. Hubert Hurkacz,
Poland, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5).
Kei Nishikori (8), Japan, def. Kamil Majchr-
zak, Poland, 3-6, 6-7 (6), 6-0, 6-2, 3-0, ret.
Alexander Zverev (4), Germany, def. Aljaz
Bedene, Slovenia, 6-4, 6-1, 6-4.
Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Ugo Humbert,
France, 3-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (6).
Alex Bolt, Australia, def. Jack Sock, United
States, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.
Gilles Simon (29), France, def. Bjorn Fratan-
gelo, United States, 7-6 (2), 6-4, 6-2.
Hyeon Chung (24), Republic of Korea, def.
Bradley Klahn, United States, 6-7 (5), 6-7 (5),
6-3, 6-2, 6-4.
Pierre-Hugues Herbert, France, def. Sam
Querrey, United States, 5-7, 7-6 (6), 6-3, 6-1.
Stan Wawrinka, Switzerland, def. Ernests

Florida LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected
Tuesday in the Florida Lottery:

PICK 2 (early)
2 - 3
PICK 2 (late)
7 - 4
PICK 3 (early)
9 - 9 - 9
PICK 3 (late)
5 - 2 - 5
PICK 4 (early)
2 - 9 - 7 - 7

Monday's winning numbers and payouts:
Fantasy 5: 7 - 11 - 22 - 27 - 33
5-of-5 1 winner \$195,151.20
4-of-5 533 \$59
3-of-5 11,162 \$7.50
Cash 4 Life: 17 - 18 - 42 - 50 - 57
Cash Ball: 1
5-of-5 CB No winner
5-of-5 No winner

PICK 4 (late)
5 - 5 - 4 - 6
PICK 5 (early)
1 - 7 - 5 - 4 - 4
PICK 5 (late)
5 - 9 - 0 - 1 - 3
FANTASY 5
1 - 2 - 7 - 30 - 32
LUCKY MONEY
8 - 9 - 23 - 35
LUCKY BALL
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MEGA MILLIONS
29 - 52 - 58 - 60 - 62
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On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS
AUTO RACING
6 p.m. (NBCSPT) Dakar Rally (Taped)
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
12 p.m. (NBCSPT) Women: George Mason at Massachusetts
6:30 p.m. (FS1) Creighton at St. John's
7 p.m. (ESPN2) Kansas State at Oklahoma
7 p.m. (ESPNU) Auburn at Texas A&M
7 p.m. (SEC) South Carolina at Vanderbilt
7 p.m. (SUN) Boston College at Louisville
8:30 p.m. (FS1) Butler at DePaul
9 p.m. (ESPNU) Iowa State at Texas Tech
9 p.m. (SEC) Alabama at Missouri
9 p.m. (SUN) Georgia Tech at Clemson
11 p.m. (ESPNU) UNLV at Air Force

NBA
7 p.m. (FSNFL) Orlando Magic at Detroit Pistons
8 p.m. (ESPN) Toronto Raptors at Boston Celtics
10:30 p.m. (ESPN) New Orleans Pelicans at Golden State
Warriors

BICYCLING
2 a.m. (NBCSPT) Tour Down Under: Stage 2 (Taped)
GOLF
6 a.m. (GOLF) European PGA Tour Abu Dhabi HSBC
Championship, First Round
1:30 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Web.com Tour The Bahamas Great
Exuma Classic, Final Round
8 p.m. (GOLF) Asian Tour SMBC Singapore Open, First Round
2 a.m. (GOLF) European PGA Tour Abu Dhabi HSBC
Championship, Second Round

HOCKEY
2:30 p.m. (NHL) Champions Hockey League: EC Red Bull
Salzburg vs EHC Munchen. Semifinal, return game (Same-
day Tape)
7:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) Boston Bruins at Philadelphia Flyers
10 p.m. (NBCSPT) San Jose Sharks at Arizona Coyotes
SOCCER
12:20 p.m. (ESPN2) Italian Super Cup: AC Milan vs Juventus
FC
AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS
7 a.m. (TENNIS) Second Round (Taped)
2:30 p.m. (ESPN2) Second Round. (Taped)
5:30 p.m. (TENNIS) Second Round (Same-day Tape)
9 p.m. (ESPN2) Second Round
3 a.m. (ESPN2) Second Round

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discretion of the network. If you are unable to locate a game
on the listed channel, please contact your cable provider.*

Prep CALENDAR

TODAY'S PREP SPORTS
GIRLS WEIGHTLIFTING
District 1A-10 Meet at Weeki Wachee
2:30 p.m. Citrus, Crystal River and Lecanto
BOYS BASKETBALL
7 p.m. Lecanto at Belleview
GIRLS BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m. Citrus at Gulf
WRESTLING
Class 1A Regional Duals at Hernando HS
6 p.m. Crystal River vs. Weeki Wachee
6 p.m. Hernando vs. Leesburg
TBD Finals

Gulbis, Latvia, 3-6, 3-1, ret.
Milos Raonic (16), Canada, def. Nick Kyr-
gios, Australia, 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Borna Coric (11), Croatia, def. Steve Darcis,
Belgium, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.
Marton Fucsovics, Hungary, def. Albert Ra-
mos-Vinolas, Spain, 6-3, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-3.
Evgeny Donskoy, Russia, def. Laslo Djere,
Serbia, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-1, 7-6 (5).
Filip Krajinovic, Serbia, def. Marco Cecchi-
nato (17), Italy, 4-6, 0-6, 6-1, 7-6 (8), 6-4.
Lucas Pouille (28), France, def. Mikhail
Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 6-1, 7-5, 6-4.
Maximilian Marterer, Germany, def. Gleb
Sakharov, France, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3.
Alexei Popyrin, Australia, def. Mischa Zverev,
Germany, 7-5, 7-6 (7), 6-4.
Dominic Thiem (7), Austria, def. Benoit Paire,
France, 6-4, 6-3, 5-7, 1-6, 6-3.
Women's Singles
First Round
Simona Halep (1), Romania, def. Kaia
Kanepi, Estonia, 6-7 (2), 6-4, 6-2.
Sofia Kenin, United States, def. Veronika
Kudermova, Russia, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.
Alize Cornet, France, def. Lara Arruabarre-
na-Vecino, Spain, 6-2, 6-2.
Venus Williams, United States, def. Mihaela
Buzarnescu (25), Romania, 6-7 (3), 7-6 (3),
6-2.
Carla Suarez-Navarro (23), Spain, def. Clara
Burel, France, 7-5, 6-2.
Dayana Yastremska, Ukraine, def. Samantha
Stosur, Australia, 7-5, 6-2.
Eugenie Bouchard, Canada, def. Shuai
Peng, China, 6-2, 6-1.
Serena Williams (16), United States, def.
Tatjana Maria, Germany, 6-0, 6-2.
Timea Bacsinszky, Switzerland, def. Daria
Kasatkina (10), Russia, 6-3, 6-0.
Natalia Vikhlyantseva, Russia, def. Varvara
Lepchenko, United States, 6-7 (2), 6-2, 6-4.
Johanna Konta, Britain, def. Ajla Tomljanovic,
Australia, 7-6 (4), 2-6, 7-6 (7).
Garbine Muguruza (18), Spain, def. Saisai
Zheng, China, 6-2, 6-3.
Camila Giorgi (27), Italy, def. Dailia Jakupo-
vic, Slovenia, 6-3, 6-0.
Iga Swiatek, Poland, def. Ana Bogdan, Ro-
mania, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.
Madison Brengle, United States, def. Misaki
Doi, Japan, 6-4, 6-0.

FOOTBALL

NFL Playoffs

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 20
NFC
L.A. Rams at New Orleans, 3:05 p.m. (FOX)
AFC
New England at Kansas City, 6:40 p.m.
(CBS)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 3
At Atlanta
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m.
(CBS)

SPORTS BRIEFS

Warriors pitch 1-0
shutout for key girls
soccer district victory

The Seven Rivers Christian girls soc-
cer team hit the road Tuesday night and
returned home with a 1-0 victory over
Cambridge Christian.
Maeeve McDougal scored with 12 min-
utes left in the match on an assist from
Julia Gaffney and Jennah Kay Phillips
had seven saves in goal for the shutout.
“Big district match and the defense
was just outstanding,” coach Rob Mc-
Dougal said.
The Warriors (10-2, 4-1) travel to Gulf
on Friday at 6 p.m.

Panthers stay hot in
district play with 11-0
victory over Rattlers

It was a quick night for the Lecanto
girls soccer team with an 11-0 victory at
home Tuesday against Belleview.
Tristin King, Zoe Mushlit, Kaitlin Zou-
cha and Peyton Burdette each had two
goals and Zoucha also added an assist.
Mikal Sorel, Eva Rucinski and Courtney
Dye added goals, Kaitie Van Cleef had
three assists, while Zoe Conti added two
and Dye had one.
Dye, Liz-Beth Chiavetta and Mushlit
took turns in goal for the shutout, as the
Panthers outshot the Rattlers 24-0.
The Panthers (13-3-1, 12-1) host River
Ridge on Thursday.

Lecanto stings Hornets in
lopsided boys basketball
district triumph

Peyton Vilardi poured in 28 points and
Nathan Copp and Jose Rivera added
10 points each Tuesday night as the Le-
canto boys basketball team pasted dis-
trict foe Weeki Wachee at home, 71-36.
The Panthers (7-8, 3-4) travel to
Belleview tonight.

Weeki Wachee flexes
muscles in girls hoops
win over Lecanto

The Lecanto girls basketball team fell
behind early and Weeki Wachee cruised
to a 67-33 victory Tuesday at home.
The 36-point first quarter offensive on-
slaught by the Hornets was too big to
overcome as the Panthers fell to 10-7 on
the season and 4-5 in district play.
Trinity Keeran led the Panthers with
12 points and Mary Recta added 8.
The Panthers host Dunnellon on
Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Former major leaguer
Wetteland charged
with child sex abuse

DENTON, Texas — Former major

league pitcher John Wetteland has been
charged in Texas with continuous sex
abuse of a child under age 14.
Denton County jail records show the
52-year-old Wetteland was arrested
Monday and freed on \$25,000 bond.
Authorities have not released details of
the investigation into Wetteland, who is in
the Texas Rangers team Hall of Fame.
The Associated Press was not able to
contact Wetteland or his attorney to ask
for comment. The Denton County district
attorney's office hasn't returned a phone
message requesting details.
Wetteland was MVP of the 1996 World
Series with the New York Yankees. The
All-Star closer was 48-45 with 330 saves
and a 2.93 ERA from 1989-2000, also
playing for Montreal and the Dodgers.

Thomas returning to
Miami instead of
transferring to Illinois

CORAL GABLES — Jeff Thomas says
he's returning to the Miami Hurricanes.
The speedy wide receiver, who was
dismissed by the Hurricanes in Novem-
ber and was transferring to Illinois, said
in an Instagram post on Tuesday night
that he's going back to Miami.
The Hurricanes had no immediate
comment, though new coach Manny
Diaz tweeted out a game-action photo of
Thomas shortly after the receiver's post.
Thomas finished 2018 as Miami's
leading receiver, with 35 catches for
563 yards and three touchdowns.

Pederson reiterates
Wentz is Philly's
No. 1 QB over Foles

PHILADELPHIA — Eagles coach
Doug Pederson reiterated Tuesday that
Carson Wentz will be the team's starting
quarterback in 2019.
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Stricker looking to play more on PGA Tour

DOUG FERGUSON
AP golf writer

HONOLULU — Steve Stricker came to Hawaii for two weeks of work, just like the old days, but with a twist. Instead of starting at the winners-only field at Kapalua and then going over to the Sony Open, he started at the Sony Open and heads to the winners-only field on the Big Island for the PGA Tour Champions opener.

The question is how long he stays with players his own age.

It's a question Vijay Singh and Davis Love III have contemplated over the last few years.

Stricker, who is about to turn 52, played 13 times on the PGA Tour and six times on the Champions in his first year of eligibility. Last year, he was up to seven Champions event and one fewer on the PGA Tour.

Now he sounds to be

leaning toward the PGA Tour, with Pebble Beach and Riviera on his schedule, and possibly Phoenix.

"I talked to Tom Kite at the Ryder Cup about my position a little bit. He gave me the idea like I should be on the Champions tour. Take advantage of this opportunity, you have a short window, all this kind of stuff," Stricker said. "Then you talk to somebody else and they say: 'The number of years is winding down for you on the regular tour. Stay out there as long as you can.'

"I don't know which way to go," he said. "Everybody has their opinion. I think bottom line is I'm just doing what I feel like doing. ... My intention right now is to be out here and try to play as well as I can and try to win again. I still feel like it can happen."

Both sides make sense, though times were different when Kite turned 50 in 2000.

The arrival of Tiger Woods and his impact on TV contracts and prize money was just starting to kick in. Stricker already had more than \$40 million in career earnings when he turned 50, and that includes five lean years in his prime. Ditto for Love, minus the lean years. Singh was over the \$65 million mark.

It's also hard to ignore that Stricker made \$1,196,235 in seven Champions events last year, and \$582,566 in 12 starts on the PGA Tour.

"I'm not looking at the money part of it," Stricker said. "If that was the case, I would be playing more on the Champions tour. I feel it's a challenge, and I'm still feeling good enough and excited enough to take on that challenge."

Love won the Wyndham Championship in 2015 at age 51, so he has proof it can be done. He also tied for seventh in the Sony Open.

"I've talked to Vijay about it," Love said. "You've got to pick one or the other."

Love has been eligible for the PGA Tour Champions since April 2014. Last year, he played more than ever on the Champions — a whopping four times.

Still to be determined is how Singh looks at the season. He turned 50 in early 2013, and it took six years before he played more on the Champions (20) than on the PGA Tour (10). Singh played 12 times on the Champions last year, compared with 18 on the regular circuit. Before that, he didn't play more than six times a year on the Champions.

Of the five Champions-eligible players at the Sony Open, Love was the only player who did not go over to Hualalai on the Big Island. Instead, he's going to the Singapore Open, where four spots for the British Open are available.



Associated Press

Steve Stricker hits July 15, 2018, during the final round of the John Deere Classic in Silvis, Ill. Stricker, who is about to turn 52, is not ready for a fulltime schedule on the PGA Tour Champions.

Local LEADERS

BRENTWOOD

Brentwood Wednesday Afternoon Golf League's results for Jan. 9 are as follows:

First R. Cummings & H. Pellerin
Second D. Hunt & M. Manes
Closest to the pin: No. 2 B. Bouchard
No. 4 S. Arena
Most Over Quota: D. McDonald

Brentwood Wednesday Morning Points Quota League results for Jan. 9:

First Gary Lewis
Second Joe Goyette
Third Bob Staker
Closest to the pin: Nos. 2 & 4 Jim Kieffer
Skins – Birdie:

No. 5 Bob Staker
Brentwood Saturday Morning Scramble results for Jan. 12:

First John West, Brendan Luce, Vic Diaz, Wayne Martinko
Second Lou Dix, Tom Fallon, Duke Phillips, Craig Phillips
Third Sue Duttwiler, Franz Duttwiler, Jim Kieffer
Closest to the pin: No. 2 Paul Ottinger
No. 4 Bruce Rocco

Brentwood Sunday Scramble results for Jan. 13:

1st Roger Overton, Dave McLaughlin, Ann McLaughlin
2nd Jennie Diaz, Chuck Bengel, Kevin Moran, Everett Colby
3rd Jan Lassiter, Dennis Entwistle, Dick Rohde, Jean Rohde
Closest to the pin: No. 2 Dick Rohde
No. 4 Chuck Bengel
50/50 winner: Anne McDanel

Brentwood Early Monday Points Quota League results for Jan. 14:

First Dave McDanel
Second Tony Reeves
Third Tony Mangiamale
Closest to the pin: No. 2 Willie Boileau
No. 4 Gary Lewis

Brentwood Monday Back 9 Challenge results for Jan. 14:

First Joe Goyette
Second Chuck Bengel
Third Everett Colby
Closest to the pin: No. 2 Dave McDanel
No. 4 Everett Colby

Skins – Birdies:
Nos. 2 & 5 Jim Kieffer
No. 3 Steve Leonard
No. 5 Chuck Bengel
No. 9 Franz Duttwiler

The Brentwood Men's Golf Group begins play at 8 a.m. Tuesday mornings at Brentwood Farms Golf Club. All men are welcome to join the group in a friendly round of handicapped golf. Low net scorers for the Jan. 15 game are as follows:

First Tom Logsdon
Second Butch Conrad
Third Bob Laroy
Closest to the pin: No. 2 Keith Radyko
No. 4 Butch Conrad

CITRUS HILLS

MEN

For Citrus Hills Men's Golf Association, this week's game was "Low Gross Front/Low Net Back." Here we use the best two of the team scores on each hole compared to par. On the front 9 (Holes 1-9) it is the gross scores and on the back 9 (Holes 10-18) we use the net scores. The game was played on Wednesday, Jan. 9, on the Oaks Golf Course of Citrus Hills with 14 teams participating. The winners were as follows:

First Don Werner, Ron Finley, Howard Pope, John Balais
Second Jerry Reynolds, Bob Keller, Dick Olsen, Randy Robertson
Third Ed Ryan, Rick Randall, Neil Messina, "Blind"
Fourth Charlie Haire, John Hesse, Steve Keen, Bob Miller
Notes and highlights: Rich Messina won closest to the pin on the par 3 Hole No. 3. Scores in the 70s were Don Werner (a sizzling 73), Larry Jones (77), and Jay Friedman (78).

WOMEN

On Monday, Jan. 14, the Citrus Hills Ladies 9-Hole League played a game of "Putting around the Green" on the Meadows course. For this game, points were earned as follows: 5 for chip in, 3 for 1 putt, and 1 for 2 putts. Winners by flight were as follows:

Flight A
First Barbara Beck
(Tie) 15

FLIGHT B

First Virginia Romiti
Second Dianne Kohm
Barbara Shipman

FLIGHT C

First Cindy Kosidlar
Chris Morrison
Second Susan Simpkins

FLIGHT D

First Erika LaPerch
Second Carla Hunter
Claire Lapierre
Birdie: No. 1 Jan Schwarz

CITRUS SPRINGS

Results of the "Low Net" game played on Thursday, Jan. 10, at Citrus Springs are as follows:

First Biacamano
Second Bill Curry
Third Paul Koch
Fourth Leon Smith
Closest to the pin: Nos. 4 & 11 Bill Curry
Nos. 8 & 14 Carry Over
No. 16 Leon Smith

Results of the "High/Low" game played on Saturday, Jan. 12, at Citrus Springs are as follows:

First Paul Koch, Rocky, Leon Smith
Second Bob Manecky, Bob Hunt, Bernie Ruble
Closest to the pin: No. 4 Tom Mazola
No. 8 Bob Geci
No. 11 Bill Curry
No. 14 Allen Henson
No. 16 Paul Koch

On Tuesday, Jan. 15, the Citrus Springs Men's Association played "2 best balls on front and 3 best balls on back." Results follow:

First Bob Geci, Don Gonczy, Tom Mazzola, Bob Hunt
Second Harvey Jenkins, Ed Starling, Bob Manecky, Jim Murphy
Third Jeff Rossy, Allen Hensen, Dennis Johnson, Rocky Marziani
Closest to the pins: No. 4 Bob Geci
No. 8 Jeff Rossy
No. 11 Bob Geci
No. 14 Paul Koch
No. 16 Bob Manecky

IG&CC

The Women's Golf Association of the Inverness Golf and Country Club played "Low Putts" on Tuesday, Jan. 8. Results follow:

First Cindy Shelton
Second Nancy Bennett
Third Dee Knox & Nancy Purcell
Chip-in: No. 17 Nancy Bennett
Birdies: Nos. 8 & 14 Cindy Shelton
No. 14 Ruth McGuckin & Sue Sasso

LAKESIDE

MEN

Monday, Jan. 7, Points Game results:
First Rich Grunwald
Second Rick Houseman
Walt Kominski
Closest to the pin: Nos. 2, 13 & 15 Rich Grunwald
No. 8 Rick Houseman

Wednesday, Jan. 9, Points Game results:
First Rich Grunwald
Second Gordy Craig
Paul Thomas
Closest to the pin: Nos. 2 & 15 Paul Thomas
No. 13 Bob Pelligrini
2-Man Points Game results: First

GRUNWALD & PROVENCAL

Second Craig & Pruitt D.
Third Heymans & Thomas P.

