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MARKET DAY

Market Day is an effort by Tractor Supply to emphasize shopping "homemade," featuring the products of talented local crafters, artisans and growers at it's Bushnell location. Story and photos on **Page 3**.

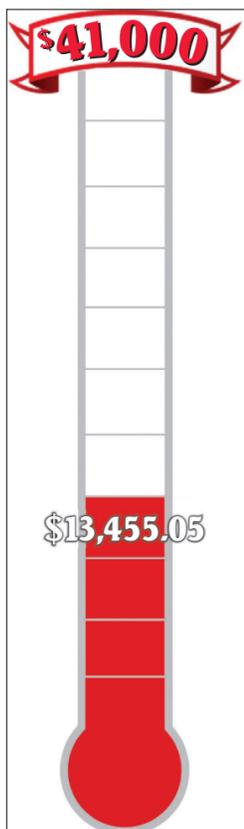


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Residents support Grant's stay

BY **BRENDA LOCKLEAR**
Times editor

When local resident Mary Simmons read in the Sumter County Times that Grant Grogan might lose his home, she was moved.

"I called my cat — I live with my cat. I said we have to do something Silver."

She said she wasn't even sure how much money was in her checking account at first, but she ended up writing a check for \$200 to help Grant and his roommates.

"I pray that he's going to remain there. There's so many of us with roofs over our heads and places to lie down at night without having to worry."

Grant Grogan is one of three residents who live in a four-person group home, coordinated by SCARC, Inc. One of the residents died recently and the home is in jeopardy because of a lack of funding from the fourth income.

He has cerebral palsy and needs 24-hour a day care. The home allows him to go to a job he loves in a community he loves, among friends he has made.

If the funding to keep Please see **GRANT/Page 2**



City abuzz with excitement

Webster celebrates with pets and bees

BY **MARTIN STEELE**
Staff writer

Webster was in a buzz Saturday as the city celebrated its annual Pet and Bee City Day.

While the south Sumter County municipality was observing it's Pet Day for the third year, this was the first year that event organizers have added the Bee City observance.

As in past events, there was a number of activities for pets and pet owners, including a costume

contest — mostly for the pets — low cost vaccinations for pets, local entertainment from Nolan Hamm, displays by the Sumter County Humane Society/SPCA, native "pollinator" plants by Shady Brook Gather All nursery, amusements for the kids and more.

And, what would a Bee City Day be without bees? Indian Summer Honey Farm, located in the extended Webster community of Mabel, brought out a display of live bees working on

honey combs, secured in a display case, where visitors could watch them up close. The farm display was also offering locally produced honey for sale.

Those manning the display were busy telling visitors about honey, bees and pollinators.

There were even more chances to learn about bees at the adjoining display, staffed by Lisa Reynes, a Florida Department of Agriculture specialist with the Division of Plant Industry. Apiary inspections are among her job responsibilities.

Webster officials began the Please see **ABUZZ/Page 12**



MARTIN STEELE/Sumter County Times
Webster City Clerk Barbara Kane and Assistant City Clerk Pam Arnold show a couple of the "bee condos" entered for a contest during the city's Pet and Bee Day celebration.

Projects run on the sun



BRENDA LOCKLEAR/Sumter County Times

Jesus Valdez, Nicholas Uribe and Eduardo Campus, left to right, work on their solar car during the annual county competition. The teams were allowed three trial runs before they did the real thing, racing other teams for the finish line. The trials gave them an opportunity to improve their car speeds by altering parts, moving items on the vehicle and changing the slant of the car. The team name for Valdez, Uribe and Campus is "The Kings." The race was held at the Sumter County School District administration facility.

Students compete in solar-powered STEM challenge

COLLEEN STRICKLAND,
CURRICULUM SUPERVISOR
Special to the Times

Let's run on the Sun! Eighth grade students from Wildwood Middle High and South Sumter Middle participated in the school district's second annual Solar Powered Car STEM Challenge. The challenge was created in response to Superintendent Richard A. Shirley and his STEM Advisory team's

endeavor to increase STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) opportunities for students across the district helping prepare them for college or careers upon graduation.

"This STEM activity helps students to apply skills that they have learned in science, math and other classes. For most students, this is the first time that they have had to build something from scratch and make

Please see **STEM/Page 8**

Election 2018

Qualifying on the horizon

BY **MARTIN STEELE**
Staff writer

Sumter County voters this fall might have plenty of choices to make when they head to the polls.

While a look at ballot races is still several weeks ahead, the candidate qualifying period for an assortment of local races is set for next month. Two Sumter County Commission seats and many more seats on city councils, commissions and local boards will be opening at noon on June 18 and closing at noon on June 22.

Although the qualifying period for county judge closed on May 4, qualifying for seats on the Sumter County School Board, Sumter County Commission and within the five Sumter municipalities is forthcoming.

On the Sumter County Commission, the District 2 seat held by Doug Gilpin and the District 4 seat held by Garry Breenen are both up for re-election in the fall.