Friday, Jan. 11, Points Game results:

First Ron Albritton
Second Rudy Mesnak
Rich Grunwald
Closest to the pin: No. 2 Ron Albritton
No. 8 Joe Alexander

Groups play every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Sign in prior to 6:45 a.m. Ladies are welcome. Special rates apply. Just show up. For information, call Paul at 352-419-9635 or Walt at 352-344-9550.

WOMEN

LakeSide Ladies Points Quota League results for Thursday, Jan. 10, are as follows:

First Nancy Stewart
Second Dody Stuart
Closest to the pin: No. 2 Carole Seifert
Nos. 8 & 13 June Goyette
No. 15 Amy Thomas

LakeSide Ladies PQL plays Thursday mornings at 8:30. We pay points for double bogeys and play the newly rated forward tees. Come join us. New members are always welcome. No dues or memberships are required. Call Mary at 352-419-5225 for more details.

MARINO GROUP

The Marino Group plays a weekly 9-hole co-ed Monday scramble at local courses. The scramble is open to golfers of all levels and is golfer friendly. If interested, contact Bob and Debbie Marino at dmario7@tampabay.rr.com. The "Marino Group's Monday 9-Hole Scramble" on Jan. 14 was played at Pine Ridge Golf Course. Results are as follows:

First Ian Williams, Dottie Mattioni, Scott DeMaster
Second Bob Marino, Maggie Cart, Bill Etchison, Dayle Montgomery
Third Dave Gollobin, George Harnig, Cookie Long, Bob Goodrie
Fourth Randy Betscher, Mel Rutherford, Paul Volmar, Bob Montgomery
Fifth Bill Weinfurter, Victor Mattioni, Jerry Finner, John Trafford
Sixth Dennis Rawlins, Denise Mullen, Joe Raulerson, J.J. Walls
Closest to the pin: No. 2 Bob Marino
No. 5 Ian Williams
No. 6 Ian, Dottie, Scott
No. 9 Ian, Dottie, Scott
Birdie points (19): Ian, Dottie, Scott

PINE RIDGE

On Jan. 9, at Pine Ridge Golf Club, "Bresnahan's Wednesday Quota League" played a "Three Club Team Scramble." Results follow:

First Amburg, Bresnahan, Goode & Goode
Second Boylan, Phipps & Wayshville
Third Baumstark, Medina & Shaffer
Fourth Maslowski, Tress & Gamache
On Jan. 10 at Pine Ridge Golf Club, "Bresnahan's Thursday Quota League" played a "Quota Game" and "Closest-to-Pin on Par 3s." Results follow:
Richard Flury
Greg Browne
Chris Burgess
Charley Cox
Joe Curcuro
Closest-to-Pin: No. 5 Charley Cox
No. 11 John Goode, Jr.
No. 15 Chris Burgess

Fifty-four players participated in Pine Ridge Golf Club's "Friday 9-Hole Mixed Scramble" on Jan. 11. Results follow:

First Linda T., Bruce B., Joe V., Ghost
Second Pat D., Don S., John W., Phil S.
Third Dottie M., Victor M., Patty M., Mark F.
Fourth Nancy C., Laurie "Tiger" G., Sharon M., Mark M.

32 (MOC)

Carol M., Jim M., Gerry R., Jon T.

33 (MOC)

Sharon C., Frank C., Dee Dee, David C., Sixth
Closest to the pin: Miss Nada
No. 11 (Women) Bob C.
No. 15 (Men) Cheryl S.
No. 15 (Men) Laurie "Tiger" G.

PLANTATION

Jan. 6, 9-Hole Mixed "Sunday Swingers" game results:

First Gail Bolle & AnnMarie Lohr
Second Julie & Ed Hogan
Third Carol & Larry Buzzo
Fourth Joyce & Jerry Karau
Annelise & Arnie Willadsen
Joann & Wayne Johnson
Linda Yordy & Pat Boeckensstedt
Fifth Deb & Gary St. Onge
Alice & Chuck Morgan
Longest putt: No. 5 Carol Riggs & Gary St. Onge

Monday, Jan. 7, 9-Hole Points Game results:

Ron Guido
Walt Teighman
Jerry Rizzo
Dave Tyson
Bruce Pou
Dennis Lippert
Dan Wilson
Keith Dingman
Jeff Bowersox
Norm Boutin
Nevin Jenkins
Bill Sizemore
Don Stickney
Tuesday, Jan. 8, Ladies 9-Hole Front Nine "Breakfast Club" (unhandicapped) "Low Score" game results:

Margie Dorris
Lillian Brown
Marilyn Swenson
Fran Thornton
Carolyn McNeil
Jan Corbett
Wednesday, Jan. 9, Ladies 9-Hole Points Game results:

Lanie Cooney
Joyce Karau
Theresa Martinson
Sue Newell
Deb St. Onge
Diane Elmhurst
Joann Johnson
Thursday, Jan. 10, 9-Hole Points Game results:

Jay Hytton
Bob Beaufait
Bill Sizemore
Arnie Willadsen
Saturday, Jan. 12, 18-Hole Points Game results:

Bill Kistner
Don Perrin
Dave Tyson
Bob Pennell
Cam Hall
Tom McLaughlin
Dan Taylor
Bruce Pou
Pat Boeckensstedt
Jan. 13, 9-Hole Mixed Sunday Swingers "Twisted Shamble" format game results:

First Sue & Fran Doring
Diane Elmhurst & Robin LaVallee
Second 90

Joyce & Jerry Karau

Deb & Gary St. Onge
Third Gail Bolle & Annelise Willadsen
Trish Hume & Rob Peterson (blind draw)
Fourth Theresa & Dale Martinson
Hazel & Joseph Rio
Fifth Diane Elmhurst & Robin LaVallee
Sue & Fran Doring
Closest to the pin: No. 1 (in 2 shots) Deb St. Onge & Dale Martinson

SOUTHERN WOODS

MEN

Wednesday, Jan. 9, Southern Woods MGA series results are as follows, in a score/points format:

Flight 1
Frank Milne
John Stewart
Wally Wyatt
Terry Nutt
Jeff Pflum
Flight 2
Rick Odel
Russ Fortune
Hank Povenelli
Larry Lawson
Chuck Reeb

William Mostyn
Todd Wilson
Jim Chapman
Len Gorney
Flight 4
Ron Bollman
Mike Theodore
Tony Valenti
Patrick Berron
George Thomas
Closest to the pin: No. 4 Jeff Plum
No. 8 Mike Theodore
No. 13 Jeff Plum
No. 17 Ray Schnell

WOMEN

On Thursday, Jan. 10, the Southern Woods LGA played a "Team Game": 2 balls except 4 balls on Hole No. 16. Results follow:
First net 136
JoAnn Ray, Margot Check, Cathy Wright, Inge Weeks
Second net 138
Lorraine Dayton, Nancy Theodore, Janet Gilbert, Suki Schattenberg
Third net 141
Joy Figueredo, Susan Ervasti, Mary Beth Stassi, Blind Draw
Closest to the pins: No. 4 Judy Mantle
Nos. 8 & 17 Joy Figueredo
No. 13 Janet Gilbert

SUGARMILL WOODS

WOMEN

On Wednesday, Jan. 9, the Sugarmill Woods Ladies Golf Association played a "Member-Member-6-6-6" game. Results follow:

Flight 1
First Ginger Bong & Twila Vaughn
Second (Tie) 64
Susie Hornbeck & Iris Brimlow
Karen Hall & Ann Gunderman
Closest to the pin:

WOMEN

On Wednesday, Jan. 9, the Sugarmill Woods Ladies Golf Association played a "Member-Member-6-6-6" game. Results follow:

Flight 1
First 64
JoAnn Ray & Sally Neeb
Second 67
Judy Mantle & Peti Milne
Flight 2
First 62
Ginger Bong & Twila Vaughn
Second (Tie) 64
Susie Hornbeck & Iris Brimlow
Karen Hall & Ann Gunderman
Closest to the pin:

Oak No. 3

Deb DeGrio
Pine No. 4 Gail Wilson
Pine No. 7 Peti Milne

MEN

On Thursday, Jan. 10, the Sugarmill Woods Men's Golf Association played a game of "Best 2 of 4-Crazy Eights." Results follow:

First Mike Howard, John Bradley, Steve Demianczyk, John Lawrey
Second Al Smith, Felix Tarorick, Bill Mostyn, Joe Betkavsky, John Doyle, Frank Milne, Ed Skinner, Sam Hunt
Low gross Bill Butterworth
Low net Frank Milne
Low net Sr. Fred DiBattista
Closest to the pin: Cypress No. 6 Wally Wyatt
Pine No. 4 Bill Butterworth
Pine No. 7 Bill Mostyn

TWISTED OAKS

WOMEN

To kick off play in the new year on Jan. 8, the Twisted Oaks Ladies played their "First Tuesday" Low Gross/Low Net game. The Overall Low Net prize for the month went to Shirley Young, with a 63. The winners in each flight were:

Flight A
Low gross 82
Pat Doerr
Low net 67
Barb Mosio
Flight B
Low gross 93
Joan Ruggere
Low net 71
Karen Andersen
Flight C
Low gross 97
Sue Menage
Low net 68
Carol Lanzillo
Flight D
Low gross 97
Shirley Young
Low net 64
Ann Snowden

MEN

On Wednesday, Jan. 9, the Twisted Oaks Men's League played a "Shambles" game. Results follow:

First Buddy Reed, Ben Davis
Second Manny Garcia, John Stevens
Ken Koch, Pete McClune
Bert Acuna, Faria
Third Steve Furst, George Barker
Randy Brown, Faria
Closest to the pin: No. 4 Randy Brown
No. 8 Ken Koch
No. 11 Manny Garcia
No. 16 Walt Mosio

On Saturday, Jan. 12, the Twisted Oaks Bandits played a "Quota Points" game. Results follow:

First Greg Hemming
Second Don Elliott
Third Dick Clark
Closest to the pin: No. 4 Greg Hemming
No. 8 Talley
No. 11 Bob Phillips
No. 16 Tim Yedlicka

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Citrus Springs Memorial Library 352-489-2313

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Citrus Springs Library will have its regular book sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the library.

Calligraphy classes are the second Thursday at 12:30 p.m. Genealogy classes are the second and fourth Wednesdays

The library is looking for volunteers to work three-hour shifts. Applications are at the library. Students interested in working with children are encouraged to apply for Saturdays. Get application forms at the library at 1826 W. Country Club Drive, Citrus Springs. Citrus Springs Library is staffed only by volunteers, who work a three-hour shift one day a week. Call the library for information at 352-489-2313.

Citrus County Library System Jan. 22-26

All locations are closed Jan. 21 for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Central Ridge, Beverly Hills 352-746-6622 Jan. 22

Getting Started with Google Drive, 9:15 a.m.

Tobacco Cessation Class, 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Stories, 11 a.m.

Acoustic Guitar Jam, 1 p.m.

Artistic Doodling, 1 p.m.

Color Me Happy, 1 p.m.

Fun & Games, 1 p.m.

Jan. 23

Tai Chi, 9:30 a.m.

Reel Time, 1 p.m.

Jan. 24

Technology Tips and Shortcuts, 9:15 a.m.

Citrus County Beading Buddies, 12:30 p.m.

Symptoms & Solutions for Cataracts, 2 p.m.

Coastal Region, Crystal River 352-795-3716 Jan. 22

Tech Help Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.

Mother Goose Time, 11 a.m.

Acoustic Music Group, 2 p.m.

Jan. 23

Nature Coast Bead Society, 9 a.m.

Blind Date with a Movie, 2 p.m.

Lego Time, 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 24

Preschool Stories, 11 a.m.

Career Online High School Meet-Up, 2 p.m.

Jan. 25

Tai Chi, 10 a.m.

Meet the Artist: Susan Strawbridge, 11 a.m.

Floral City 352-726-3671 Jan. 22

Reel Time Double Feature Sing Along, 10 a.m.

Jan. 23

Preschool Stories, 11 a.m.

Writers Critique Group, 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 24

Tai Chi Beginner Basics, 10:30 a.m.

Tai Chi, 11 a.m.

Jan. 25

Myth or Truth? Stories We've Heard About Early America presented by the Daughters of the American Revolution Fort Cooper Chapter, 10 a.m.

Homosassa 352-628-5626 Jan. 22

Color Me Happy, 1 p.m.

Ask a Master Gardener, 2 p.m.

Pre-GED Language Arts Class, 5 p.m.

Reiki, 5:30 p.m.

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ONLINE EDUCATION



Special to the Chronicle

Several students graduated through the Citrus County Libraries Career Online High School Diploma/GED program recently. Pictured with the graduates are library staff members involved with the program. Front row are graduates Ryan Wisniewski, Monica Solano, Jessica Krook, Omar Ramirez, Lacey Wright and Anthony Delmar with April Fraizer, literacy services librarian. In back are Susan Mutschler, library manager and proliteracy certified trainer, and Eric C. Head, director of the Citrus County Library System. Not pictured are graduates Joni Curless and Ganesha Narahari.

Local students graduate from library system's online program

CLAIRE PHILLIPS LAXTON
For the Chronicle

It's never too late to get your high school diploma or a GED (Graduate Equivalency Degree.) Both are offered to future qualified adult graduates, age 19 or older, through the Citrus County Libraries.

In 2016, the Citrus County Library Systems began a Career Online High School (COHS) program, where if qualified, students can earn a high school diploma and also get a career certificate.

Graduates complete the program anywhere from four months, if they have other high school credits, to 18 months. Candidates must also have a library card in good standing.

In addition, they get a certified coach to help them reach their goal and graduate.

It's an adult program: Participants must be 19 and have attended some high school, even as a freshman. Thus far, the program has seen graduates from 19 to 63 years old.

The library offers limited scholarships for students who qualify that also want to advance their career opportunities while preparing to enter the workforce.

All applicants must complete the online self-assessments, a prerequisite course and an in-person interview to be considered.

Susan Mutschler, manager of the Homosassa and Coastal Region Library and a ProLiteracy certified trainer, initiated the Adult Literacy Services program back in November 2008.

"The Career Online High School initiative, while it's our newest

component in the services we provide our adult learners, is truly most vital," Mutschler said.

"While COHS provides mathematical- and language arts-based lessons, more importantly, it provides life-based lessons," she said. "Our COHS students are pleasantly surprised that in addition to core lessons, they are learning how to get in touch with their own values, discover their individualized strengths and weaknesses, all while increasing their own values while increasing their professional knowledge and employability skills.

"COHS really helps adult learners to self-actualize through the provision of a total student success package," she added.

The Florida State Legislature provides the funding for this adult literacy program.

"We were extremely pleased to see the State Legislature provide funding for this amazing program for public libraries all over Florida. It's been a great benefit to Citrus County and we are excited to be entering a second year of offering scholarships," said Eric C. Head, director of the county libraries.

"It's an excellent opportunity for those that are ready to make a real positive change in their life. All they need to do is call the library and get involved," Head said.

On Nov. 2, 2018, Citrus County Libraries graduated several students getting their COHS degrees, and some getting their GEDs, at the Old Historic Citrus County Courthouse in Inverness. It was the first time graduates donned caps and gowns for a traditional commencement ceremony complete with the

processional, keynote speakers, conferring of degrees and turning of the tassels.

Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented the Pledge of Allegiance and Eric Head welcomed everyone. Mutschler also spoke.

April Frazier, literacy service librarian, introduced the keynote speaker, graduate Monica Solano, who talked about why she joined the program and how important it was to her.

In essence, Solano said, "When I learned about COHS, I realized that I could literally do anything. It proved to me what I could do in my life and there were people who would stand behind me."

Frazier referenced the COHS saying, "This program works in ways that the GED can't. It offers each participant not just an accredited high school diploma, but also a chance to begin a career and to change their world. The COHS program works with adults' busy schedules and thanks to scholarships, it works with their budgets."

This is a no-fail program where students get all the help and tutors they need to finish with a degree.

"Public libraries have been adjusting to the needs of their communities for decades. That is part of what makes them such an anchor institution," Head said. "Education and lifelong learning is another great example. We have continued to evolve, not only with technology, but ensuring the ones that need it most have access to the resources and help they are seeking."

To find out more about the programs, call 352-765-4785 or go online at COHS@CitrusLibraries.org.

New this week

■ Holly Head of Beverly Hills and Kinsey Lofley of Crystal River are on the fall 2018 dean's list for **Valdosta State University** in Valdosta, Georgia.

Students who achieve a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on nine or more semester hours with an institutional grade point average of 3.00 or higher are recognized by being placed on the dean's list. Established in 1906, Valdosta State University is a premier comprehensive university that offers both the extensive academic, cultural, and social opportunities of a major university and the small classes and close, personal attention of smaller institutions. It boasts more than 100 degree, certificate, and endorsement programs on campus and online for undergraduate and graduate students. Visit www.valdosta.edu.

■ Reilly Oliver was named to the dean's list at the **College of Coastal Georgia** for the fall 2018 semester. Students named to the dean's list achieved a GPA of between 3.5 to 3.99 while enrolled as full-time students in the given term. Founded in 1961, the College of Coastal Georgia is a member of the University System

of Georgia. Located in the Golden Isles region of Georgia, the College of Coastal Georgia offers 43 bachelor's programs and 30 associate programs in a variety of disciplines. The school has been nationally and regionally recognized for its academic programs, its athletic teams, and its affordability.

■ The College of Central Florida Citrus Campus will present the **Pathways to Freedom 2019** exhibit in celebration of Black History Month in February. The exhibit, which was developed by Leroy Chandler, will be on display Wednesday, Feb. 20, and Thursday, Feb. 21, from 8 a.m. to

6 p.m. in the Citrus Learning and Conference Center at the Citrus Campus, 3800 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto. There is no fee to attend the exhibit. The collection consists of photographs, artwork, news articles, buttons and cards.

On display will be more than 2,000 artifacts ranging from slave trade to the Civil War, from reconstruction and the Jim Crow south to the Civil Rights movement and election of Barack Obama, America's first black president. For more information about the exhibit, contact Sonya Warden at 352-746-6721, ext. 6179, or Rory Wells at ext. 6117.

Special notices

■ High school and college students interested in getting assistance with the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid** can attend a **workshop** on Tuesday, Feb. 5, or Tuesday, March 26, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Citrus Learning and Conference Center at the College of Central Florida Citrus Campus, 3800 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto. Students are strongly encouraged to attend with their parent or guardian. Required documents to bring include the student's photo

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CHALK TALK

WANT YOUR NEWS IN CHALK TALK? Email community@chronicleonline.com and include the name of the event, the time, date and place, ticket prices, a contact person's name, phone number and email address and any other pertinent information. In the subject line of the email, type "Attention Chalk Talk." Photos need to be high resolution. Identify the people in the photo and the event. Include a contact name, phone number and email address. Deadlines for Chalk Talk submission are 5 p.m. Wednesday for the following Wednesday's edition. The *Chronicle* reserves the right to edit notices.

For more information, call features editor Sarah Gatling at 352-564-2997.

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identification, parents' and student's 2017 income tax returns and all W-2s, Social Security numbers and dates of birth of parents and student, and records of all 2017 untaxed income. Space is limited. Register for the event at www.CF.edu/fafsaworkshop. For more information, call 352-249-1215.

■ **The Lecanto High School (LHS) fifth annual LHS "Run for Relief"** will be Saturday, Jan. 26, at Lecanto High School, 3810 W. Educational Path, Lecanto. Race day registration/packet pick-up begins at 7:30 a.m. The race will begin at 8:45 a.m. The 5K race supports the activities of the Lecanto High School IB med-share Club. Students use race proceeds to assemble first aid kits for distribution to families, health clinics and schools in underserved parts of the world, and to organizations that support Florida farmworker families and the homeless. Pre-registration cost is \$20 for adults, and \$15 if in 12th grade and under. Race day registration is \$25 for adults and \$20 for 12th grade and under. T-shirts will be provided. To register, visit <https://runsignup.com> enter: med-share 5k. For information, contact Dan at carellad@citrus.k12.fl.us, Vaishnavi at karanamv398@citrussschools.net or Alyana at alaroca110@citrussschools.net.

■ **Citrus County Memorial Health Foundation YMCA** invites Citrus County residents to take advantage of the January membership promotion and People Helping People program. During January, the \$50 sign-up fee is waived. Those who are already members will receive \$50 in "Y Bucks" if they refer a friend. The YMCA is a charitable not-for profit organization and is open to all.

Financial assistance is available through the People Helping People program to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy a better, healthier life. Visit the Y at 4127 W. Norvell Bryant Highway in Lecanto for a tour. To register online, visit ymcasuncoast.org and enter the promo code "join-online." For more information, call 352-500-9622 to speak with one of a membership specialist.

■ **Girls State** is June 5-13. Girls State is open to young women in their junior year of high school. It is a one-week, all-expense-paid trip to Tallahassee for an intense study of government. College scholarship opportunities will also be available.

To qualify for Girls State, the junior female must: have an interest in government; demonstrate leadership; be a resident of the state of Florida; be willing to salute the U.S. flag and take the oath of office on a Bible; have maintained an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher.

For an application and/or more information about Girls State, contact the school guidance counselor or Elfi Baker, Girls State chairperson of the American Auxiliary Unit 155, at 352-564-2548 or rbaker244@tampabay.rr.com; or visit the Girls State website at girlsstate.alaf1.org.

Applications should be submitted as soon as possible.

■ **Boys State** is June 16-22. Boys State is open to young men in their junior year of high school. It is a one-week, all-expense-paid trip to Tallahassee for an intense study of government. College scholarship opportunities will also be available.

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SCHOOL SNAPSHOTS

Photos for School Snapshots are provided by teachers or student/faculty representatives of Citrus County schools. Individual schools, including private schools, are welcome to submit photos for publication. Photos need to be high resolution. Identify the people in the photo (if fewer than 10) and the event. Include a contact name, phone number and email address for confirmation. For more information, call features editor Sarah Gatling at 352-564-2997.

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■ **Take Stock in Children** is a school-based mentoring program sponsored by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office that assists in creating a brighter future for deserving youth by providing college and vocational scholarships, volunteer mentors, tutoring and long-term support. Take Stock in Children currently monitors 56 active students enrolled in Citrus County's middle and high schools. By the end of December, we will be adding new students to the program and we are looking for caring adults who will help make a difference by mentoring these students, once a week, in school, for 30 minutes. Take Stock is not a tutoring program; rather, it is a program that provides support, guidance and encouragement for students as they work their way through middle and high school, and prepare for college. Call Program Manager Pat Lancaster at 352-422-2348 or 352-344-0855 to learn more about the program, to get an application and to sign up for mentor training.

■ **The Citrus Youth Orchestra** is in need of a **violin teacher** for students ages 7-17. Classes are held weekly on Tuesday afternoons at the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Inverness. Teachers do receive compensation for their instructional time and mileage expenses. The Citrus Youth Educational Symphonic Orchestra Inc. (CYESO) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation that seeks to inspire a love of classical music in the young people of Citrus County and the surrounding area by teaching symphonic music to children ages 5 to 19, instructing them in music theory and performance techniques, as well as presenting public performances.

A prospective teacher should have an undergraduate degree in music or equivalent experience, and be able to demonstrate teaching ability in an actual class setting. All prospective teacher candidates are asked to submit a resumé to yes2cyeso@gmail.com. Visit the website or email for more information: www.cyeso.org or www.facebook.com/cyeso.

■ **A Citrus County School District volunteer** may be a parent or grandparent, a member of the business community, a retiree or any individual who is willing to give freely of his or her time to make a positive difference in the lives of students. Every day during the school year, hundreds of volunteers are spending time in Citrus County Schools and classrooms and sharing their talents with students and teachers.

Volunteers may choose among numerous activities that include mentoring or tutoring students, sharing special interests or talents, working in media centers, listening to children read, setting up learning centers and helping students with special projects. For more information on volunteer opportunities and districtwide volunteer training, call Bernadette Salmaggi at 352-726-1931, ext. 2246, or Helen Pannelli, ext. 2233.

Classes and courses

■ **The Old Homosassa Learning Center** has a new Adult Learning Schedule:

● **Monday and Thursday** at 9 a.m., yoga with Michelle DiDomenico, \$5 charge.

● **Wednesday** at 10:30 a.m., body sculpting with Michelle DiDomenico, \$5 charge.

● **Tuesday** at 10 a.m., Zumba with Nadeen Horak, \$5 charge

● **Thursday, 12:30-3 p.m.**, Sew Cool! Workshop, no charge

■ **Withlacoochee Technical College (WTC)** is now enrolling for a **Women's Woodworking** class starting Jan. 19. The class, which is geared toward teaching women competence and confidence to work with wood and basic tools, will run for six weeks. The class will be held on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon at the college. Participants will choose one of four projects to create and take home: a five-board bench, plant stand, tool box/caddy or a Shaker stool. Cost of the class is \$100. Contact the College at 352-726-2430, ext. 4333, for more information or to enroll.

■ **Do you have a friend or a neighbor who wants to learn English?** Do you need to improve your English skills? Withlacoochee Technical College is now enrolling in its **English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)** program. Contact Student Services at 352-726-2430, ext. 4301, for more information on how to enroll. The college is at 1201 W. Main St., Inverness, and can be found online at www.wtcollege.org.

■ **The Blind Americans Wishing Well Center**, 6055 N. Carl G. Rose Highway (State Road 200), Hernando, offers classes from Lighthouse at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays for iPhone, independent living and computers. Classes are free for the blind and vision-impaired. For information, call 352-754-1132.

■ **The Citrus County Library System's Literacy Services** offer an array of pre-GED classes to help you reach your education goals. The library can help you get prepared with its pre-GED classes such as math, language arts, science and social studies. If you need different help, Literacy Services can match you with a tutor for one-on-one sessions in any of these areas. Call 352-765-4785 or visit citruslibraries.org.

■ **Do you have a special talent, interest or ability that you would like to share with the community?** Withlacoochee Technical College's Community Education Department is **looking for instructors** and their course ideas for the community education program. Call 352-726-2430, ext. 4360.

■ **Withlacoochee Technical College** offers **ed2go courses**. Visit www.ed2go.com/wti to find out more about all available ed2go classes.

■ **Withlacoochee Technical College** offers a Basic Motorcycle Rider course. For information, go to http://wtcollege.org/motorcycle_basic.html; or call 352-726-2430, ext. 4304 or 4360.

■ **Withlacoochee Technical College** has **Community Education classes**. Seating is limited; register early. Visit www.wtcollege.org, click on "Community Education" and "Register Now" for details and to enroll. WTC: 352-726-2430, ext. 4360.

■ **Apply for admission to CF** at www.CF.edu. A high school diploma or GED is required prior to admission. Upon acceptance into the college, students can register for the certificate courses. For information, Dr. Judy Downer at downerj@cf.edu.

■ **The city of Inverness classes at Whispering**

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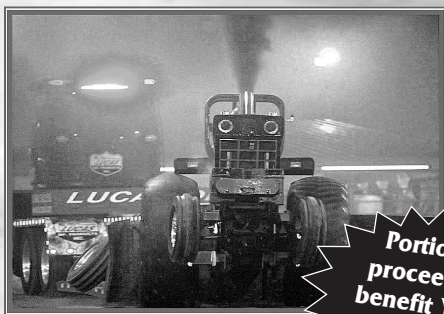
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Pines Park. To register, visit www.inverness-fl.gov or the Administration Office in Whispering Pines Park at the Aquatics Complex. 352-726-3913; between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

■ **Citrus MacIntosh Users Group (CMUG)** is a local group to assist Apple product owners with their Mac computers, iPads, iPhones, iPods and Apple software. All activities are at Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, 2540 W. Norvell Bryant Highway, Lecanto. Register for the classes, labs, and workshops at CMUGonline.com under Calendar and Classes.

Scholarships and contests

■ This year, the Fort Cooper Chapter of the Daughters Of The American Revolution (DAR) will offer two **\$1,000 scholarships** for Citrus County high school graduating senior women. Criteria include achieving a minimum 3.0 GPA, acceptance at an accredited college or university, notable participation in extracurricular activities and community services and indication of substantial financial need. Applications are due March 15 and are available at all Citrus County high school guidance offices or from the Fort Cooper DAR Chapter scholarship chairman.

■ An additional scholarship program is being instituted this year as Fort Cooper DAR Chapter will offer **two \$500 awards** for women students at Withlacoochee Technical College for the purpose of furthering the occupational advancement of women in the trades. Applications and information are available from WTC's scholarship coordinator.

■ **DAR scholarships** are also available at the state level. The Florida State Society Daughters Of The American Revolution offers scholarships for Florida residents who are attending or will attend accredited in-state or out-of-state colleges or universities. Application forms for state awards are available from high school guidance offices and must be submitted first to the Fort Cooper

scholarship chairman. FSS-DAR also provides scholarships for women in the trades. Applications are available at withlacoochee Technical College.

■ **The National Society Daughters of The American Revolution** provides many scholarships in a variety of fields for high school graduates, current college students and graduate students. Information and application forms are available on the national organization's website, dar.org (click on "Scholarships"). For more information about all DAR scholarships, contact Fort Cooper Chapter scholarship chairman Shirley Hartley at 352-270-8590 or whartley1@tampabay.rr.com.

■ Citrus County Utilities seeks student participation in the **2019 Drop Savers poster contest**. Students in grades K-12 are encouraged to create a poster depicting a water-saving idea, in slogan form, drawing form or both. Posters must focus on how to use less water and encourage water-conservation behaviors. A \$25 cash prize will be awarded to the countywide first-place winners in each of the five divisions. Posters will be judged by grade level as follows: Division 1 — kindergarten and first grades; Division 2 — second and third grades; Division 3 — fourth and fifth grades; Division 4 — sixth, seventh and eighth grades; Division 5 — ninth through 12th grades. A \$50 cash prize will be awarded to each division winner's school to be used for art supplies, as well as a plaque displaying the winning artwork.

Applications and posters must be received by 5 p.m. Feb. 22. Mail or deliver submissions to 3600 W Sovereign Path, Suite 202, Lecanto, FL 34461. For an application and contest guidelines call 352-527-7684 or visit www.citrusbocc.com/waterres/conservation.

■ **Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)** announces two college **scholarship opportunities** for 2019.

Chapter 776 Endowed Scholarship — The Chapter

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School Year 2019-20 awards \$1,000 to an applicant accepted or currently enrolled at CF as a full time student (12 or more semester credit hours).

Chapter 776 Memorial Scholarship — The Chapter 776 Sgt. Dennis Flanagan Memorial Scholarship awards \$1,000 to an applicant who is a veteran currently enrolled in the Withlacoochee Technical College (WTC) Law Enforcement Academy.

Chapter 776 scholarship information and applications can be obtained at www.citruspurpleheart.org or by calling 352-382-3847. Chapter 776 must receive its endowed and memorial scholarship applications no later than 5 p.m. Feb. 28.

■ The Citrus Community Concert Choir offers a \$1,500 **scholarship opportunity** to qualified students residing in Citrus County who wish to further their education in vocal or instrumental musical arts. Information is at www.citruschoir.com or call 352-637-2377.

■ The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) sponsors an Elementary School **Americanism Poster Contest**. The Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR invites all third, fourth and fifth-grade students interested in the history of the War for American Independence (Revolutionary War), to participate in the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest. The contest is open to public school, parochial school, home-schooled students, scouts or Children of the American Revolution member students in that same grade range.

Young artists with an enthusiasm toward art, a love of American history or a passion in creative expression can submit their posters to the Withlacoochee SAR chapter for competition. While the Americanism Poster Contest begins at the local level, students' masterpieces may eventually be judged and monetarily awarded at the national level in June 2019 at the annual NSSAR Congress. Starting at the chapter level, there are cash awards at each level of the contest.

The theme for the 2018-19 contest is "James Madison and Our Nation's Founding Documents." James Madison became the most diminutive

president. He was an American statesman and Founding Father who served as the fourth President of the United States from 1809 to 1817. His term included the War of 1812. He is hailed as the "Father of the Constitution" for his pivotal role in drafting and promoting the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR provides an informational Teacher Package designed to aid teachers choosing to use this program as a historical project. Contact Norman Freyer by calling 352-382-2657 or emailing nrfburger1@aol.com.

■ The Timucan Indian Chapter of Colonial Dames will participate/sponsor the **Pocahontas Scholarship Program** for a medical student, via the area schools. It is the oldest project of the society. Initially, the scholarship was only open to Native American women studying nursing. It was broadened to be available to males: in 1975, the first male nursing student was awarded the Scholarship. The \$500 per semester award is for ancestrally documented Indian heritage students in all parts of the country. For information or an application form, call Bev Gentry at 352-212-2363.

■ The **Riverhaven Garden Club** in Homosassa has been giving scholarships for more than 20 years to area seniors interested in pursuing a career in botany, landscape design, or ecology. The scholarship alternates between Lecanto and Crystal River, since these are the two area high schools that students in Homosassa attend. The scholarship amount has varied, as has the number of recipients, but we have given these scholarships for amounts between \$500 to \$1,500 toward a recipient's college tuition. Email elainemoore4@gmail.com or call 352-621-3004 for information.

Miscellaneous

■ In the 5th Judicial Circuit, which includes Marion, Lake, Hernando, Sumter and Citrus counties, more than 2,100 children are involved with our local dependency courts due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. The majority have been removed from their homes due to their parents' abuse of drugs and alcohol. As a **volunteer Guardian ad Litem**, we can help give a child a gift for life. As a trained volunteer, Guardians ad Litem are assigned to an abused or

neglected child, whose case is involved with the courts. They are charged with advocating for the child so that he/she is safe and protected and given the chance to live in a stable, loving home. To find out more about volunteering as a Guardian ad Litem, visit our website at www.guardianadlitem.org.

■ **EMS Career Exploring** is open to young men and women ages 14 (and completed the eighth grade) and not yet 21 years old with an interest in learning more about careers in the fields of Health and EMS. EMS Exploring is a hands-on program that exposes participants to many career opportunities. Explorers get to experience firsthand what it's like to work in the field of Emergency Medical Services. Explorers will develop work experiences to begin building their resume, important leadership skills and an understanding of the importance of teamwork in a professional setting. Explorers will have an opportunity to participate in hands-on projects to give them a real feel for whether this career is the right one for them. They will have an opportunity to network with professionals who work in these careers every day — they are using the latest technology, they are aware of emerging trends, they know what it takes to get into college for their specific career. Contact Nature Coast EMS for more information: 352-249-4751.

■ **Membership in the Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County** is \$15 yearly. Costs for care programs are \$75 per month for after-school and \$20 per month for before-school care; scholarships may be available. Pickup is available for the clubs in Inverness, Beverly Hills and Homosassa/Crystal River.

COMING UP SOON ...

Citrus Empty Bowls

The Citrus Empty Bowls fundraiser to benefit the Community Food Bank will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Crystal Harley-Davidson pavilion on U.S. 19 between Homosassa and Crystal River.

For a \$15 ticket, get a bowl of soup and a handmade ceramic bowl made by students in the Lecanto High School Art Department.

There will be artisan bowls for auction and many soups from area restaurants.

School-astic Golf Classic

Women of Sugarmill Woods announce the date for their 23rd annual School-astic Golf Classic.

The tournament will be held on Monday, Feb. 25, at Sugarmill Woods Country Club. Cost to participate is \$65 per player. For more information, contact Mary Kay Verkennes at 218-820-4049 or mkverken@charter.net.

Schoolhouse Hustle

The sixth annual Suncoast Credit Union Schoolhouse Hustle 5K/10K/1-Mile Walk will be from 6:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 6, beginning at the CREST school.

The event will also feature a family health expo, YMCA kids zone, free childcare, games and snacks, the county's biggest pep rally, mascot mania, a scavenger hunt and more.

Proceeds benefit the Citrus County Education Foundation (CCEF). For information, visit www.citruseducation.org.

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Visit bgccitrus.org or call 352-621-9225.

■ In 2010, Cayla Barnes was a beautiful 20-month-old little girl who drowned on a hot July afternoon in Citrus County. Since then her parents, Sean and Jessica Barnes, have turned a devastating loss into a charitable organization known as Cayla's Coats. With help from the community, Cayla's Coats is now a nonprofit with the mission is to provide drowning prevention and awareness education, swimming lessons during the warmer months and **coats during the colder months** to children in need in Citrus County. Visit

www.caylascoscoats.org. For information, call 352-316-6409.

■ **Big Brothers Big Sisters** of Tampa Bay, serving Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Sumter counties, offers a monthly training and

orientation meeting at the Citrus YMCA. Find out more about the program and become a Big Brother, Big Sister or Big Couple. Email SheriC@bbbsTampabay.org. Visit www.bbbsstampabay.org.

■ Citrus County **4-H clubs welcome new members**.

Call Mamie Ward, Citrus County 4-H extension agent, at 352-527-5700. 4-H is a community of young people engaged in learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

■ The Citrus Youth Educational Symphonic Orchestra **music lessons**. Students 5 to 19. Beginning students will learn to read music and play string, woodwind or brass instruments. Students who already play, will learn to play in an ensemble. See cyeso.org or facebook.com/cyeso for information or email yes2cyeso@gmail.com. Classes 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Inverness.

■ Citrus County **YMCA Community Champions** program. The Y Community Champions program embraces volunteers to help in a variety of areas with the YMCA organization. Volunteers needed in the areas of coaching, program assistants, special events and office administration. All volunteers must undergo a background screening. To volunteer, call 352-500-9622, or stop by 4127 W. Norvell Bryant Highway, Beverly Hills, FL 34461.

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Scrabble Club, 10 a.m.
Preschool Stories, 11 a.m.
Belly Dance Class, 5:15 p.m.

Jan. 24

Mother Goose Time, 11 a.m.
Citrus Strings Chamber Music Group, 1:30 p.m.

Jan. 25

The Knit Wits of Homosassa, 1 p.m.

Jan. 26

Alice in Wonderland Tea Party, 10 a.m.

Lakes Region, Inverness

352-726-2357

Jan. 22

Tech Talk: Alternatives to Cable, 9:15 a.m.
Ask A Master Gardener, 1 p.m.
Lively Legos, 4:30 p.m.
Meditation Practice for Personal Growth, 5:45 p.m.

Jan. 23

Introduction to Archeology, 10:30 a.m.
Yang Tai Chi 13, 4:45 p.m.

Jan. 24

Tai Chi, 9 a.m.
Preschool Stories, 11 a.m.
NewComers' Book Club, 1:30 p.m.

Jan. 25

Mother Goose Time, 11 a.m.
Citrus Strings Musical Performance, 1 p.m.

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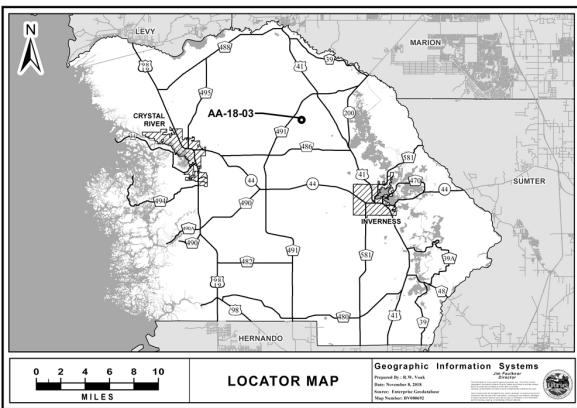
The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) proposes to adopt the following by ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF CITRUS COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITRUS COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE ATLAS MAP AND THE MASTER PLAN OF THE BEVERLY HILLS DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT BY REDESIGNING APPROXIMATELY 61 ACRES FROM THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED DESIGNATION) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL (SINGLE-FAMILY CLUSTER DESIGNATION); PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATION THAT MAY ARISE FROM CONSIDERATION AT PUBLIC HEARING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

AA-18-03 – Steven Fischer for Twisted Oaks Properties, LLC.: A request to amend the Land Development Code (LDC) Atlas Map and the Master Plan of the Beverly Hills Development of Regional Impact (DRI); from PDR, Planned Residential Development (single-family detached designation) to PDR, Planned Residential Development (single-family cluster designation)

Property Location: Sections 1 and 12, Township 18 South, Range 18 East; more specifically, a portion of Parcel 13000 (aka SR8) in Beverly Hills Development of Regional Impact (DRI), which address is known as 4005 N Forest Ridge Blvd, Beverly Hills, FL. A complete legal description is on file with the Land Development Division

A public hearing on the proposed ordinance will be held by the Board of County Commissioners on **February 12, 2019 @ 5:01 p.m.** at the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Room 100, Inverness, Florida. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance amendment.