Sumter School Board seats for District 1 held by Sally Moss, District 3 held by David Williams and District 5 held by Kathie L Joiner are among the posts up for re-election.

In Wildwood, the mayor's seat held by Ed Wolf, City Commission Seat 2 held by Pamela Kay Bivins and Seat 4 held by Don Clark, will be open for qualifying.

In Webster, Council Seat 1 held by Bobby Yost, Council Seat 3 held by Anagalys Vigoa and Council Seat 5 held by Michael Harris are on the qualifying schedule.

The Coleman mayor post held by Milton Hill, Council Seat 2

Please see **ELECTION/Page 5**

FWC hosting exotic pet amnesty day on Saturday

Special to the Times

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and Friends of Boyd Hill Nature Preserve are holding an Exotic Pet Amnesty Day event on Saturday, May 19, in St. Petersburg. People may surrender their exotic pets at the event, whether they are being kept legally or illegally, without penalty or cost. The Exotic Pet Amnesty Program offers a legal alternative to releasing exotic pets that owners can no longer keep and helps to reduce the

number of nonnative species being introduced into the wild.

This event is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, 1101 Country Club Way S., St. Petersburg, FL 33705. Live animals will be on display and experts from the

Please see **AMNESTY/Page 2**

People may surrender their exotic pets, whether they are being kept legally or illegally, without penalty or cost, at Exotic Pet Amnesty Day.

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Surrendered exotic pets will be accepted between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and given a health exam by a veterinarian before being made available for adoption that same day to pre-registered, experienced individuals who can care for them.

AMNESTY

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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will be on site with information about caring for exotic pets, responsible pet ownership and potential ecological impacts of invasive species in Florida.

The event is free but access to the Preserve trails is not included.

Surrendered exotic pets will be accepted between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and given a health exam by a veterinarian before being made available for adoption that same day to pre-registered, experienced individuals who can care for them. Animals that will be accepted for surrender include nonnative species of reptiles, amphibians, mammals, birds, fish and invertebrates. Domestic animals, such as cats, dogs, pigs and chickens, will not be accepted.

Animals will be made available for adoption after 2 p.m. Exotic pet

adopters need to be experienced and must have already applied and been approved by the FWC. Potential adopters should bring their acceptance letters and any necessary permits with them. Becoming an adopter is free, but you are required to register a minimum of four days prior to the event to adopt an animal. Adopter applications can be found at MyFWC.com/Nonnatives by clicking on "How to become an FWC exotic pet adopter."

For more information about Exotic Pet Amnesty Day, visit MyFWC.com/Nonnatives or call the FWC's Exotic Species Hotline at 888-Ive-Got1 (888-483-4681). Exotic pet owners who cannot attend this event may call this number year-round for assistance in finding a new home for their animal.

For more information about adopting exotic pets, visit MyFWC.com/Nonnatives and click on "Exotic Pet Amnesty Program."



Times photo

Grant Grogan is one of three residents who live in a four-person group home, coordinated by SCARC Inc. One of the residents died recently and the home is in jeopardy because of a lack of funding from the fourth income.

GRANT

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the home running can't be raised, Grant may have to become a resident of a nursing center.

"And with his physical condition and everything, we especially need to do more ... you know, those of us who can."

Simmons is a retired educator and a cancer survivor.

She also recently underwent a major surgery, she said. She believes in doing and "having faith in God that things will be eventually taking care of."

She was impressed with Grant and "How he gets up so early in the morning and now that I'm retired, I sleep in unless I have a doctor's appointment or something."

"And I said 'gosh if this young man can get up early, I need to start

getting up early."

"He has really inspired me," she said with a laugh.

"I am losing out, with all Grant is doing I need to see what's going on out here."

Simmons is a supporter of various causes, including St. Jude's for children, donating as she can.

"We just need more giving. As the Bible says, the more we give, it will come back."

She's also hoping to have Grant serve as a guest speaker at one of the Sumter County Retired Educator's meetings in the future.

To make a donation, you can mail checks to: 213 W. McCollum Avenue in Bushnell, FL 33513.

To view the entire story and get to know Grant a little better, visit www.sumtercounty-times.com and find the "Save Grant's Home" story.

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Jennifer Landry is a wedding and event consultant as well as a floral designer. She displayed an assortment of spring floral arrangements at her tent for the Tractor Supply Spring Market Day.



Homemade the theme at Market Day

BY MARTIN STEELE
Staff writer

Teenage entrepreneur Sheyenne McAlister was selling her homemade goats milk soap, a home industry that sprang from a 4-H project. A few feet away, Rosa Menjivar was selling tamales that she learned to make in Mexico. The creative folks on Saturday morning were anchoring the shady spots along the Tractor Supply parking lot in Bushnell for the latest of the store's Spring Market Days.

The weekend event drew a small group of creative individuals who set up their tents and tables filled with flowers, food and goat milk products, the latter including soaps and lotions. The food varied from sweet treats to real Mexican tamales — offered with homemade lemonade.

The Market Day is an effort by Tractor Supply to emphasize shopping "homemade," featuring the products of talented local crafters, artisans and growers at its Bushnell

location — bringing those local talents and shoppers together.

This month's market was something of a family event with spouses, siblings, parents and children getting involved in process. In the store's announcement for the event, Manager Grant Telford noted that market visitors might even find inspiration for their families' next crafting or growing "adventure."

Contact staff writer Martin Steele at msteele@sctnews.com or 352-793-2161.

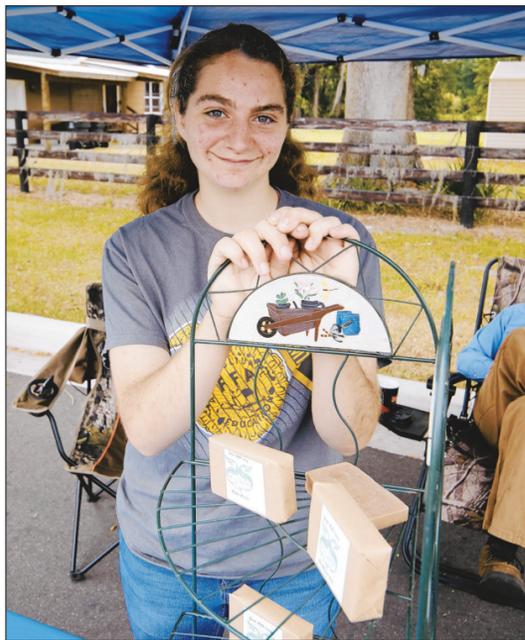


Photos by
Martin
Steele

Julie Wells, of Floral City, on Saturday offered goats milk soaps and lotions in her display at the Tractor Supply Spring Market Day in Bushnell.



An enthusiastic Kalelyn Magee greeted customers with a description of all the treats offered at her mom's and aunt's display at the Tractor Supply Spring Market Day. Mom Jessica Fisher, of Plant City, and her sister Samantha Hawkins, of Bushnell, partnered to offer tempting items including cupcakes and banana bread.



A high school sophomore, Sheyenne McAlister, of Bushnell, has turned her 4-H project into a business, producing goat milk soap. Along with other vendors Saturday morning, she was set up on the Tractor Supply parking lot selling her homemade soaps.



Vendor Rose Menjivar, of Bushnell, took a break from her tamales to walk with little granddaughter Reylin Roze Ramirez, during the Spring Market Day event at the Bushnell Tractor Supply.

Voters to decide on Bushnell charter changes

General
Election Nov. 6

BY MARTIN STEELE
Staff writer

The Bushnell City Council is proposing a handful of changes to the city charter, but they will be up to the city's voters to decide in the Nov. 6 General Election.

The council on Monday, May 7, approved on first reading an ordinance tentatively setting eight charter issues for the November ballot.

The items range from correction of "scrivener errors" — misspellings and such — to changes in election dates and appointment of city officials.

A second public hearing and vote is required to

set the proposed amendments on the ballot and are scheduled for the regular council meeting of June 4.

Overall, voters will have a say on charter amendments in eight separate ballot questions, some of which are needed to make the charter compliant with state law, according to city officials.

Amendment 1 proposes changing city boundary references to the current boundary plus in future annexations.

Amendment 2 proposes changing the council election date from December to January, changing the declaration of a council vacancy to four absences from any council meetings, allows for a simple majority vote to fill vacancies and defines a majority vote.

Amendment 3 would

update the duties of the city clerk for consistency with state law.

Amendment 4 would clarify the filling of city attorney, city manager and department head positions by council majority and simplifies the structure of the city attorney office.

Amendment 5 proposes changing certain terms in the provisions for employee termination appeals.

Amendment 6 would clarify candidate qualifications, authorize the Supervisor of Elections to manage city elections, change the election date to December, provide for equal four-year terms for council members and provide for state law to set the canvassing board. Most of these changes are already in use.

Amendment 7 would add Dr. Martin Luther

King Jr. Park to the list of properties that require voter approval before they can be leased, sold, traded or given away by the city.

Amendment 8 would repeal any past inconsistent charter provisions and ordinances.

The proposed changes were developed by a committee consisting of five citizens, the city manager, city attorney and a council member working since 2015, with some delays because of other pressing issues, according to city officials.

After a second public hearing and vote, information on the proposed charter amendments is slated for publication on the city's website at www.cityofbushnellfl.com.

Contact staff writer Martin Steele at msteele@sctnews.com or 352-793-2161.

Baby shower June 1

Special to the Times

The Sumter County Baby Shower is set from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, June 1 at the Wildwood Community Building and the public is invited.

That's because it's a baby shower for moms-to-be in the community.

As a matter of fact, it's touted as "fun for the whole family" and the entire event is free.

There'll be door prizes, parenting education, car seat checks, games, exhibitions and more.

The event is hosted by Central Healthy Start Coalition and the community center is located at 6500 C.R. 139 Wildwood.