A copy of the proposed ordinance(s) and supporting materials are available for public inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, at the Department of Growth Management, 3600 West Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461. For more information about this application, please contact the Land Development Division at (352) 527-5239.

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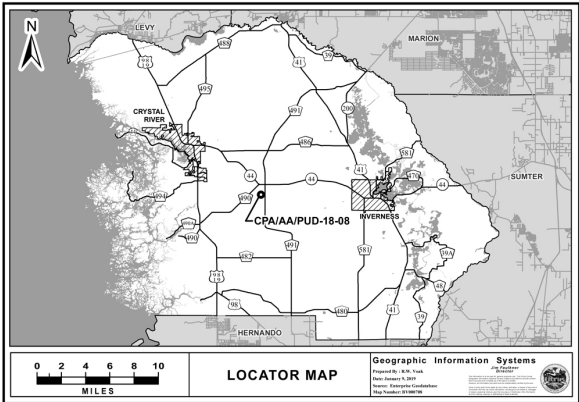
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AN ORDINANCE OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITRUS COUNTY FUTURE LAND USE MAP BY REDESIGNATING APPROXIMATELY 14 ACRES FROM THE MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; AND AMENDING THE CITRUS COUNTY LAND USE ATLAS MAP BY REDESIGNATING APPROXIMATELY 14 ACRES FROM THE MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT WITH A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FOR A HOUSE OF WORSHIP; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATION THAT MAY ARISE FROM CONSIDERATION AT PUBLIC HEARINGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CPA/AA/PUD-18-08 – Michael Wilburn for Christ Community Church of Citrus

Section 9, Township 19 South, Range 18 East; more specifically a portion of Parcel 24100 of an unrecorded tract (AK 3520060), which address is known as 1690 S. Lecanto Hwy., Lecanto, Florida. A complete legal description of the property is on file with the Land Development Division.

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The Mini Page

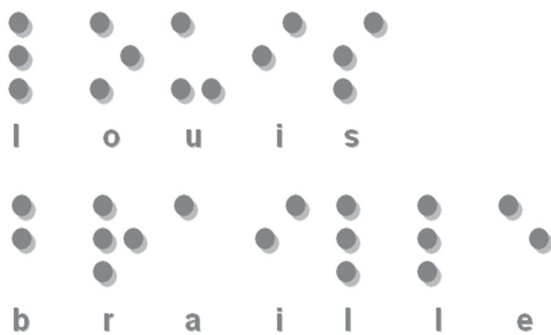
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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!

Next Week:
Wise sayings

A Young Inventor



Mini Fact:
Braille has been adapted to other languages, including Chinese.

Have you ever thought about what it would be like to be unable to read? We read all day long: street signs, sports scores, newspapers, books, teachers’ instructions, even sizes in our clothes and shoes.

But people who are blind or sight-impaired have to learn other ways to find out the same information.



Louis Braille

In 1824, a 15-year-old blind boy named Louis Braille demonstrated a better way for blind people to read. This week, The Mini Page learns more about how Louis’ code changed the world for those who can’t see.

Early life

Louis Braille was born in January 1809, 210 years ago, in a small town in France called Coupvray. His father was a harness maker who worked with leather, and Louis loved to play in his father’s workshop.

When he was just 3 years old, Louis climbed up on the workbench while his father was outside. As he pretended to make a hole in a piece of leather, the tool he was using slipped and punctured his right eye.

The damaged eye became infected, and soon the infection spread to Louis’ left eye. By the time he was 5 years old, he was completely blind.

Overcoming his handicap

As Louis grew, his parents taught him as much as they could. His father carved a

cane for him so he could move around the house and in the nearby village. He started his education with the local priest, who saw how smart he was. Later, Louis joined other village children at the school, but he needed more help than sighted students.

The village priest learned of a special school in Paris called the Institute for Blind Youth. He arranged for Louis to attend the school, and when he was 10 years old, Louis went to live at the school.

Methods of reading

The founder of the institute, Valentin Haüy, had invented a system of reading and writing called **embossing**. Large letters of the alphabet would be pressed, or embossed, onto thick waxed paper, and students could trace the letters with their fingers to read.

But the size of the letters made embossed books too large and heavy to move, and they were expensive to print.

Later, a retired military man visited the school to demonstrate a system he had invented for soldiers to communicate in the dark, called **nightwriting**. He used dashes and dots to represent different sounds. Louis was excited to learn this system, but he soon figured out that it was difficult to read and didn’t have symbols for punctuation.

So Louis got started on perfecting a system of his own. He worked late into the night, after classes and on weekends.

Louis’ code

Louis Braille wanted a code with which each letter could be read under one fingertip. He worked for three years to make his system just right, and finally, in 1824, he presented his invention to the school’s director.

Braille’s symbols represented the alphabet along with numbers, punctuation symbols and contractions.

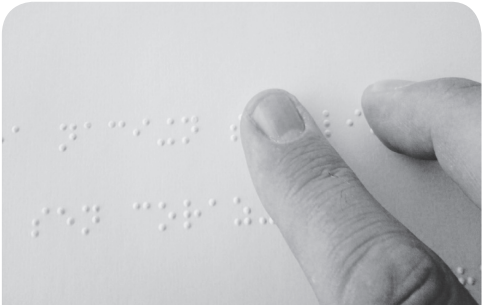


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Sharing his knowledge

Louis went on to become an instructor at the Institute for Blind Youth. His alphabet spread to other schools all across the world.

The brilliant young blind man faced many health challenges through his life, but he always managed to get well. But in 1850, he had to give up teaching for good. He was not strong enough to stand and speak loudly before his classes.

Louis Braille died on Jan. 6, 1852, two days after his 43rd birthday.

Resources

On the Web:

- bit.ly/MPBraille
- bit.ly/MPgames

At the library:

- “Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille” by Jen Bryant

Try ‘n’ Find

Words that remind us of Braille are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



BLIND, BRAILLE, CANE, CODE, DASH, DOT, EMBOSSING, FINGERS, FRANCE, HARNESS, INSTITUTE, LEATHER, LETTERS, LOUIS, NIGHTWRITING, PARIS, PRIEST, READ, SCHOOL, TOOL.

I	L	F	R	A	N	C	E	Z	D	A	S	H	U	B
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Cook’s Corner

Choco-Chip Pumpkin Muffins

You’ll need:

- 3 cups white or wheat flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin puree

- 1 cup canola oil
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 4 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups chocolate chips



What to do:

1. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and spices in a large bowl. Mix well.
2. Beat pumpkin, oil, sugar, applesauce and eggs in separate mixing bowl until smooth.
3. Add flour mixture gradually and stir until just moistened. Gently fold in chocolate chips.
4. Line muffin tins with paper liners; fill each liner with batter until 3/4 full.
5. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes until done. Makes 2 dozen.

* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

1. they fly in a “V” (5) _____
2. not straight (7) _____
3. hold in your arms (5) _____
4. calm (8) _____
5. opposite of straight hair (5) _____
6. write your thoughts here (7) _____
7. large body of ice (7) _____

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CAR	CEF	GE	CU
ESE	NAL	GLA	ER
CI	UL	PEA	CRO



Answers: geese, crooked, carry, peaceful, curly, journal, glacier.

Mini Jokes

Frosty: What often falls in the winter but never gets hurt?

Fiona: Snow!

Eco Note

Temperatures vary from year to year, but there has been an overall upward trend. Temperatures have risen by 1.3 degrees Fahrenheit since 1900. In the polar regions, they have risen much faster — by 4.1 degrees. Every decade since the 1980s has been the warmest on record. Polar ice is not the only ice that is melting. Glaciers on high mountains are also shrinking. Melted land ice is swelling the volume of water in the oceans. This is making sea levels rise.

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For later:

Look in your newspaper for articles about other tools that help disabled people.

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	C	S	D/I	F	H	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
2 (WESH) NBC	19		19			News	News	ET	Access	Chicago Med (N) '14'		Chicago Fire (N) '14'		Chicago P.D. (N) '14'		News	J. Fallon
3 (WEDU) PBS	3	3		14	6	World News	Nightly Business	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo) 88		Nature (N) 'G' 88 (DVS)		NOVA "Day the Dinosaurs Died" 'PG'		The Dictator's Playbook (N) '14' 88		Nature (N) 'G' 88 (DVS)	
5 (WUFT) PBS	5		5			DW News	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		Nature (N) 'G'		NOVA 'PG' 88		Dictator Playbk		BBC	Business
8 (WFLA) NBC	8	8	8	8	8	News	Nightly News	NewsChannel 8	Extra (N) 'PG'	Chicago Med "Who Can You Trust" '14'		Chicago Fire "You Choose" (N) '14'		Chicago P.D. Antonio returns to work. '14'		NewsChannel 8	Tonight Show
9 (WFTV) ABC	20	7	20			News at 6pm	World News	Jeopardy! (N) 'G'	Wheel of Fortune	The Goldbergs (N)	Schooled (N) 'PG'	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents	Match Game (N) '14' (DVS)		Eyewit. News	Jimmy Kimmel
10 (WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	10	10	10 News	Evening News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N) 'G'	Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	NCIS "Fragments" '14' 88 (DVS)		FBI "This Land Is Your Land" '14'		10 News Nightside	Late-Colbert
13 (WTVT) FOX	13	13		13	13	News	News	Access (N) 'PG'	TMZ (N) 'PG'	Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell		The Masked Singer (N) '14' 88 (DVS)		FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo) 88		FOX13 11:00 News (N) (In Stereo) 88	
20 (WCJB) ABC			11			News	ABC	ET	Inside Ed.	Gold	Schooled	Mod Fam	Single	Match Game (N) '14'		News	J. Kimmel
22 (WCLF) IND	2	2	2	22	22	Christian Fitness	Joyce Meyer	Robert Jeffress	The Great Awakening with	Steve	Prophecy Watchers	A. Wommack		Carroll Roberson	Jewish Jesus 'G'	Zola Levitt...	The Great Awake
23 (WFTS) ABC	11	11		11	11	News	World News	Inside Edition	The List (N) 'PG'	The Goldbergs (N)	Schooled (N) 'PG'	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents	Match Game (N) '14' (DVS)		News	Jimmy Kimmel
32 (WMOR) IND	12	12		5		The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Mom '14' 88	Mom '14' 88	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Chicago P.D. "Army of One" '14'		Big Bang Theory	Family Guy '14'
33 (WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	9	9	Extra 'PG'	ET	FamFeud	FamFeud	NewsChannel 8	Dateline 'PG' 88	Dateline 'PG' 88		Seinfeld		Seinfeld	
40 (WACX) TBN	21		21			Paid Prg.	The 700 Club 88	Paid Prg.	Child	Moore	Endtime	Paid Prg.		700 Club	S.Channel	Faith	Prince
43 (WTOG) CW	4	4	4	12	12	blackish 'PG'	blackish 'PG'	Friends 'PG'	2 Broke Girls '14'	Riverdale (N) (In Stereo) '14' 88	All American "Keep Ya Head Up" 'PG'	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	2 Broke Girls '14'		Friends '14' 88	
47 (WYKE) FAM	16	16	16		15	America Trends		INN News	Citrus Today	Sully's Biz Brew	Positively Paula 'G'	The Chef's		America Trends		Citrus Court	Citrus Today
50 (WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	15	14	Noticias	Noticiero	Rosa de Guadalupe	Jesús		Mi marido			Amar a muerte '14'		Noticias	Noticiero
51 (WOGX) FOX			13	7	7	Fox 51	Fox 51	Big Bang	Big Bang	24 Hours-Hell	The Masked Singer			FOX 51 News		Dateline 'PG' 88	
63 (WXPX) ION		17				Blue Bloods '14'		Blue Bloods '14'		Blue Bloods '14'		Blue Bloods '14'		Blue Bloods '14'		Blue Bloods 'PG'	
(A&E)	54	48	54	25	27	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars '14'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'
(AMC)	55	64	55			**** ⁸⁸ "My Cousin Vinny" (1992, Comedy) Joe Pesci, Marisa Tomei. 'R' 88				*** "Cast Away" (2000, Drama) Tom Hanks. A courier company executive is marooned on a remote island. 'PG-13' 88				*** ⁸⁸ "Angels & Demons" (2009) 'PG-13' 88			
(ANI)	52	35	52	19	31	North Woods Law (In Stereo) 'PG' 88		North Woods Law (In Stereo) 'PG' 88		North Woods Law: Uncuffed "Rabid!" Potentially rabid wild animals. (N) '14' 88				North Woods Law (In Stereo) 'PG' 88		North Woods Law (In Stereo) 'PG' 88	
(BET)	96	71	96			** "Harlem Nights" (1989, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Redd Foxx. Two 1930s nightclub owners turn the tables on a crime boss. 'R'				*** "Rush Hour" (1998, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, Tom Wilkinson. 'PG-13'				Martin 'PG'	Martin 'PG'		
(BRAVO)	254	51	254			Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		Sweet Home 'PG'		Watch	Jersey
(CC)	27	61	27		33	South Park 'MA'	South Park 'MA'	South Park 'MA'	South Park 'MA'	South Park 'MA'	South Park 'MA'	South Park 'MA'	South Park 'MA'	South Park 'MA'	South Park 'MA'	The Daily Show	Corporate '14' 88
(CMT)	98	45	98	28	37	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	*** ⁸⁸ "Walk the Line: Extended Cut" (2005, Biography) Joaquin Phoenix. The story of music legends Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash. 'NR' 88						*** ⁸⁸ "Walk the Line: Extended Cut" (2005) 'NR' 88			
(CNN)	40	29	40	41	46	Situation Room		Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight	
(ESPN)	33	27	33	21	17	SportsCenter (N)		NBA Countdown (N)		NBA Basketball Toronto Raptors at Boston Celtics. (N)		NBA Basketball					
(ESPN2)	37	28	34	43	49	Around	Pardon	College Basketball Teams	TBA. (N) (Live)	2019 Australian Open		Tennis Second Round. (N) (Live) 88					
(FBN)	106	149	106	99	41	The Evening Edit (N)		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Primetime		Kennedy (N) 88		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Primetime	
(FLIX)		118	170			*** ⁸⁸ "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" (2007) Johnny Depp. 'PG-13' 88				*** "True Romance" (1993, Action) Christian Slater. (In Stereo) 'R' 88				*** ⁸⁸ "The Punisher" (2004, Action) Thomas Jane, John Travolta. (In Stereo) 'R' 88			
(FNC)	44	37	44		32	Special Report		The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) 88		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News at Night	
(FOOD)	26	56	26			Guy's Games		Guy's Games		Guy's Games		Guy's Games		Guy's Games		Guy's Games	
(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	20	28	*** ⁸⁸ "The Lion King" (1994) Voices of Matthew Broderick. (In Stereo) 'G' 88				grown-ish (N) '14'		** "Just Go With It" (2011) Adam Sandler. A man's care-less lie spins out of control. 'PG-13' 88		Sandler. A man's care-less lie spins out of control. 'PG-13' 88		The 700 Club (In Stereo) 88	
(FS1)	732	112	732			Big East		College Basketball Creighton at St. John's.		College Basketball Butler at DePaul. (N)		Hoops		NFL Turning Point			
(FS2)		806				Lock It In		Crashed Ice		Crashed Ice		PBC Countdown		Boxing			
(FSNFL)	35	39	35			In Magic		Pregame		NBA Basketball Orlando Magic at Detroit Pistons. (N)		Postgame		In Magic		In Magic	
(FX)	30	60	30		51	*** ⁸⁸ "X-Men: Apocalypse" (2016) James McAvoy. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 88				*** ⁸⁸ "The Equalizer" (2014, Action) Denzel Washington. A former commando champions the helpless. (In Stereo) 'R' 88				*** ⁸⁸ "Taken 2" (2012) Liam Neeson.			
(GOLF)	727	67	727			PGA Web.com				Asian Tour Golf SMBC Singapore Open, First Round. (N) (Live)							
(HALL)	59	68	39	45	54	*** ⁸⁸ "The Art of Us" (2017, Romance) Taylor Cole, Steve Lund. 'NR' 88				*** ⁸⁸ "Winter Castle" (2019, Romance) Emilie Ullerup, Kevin McGarry. 'NR' 88				*** ⁸⁸ "Marrying Mr. Darcy" (2018, Romance) Cindy Busby, Ryan Paevey. 'NR' 88			
(HBO)	302	201	302	2	2	*** "The Hangover" (2009) Bradley Cooper. 'R' 88		VICE News		*** ⁸⁸ "Blockers" (2018) Leslie Mann. (In Stereo) 'R' 88		True Detective (In Stereo) 'MA' 88		True Detective (In Stereo) 'MA' 88		"Life of Party"	
(HB02)	303	202	303			*** ⁸⁸ "Maze Runner: The Death Cure" (2018) Property Brothers 'PG' 88		True Detective (In Stereo) 'MA' 88		True Detective (In Stereo) 'MA' 88		*** ⁸⁸ "Logan" (2017) Hugh Jackman. Logan must protect a young mutant girl from dark forces. 'R' 88		*** ⁸⁸ "Drag Me to Hell"			
(HGTV)	23	57	23	42	52	Property Brothers 'PG' 88		Property Brothers 'PG' 88		Property Brothers "Miles Apart" 'PG'		Property Brothers (N) 'PG' 88		House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Property Brothers 'PG' 88	
(HIST)	51	54	51	32	42	Pawn Stars 'PG'	Pawn Stars 'PG'	Pawn Stars 'PG'	Pawn Stars 'PG'	Vikings "The Most Terrible Thing" '14'		Vikings Hvitserk is severely tested. '14'		To Be Announced			
(LIFE)	24	38	24		21	Grey's Anatomy (In Stereo) '14' 88		Grey's Anatomy (In Stereo) '14' 88		Project Runway All Stars (N) 'PG' 88		Project Runway All Stars (N) 'PG' 88		American Beauty Star (N) '14' 88		Project Runway All Stars 'PG' 88	
(LIFEMOV)	119	50	119			*** ⁸⁸ "Give Me My Baby" (2016, Suspense) Kelly Sullivan, Sofia Milos. 'NR' 88		*** ⁸⁸ "Your Baby Is Mine" (2018, Suspense) Linsey Godfrey, Preston Jones. 'NR' 88		*** ⁸⁸ "The Good Nanny" (2017, Suspense) Briana Evigan, Ellen Hollman. 'NR' 88							
(MSNBC)	42	41	42			The Beat With		Hardball Matthews		All In With Chris		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The 11th Hour	
(NBCSN)	448	26	730			Rally		NHL Live (N) (In Stereo)		NHL Hockey Boston Bruins at Philadelphia Flyers. From Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia. (Live)		NHL Hockey San Jose Sharks at Arizona Coyotes. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)					
(NGEO)	109	65	109			Southern Justice '14' 88		Locked Up Abroad "Bangkok" '14'		Locked Up Abroad: Breakout (N) '14'		Locked Up Abroad (In Stereo) '14' 88		Locked Up Abroad (N) '14' 88		Locked Up Abroad (In Stereo) '14' 88	
(NICK)	28	36	28	35	25	Loud		Loud		Henry		Sponge.		Sponge.		Friends	
(OWN)	125	24	103			Police Women		Police Women		Four Weddings 'PG'		Four Weddings 'PG'		Curvy		Curvy	
(OXY)	123	44	123			NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles	
(PARMT)	37	43	37	27	36	Friends 'PG'		Friends '14' 88		Friends 'PG'		Friends 'PG'		*** ⁸⁸ "I, Robot" (2004) Will Smith. A homicide detective tracks a dangerous robot in 2035. 'PG-13' 88		*** ⁸⁸ "Rise of Apes"	
(SEC)	745	72				The Paul Finebaum Show (N) (Live) 88		College Basketball South Carolina at Vanderbilt. (N) (Live)		College Basketball Alabama at Missouri. From Mizzou Arena in Columbia, Mo. (N)		SEC Now (N) 88		SEC Now (N) 88		SEC Now (N) 88	
(SHOW)	340	241	340			*** ⁸⁸ "Major League" (1989, Comedy) Tom Berenger. (In Stereo) 'R' 88		*** ⁸⁸ "Bull Durham" (1988, Romance-Comedy) Kevin Costner. (In Stereo) 'R' 88		*** ⁸⁸ "Field of Dreams" (1989) Kevin Costner. 'PG' 88				Inside the NFL 'PG'			
(STARZ)	370	271	370			*** ⁸⁸ "Monsters University" (2013) 'G'		*** ⁸⁸ "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (2017) Dwayne Johnson. 'PG-13' 88		*** ⁸⁸ "Elizabeth" (1998, Historical Drama) Cate Blanchett. (In Stereo) 'R' 88				** "Elizabeth: The Golden Age" (2007)			
(SUN)	36	31	36			Inside the Rays		Inside the Rays		College Basketball Boston College at Louisville. (N) (Live)		College Basketball Georgia Tech at Clemson. (N) (Live)		College Basketball			
(SYFY)	31	59	31	26	29	*** ⁸⁸ "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" (2010) Daniel Radcliffe. 'PG-13' 88 (DVS)		*** ⁸⁸ "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" (2011) Daniel Radcliffe. 'PG-13' 88 (DVS)		Deadly Class "Pilot" '14' 88		*** ⁸⁸ "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows"					
(TBS)	49	23	49	16	19	Fam. Guy		Fam. Guy		Burgers		Big Bang		Big Bang		Full	
(TCM)	169	53	169	30	35	*** ⁸⁸ "The Haunting" (1963, Horror) Julie Harris, Claire Bloom. 'G'		*** ⁸⁸ "East of Eden" (1955, Drama) James Dean, Julie Harris. 'PG' 88		*** ⁸⁸ "Splendor in the Grass" (1961, Drama) Natalie Wood, Pat Hingle. 'NR' 88				*** ⁸⁸ "Splendor in the Grass" (1961, Drama) Natalie Wood, Pat Hingle. 'NR' 88			
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Annie offers advice

Editor's Note: Annie Lane is off this week. The following column was originally published in October 2016.

Dear Annie: Christmas used to be a time that I enjoyed. I have always enjoyed spending time with siblings and cousins who live in other cities and catching up with them. Over the years, our families have grown. Our older children have grown, and they have children of their own. Some of the younger kids have significant others who always join in with the family celebrations.



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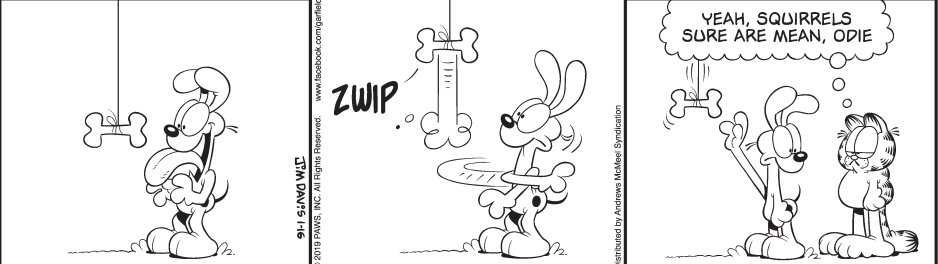
My family's gift-giving tradition is that we have a Kriss Kringle type of exchange for the adults and we all buy gifts for the children. In my case, I need to buy gifts for nearly 20 children/spouses/significant others. I am on a limited budget and honestly cannot afford to buy gifts for everyone, yet I still do because I am reluctant to say anything about it. After all, Christmas only happens once a year, and I don't want to appear to be a Scrooge.

Summer is barely over, and I am already dreading December. I would love to get through a holiday season without getting into a lot of debt. Any ideas would be much appreciated. — **Broke but Still Spending**

Peanuts



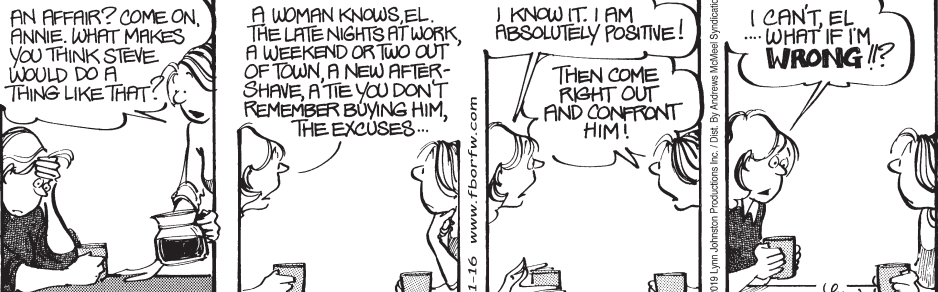
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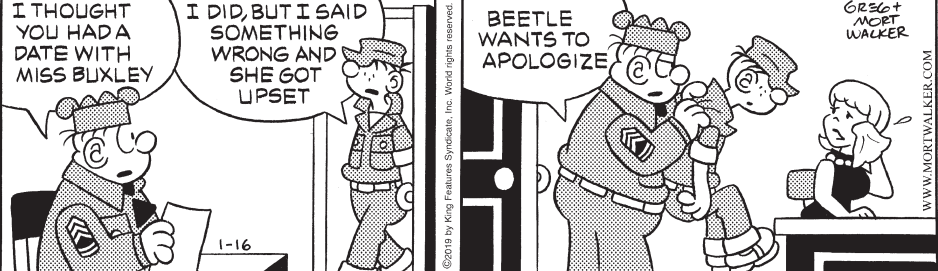
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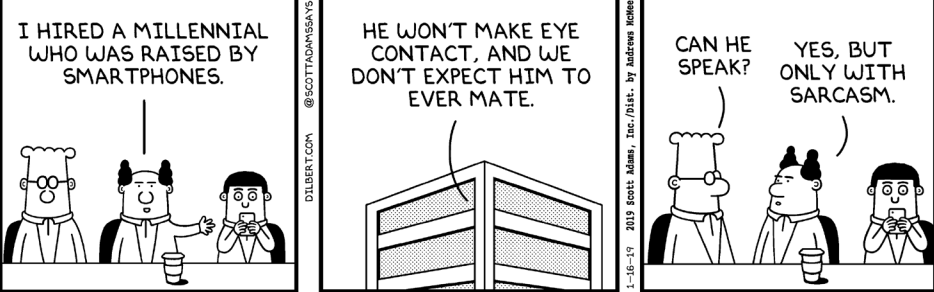
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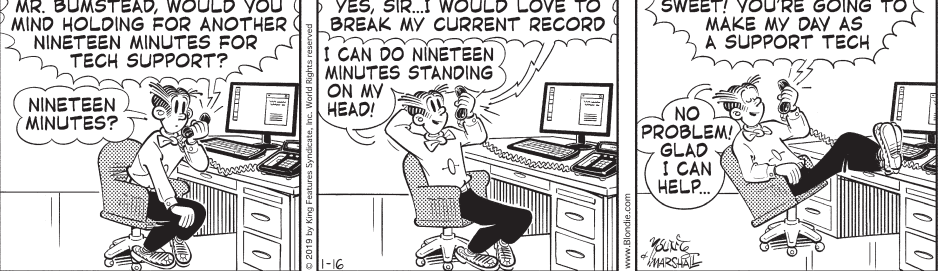
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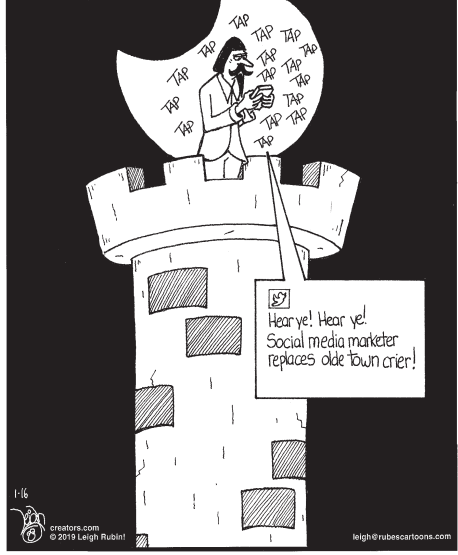


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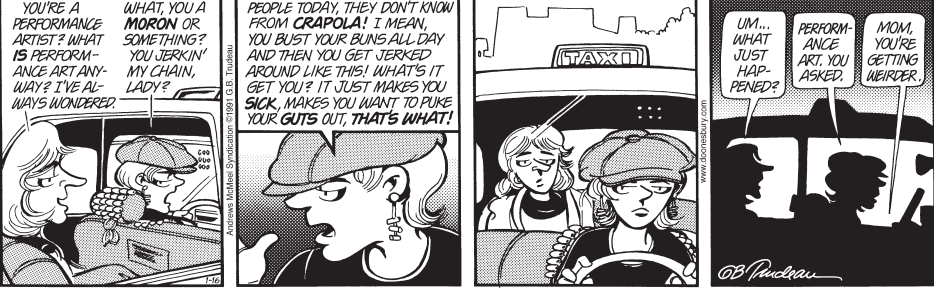


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The Family Circus



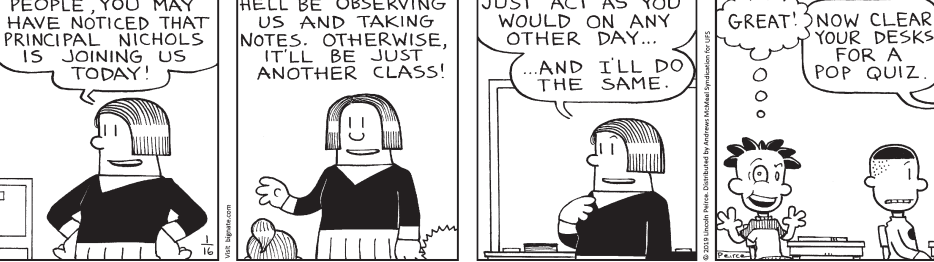
Doonesbury Flashbacks



Betty



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Today's MOVIES

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"Escape Room (2019)" (PG-13) 1:40, 4:35, 7:35 p.m.
"Vice (2018)" (R) 12:35, 3:35, 6:35 p.m.
"Aquaman" (PG-13) 12:30, 3:40, 6:50 p.m.
"Bumblebee" (PG-13) 12:50, 4:05, 7:05 p.m.
"Mary Poppins Returns (2018)" (PG) 12:45, 3:50, 6:45 p.m.
"Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" (PG) 1:10, 4:15, 7:15 p.m.
"Mary Queen of Scots (2018)" (R) 1, 4, 7 p.m.

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"Aquaman" (PG-13) 12:15, 3:15, 6:45 p.m.
"Bumblebee" (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:30 p.m.
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by Luis Campos

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Today's clue: B equals G

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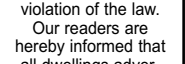
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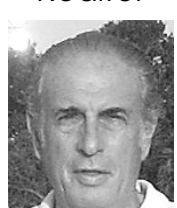
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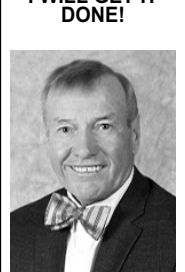
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Solution to Tuesday's puzzle 1/16/19

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

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk

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Wednesday, January 16, 2019

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- TRANSMOM

(TRANSMOM: TRAN-sum: A window over a door.)

Average mark 25 words
Time limit 30 minutes

Can you find 33 or more words in TRANSMOM?
The list will be published tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- FRIVOLITY

fitly
flirt
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flit
foil
fort
forty

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trio
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tyro

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RULES OF THE GAME: 1. Words must be of four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed. 3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. 4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed. Contact Word Game creator Kathleen Saxe at kzsaxe@gmail.com.

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ACROSS

1 Adviser
7 Lemon or lime
13 Bite off too much
14 On the beach
15 Loose end
16 Satisfy
17 Director Brooks
18 The avenging Mrs. Peel
19 Boys
22 Chimney deposit
25 Cote murmur
26 Falls upon
31 Electrical units
33 Pamplona yell
34 Grow together
35 Tide type
36 Earth orbiter of yore
37 Garage contents
38 Swirling

DOWN

1 Stylish
2 Night before a holiday
3 Remainder after expenses
4 Monorails
5 "Garfield" dog
6 Film purchases
7 Upper limit

Answer to Previous Puzzle

V	A	N		S	H	A	M	U		V	P	S
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8 Archipelago dots
9 The other people
10 Be footloose
11 Sky bear
12 Get the picture

19 Breakfast pastry
20 Exclaimed over
21 Sahara wanderer
23 Bad-mouth
24 Computer owner
27 FBI acronym
28 Become acclimated
29 Soda bottle size
30 Food cooker
32 Observe secretly
33 All, in combos
39 Get in the way
42 Wrapping paper
43 Sphere
44 Drainage pit
45 Safari
46 Sea eagle
48 Buffalo's lake
49 Sweater letter
50 Recipe amt.
52 Shaggy flower
53 Tavern order
54 Down in the dumps

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WORDY GURDY®

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

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1. Regret having a winter bug (1)

2. Actor Jude's wads of Skoal (1)

3. Very, very, very snug-fitting (1)

4. Fancy-attired soccer star Lionel (2)

5. Muslim temple's pear types (1)

6. Non-coastal Helsinki nation area (2)

7. Trite saying cheekiness (3)

1. RUE FLY 2. LAWS CHAWS 3. QUTE TIGHT 4. DRESSY MESSI 5. MOSQUES BOSCS 6. INLAND FINLAND 7. PLATITUDE ATTITUDE

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Notices to Creditors/Administration

4070-0116 WCRN

Goller, Jacqueline Ann 2018 CP 806 Notice to Creditors

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF FLORIDA

IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY

IN PROBATE FILE NO: 2018-CP-806

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JACQUELINE ANN GOLLER, a/k/a JACQUELINE GOLLER, deceased, whose date of death was October 4, 2018, and whose Social Security Number was xxx-xx-8199, File Number 2018-CP-806, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450. The name and address 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 WITHIN 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.

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The date of first publication of this notice is January 9, 2019.

Personal Representative: APRIL D. DECKER

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Notices to Creditors/Administration

4073-0116 WCRN

Afflerbach, Maria 2018 CP 849 Notice to Creditors

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2018-CP-849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MARIA AFFLERBACH, deceased, whose date of death was October 9, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 N Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Personal Representative: Donna J. DeLong

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Notices to Creditors/Administration

4076-0116 WCRN

De Long, Donald F. 2018 CP 000897 Notice to Creditors

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE CASE NO. 2018 CP 000897

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Donald F. DeLong, a/k/a Donald Fredrick DeLong, deceased, whose date of death was October 29, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, File Number 2018-CP-000897; the address of which is 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Notices to Creditors/Administration

4080-0123 WCRN

Sinclair, George Robert 2018-CP-863 Notice to Creditors

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 2018-CP-863

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of GEORGE ROBERT SINCLAIR, deceased, whose date of death was April 16, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness, FL 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Self Storage Notices

4075-0116 FCRN

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Suncoast Storage and Rentals, LLC, 9034 W. Veterans Drive, Homosassa, FL 34448 will dispose of the contents of the storage space(s) named below via auction, donation or removal to landfill on Jan. 26 2019 at 10 AM.

Space Number 35

Occupant Richard Allen & Lynda Morales

Contents Household goods

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Attorney for Personal Representative: Denise VanNess, Attorney at Law Florida Bar No. 0845050

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H Hometown HAPPENINGS

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DuWayne Sipper
THE PATH HOME

Grants a complicated process for nonprofits

I still remember one of my first thrift store customers after I told him what the vision was for The Path, and his response: "Just go get a grant!"

In my experience, the grant world is quite complex.

When mentoring new nonprofits or leaders, one of the first things I do is warn of the pitfalls of grants. Grants can be one of the most aggravating and time wasting proposals for a charity; the learning curve is steep and it can be expensive.

Few nonprofits, unless they are quite large, can afford full-time grant seekers and writers on their staff. This leaves them to figure out how and who to write to on their own.

Regardless of which grant you write, it is a calculated risk of time, and you do not know if you will be awarded. This is where foundations can be counter intuitive to the very cause they wish to support, by taking them away from their mission work to write grants that are never awarded.

It takes great experience to know the difference between government grants and private grants, large foundations, small, local and non-local.

Don't get me wrong, the nonprofit system in America where foundations award billions of dollars every year is one of the best systems, if not the best system in the world to support charitable work.

Grant writing takes trial and error, and can consume much time.

Another mistake which can be made is to try and make your charity sustainable by grants alone. This has cost many charities to go bankrupt.

By law, most foundations are bound to give

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Pepper Creek bird walk set Jan. 26

*To be led by
Audubon birder*

Special to the Chronicle

HOMOSASSA — The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, in cooperation with Citrus

County Audubon Society, will host a bird walk on Pepper Creek Trail at Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, 4150 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa Springs.

Experienced and novice birders are welcome.

An experienced birder from Citrus County Audubon will lead the walk. This trail is one of 19 birding trails in Citrus County that are part of the West Section

of the Great Florida Birding Trail. Pepper Creek Trail is a fully-accessible trail.

Participants should meet at 7:45 a.m. at the entrance to the park's Visitor Center. The bird walk will begin at 8 a.m. If you have binoculars and a field guide, bring them, but they are not required. There is no charge to participate in the bird walk.

Pepper Creek Trail is approximately 3/4 mile in length and

follows along the park's tram road, connecting the Visitor Center on U.S. 19 and the west entrance on Fishbowl Drive. Participants can either walk back down the trail or wait and take the first returning boat after the park opens.

Bird walks are planned for January, February, March, April, October and November. For more information, call the park office at 352-628-5343.

Fired up with purpose



Crew members assess escape routes before igniting fire in the middle of a zone. Pictured from left are Oscar Sanchez-Davila, John Hamilton and Krystal Vineyard.

Wildlife Park plans prescribed fire, program

KATE SPRATT
Park Services Specialist

Black plumes of smoke bellow up from beneath distant pine trees, sending silvery bits of ash fluttering down from a crisp blue sky. After several hours, a section of woods that was once impassable due to thick undergrowth is now black and bare, with seemingly little life observed beyond the pines whose stout trunks garnish the char of hot flame.

Several more hours pass and gopher tortoises begin to emerge from protective burrows, red cockaded woodpeckers return to their cavities in longleaf pines, and snakes of all varieties cruise fire breaks and charred ground.

Rising columns of dark smoke and the resulting black woodland scene may look desolate to some; however, this fire is what is known as "good fire" and is a critical management technique to restore natural

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The Burn Boss evaluates the success of the burn with crew bosses at the end of the day. Pictured from left are John Hamilton, Tracey Sleek and Burn Boss Keith Morin.



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Extension offers First Time Homebuyer class

HUD-approved class Feb. 21 to March 14

Special to the Chronicle

Looking to purchase your first home? Join UF/IFAS Extension Citrus County for the First Time Homebuyer's class from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays from Feb. 21 to March 14, at 3650 W. Sovereign Path in Lecanto.

This class is open to anyone looking to purchase a home, and has not owned a home for three years or more.

Participants who attend the entire program will receive a certificate of completion that is required for first-time homebuyer assistance programs.

The class is HUD-approved and encompasses the entire home buying process including preparing your credit and finances, shopping for a home, home inspection, fair housing, available loan products, loan pre-approval and closing.

Pre-registration is required. To register, visit www.homebuyerctrus.eventbrite.com or call 352-527-5700.