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Sumter County Times Opinion

Buy Flood Insurance now, before it's too late

Special to the Times

Hurricane season begins soon so Florida home and business owners and renters should consider buying a National Flood Insurance policy before it's too late, according to an advisory from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). For more Hurricane Irma recovery information, visit www.FEMA.gov/IrmaFL.

It takes 30 days from the date of purchase for an NFIP policy to become effective. Florida is prone to hurricane-related flooding with nearly 120 landfalls in recorded history, but most home, business and rental insurance policies do not cover flood damage.

FEMA disaster assistance limits home repair grants to only make a primary residence safe, sanitary and functional, but NFIP policies are much more expansive. For instance, policyholders in Florida have received average payments of about \$49,000 after Hurricane Irma for a much wider range of covered losses.

Flooding can occur anywhere, is the most common natural disaster in the United States and often does not result in a federal disaster declaration where FEMA offers help. Almost 25 percent of flood

insurance claims come from areas not considered at high risk for flooding.

Policyholders can get financial help to repair or replace property even if there is no federal disaster declaration. The average annual cost of an NFIP policy for homeowners is about \$700.

Policyholders can have peace of mind that covered property is protected because NFIP never cancels policies due to repeat losses. Also, there is no payback requirement unlike low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

A single-family residential building can be insured up to a maximum of \$250,000 and its contents up to \$100,000. Renters can cover contents up to \$100,000. Non-residential property owners can insure their building up to \$500,000 and contents up to \$500,000.

To find an insurance agent who sells flood insurance or to learn more about NFIP, call 800-427-4661. Information also is available at www.FloodSmart.gov.

Follow FEMA and the Florida Division of Emergency Management on Twitter at @FEMARegion4 and @FLSERT. You may also visit FEMA and the Division's Facebook pages at [Facebook.com/FEMA](https://www.facebook.com/FEMA) and [Facebook.com/FloridaSERT](https://www.facebook.com/FloridaSERT).

Guest editorials

Webster center gets new roof

The Webster Community Center roof has been completed — stop by and take a look. Staff will work on painting the outside of the building.

Sam Harris Park — the city had a great turnout for the volunteer day at the park on May 5th. We want to thank everyone that came out and lent a helping hand. The park is looking great!!!

Webster Annual Pet and Bee City Day — held on May 12th, offered free

bounce houses and entertainment by Nolan Hamm, a shot clinic offering discounted vaccinations, vendors, pet costume contest and lots of fun.

It was a great day!!

Bobby Yost won the Bee Condo Contest, congratulations!

The city's monthly council meeting will be held this Thursday at City Hall, 85 E. Central Ave., at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public.



Deanna Naugler
WEBSTER CITY MANAGER

Sumter gets new extension agent

Please meet LuAnn Duncan, the new University of Florida IFAS Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences. She will be working in the areas of food and nutrition, food safety, money management, housing and human development. The goal for each person is overall wellness and she welcomes input from the community regarding the types of programs they may be interested in attending.

LuAnn comes to Sumter County with 25 years of working with the extension office in Ohio and Florida. She has been working the past eight years in Orange County. She grew up on a farm and

showed sheep in 4-H. As a nine-year 4-H member, she also took cooking, sewing and other home economics projects.

If you have questions, would like to meet LuAnn, or want to become involved in the program, contact her at laduncan@ufl.edu. You may always stop by the extension office to meet her in person, but call before you go as she may be away from the office meeting people.

The extension office phone number is 352/569-6862.

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LuAnn Duncan
SUMTER COUNTY EXTENSION FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES AGENT

BEYOND SUMTER



Letters to the editor

Salvation Army celebrates National Salvation Army Week

Special to the Times

Major Roger and Joy Ross, Corps Officers of the Salvation Army of Lake and Sumter Counties invite the public to join in celebration of National Salvation Army week and the programs and services in Lake and Sumter Counties.

"In 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Congress officially declared National Salvation Army Week," Ross said. "We are grateful for our volunteers, donors, employees and friends who help us "Do the Most Good."

As we celebrate this special week, we want you to know that we are committed to serving Lake and Sumter Counties and will continue to uphold our core values as stated".

UPLIFTING

William Booth, Founder of The Salvation Army once said, "The Salvation Army is a place of hope. When every other light is extinguished, and every star has gone down, this one gleam shines steadily and clearly out in the darkened sky: 'If I could only get to The Salvation Army, they will do something for me.'"

TRUSTWORTHY

Nationally The Salvation Army assists 25 million Americans — locally our programs help provide immediate relief, short-term care and long-term growth for 37,383 people. The Salvation Army is dedicated to "Doing the Most Good" with your contributions of time, money and resources. Thank you for trusting and helping us "Do the Most Good."

COMPASSIONATE

Whether it's caring for the poor, feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, loving the unlovable



Major Roger Ross
LAKE AND SUMTER SALVATION ARMY

or befriending the friendless, your Salvation Army is serving with compassion. W Emergency assistance and 32,159 meals were provided through the generosity of our community and the dedication of our volunteers

BRAVE

People who serve in The Salvation Army routinely go into places others prefer to avoid: Impoverished neighborhoods, jails and prisons, hospital rooms and nursing homes, gatherings of alcoholics and drug addicts, and the immediate scene of natural disasters. Volunteers provided 6,021 hours of sacrificial service. THANK YOU!!!

PASSIONATE

The Salvation Army's mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in his name without discrimination. We believe that Christ changes lives. This faith gives us a motivation that goes beyond simply doing good. We have a passion for doing the most good for body, soul and spirit. Throughout the year, worship services, bible studies,

vacation bible school, and other uplifting events are offered with 7,745 attending this past year.

Please join us for these special activities during our celebration week:

On Monday, May 14, all Villagers are invited to attend the Friends of The Salvation Activity Club at 3 p.m., at Bacall Recreation Center. The program will feature "Eyes of Poverty" with guest speaker Refreshments served. Please RSVP marie.harris@uss.salvationarmy.org or call 352-365-0079 extension 26761.

On Tuesday, May 15, all those 55 and older please join us at noon, for a hot lunch and program highlighting the history of The Salvation Army.

On Wednesday, May 16, join us for an informational tour of our new facility located at 2605 South Street, Leesburg. Tours will begin at 10 a.m.. Enjoy a cup of coffee along with the famous Salvation Army donut. Come by yourself, bring your friends, church members or your club or service group.

On Thursday, May 17, The Salvation Army Women's Ministry at 6 p.m. will host an informative program of the newest initiative of The Salvation Army "Pathway of Hope" moving families from Crisis and Poverty to Self-sufficiency.

We invite the community of Lake and Sumter Counties to Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. and Morning worship service at 10:45 a.m., on Sunday, May 20, at 2605 South Street, Leesburg

For more information, contact Major Marie Harris at 352-365-0079 ext. 26761 or email marie.harris@uss.salvationarmy.org.

Majors Roger and Joy Ross
Salvation Army of Lake and Sumter

Thank you for showing kindness toward my father

I would like to thank Bushnell for being very kind to my father Marion J. "Mike" Bass who lived in your community for the last 10 plus years of his life. During our weekly calls I often heard about this or that with his local church, the sheriff was doing this, the mayor was doing that, the pastor was talking about this, the Dogwood Mobile Home Park ongoing, construction on 48, the

local high school football season, and of course Florida college football. My father truly appreciated the extended family /friends of his final community.

At the time of his passing, the Osprey Point Nursing Home, Purcell's Funeral Home, Bushnell Flowers and Pastor Tim Tatum of the Linden Church of God were very professional, pleasant, and sympathetic. In

dealing with his local affairs I would also like to thank the Region's Bank Local Branch, Dogwood MHP, Bushnell Post Office, Hope Ministry, Bright House Cable and the Sumter County Sheriff's Office for all assistance.

Best wishes Bushnell and thank you again for taking my father as one of your own.

Michael Bass
Lawrenceville, Ga.

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The Marshmallow Experiment is a famous test conducted by Walter Mischel at Stanford University in the 1960’s. A group of four-year-old children were tested by being given one marshmallow and promised a second marshmallow if they could wait and not eat the first one until they received the second one.

Some children could wait and others could not. The researchers followed the progress of each child into adolescence and found that those with the ability to wait were better adjusted and more dependable (determined via surveys of their parents



Melissa Martin
GUEST COLUMN

and teachers), and scored an average of 210 points higher on the Scholastic Aptitude Test. This study was replicated by David Walsh and can be viewed on YouTube.

The following children experienced the instant gratification trap.

Michael demanded candy at the grocery store. “Mommy, I want it right now!”

His mother said, “We have candy at home.” Michael stuffed the item into his pocket while his

mom wasn’t looking.

Sheena demanded a pair of expensive designer jeans. “I want it now! I must have it!”

Her mother gave in and bought the jeans. Unfortunately, the water bill didn’t get paid.

Jose, an honor student, wanted good grades in chemistry without studying. “I deserve it and I want it!”

He cheated on an exam and got caught.

Kia, a 14-year-old teenager, drove her parent’s car into the swimming pool. She didn’t want to wait for her driver’s license.

Faulty beliefs about immediate gratification:

I must have it now.

I can’t wait any longer.

I deserve it this very minute.

I have to do it.

I have to buy it now.

Everybody else has it and I want it.

I must act on my impulses.

It’s okay to hurt others if I get what I want.

Emotions can fuel faulty beliefs about instant gratification. Help your child to write a list of the emotions he feels when he wants something and believes he must have it now.

Discuss the benefits of patience, impulse control, and the consequences of instant gratification.

Learning to wait and manage temptation and instant gratification is a part of human development. Toddlers begin to learn they cannot have everything they want when parents set limits. Children learn the cookie comes after dinner. Teenagers learn that homework comes before video-games.