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Advance NOTICE

Rotary of Sugarmill Woods to perform play

The Rotary Club of Sugarmill Woods will present "Love Letters" Saturday, Jan. 19, at the George Washington Carver Community Center, 555 N.E. Third Ave., Crystal River.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The show will start at 7 p.m.

The two-act play by A.R. Gurney will star Doc Weingarten and Sharon Farnsworth; both have been involved in community theater for more than 30 years.

"Love Letters" is the story of two people who have been friends from childhood, through college and careers. What started as thank you notes for a party, to letters over a lifetime is a poignant story told by words of the couple who never married but remained good friends.

Admission tickets are \$20 per person and include complimentary wine and water.

All proceeds benefit charities supported by the SMW Rotary Club Foundation.

For tickets, call 352-382-0032.

GFWC Woman's Club plans Card Party

Card and game players are invited to join members of the GFWC Woman's Club of Inverness on Saturday, Jan. 19 for a buffet luncheon and afternoon of play.

Among the games enjoyed by groups include bridge, hand and foot, Mexican train and mahjong.

The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Inverness, 300 Washington Ave.

Attendees will have an opportunity to win a door prize with their admission ticket. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Tickets are \$12 each and may be reserved in advance by calling Donna Anillo at 249-0889.

Women of Sugarmill Woods Military Card Game set

Women of Sugarmill Woods (WSW) will host a Military Card event Monday, Jan. 21, at Sugarmill Woods Country Club.

Doors open at noon with a potluck beginning at 12:30 p.m.; the game commences at 1 p.m. Cost to play is \$12 per player. Bring a snack to share with the group.

If you have a foursome you want to play with, please notate on your registration. If you don't have a table, we will team you with other players. Military Cards is an easy, fun card game and can be learned quickly; we will teach you.

Registration is due no later than Friday, Jan. 18. Payment and registration may be dropped in the WSW Mailbox #4, located at the U.S. 19 entrance to Sugarmill Woods.

For details, contact Maegan Love at maegandi66@centurylink.net or 352-586-1751.

Citrus Garden Club to host Mah Jongg Party

The Citrus Garden Club will host a Mah Jongg Party on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club in Hernando. Doors will open at 9 a.m. and play begins at 9:30 a.m.

Tournament play and luncheon cost is \$25 per person. The party includes morning coffee and a luncheon choice of taco salad or chicken salad wrap with potato salad, plus strawberry cloud cake for dessert, and coffee and tea. Specify luncheon choice on a check made out to "Citrus Garden Club."

There will be prizes galore, raffle baskets and a share-the-wealth drawing.

Bring one Mah Jongg set per table and each player must bring their 2018 NMJL card.

Proceeds from this event help fund civic projects and youth scholarships.

For reservations and information, call Dee at 352-697-1846 or Patty McCoy at 352-527-4164.

American & Italian Social Club dinner dance

The Citrus American & Italian Social Club will host a dinner dance Saturday, Feb. 2, at 4325 S. Little Al Pt., Inverness.

Doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. The meal will consist of half of a roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, veggie, salad and

Snowbird group seeks new members



Special to the Chronicle

The American Canadian Snowbirds Club would like to welcome all snowbirds arriving from northern regions seeking improved weather and fun in the sun activities. If you would like to make some new friends, call Jerry at 352-465-3384 or Tony at 352-341-4407 to hear the whole story of the group's golf, eucher, shuffleboard, picnics and parties.

dessert. Music will be provided by Roger Carrier.

Cost is \$17 per person. BYOB.

For information and tickets, call Debbie at 352-419-5252 or Joanne at 352-637-7184.

Women of Sugarmill Woods set January luncheon

Women of Sugarmill Woods (WSW) will host their monthly luncheon on Jan. 28, at Southern Woods Golf Club.

Doors open at 11 a.m. with lunch served at noon.

Guest speaker Jeff Rundell will talk about butterflies.

A buffet of beef stroganoff, vegetable lasagna, rice pilaf, mushrooms and green beans, salad and apple crumble will be served. Lunch will be served with rolls, butter, dessert, coffee, soda and tea.

Cost for members is \$20 and \$22 for non-members with payment due no later than Friday, Jan. 18. Checks may be delivered to the WSW mailboxes located by the new community building at the U.S. 19 entrance to Sugarmill Woods (mailbox #2). Indicate your luncheon preference with your check.

For information, call Carol Lawson at 503-6958.

Catholic Women set Military Card Party

The St. Benedict Community of Catholic Women will host a Military Card Party on Tuesday, Jan. 22, in Hilgert Hall at St. Benedict Catholic Church, on the corner of U.S. 19 and Ozello Trail, Crystal River. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

Join for a fun afternoon. A \$12 donation gives you the game, door prizes and lunch. There will also be raffles and share the wealth. For tickets, call Lynda Samm at 352-628-5229 after 4 p.m. or Sally Krasny at 352-503-4144.

Military Card Party supports charity

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church Women's Club's annual "Military Card Party" will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 23, in the church's parish hall at 550 U.S. 41 South in Inverness.

Doors open at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. Games will be played from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m.

The entrance fee of \$12 includes games, lunch buffet, dessert and door prizes. Funds raised will benefit the many charities the Catholic Women's Club supports.

For information or reservations, call Jeanne at 352-419-7249.

WSW sale benefits student scholarships

Women of Sugarmill Woods (WSW) are sponsoring a Community Garage Sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, in the Sugarmill Woods Country Club parking lot.

If you have unwanted items to sell, this is your opportunity. Parking spaces will be rented for \$15 each or \$25 for two spaces. Sellers will need to bring their own tables, chairs and change, and may begin setting up their space at 7:30 a.m.

To reserve a spot, contact Maegan at 352-586-1751 or drop a check in the WSW mailbox #5 (located at the entrance to Sugarmill

Woods off U.S. 19) indicating the number of spaces wanted and your name. Spaces will be sold first come, first served.

All proceeds from the rented spaces will benefit the WSW scholarship funds and community service projects.

WSW is a 501(c)(3) organization to benefit Citrus County students in their quest for higher education and to assist those less fortunate in our community.

Beverly Hills Fishing Club plans card party

The Beverly Hills Fishing Club will host a Military Card Party Friday, Feb. 1, at the Beverly Hills Community Church on Civic Circle.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m.; lunch will be served at noon with games to follow.

Cost is \$12 per person. For table reservations, call Pat Brace at 352-422-8149.

Ladies of West Citrus Elks Spring Fling Fashion Show

The Ladies of the West Citrus Elks welcome the public to their "Spring Fling" Fashion Show on Saturday, Feb. 2, at the lodge located at 7890 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd., Homosassa.

At this annual event, the Cotton Club of Crystal River will feature its most recent arrivals in spring fashions. Join friends for an enjoyable day previewing the latest line in spring clothing.

The doors open at 11 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon with the fashion show to follow. There will also be raffle baskets, a money tree and door prizes.

For tickets of \$25 each or to reserve a table for the show and lunch call Kathy at 352-382-4748 or email her at kmanning8@tampabay.rr.com.

Event proceeds go to both local and Elks' charities supported by the Ladies.

Garden club plans Fashions with Heart show

The Homosassa River Garden Club will host a Fashions with Heart fashion show from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Royal Dalton House, 5445 W. Oak Park Blvd., Homosassa.

Tickets are \$20 per person, and include appetizers and one free wine or beer. Raffles sales begin at 1:15 p.m. Proceeds will benefit families of Citrus County.

For tickets and information, contact Annie Cecio at acecio@tampabay.rr.com or 732-259-8390.

Extension offers ServSafe training, certification

The University of Florida/IFAS Extension Citrus County will host a training session to earn a ServSafe Food Protection Manager's Certification Friday, Feb. 15, at the UF/IFAS Extension Citrus County office at 3650 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 1, Lecanto.

It will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m., and run approximately eight hours, then participants will have a maximum of two hours to take the national certification exam.

Pre-registration of two weeks is required. Participants should bring valid picture identification with them, and a sack lunch.

To register online, visit

<http://tinyurl.com/z6dp7jf> or call Sarah at 352-527-5700.

GFWC to host Military Card Party

The GFWC Crystal River Woman's Club will host a Military Card Party and Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, 320 N. Citrus Ave., Crystal River.

It is recommended to make reservations for tables of four. First, second and third table winners receive money. Entry ticket drawn for free table. Other prizes awarded.

Proceeds help meet community needs, and provide scholarships for Crystal River seniors and for adult women wishing to further their education.

For tickets and information, call Lois at 352-382-0777. Tickets must be purchased by Feb. 10.

Chassahowitzka Fishing Tournament

The fourth annual Chassahowitzka Fishing Tournament will be held Saturday, Feb. 16, to benefit the upkeep of the Chassahowitzka Community Center, which needs a new roof.

The Captain's Meeting will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at the Chassahowitzka River Lodge, 8501 W. Miss Maggie Dr., Homosassa. Entry Fee is \$50 per angler. The awards ceremony and fish fry will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at the Chassahowitzka Community Center, 10300 S. Riveria Dr., Homosassa.

Join the tournament for a fun-filled weekend and help support the Chassahowitzka Community Center. For more information, contact Kathy Dalton 352-586-0209 or katdalton8@gmail.com, or Sue Jacobs at 217-521-2191 or suejacobs4680@att.net.

GFWC Woman's Club to host Style Show

Known for their uniquely styled shows, the GFWC Woman's Club of Inverness promises to continue treating guests with another fashion event on Feb. 16 when they feature local celebrity women as models at the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club.

Fashions will be provided by Betty's Boutique. The show will benefit Animal Services of Citrus County.

Tickets are \$30 each and may be purchased by calling 352-637-2748.

Fashion Show and Tea benefits the Key

Mark your calendars! Spring Vogue, the 21st annual Key Training Center Fashion Show and Tea, will be celebrated from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at the Chet Cole Life Enrichment Center, 5521 W. Buster Whitton Way, Lecanto.

The Cotton Club will showcase their spring fashions modeled by community celebrities like Leah Navarro (Key Care Club), Veronica Davis (Citrus County Visitors Bureau), Theresa Foster-West (West Central Solutions) and many more. Key clients will model fashions from Key Thrift Stores and Labels.

Copp Winery will provide a wine bar. Ticket purchase includes your first glass of wine. Sweets and treats will be offered throughout the event, served by local organizations and

businesses. A complimentary coffee and tea bar will be available as well.

Wear your craziest hat and join for a fabulous time. Prizes for "Most Beautiful Hat," "Most Creative Hat," and the "I Can't Believe You're Wearing That!" hat will be awarded. The event will also showcase a silent auction, drawings and a Labels Boutique.

Tickets are limited. Call 352-795-5541 ext. 312 to purchase tickets. All proceeds benefit Key Training Center.

Flea Market Sale benefits charity

The annual Flea Market Sale hosted by the Ladies of the West Citrus Elks will be from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Homosassa Lodge located at 7890 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd.

The event is open to the public with no admission fee.

There will be a variety of items available, including artwork, books, clothing, seasonal items, household items, tools, furniture and more.

For more information, call Teresa at 352-503-9417 or email her at taj1957@frontier.com or leave a message for Gayle at 352-586-6171 and she will return your call.

Proceeds from this event will go to both local and Elks' charities supported by the Ladies.

Save the date for School-astic Golf Classic

Women of Sugarmill Woods announce the date for their 23rd annual School-astic Golf Classic. The tournament will be held on Monday, Feb. 25, at Sugarmill Woods Country Club. Cost to participate is \$65 per player.

For more information, contact Mary Kay Verkennes at 218-820-4049 or mkverken@charter.net.

WSW is a 501(c)(3) organization to benefit Citrus County students in their quest for higher education and to assist those less fortunate in our community.

Play cards with Beverly Hills Hadassah

The Beverly Hills chapter of Hadassah will host their annual card and game party at noon Thursday, Feb. 28. Tickets are \$15, available now and include a hot lunch. For information, call Carole at 352-270-8458.

Hadassah is a 100-year-old international charity and service organization open to men and women of all faiths. We support hospitals, universities, medical schools, and youth programs in both America and Israel.

For information, call Miriam at 352-746-0005.

United Way to host Power of the Purse

The United Way will host their annual Power of the Purse fundraiser from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 7, at the Black Diamond Ranch, 3125 W. Black Diamond Circle, Lecanto.

This ladies event will feature live and silent auctions of designer and custom handbags. Tickets are \$40.

Have a purse you'd like to donate? Bring your purse(s) to the United Way office at 1582 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River.

To reserve or donate, call Jess Maloney at 352-795-5483.

Horse Obstacle Challenge benefits charity

The public is invited to attend the Horse Obstacle Challenge on Saturday, March 30, at the Pine Ridge Equestrian Complex, 5680 W. Pine Ridge Blvd., Beverly Hills.

Come to participate or watch the partnership between horse and rider as they challenge an obstacle course which will have 12 to 15 obstacles with prizes and ribbons in all divisions/classes. Classes consist of Green Horse, In Hand, Youth, Pine Ridge Seniors, Military Veterans, Novice, Intermediate and Advanced.

This charity event will benefit the Marion Therapeutic Riding Association (MTRA), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which provides therapeutic horseback riding or Equine Assisted Therapy sessions to individuals of all ages who are physically, mentally or emotionally challenged. The organization also offers programs for veterans and seniors with Multiple Sclerosis.

For more information, visit www.mtraocala.org.

Try Dragon Boat racing

■ Nature Coast Dragon Boat Club tryouts will be held at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, on the Homosassa River.

Meet at the Riverside Resort, 5297 S. Cherokee Way, Homosassa. We'll provide the equipment and coaching; you provide the power!

Be introduced to the ancient sport of dragon boat racing; our coach will guide your paddle strokes into sync with one other. The 10-year-old club practices two to three times per week, both at Lake Hernando and on the Homosassa

Register for this tryout at www.meetup.com/Nature-Coast-Dragon-Boat-Club.

YMCA sign-up fee waived in January

Promotion saves \$50

Special to the Chronicle

Conquer more than your resolutions this year and belong to something bigger than yourself when you join the Citrus County YMCA.

During the month of January, the YMCA will waive sign-up fees — a

savings of \$50.

This offer is open to all Citrus County residents.

Already a member? Refer a friend that joins and you'll receive \$50 Y Bucks if they join before Jan. 31.

The YMCA is a charitable nonprofit organization and is open to all. Financial assistance is available through the People Helping

People program to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy a better, healthier life.

For a tour of the community YMCA, visit 4127 W. Norvell Bryant Highway in Lecanto.

To register online, visit www.ymcasuncoast.org and enter the promo code join-online.

For information, call 352-500-9622.

Community EVENTS

Wednesday, January 16

Fragrant Garden seminars set

Take time to stop and smell the roses. The topic for this month's free UF/IFAS Citrus County Extension Service Master Gardener Plant Seminars is "The Fragrant Garden."

Aroma can be added to the garden by planting the trees, shrubs, and annuals that will be discussed. These plants add an aromatic dimension to gardening. The schedule for the remaining seminars is:

■ At 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Citrus Springs Library.

■ At 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22 at the Homosassa Library.

Master Gardener volunteers will be available to discuss this topic, answer questions, identify plant problems and offer solutions to your gardening experience. For information, call 352-527-5700.

Learn how to cut the clutter

The holidays have come and gone and it is time to tackle the clutter that has been forming around the house these last few months.

Citrus Libraries invites the public to a free class by Home Instead Senior Care on how to organize yourself and your home at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Lakes Region Library.

Registration is required. To register, call 726-2357 or visit citruslibraries.org.

Beverly Hills

Fishing Club meets

The Beverly Hills Fishing Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Lions Club on Civic Circle in Beverly Hills.

Guest speaker will be Sgt. Bob Greatnex of the Citrus County Sheriff's Department. Greatnex will swear in the 2019 club officers.

Lunch with the NJ & Friends Club

The New Jersey & Friends Club will luncheon at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Cinnamon Sticks restaurant on U.S. 41 in Inverness.

For information on club activities, call Stella at 352-270-8427. For membership information, call Tony at 352-746-9455.

Audubon to meet

Citrus County Audubon will host a meeting Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Unity of Citrus County, 2628 W. Woodview Lane, Lecanto.

Emie Olson, supervisor of the Marine Science Station, will speak about the Marine Science Station's role within the Citrus County School District.

The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and refreshments will be served. The public is welcome.

Thursday, Jan 17

Yard sale supports local veterans

VFW Post and Auxiliary 7122 will host a yard sale from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 17, at 8191 S. Florida Ave., Floral City.

Sunshine Gardens honors law enforcement



Special to the Chronicle

Staff at Sunshine Gardens hosted Coffee with a Cop to celebrate Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on Jan. 9. Over 30 former and current officers showed up to have coffee with staff and residents.

All proceeds help veterans who may be in need of assistance. For information, call 352-637-0100.

Friday, January 18

Breakfast Fundraiser for Dance Central

There will be a Breakfast Fundraiser for Dance Central from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at Applebee's in Inverness, 1901 W. Main St.

Cost is \$6 per person. Proceeds will go towards Dance Central competition teams. For more information, call 352-400-1886.

FFRA to meet in Lecanto

The Family & Friends Reaching for Abilities (FFRA) will meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at the New Horizons Village at 1275 N. Rainbow Loop, Lecanto, in their resource center/cafeteria.

Refreshments and socializing begins at 9 a.m.

FFRA is a nonprofit, Citrus County organization dedicated to serving the intellectual and developmentally disabled adults in our community.

We invite the public to attend and help with ideas and projects that will benefit our special population and help them "give back to our community."

Come learn about FFRA and how we are helping those with special needs.

Writer to speak at Friends meeting

Author "Max" Schulman is a retired USAF aviator who made traveling the world a 40-year career. He is an environmental activist who is passionate about his community.

In his "Treasures of the Trails – Citrus County" series of books, Max and cartographer Tom Craig create detailed guides into the natural resources of our county. The guides cover hiking, biking, birding, kayaking and fishing in detail while providing extraordinary maps to guide you.

Max will discuss the series, and its impact on our county, at the Friends of the Central Ridge Library's annual meeting at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at the Central Ridge Library.

Refreshments will be provided, and a brief installation of officers will be held before the discussion.

Dinner supports local veterans

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 155 will host a dinner from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at the American Legion in Crystal River.

Menu includes choice of fried or baked fish, french fries, hush puppies, cole slaw and dessert at cost of \$7 per person. Coffee and ice tea included.

All proceeds support veteran and community programs of the Auxiliary. Call 352-795-6526 for information.

Fish fry benefits church missions

Hernando United Methodist Church will host its annual fish fry dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18.

The \$10 ticket will feature a menu choice of grits or french fries, hushpuppies, slaw, sweet or unsweet tea, lemonade, coffee and dessert, along with the fish. Come and enjoy a delicious meal with the fellowship of your friends and neighbors in Citrus County. Proceeds from this event will go to support church missions. The church is at 2125 E. Novell Bryant Highway (County Road 486), Hernando. For information, call 352-726-7245.

Friday Night Thunder cruise-in set

The Citrus MOPARS and the City of Inverness will host a Friday Night Thunder car cruise-in from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, on Courthouse Square, Inverness.

Cruise into Inverness and see the band 4-Play.

For information, visit www.VisitInvernessfl.com.

Saturday, January 19

Support veterans at pancake breakfast

The Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary

(MOPHA) will host a pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at Beef O'Bradys, 6738 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River.

It will include three pancakes, two sausage links, juice, and choice of coffee or soft drinks for \$5, or choose all you can eat for an extra \$5, paid at the door. Come support our veterans.

For information, call Carol at 352-341-3603.

Floral City Masons to host breakfast

The Floral City Masonic Lodge will host a buffet-style breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at 8350 Orange Ave., Floral City.

Scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, toast, coffee and orange juice will be available for a \$5 donation. Join for great food and fellowship.

32nd annual Florida Manatee Festival

Celebrate manatees at the 32nd annual Florida Manatee Festival from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, in historic downtown Crystal River.

The festival will have live music, food, fine arts vendors, crafters, boat tours, manatee tours, Three Sisters Springs tours, trolley rides and more.

Admission is \$5 per person. Admission free for age 12 and under.

Parking with shuttles will be available at the Crystal River Mall.

For information, call 352-795-3149 or visit www.facebook.com/FloridaManateeFestival.