Parenting involves understanding and discussing instant gratification with your children. Helping them to accept, process and work through feelings of frustration when they don’t get what they want or don’t get what they want right away is necessary.

Children learn instant gratification from observing adults. What happens when adults shout, “I want it now!”

Instant Gratification and Adults

Paul Roberts, author of the 2015 book, The Impulse Society: America in the Age of Instant Gratification writes, “We are becoming an Impulse Society...How did entire societies that once celebrated their prudence, unity, and concern for the future become so impulsive, self-centered, and short-sighted?”

We live in a techno-world where we expect results now. We want faster internet speeds and cell phone services. We want on-demand movies and games. We want same-day delivery of purchases and packages.

We want—we want—we want and we want it now.

Instant vs. Delayed Gratification

For solutions, we need to go to the human brain. The emotional part of our

brain responds to instant gratification. When given the choice of chocolate now or carrots later, the brain wants the yummy item right away. The logical part of the brain tells you that vegetables are healthier. The emotion brain and the logical brain are in a tug-of-war over which options to choose.

Our emotional brain wants to splurge on lottery tickets, overindulge on food and max out credit cards. Our logical brain wants to deposit money in the bank, join the gym and pursue moderation.

Judith Wright proclaimed, “As we get past our superficial material wants and instant gratification we connect to a deeper part of ourselves, as well as to others, and the universe.”

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National Day of Prayer brings together community

Special to the Times

The National Day of Prayer event in Bushnell drew residents and workers to pray in support for the community. This year’s National Day of Prayer was held locally on Thursday, May 3, at noon. People from around the nation gather for similar events, praying specifically for the community and nation, businesses, law enforcement, children and families and more. The crowd gathered at the gazebo at the park on the plaza in downtown Bushnell.

The 2018 theme was ‘Pray for America — UNITY’, based on Ephesians 4:3.

The verse urges “making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

The national gathering event was started in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.

In 1988, the law was unanimously amended by both the House and the Senate and signed into law by President Ronald Rea-

gan on Thursday, May 5, 1988, designating the first Thursday of May as a day of national prayer.

Every president since 1952 has signed a National Day of Prayer proclamation.

Speakers for the Bushnell event included Doug Watkins and Kent McDowell of First Baptist Church of Bushnell, Judge William H. Hallman, Jim Shriver of the American Legion Post 18, Sgt. John Farfaglia of the Sumter County Sheriff’s Office, Sumter School Supt. Richard Shirley, Dale Clayton of Coleman Assembly of God and Sumter Christian School, Eloit Crandall of First Baptist of Bushnell, Daniel Richwine of the Sumterville Assembly of God, Jim Krom of the Refuge at Jumper Creek. Karen Rushing of St. James Missionary Baptist led the pledge and sang The Lord’s Prayer.

Participants are treated to a pizza lunch afterwards, courtesy of the First Baptist Church of Bushnell and Hope Ministries Center.



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Special to the Times

SCORE offers business workshops

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Mid-Florida SCORE, serving Sumter, Lake and Marion Counties, is offering an assortment of business workshops in June.

Buy or Sell a Business (webinar) - this free webinar will provide tips on what you need to do in order to buy or sell a business successfully. It’s scheduled for 7 to 8 p.m., online on Wednesday, June 6. Register at <https://conta.cc/2HzgDkT>.

Securing Capital to Fund Your Business — overwhelmed and confused by all of the small business financing options that are available? This workshop will clarify various approaches that can help you. It’s set for 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday,

June 5, in Clermont. Register at <https://conta.cc/2Hx7jOR>.

It’s also offered from 2 to 4 p.m., Friday, June 8, in Ocala. Register at <https://conta.cc/2HxVcR8>.

Simplified Business Plan Preparation — while a business plan is essential when seeking funding, its greatest value comes in helping you to develop your thinking on the multitude of challenges that your business will face. This session is set for 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Friday, June 22, in Leesburg. Lunch is included. Register at <https://conta.cc/2HxkJd2>.

To learn more about SCORE workshops, visit <https://midflorida.score.org/content/take-workshop-6>.

ELECTION

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held by Mary Azalee Bigham and Council Seat 4 held by Charles Felton will be open for qualifying.

Center Hill Council Seat 1 held by Tonota Parker, Seat 3 held by Ralph O. Berry, Jr., and Seat 5 held by Jack Nash will be open for filing.

In Bushnell, the mayor’s post held by Bil Spaude, Council Seat 3 held by Joe Strickland, Jr., and Seat 5 held by Karen Curtiel Davis will be open for filing.

The Villages will also have many seats open for qualifiers. There are one to three seats on the Board of Supervisors coming up for

re-election in The Villages Community Development Districts 1-10 and in District 12.

There are also three seats on the Sumter Soil and Water Conservation district that will be open for candidate qualifications — seats 1, 2 and 5.

Qualifying for all local races is through the Sumter County Supervisor of Elections office.

More information about federal, state and local elections scheduled for this fall and candidates can be found on the Supervisor’s website at www.sumterelections.org. Information about candidates in local races is updated as candidate filings progress.

Contact staff writer Martin Steele at 352-793-2161 or msteele@sctnews.com.

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My pastor tells the story about his son needing spine surgery when he was just a young boy.

He tells about bringing his son to the hospital and the agony of letting go of his boy, handing him over to the surgeons.

It was a terrible surgery, he says, and they were so relieved when it was over.

However, shortly after they had come home from the hospital, the doctor called they missed something and had to redo the surgery.

My pastor says he hung up the phone, went into the bathroom and raged at God, cursed at him, screamed and cried, accusing God of being unfeeling.

God, why couldn't you have allowed the first surgery to work? Are you that cruel?

He says God let him rage until he got it all out of his system and then walked with him and his wife and his son through the second surgery.

He still recalls, some 30 years later, how terrified



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Special to the Times

Blessed, necessary pain Grace notes

his son was, how he cried and how he had to hold him down on the gurney, his father-heart breaking, whispering in his son's ear that he was right there with him and he'd be there when the surgery was over.

My pastor says he would've gladly traded places with his son, but he couldn't.

He also couldn't let his son not have the surgery, no matter how painful it he knew it would be because his son needed it. He needed it.

God allows pain because somehow he knows we need it.

That's hard to swallow when you're a parent watching your child go through painful situations.

As a parent you try

everything you know to keep your child from pain, even pain caused by their own foolishness and bad choices.

If you're like me, you run interference, you smooth things over, you make phone calls, you plead and intercede.

You pay their bills and bail them out of jail. You use your connections to get them jobs. You do everything — with the best of intentions — to not let your children suffer, even suffer the consequences of their own actions.

Even if you know they need to hit rock bottom, you try to cushion the blow, try to make the descent a little more smooth, the blow a little less painful.

You think it's the loving thing to do, and you're

stunned when you realize it's not, that your "love" is hurtful and not helpful.

A few months ago I met a woman who is a recovering alcoholic. She told me emphatically that she NEEDED every hangover, every DUI, every job lost, every broken relationship her drinking caused.

She needed every single one to bring her to the place where she had no one and no place to turn except to God.

"If I hadn't, if someone had interfered and not let it happen, I wouldn't be where I am today, alive and whole and sober, thank you, Jesus," she said.

She added that, looking back on all the pain, she now knows that God never left her side, even through her darkest days.

"I almost died," she said.

She needed to almost die, and she is better for it, she believes. She is grateful for it.

In the story of the prodigal son in Luke's gospel, when the son was away squandering the inheritance money he had demanded from his father, when he ended up taking care of a farmer's pigs and being so hungry he would've gladly eaten what the pigs were eating, Luke writes: "But no one gave him a thing" (Luke 15:16).

Verse 17 says, "Finally, he came to his senses" and began his journey back home to his father — who was waiting for him with outstretched arms.

The son needed to have

no one help him for him to come to his senses.

Dear friends, especially you moms with tender hearts, God knows exactly what your child needs to suffer, and exactly how much you need to suffer as well.

He promises that all things he will eventually work together for good, "for those who love him and are called according to his purpose," whether it's pain as a result of foolish choices or pain that doesn't seem to have a cause, like disease or a disability.

Not only that, he gives us his strength, even if we might not feel strong, grace that's sufficient to endure all things and joy, even in sorrow.

And hope, always hope. It's what I cling to.

Nancy Kennedy is the author of "Move Over, Victoria — I Know the Real Secret," "Girl on a Swing," and her latest book, "Lipstick Grace." She can be reached at 352-564-2927 or via email at nkennedy@chronicleonline.com.

Obituaries

Winifred Knight Rast aka Winifred Howell Galbreath, 97

FRUITLAND PARK

Winifred Knight Rast aka Winifred Howell Galbreath, 97, born May 3, 1921 in Lake Panasoffkee, died at home in Fruitland Park on May 9, 2018. The memorial service will be held at the Community United Methodist Church of Fruitland Park on Friday, May 18 at 11 a.m. She had been under the care of Cornerstone Hospice and her family. For a complete obituary and to leave condolences, you may go to www.BeyersFuneralHome.com. Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory, Leesburg, FL (352) 787-4343



Winifred Rast

Community United Methodist Church of Fruitland Park on Friday, May 18 at 11 a.m. She had been under the care of Cornerstone Hospice and her family. For a complete obituary and to leave condolences, you may go to www.BeyersFuneralHome.com. Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory, Leesburg, FL (352) 787-4343

Dora Frances Hunt, 71

INVERNESS

Dora Frances Hunt, 71, Inverness, passed away May 13, 2018 at home, under the loving care of her family and Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast. Dora was born in Lexington, Ky. on Oct. 15, 1946 to the late John E. and Myrtle R. (Johnstone) Piersall