Saturday Music Series set in Homosassa

Nature Coast Friends of Blues (NCFOB) begins its Saturday Music Series on Saturday, Jan. 19 with a CD release party for the Cool Corporate Cats latest offering "Tampa Bound." The

afternoon of music begins at 1 p.m. when Carly Bak opens. The "Cats" take the stage at 2 p.m.

The Saturday Music Series takes place at the Museum Café, 10466 Yulee Drive, Homosassa in an outdoor garden setting with many trees for shade. Admission is \$7 members \$10 non-members. Join NCFOB on the day of the event and get in for free.

Bring chairs and insect repellent but please leave pets, coolers, food and drink at home. The Museum Cafe will be open for food and beverages during the show.

For information, call 352-628-1081 or 352-628-9411.

Nature Coast Orchid Society meets

The Nature Coast Orchid Society will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at the VFW Post 8681, located on the corner of Drayton Street and County Line Road in Spring Hill.

Speaker will be Norman Fang, from California, of Orchids.com.

The topic will be growing better orchids. If you have questions about improving your methods, now is a great time to meet an international grower, see some beautiful examples of his orchids and learn.

Guests welcome. For information, visit www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com or call Mary Lou at 218-556-1855.

New Age Thinkers meet in Lecanto

New Age Thinkers will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at Unity of Citrus, 2628 W. Woodview Lane, Lecanto.

The guest speaker will be Pam Woznicki, a "sacred warrior" of the rainbow prophecy. She is a gifted energy healer, mystic, spiritual and wellness guide.

Everyone is welcome to attend this free event. For information, visit www.newagethinkers.org or email miss-donna@tampabay.rr.com.

Sunday, January 20

Knights breakfast supports charity

The Knights of Columbus will host a breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at the Parish Center, located behind St. Scholastica Church at 4301 Homosassa Trail in Lecanto.

The breakfast will consist of sausage and eggs, hash brown potatoes, French toast, pancakes, fruit bowl, orange juice and a bottomless cup of regular or decaf coffee.

Cost is a \$6 donation. Join us for a delicious breakfast, while helping us to support charities in Citrus County.

For information, call Les at 352-503-2653.

Support group meets

The Ostomy Support Group of Citrus County and surrounding areas welcomes all ostomates, family and caregivers to meet at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center, 6201 N. Suncoast Blvd., Crystal River.

The support group meets in the Medical Office Building Community Room.

For information, call Sharon at 352-382-4446.

Monday, January 21

MLK Unity Walk and Presentation set

Celebrate unity and the accomplishments of Martin Luther King Jr. at the MLK Unity Walk and Presentation beginning at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 21, in downtown Inverness.

Participants are welcome to gather at 8:30 a.m. at the Inverness Military Memorial at 212 W. Main Street.

The Unity Walk will begin at 9 p.m. to the Valerie Theatre. Then watch a presentation on the life and works of MLK at 9:15 a.m. at the Valerie.

For information, visit www.VisitInvernessfl.com.

Friends of the Library to meet in Yankeetown

The Friends of the AF Knotts Public Library will host their annual meeting at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, at the library in Yankeetown.

Following a short business meeting, board member Tim Barber will present "Hidden Treasures of the Aucilla River."

For information, call 352-447-4212.



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Angel is a beautiful calico with the typical brown, black, orange and white marked coat. She's a nice girl, but just a little shy until she gets to know you. She might need just a little extra time and patience to settle into her new home. She'll do great in a bit of a quiet home. CCAS ID No. 40108361.



Dasher is a pretty adult female with a gray and white coat. Unsure at first, she's made great strides and confident now. This friendly girl has a loving personality, and she likes attention. Dasher enjoys looking out the window near her kennel and watching what's going on outside. CCAS ID No. 40349231.



These two adorable brothers just came to Adopt a Rescued Pet. They are a little shy, but love people. They are both 2-year-old Chihuahua mixes. The tan one is Levi and his brother is Rocky. They are really great dogs. For information on Levi and Rocky, call 352-795-9550.



Are you looking for a rock star? Look no further because Hendrix is for you! He is a handsome boy with a curly tail. He loves playing with the squeaky ball. His style in play groups is playful. Hendrix is an adult terrier/pit mix. Come meet him, he is ready to come home. CCAS ID No. 39920532.



Boomer is a lover. He's lively and needs a strong leader to help him with his leash work. Boomer has one eye with split coloration. This does not affect his vision. Boomer will probably do better with older children as he's pretty active. Boomer is a Catahoula leopard dog mix. CCAS ID No. 39949033.

Citrus County Animal Services, 4030 S. Airport Road, Inverness, behind the fairgrounds. View adoptable pets at citruscritters.com. Call 352-746-8400. Unless otherwise noted, all dogs are spayed/neutered, microchipped, heartworm tested and current on vaccinations. For information on Precious Paws Rescue pets, call 352-726-4700. For Hardin Haven pets, call Donna at 352-422-5525. For Adopt a Rescued Pet, call 352-795-9550 and leave your name, number and pet's name.

FIRE

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communities and protect those human communities that many of us call home. Fire has shaped Florida ecosystems for millennia, long before housing developments, shopping centers and highways dotted the state. Prior to these manmade barriers, lightning would ignite fire on the Florida landscape and it would burn for thousands of acres. Over time, these fires created unique natural communities which have an association of characteristic plants and animals, all of which depend on their relationship with fire. In these types of ecosystems, the interaction between fire and the landscape is imperative for their continued survival. Prescribed fire, previously known as a controlled burn, is a tool that natural resource managers use to mimic the natural forest fires which once occurred across many

Program on prescribed fire offered

- Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park plans to host a public program to educate the community about the importance of prescribed fire and what to expect from the anticipated burn at the wildlife park.
- The program will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, in the Florida room on U.S. 19.
- For information, contact Kate Spratt at 352-628-5445.

Florida habitats. A prescription is a specific set of conditions that prioritizes the safety of the public and fire staff, weather and probability of meeting the burn objectives. These prescriptions are constructed by specially-trained fire professionals, called burn bosses, who begin their work on a specific burn months in advance. Each prescription considers the desired objectives, available fuels, size of the burn, the precise environmental conditions under which it will burn and conditions under which it may be suppressed. Prior to fire every touching the ground, personnel participating in the prescribed fire process must go through extensive training and complete rigorous annual physical assessments. Each property area, in our local case the state park, must complete a fire management plan which addresses when and where to burn, and a prescribed burn plan which outlines how to reach the burning objectives. Each burn has a go and no-go checklist that is the final step prior to ignition. Once fire is on the ground, specialized equipment and techniques are used to maintain safety of personnel and property while carrying out a successful burn. Once a prescribed fire

meets its objectives, fire crew complete "mop-up" which extinguishes burning or smoldering fuels in an effort to make the area "safe." In the coming months, Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park has plans to conduct a prescribed fire. The areas scheduled to be burned, called zones, are along U.S. 19, Spring Cove Road and near Halls River Road. Park Rangers have spent the last year working to prepare these zones, including removal of heavy fuels that could contribute to excessive smoke, such as downed trees from recent hurricanes. The state park will host a public program to educate the community about the importance of prescribed fire and what to expect from the anticipated burn at the wildlife park. The program will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, in the Florida Room on U.S. 19. Contact Kate Spratt at 352-628-5445 with any questions on the program.

PATH

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only 5 percent of their net gains back to charity to keep their foundation status. This can be a very grey area. Over the years, I have seen foundations award in areas far from where they normally do, making it difficult for the grant writer to figure out who to write to. All of us in the

charitable work would love for foundations to come along with big checks and seemingly make all of our problems go away. In my experience, this type thinking has made it harder and dashed my hopes many times.

DuWayne Sipper is the executive director of The Path of Citrus County, a faith-based homeless shelter. Contact him at 352-527-6500 or sipperd@pathofcitrus.org.

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Grants a complicated process for nonprofits

I still remember one of my first thrift store customers after I told him what the vision was for The Path, and his response: "Just go get a grant!"

In my experience, the grant world is quite complex.

When mentoring new nonprofits or leaders, one of the first things I do is warn of the pitfalls of grants. Grants can be one of the most aggravating and time wasting proposals for a charity; the learning curve is steep and it can be expensive.

Few nonprofits, unless they are quite large, can afford full-time grant seekers and writers on their staff. This leaves them to figure out how and who to write to on their own.

Regardless of which grant you write, it is a calculated risk of time, and you do not know if you will be awarded. This is where foundations can be counter intuitive to the very cause they wish to support, by taking them away from their mission work to write grants that are never awarded.

It takes great experience to know the difference between government grants and private grants, large foundations, small, local and non-local.

Don't get me wrong, the nonprofit system in America where foundations award billions of dollars every year is one of the best systems, if not the best system in the world to support charitable work.

Grant writing takes trial and error, and can consume much time.

Another mistake which can be made is to try and make your charity sustainable by grants alone. This has cost many charities to go bankrupt.

By law, most foundations are bound to give

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Pepper Creek bird walk set Jan. 26

*To be led by
Audubon birder*

Special to the Chronicle

HOMOSASSA — The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, in cooperation with Citrus

County Audubon Society, will host a bird walk on Pepper Creek Trail at Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, 4150 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa Springs.

Experienced and novice birders are welcome.

An experienced birder from Citrus County Audubon will lead the walk. This trail is one of 19 birding trails in Citrus County that are part of the West Section

of the Great Florida Birding Trail. Pepper Creek Trail is a fully-accessible trail.

Participants should meet at 7:45 a.m. at the entrance to the park's Visitor Center. The bird walk will begin at 8 a.m. If you have binoculars and a field guide, bring them, but they are not required. There is no charge to participate in the bird walk.

Pepper Creek Trail is approximately 3/4 mile in length and

follows along the park's tram road, connecting the Visitor Center on U.S. 19 and the west entrance on Fishbowl Drive. Participants can either walk back down the trail or wait and take the first returning boat after the park opens.

Bird walks are planned for January, February, March, April, October and November. For more information, call the park office at 352-628-5343.

Fired up with purpose



Crew members assess escape routes before igniting fire in the middle of a zone. Pictured from left are Oscar Sanchez-Davila, John Hamilton and Krystal Vineyard.

Wildlife Park plans prescribed fire, program

KATE SPRATT
Park Services Specialist

Black plumes of smoke bellow up from beneath distant pine trees, sending silvery bits of ash fluttering down from a crisp blue sky. After several hours, a section of woods that was once impassable due to thick undergrowth is now black and bare, with seemingly little life observed beyond the pines whose stout trunks garnish the char of hot flame.

Several more hours pass and gopher tortoises begin to emerge from protective burrows, red cockaded woodpeckers return to their cavities in longleaf pines, and snakes of all varieties cruise fire breaks and charred ground.

Rising columns of dark smoke and the resulting black woodland scene may look desolate to some; however, this fire is what is known as "good fire" and is a critical management technique to restore natural

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The Burn Boss evaluates the success of the burn with crew bosses at the end of the day. Pictured from left are John Hamilton, Tracey Sleek and Burn Boss Keith Morin.



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Extension offers First Time Homebuyer class

HUD-approved class Feb. 21 to March 14

Special to the Chronicle

Looking to purchase your first home? Join UF/IFAS Extension Citrus County for the First Time Homebuyer's class from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays from Feb. 21 to March 14, at 3650 W. Sovereign Path in Lecanto.

This class is open to anyone looking to purchase a home, and has not owned a home for three years or more.

Participants who attend the entire program will receive a certificate of completion that is required for first-time homebuyer assistance programs.

The class is HUD-approved and encompasses the entire home buying process including preparing your credit and finances, shopping for a home, home inspection, fair housing, available loan products, loan pre-approval and closing.

Pre-registration is required. To register, visit www.homebuyerctrus.eventbrite.com or call 352-527-5700.

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Advance NOTICE

Rotary of Sugarmill Woods to perform play

The Rotary Club of Sugarmill Woods will present "Love Letters" Saturday, Jan. 19, at the George Washington Carver Community Center, 555 N.E. Third Ave., Crystal River.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The show will start at 7 p.m.

The two-act play by A.R. Gurney will star Doc Weingarten and Sharon Farnsworth; both have been involved in community theater for more than 30 years.

"Love Letters" is the story of two people who have been friends from childhood, through college and careers. What started as thank you notes for a party, to letters over a lifetime is a poignant story told by words of the couple who never married but remained good friends.

Admission tickets are \$20 per person and include complimentary wine and water.

All proceeds benefit charities supported by the SMW Rotary Club Foundation.

For tickets, call 352-382-0032.

GFWC Woman's Club plans Card Party

Card and game players are invited to join members of the GFWC Woman's Club of Inverness on Saturday, Jan. 19 for a buffet luncheon and afternoon of play.

Among the games enjoyed by groups include bridge, hand and foot, Mexican train and mahjong.

The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Inverness, 300 Washington Ave.

Attendees will have an opportunity to win a door prize with their admission ticket. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Tickets are \$12 each and may be reserved in advance by calling Donna Anillo at 249-0889.

Women of Sugarmill Woods Military Card Game set

Women of Sugarmill Woods (WSW) will host a Military Card event Monday, Jan. 21, at Sugarmill Woods Country Club.

Doors open at noon with a potluck beginning at 12:30 p.m.; the game commences at 1 p.m. Cost to play is \$12 per player. Bring a snack to share with the group.

If you have a foursome you want to play with, please notate on your registration. If you don't have a table, we will team you with other players. Military Cards is an easy, fun card game and can be learned quickly; we will teach you.

Registration is due no later than Friday, Jan. 18. Payment and registration may be dropped in the WSW Mailbox #4, located at the U.S. 19 entrance to Sugarmill Woods.

For details, contact Maegan Love at maegandi66@centurylink.net or 352-586-1751.

Citrus Garden Club to host Mah Jongg Party

The Citrus Garden Club will host a Mah Jongg Party on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club in Hernando. Doors will open at 9 a.m. and play begins at 9:30 a.m.

Tournament play and luncheon cost is \$25 per person. The party includes morning coffee and a luncheon choice of taco salad or chicken salad wrap with potato salad, plus strawberry cloud cake for dessert, and coffee and tea. Specify luncheon choice on a check made out to "Citrus Garden Club."

There will be prizes galore, raffle baskets and a share-the-wealth drawing.

Bring one Mah Jongg set per table and each player must bring their 2018 NMJL card.

Proceeds from this event help fund civic projects and youth scholarships.

For reservations and information, call Dee at 352-697-1846 or Patty McCoy at 352-527-4164.

American & Italian Social Club dinner dance

The Citrus American & Italian Social Club will host a dinner dance Saturday, Feb. 2, at 4325 S. Little Al Pt., Inverness.

Doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. The meal will consist of half of a roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, veggie, salad and

Snowbird group seeks new members



Special to the Chronicle

The American Canadian Snowbirds Club would like to welcome all snowbirds arriving from northern regions seeking improved weather and fun in the sun activities. If you would like to make some new friends, call Jerry at 352-465-3384 or Tony at 352-341-4407 to hear the whole story of the group's golf, eucher, shuffleboard, picnics and parties.

dessert. Music will be provided by Roger Carrier.

Cost is \$17 per person. BYOB.

For information and tickets, call Debbie at 352-419-5252 or Joanne at 352-637-7184.

Women of Sugarmill Woods set January luncheon

Women of Sugarmill Woods (WSW) will host their monthly luncheon on Jan. 28, at Southern Woods Golf Club.

Doors open at 11 a.m. with lunch served at noon.

Guest speaker Jeff Rundell will talk about butterflies.

A buffet of beef stroganoff, vegetable lasagna, rice pilaf, mushrooms and green beans, salad and apple crumble will be served. Lunch will be served with rolls, butter, dessert, coffee, soda and tea.

Cost for members is \$20 and \$22 for non-members with payment due no later than Friday, Jan. 18. Checks may be delivered to the WSW mailboxes located by the new community building at the U.S. 19 entrance to Sugarmill Woods (mailbox #2). Indicate your luncheon preference with your check.

For information, call Carol Lawson at 503-6958.

Catholic Women set Military Card Party

The St. Benedict Community of Catholic Women will host a Military Card Party on Tuesday, Jan. 22, in Hilgert Hall at St. Benedict Catholic Church, on the corner of U.S. 19 and Ozello Trail, Crystal River. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

Join for a fun afternoon. A \$12 donation gives you the game, door prizes and lunch. There will also be raffles and share the wealth. For tickets, call Lynda Samm at 352-628-5229 after 4 p.m. or Sally Krasny at 352-503-4144.

Military Card Party supports charity

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church Women's Club's annual "Military Card Party" will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 23, in the church's parish hall at 550 U.S. 41 South in Inverness.

Doors open at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. Games will be played from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m.

The entrance fee of \$12 includes games, lunch buffet, dessert and door prizes. Funds raised will benefit the many charities the Catholic Women's Club supports.

For information or reservations, call Jeanne at 352-419-7249.

WSW sale benefits student scholarships

Women of Sugarmill Woods (WSW) are sponsoring a Community Garage Sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, in the Sugarmill Woods Country Club parking lot.

If you have unwanted items to sell, this is your opportunity. Parking spaces will be rented for \$15 each or \$25 for two spaces. Sellers will need to bring their own tables, chairs and change, and may begin setting up their space at 7:30 a.m.

To reserve a spot, contact Maegan at 352-586-1751 or drop a check in the WSW mailbox #5 (located at the entrance to Sugarmill

Woods off U.S. 19) indicating the number of spaces wanted and your name. Spaces will be sold first come, first served.

All proceeds from the rented spaces will benefit the WSW scholarship funds and community service projects.

WSW is a 501(c)(3) organization to benefit Citrus County students in their quest for higher education and to assist those less fortunate in our community.

Beverly Hills Fishing Club plans card party

The Beverly Hills Fishing Club will host a Military Card Party Friday, Feb. 1, at the Beverly Hills Community Church on Civic Circle.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m.; lunch will be served at noon with games to follow.

Cost is \$12 per person. For table reservations, call Pat Brace at 352-422-8149.

Ladies of West Citrus Elks Spring Fling Fashion Show

The Ladies of the West Citrus Elks welcome the public to their "Spring Fling" Fashion Show on Saturday, Feb. 2, at the lodge located at 7890 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd., Homosassa.

At this annual event, the Cotton Club of Crystal River will feature its most recent arrivals in spring fashions. Join friends for an enjoyable day previewing the latest line in spring clothing.

The doors open at 11 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon with the fashion show to follow. There will also be raffle baskets, a money tree and door prizes.

For tickets of \$25 each or to reserve a table for the show and lunch call Kathy at 352-382-4748 or email her at kmanning8@tampabay.rr.com.

Event proceeds go to both local and Elks' charities supported by the Ladies.

Garden club plans Fashions with Heart show

The Homosassa River Garden Club will host a Fashions with Heart fashion show from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Royal Dalton House, 5445 W. Oak Park Blvd., Homosassa.

Tickets are \$20 per person, and include appetizers and one free wine or beer. Raffles sales begin at 1:15 p.m. Proceeds will benefit families of Citrus County.

For tickets and information, contact Annie Cecio at acecio@tampabay.rr.com or 732-259-8390.

Extension offers ServSafe training, certification

The University of Florida/IFAS Extension Citrus County will host a training session to earn a ServSafe Food Protection Manager's Certification Friday, Feb. 15, at the UF/IFAS Extension Citrus County office at 3650 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 1, Lecanto.

It will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m., and run approximately eight hours, then participants will have a maximum of two hours to take the national certification exam.

Pre-registration of two weeks is required. Participants should bring valid picture identification with them, and a sack lunch.

To register online, visit

<http://tinyurl.com/z6dp7jf> or call Sarah at 352-527-5700.

GFWC to host Military Card Party

The GFWC Crystal River Woman's Club will host a Military Card Party and Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, 320 N. Citrus Ave., Crystal River.

It is recommended to make reservations for tables of four. First, second and third table winners receive money. Entry ticket drawn for free table. Other prizes awarded.

Proceeds help meet community needs, and provide scholarships for Crystal River seniors and for adult women wishing to further their education.

For tickets and information, call Lois at 352-382-0777. Tickets must be purchased by Feb. 10.

Chassahowitzka Fishing Tournament

The fourth annual Chassahowitzka Fishing Tournament will be held Saturday, Feb. 16, to benefit the upkeep of the Chassahowitzka Community Center, which needs a new roof.

The Captain's Meeting will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at the Chassahowitzka River Lodge, 8501 W. Miss Maggie Dr., Homosassa. Entry Fee is \$50 per angler. The awards ceremony and fish fry will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at the Chassahowitzka Community Center, 10300 S. Riveria Dr., Homosassa.

Join the tournament for a fun-filled weekend and help support the Chassahowitzka Community Center. For more information, contact Kathy Dalton 352-586-0209 or katdalton8@gmail.com, or Sue Jacobs at 217-521-2191 or suejacobs4680@att.net.

GFWC Woman's Club to host Style Show

Known for their uniquely styled shows, the GFWC Woman's Club of Inverness promises to continue treating guests with another fashion event on Feb. 16 when they feature local celebrity women as models at the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club.

Fashions will be provided by Betty's Boutique. The show will benefit Animal Services of Citrus County.

Tickets are \$30 each and may be purchased by calling 352-637-2748.

Fashion Show and Tea benefits the Key

Mark your calendars! Spring Vogue, the 21st annual Key Training Center Fashion Show and Tea, will be celebrated from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at the Chet Cole Life Enrichment Center, 5521 W. Buster Whitton Way, Lecanto.

The Cotton Club will showcase their spring fashions modeled by community celebrities like Leah Navarro (Key Care Club), Veronica Davis (Citrus County Visitors Bureau), Theresa Foster-West (West Central Solutions) and many more. Key clients will model fashions from Key Thrift Stores and Labels.

Copp Winery will provide a wine bar. Ticket purchase includes your first glass of wine. Sweets and treats will be offered throughout the event, served by local organizations and

businesses. A complimentary coffee and tea bar will be available as well.

Wear your craziest hat and join for a fabulous time. Prizes for "Most Beautiful Hat," "Most Creative Hat," and the "I Can't Believe You're Wearing That!" hat will be awarded. The event will also showcase a silent auction, drawings and a Labels Boutique.

Tickets are limited. Call 352-795-5541 ext. 312 to purchase tickets. All proceeds benefit Key Training Center.

Flea Market Sale benefits charity

The annual Flea Market Sale hosted by the Ladies of the West Citrus Elks will be from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Homosassa Lodge located at 7890 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd.

The event is open to the public with no admission fee.

There will be a variety of items available, including artwork, books, clothing, seasonal items, household items, tools, furniture and more.

For more information, call Teresa at 352-503-9417 or email her at taj1957@frontier.com or leave a message for Gayle at 352-586-6171 and she will return your call.

Proceeds from this event will go to both local and Elks' charities supported by the Ladies.

Save the date for School-astic Golf Classic

Women of Sugarmill Woods announce the date for their 23rd annual School-astic Golf Classic. The tournament will be held on Monday, Feb. 25, at Sugarmill Woods Country Club. Cost to participate is \$65 per player.

For more information, contact Mary Kay Verkennes at 218-820-4049 or mkverken@charter.net.

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Play cards with Beverly Hills Hadassah

The Beverly Hills chapter of Hadassah will host their annual card and game party at noon Thursday, Feb. 28. Tickets are \$15, available now and include a hot lunch. For information, call Carole at 352-270-8458.

Hadassah is a 100-year-old international charity and service organization open to men and women of all faiths. We support hospitals, universities, medical schools, and youth programs in both America and Israel.

For information, call Miriam at 352-746-0005.

United Way to host Power of the Purse

The United Way will host their annual Power of the Purse fundraiser from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 7, at the Black Diamond Ranch, 3125 W. Black Diamond Circle, Lecanto.

This ladies event will feature live and silent auctions of designer and custom handbags. Tickets are \$40.

Have a purse you'd like to donate? Bring your purse(s) to the United Way office at 1582 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River.

To reserve or donate, call Jess Maloney at 352-795-5483.

Horse Obstacle Challenge benefits charity

The public is invited to attend the Horse Obstacle Challenge on Saturday, March 30, at the Pine Ridge Equestrian Complex, 5680 W. Pine Ridge Blvd., Beverly Hills.

Come to participate or watch the partnership between horse and rider as they challenge an obstacle course which will have 12 to 15 obstacles with prizes and ribbons in all divisions/classes. Classes consist of Green Horse, In Hand, Youth, Pine Ridge Seniors, Military Veterans, Novice, Intermediate and Advanced.

This charity event will benefit the Marion Therapeutic Riding Association (MTRA), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which provides therapeutic horseback riding or Equine Assisted Therapy sessions to individuals of all ages who are physically, mentally or emotionally challenged. The organization also offers programs for veterans and seniors with Multiple Sclerosis.

For more information, visit www.mtraocala.org.

Try Dragon Boat racing

■ Nature Coast Dragon Boat Club tryouts will be held at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, on the Homosassa River.

Meet at the Riverside Resort, 5297 S. Cherokee Way, Homosassa. We'll provide the equipment and coaching; you provide the power!

Be introduced to the ancient sport of dragon boat racing; our coach will guide your paddle strokes into sync with one other. The 10-year-old club practices two to three times per week, both at Lake Hernando and on the Homosassa

Register for this tryout at www.meetup.com/Nature-Coast-Dragon-Boat-Club.

YMCA sign-up fee waived in January

Promotion saves \$50

Special to the Chronicle

Conquer more than your resolutions this year and belong to something bigger than yourself when you join the Citrus County YMCA.

During the month of January, the YMCA will waive sign-up fees — a

savings of \$50.

This offer is open to all Citrus County residents.

Already a member? Refer a friend that joins and you'll receive \$50 Y Bucks if they join before Jan. 31.

The YMCA is a charitable non-profit organization and is open to all. Financial assistance is available through the People Helping

People program to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy a better, healthier life.

For a tour of the community YMCA, visit 4127 W. Norvell Bryant Highway in Lecanto.

To register online, visit www.ymcasuncoast.org and enter the promo code join-online.

For information, call 352-500-9622.

Community EVENTS

Wednesday, January 16

Fragrant Garden seminars set

Take time to stop and smell the roses. The topic for this month's free UF/IFAS Citrus County Extension Service Master Gardener Plant Seminars is "The Fragrant Garden."

Aroma can be added to the garden by planting the trees, shrubs, and annuals that will be discussed. These plants add an aromatic dimension to gardening. The schedule for the remaining seminars is:

■ At 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Citrus Springs Library.

■ At 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22 at the Homosassa Library.

Master Gardener volunteers will be available to discuss this topic, answer questions, identify plant problems and offer solutions to your gardening experience. For information, call 352-527-5700.

Learn how to cut the clutter

The holidays have come and gone and it is time to tackle the clutter that has been forming around the house these last few months.

Citrus Libraries invites the public to a free class by Home Instead Senior Care on how to organize yourself and your home at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Lakes Region Library.

Registration is required. To register, call 726-2357 or visit citruslibraries.org.

Beverly Hills

Fishing Club meets

The Beverly Hills Fishing Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Lions Club on Civic Circle in Beverly Hills.

Guest speaker will be Sgt. Bob Greatnex of the Citrus County Sheriff's Department. Greatnex will swear in the 2019 club officers.

Lunch with the NJ & Friends Club

The New Jersey & Friends Club will luncheon at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Cinnamon Sticks restaurant on U.S. 41 in Inverness.

For information on club activities, call Stella at 352-270-8427. For membership information, call Tony at 352-746-9455.

Audubon to meet

Citrus County Audubon will host a meeting Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Unity of Citrus County, 2628 W. Woodview Lane, Lecanto.

Emie Olson, supervisor of the Marine Science Station, will speak about the Marine Science Station's role within the Citrus County School District.

The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and refreshments will be served. The public is welcome.

Thursday, Jan 17

Yard sale supports local veterans

VFW Post and Auxiliary 7122 will host a yard sale from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 17, at 8191 S. Florida Ave., Floral City.

Sunshine Gardens honors law enforcement



Special to the Chronicle

Staff at Sunshine Gardens hosted Coffee with a Cop to celebrate Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on Jan. 9. Over 30 former and current officers showed up to have coffee with staff and residents.

All proceeds help veterans who may be in need of assistance. For information, call 352-637-0100.

Friday, January 18

Breakfast Fundraiser for Dance Central

There will be a Breakfast Fundraiser for Dance Central from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at Applebee's in Inverness, 1901 W. Main St.

Cost is \$6 per person. Proceeds will go towards Dance Central competition teams. For more information, call 352-400-1886.

FFRA to meet in Lecanto

The Family & Friends Reaching for Abilities (FFRA) will meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at the New Horizons Village at 1275 N. Rainbow Loop, Lecanto, in their resource center/cafeteria.

Refreshments and socializing begins at 9 a.m.

FFRA is a nonprofit, Citrus County organization dedicated to serving the intellectual and developmentally disabled adults in our community.

We invite the public to attend and help with ideas and projects that will benefit our special population and help them "give back to our community."

Come learn about FFRA and how we are helping those with special needs.

Writer to speak at Friends meeting

Author "Max" Schulman is a retired USAF aviator who made traveling the world a 40-year career. He is an environmental activist who is passionate about his community.

In his "Treasures of the Trails – Citrus County" series of books, Max and cartographer Tom Craig create detailed guides into the natural resources of our county. The guides cover hiking, biking, birding, kayaking and fishing in detail while providing extraordinary maps to guide you.

Max will discuss the series, and its impact on our county, at the Friends of the Central Ridge Library's annual meeting at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at the Central Ridge Library.

Refreshments will be provided, and a brief installation of officers will be held before the discussion.

Dinner supports local veterans

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 155 will host a dinner from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at the American Legion in Crystal River.

Menu includes choice of fried or baked fish, french fries, hush puppies, cole slaw and dessert at cost of \$7 per person. Coffee and ice tea included.

All proceeds support veteran and community programs of the Auxiliary. Call 352-795-6526 for information.

Fish fry benefits church missions

Hernando United Methodist Church will host its annual fish fry dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18.

The \$10 ticket will feature a menu choice of grits or french fries, hushpuppies, slaw, sweet or unsweet tea, lemonade, coffee and dessert, along with the fish. Come and enjoy a delicious meal with the fellowship of your friends and neighbors in Citrus County. Proceeds from this event will go to support church missions.

The church is at 2125 E. Novell Bryant Highway (County Road 486), Hernando. For information, call 352-726-7245.

Friday Night Thunder cruise-in set

The Citrus MOPARS and the City of Inverness will host a Friday Night Thunder car cruise-in from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, on Courthouse Square, Inverness.

Cruise into Inverness and see the band 4-Play.

For information, visit www.VisitInvernessfl.com.

Saturday, January 19

Support veterans at pancake breakfast

The Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary

(MOPHA) will host a pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday Jan. 19, at Beef O'Brad's, 6738 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River.

It will include three pancakes, two sausage links, juice, and choice of coffee or soft drinks for \$5, or choose all you can eat for an extra \$5, paid at the door. Come support our veterans.

For information, call Carol at 352-341-3603.

Floral City Masons to host breakfast

The Floral City Masonic Lodge will host a buffet-style breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at 8350 Orange Ave., Floral City.

Scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, toast, coffee and orange juice will be available for a \$5 donation. Join for great food and fellowship.

32nd annual Florida Manatee Festival

Celebrate manatees at the 32nd annual Florida Manatee Festival from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, in historic downtown Crystal River.

The festival will have live music, food, fine arts vendors, crafters, boat tours, manatee tours, Three Sisters Springs tours, trolley rides and more.

Admission is \$5 per person. Admission free for age 12 and under.

Parking with shuttles will be available at the Crystal River Mall.

For information, call 352-795-3149 or visit www.facebook.com/FloridaManateeFestival.

Saturday Music Series set in Homosassa

Nature Coast Friends of Blues (NCFOB) begins its Saturday Music Series on Saturday, Jan. 19 with a CD release party for the Cool Corporate Cats latest offering "Tampa Bound." The

afternoon of music begins at 1 p.m. when Carly Bak opens. The "Cats" take the stage at 2 p.m.

The Saturday Music Series takes place at the Museum Café, 10466 Yulee Drive, Homosassa in an outdoor garden setting with many trees for shade. Admission is \$7 members \$10 non-members. Join NCFOB on the day of the event and get in for free.

Bring chairs and insect repellent but please leave pets, coolers, food and drink at home. The Museum Cafe will be open for food and beverages during the show.

For information, call 352-628-1081 or 352-628-9411.

Nature Coast Orchid Society meets

The Nature Coast Orchid Society will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at the VFW Post 8681, located on the corner of Drayton Street and County Line Road in Spring Hill.

Speaker will be Norman Fang, from California, of Orchids.com.

The topic will be growing better orchids. If you have questions about improving your methods, now is a great time to meet an international grower, see some beautiful examples of his orchids and learn.

Guests welcome. For information, visit www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com or call Mary Lou at 218-556-1855.

New Age Thinkers meet in Lecanto

New Age Thinkers will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at Unity of Citrus, 2628 W. Woodview Lane, Lecanto.

The guest speaker will be Pam Woznicki, a "sacred warrior" of the rainbow prophecy. She is a gifted energy healer, mystic, spiritual and wellness guide.

Everyone is welcome to attend this free event. For information, visit www.newagethinkers.org or email miss-donna@tampabay.rr.com.

Sunday, January 20

Knights breakfast supports charity

The Knights of Columbus will host a breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at the Parish Center, located behind St. Scholastica Church at 4301 Homosassa Trail in Lecanto.

The breakfast will consist of sausage and eggs, hash brown potatoes, French toast, pancakes, fruit bowl, orange juice and a bottomless cup of regular or decaf coffee.

Cost is a \$6 donation. Join us for a delicious breakfast, while helping us to support charities in Citrus County.

For information, call Les at 352-503-2653.

Support group meets

The Ostomy Support Group of Citrus County and surrounding areas welcomes all ostomates, family and caregivers to meet at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center, 6201 N. Suncoast Blvd., Crystal River.

The support group meets in the Medical Office Building Community Room.

For information, call Sharon at 352-382-4446.

Monday, January 21

MLK Unity Walk and Presentation set

Celebrate unity and the accomplishments of Martin Luther King Jr. at the MLK Unity Walk and Presentation beginning at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 21, in downtown Inverness.

Participants are welcome to gather at 8:30 a.m. at the Inverness Military Memorial at 212 W. Main Street.

The Unity Walk will begin at 9 p.m. to the Valerie Theatre. Then watch a presentation on the life and works of MLK at 9:15 a.m. at the Valerie.

For information, visit www.VisitInvernessfl.com.

Friends of the Library to meet in Yankeetown

The Friends of the AF Knotts Public Library will host their annual meeting at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, at the library in Yankeetown.

Following a short business meeting, board member Tim Barber will present "Hidden Treasures of the Aucilla River."

For information, call 352-447-4212.

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Two locations:

Citrus County: 1st Thursday of each month 10:00am, Citrus County YMCA, 4127 W. Norvell Bryant Hwy. Lecanto

Marion County: 3rd Tuesday of each month, 9:30am, Juliette Falls Clubhouse, 6933 SW 179th Ave. Rd., Dunnellon

Open to the public. Free to attend.

For questions or to RSVP, call or e-mail 352.795.6155 or amy.barbieri@raymondjames.com

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ADOPTABLES



Paulette is a beautiful 1-year-old female with a silky and shiny black coat. She loves to play and does a good job of entertaining herself. If you are interested in Paulette, call 352-422-5525. Several Hardin Haven cats will be on display from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Pet Supermarket in Inverness. Stop by for a visit.



Angel is a beautiful calico with the typical brown, black, orange and white marked coat. She's a nice girl, but just a little shy until she gets to know you. She might need just a little extra time and patience to settle into her new home. She'll do great in a bit of a quiet home. CCAS ID No. 40108361.



Dasher is a pretty adult female with a gray and white coat. Unsure at first, she's made great strides and confident now. This friendly girl has a loving personality, and she likes attention. Dasher enjoys looking out the window near her kennel and watching what's going on outside. CCAS ID No. 40349231.



These two adorable brothers just came to Adopt a Rescued Pet. They are a little shy, but love people. They are both 2-year-old Chihuahua mixes. The tan one is Levi and his brother is Rocky. They are really great dogs. For information on Levi and Rocky, call 352-795-9550.



Are you looking for a rock star? Look no further because Hendrix is for you! He is a handsome boy with a curly tail. He loves playing with the squeaky ball. His style in play groups is playful. Hendrix is an adult terrier/pit mix. Come meet him, he is ready to come home. CCAS ID No. 39920532.



Boomer is a lover. He's lively and needs a strong leader to help him with his leash work. Boomer has one eye with split coloration. This does not affect his vision. Boomer will probably do better with older children as he's pretty active. Boomer is a Catahoula leopard dog mix. CCAS ID No. 39949033.

Citrus County Animal Services, 4030 S. Airport Road, Inverness, behind the fairgrounds. View adoptable pets at citruscritters.com. Call 352-746-8400. Unless otherwise noted, all dogs are spayed/neutered, microchipped, heartworm tested and current on vaccinations. For information on Precious Paws Rescue pets, call 352-726-4700. For Hardin Haven pets, call Donna at 352-422-5525. For Adopt a Rescued Pet, call 352-795-9550 and leave your name, number and pet's name.

FIRE

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communities and protect those human communities that many of us call home. Fire has shaped Florida ecosystems for millennia, long before housing developments, shopping centers and highways dotted the state. Prior to these manmade barriers, lightning would ignite fire on the Florida landscape and it would burn for thousands of acres. Over time, these fires created unique natural communities which have an association of characteristic plants and animals, all of which depend on their relationship with fire. In these types of ecosystems, the interaction between fire and the landscape is imperative for their continued survival. Prescribed fire, previously known as a controlled burn, is a tool that natural resource managers use to mimic the natural forest fires which once occurred across many

Program on prescribed fire offered

- Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park plans to host a public program to educate the community about the importance of prescribed fire and what to expect from the anticipated burn at the wildlife park.
- The program will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, in the Florida room on U.S. 19.
- For information, contact Kate Spratt at 352-628-5445.

Florida habitats. A prescription is a specific set of conditions that prioritizes the safety of the public and fire staff, weather and probability of meeting the burn objectives. These prescriptions are constructed by specially-trained fire professionals, called burn bosses, who begin their work on a specific burn months in advance. Each prescription considers the desired objectives, available fuels, size of the burn, the precise environmental conditions under which it will burn and conditions under which it may be suppressed. Prior to fire every touching the ground, personnel

participating in the prescribed fire process must go through extensive training and complete rigorous annual physical assessments. Each property area, in our local case the state park, must complete a fire management plan which addresses when and where to burn, and a prescribed burn plan which outlines how to reach the burning objectives. Each burn has a go and no-go checklist that is the final step prior to ignition. Once fire is on the ground, specialized equipment and techniques are used to maintain safety of personnel and property while carrying out a successful burn. Once a prescribed fire

meets its objectives, fire crew complete "mop-up" which extinguishes burning or smoldering fuels in an effort to make the area "safe." In the coming months, Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park has plans to conduct a prescribed fire. The areas scheduled to be burned, called zones, are along U.S. 19, Spring Cove Road and near Halls River Road. Park Rangers have spent the last year working to prepare these zones, including removal of heavy fuels that could contribute to excessive smoke, such as downed trees from recent hurricanes. The state park will host a public program to educate the community about the importance of prescribed fire and what to expect from the anticipated burn at the wildlife park. The program will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, in the Florida Room on U.S. 19. Contact Kate Spratt at 352-628-5445 with any questions on the program.

PATH

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only 5 percent of their net gains back to charity to keep their foundation status. This can be a very grey area. Over the years, I have seen foundations award in areas far from where they normally do, making it difficult for the grant writer to figure out who to write to. All of us in the

charitable work would love for foundations to come along with big checks and seemingly make all of our problems go away. In my experience, this type thinking has made it harder and dashed my hopes many times. DuWayne Sipper is the executive director of The Path of Citrus County, a faith-based homeless shelter. Contact him at 352-527-6500 or sipperd@pathofcitrus.org.

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