Dora Hunt

and came to Citrus County in 1981 from Leesburg. Dora was a vice-president for the Lake County Bank in Leesburg prior to moving to Inverness, assuming the role of chief financial officer for Nick Nicholas Ford. She retired from that position after 29 years of service. Dora was a member of the Sumterville United Methodist Church and a long time member of the Rotary Club of Inverness, where she served as past president and treasurer and was a three-time Paul Harris Fellow. She was also past president of the Altrusa International of Citrus County.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 39 years, Alva H. "Sonny" Hunt, Inverness; three daughters - Sharon Maddox and her husband Steve, of Portland, Tenn.; Danni Scott and husband Sam, of Gallatin, Tenn.; Angie Stanton of Inverness; eight grandchildren - Dustin, Stephanie, Tyler, Alexis, Hunter, Johnathon, Jake and Jesse; six great-grandchildren - Dayton, Maddox, Bryson, Khale, Nolin and Lauryn. In addition to her parents, she was

predeceased by her brother, John Piersall.

Friends may call at the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home on Friday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dora's Celebration of Life Service will be on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 6 p.m. from the Cornerstone Baptist Church of Inverness with Rev. Ronnie Hunt officiating. Burial will follow Sunday at 11 a.m. in Hillcrest Memorial Park, Leesburg. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Dora's memory to the Inverness Rotary Club Scholarship Fund.

Beverly Ann Bailey, 72

BUSHNELL

Beverly Ann Bailey, 72, Bushnell, passed away at her home on May 10, 2018 under the loving care of her family and Cornerstone Hospice. Beverly was born in Mt. Sterling, Ohio on Aug. 2, 1945 to the late Howard and Rose (Webb) Morrison and resided in Hillsborough County for several years before moving to Sumter County in 1988, from Tampa. She retired from the food service departments of the Hillsborough County and Sumter County school systems.

Beverly enjoyed spending time with her family, raising her children and grandchildren and playing cards with her "grandkids". She also enjoyed her Hard Rock casino trips.

Left to cherish her memory are her children - Jeffery A. Bailey, Bushnell, Joseph E. Bailey, St. Cloud, Dennis W. Bailey, Bushnell, Alice Elizabeth Bridgham, Bushnell, William A. Bailey, Ridge Manor; brother, Douglas Betts, New Port Richey; four sisters - Wilma Morrison, Katrina Morrison, Amanda Koch and Janet Bush, all of Tampa; seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Levering D. Bailey on Dec. 26 1997.

A Celebration of Life Service is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 2 p.m. from the Chas E Davis Funeral Home of Inverness. Burial will follow at a later date in Florida National Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home on Saturday from noon until the hour of service.

Edward William Dickhausen, 84

BUSHNELL

Edward William Dickhausen, 84, of Bushnell, died May 11, 2018 in Sumterville.

Gerald Phillip Campoli, 64

WEBSTER

Gerald Phillip Campoli, 64, of Webster, died May 12, 2018 in Sumterville.

James Russell Grogan, 92

BUSHNELL

James Russell Grogan, 92, of Bushnell, passed away Saturday, May 12, 2018, at Hospice of Citrus & Nature Coast in Lecanto. He was born June 20, 1925 in Colquitt County, Ga. to George Grogan and Missouri (Cain) Grogan. He proudly served in the U.S. Army. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Rachel Grogan and his twin sister, Martha Faye Grogan Trupia. He is survived by son-Donnie Ray Grogan (Marcia Morrison Grogan), of Las Vegas, Nev.; daughter-Gina Grogan Chesson (Phil) of Palm Harbor; five grandchildren - Hilarie Sandoval of San Francisco, Calif., Austin Grogan (Nicole) of Denver, Colo., Heather Stevenson (Hunter) of Macon, Ga.,

Holly Garretson (Cal) of Macon, Ga. and Phillip Chesson II (Amanda) of Palm Harbor; seven great-grandchildren - Nova Sandoval of San Francisco, Calif., Mary Rachel Stevenson, Martha Marie Stevenson, Joseph Stone Stevenson, James Hunter Stevenson, Caroline Catherine Garretson and Calloway Camp Garretson, all of Macon, Ga.; son-in-law - Joseph Patrick Trupia (Linda) of Macon, Ga.; sisters - Jane Gibbs of Moultrie, Ga. and Wanda Grogan of Athens, Georgia.

A service will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. (with visitation from 10:30 to 11:30) at Purcell Chapel, with Pastor Hunter Stevenson officiating.

Burial will follow the service at Evergreen Cemetery, with military honors provided by Sumter County Honor Guard. Arrangements are being handled by Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory - Purcell Chapel, 114 W. Noble Ave., Bushnell, Florida.

Big tent revival June 17-20 at Oxford Assembly of God

Special to the Times

Coming up June 17-20 is something you won't want your kids to miss, according to event coordinators at the Oxford Assembly of God.

It's a "Big Tent Revival" — without the tent. The event is set to take place at the Oxford Assembly of God, starting nightly 6 p.m. and lasting until 8:30 p.m.

Children's pastor, Craig Mustain, has an exciting week planned for kids from ages four years to sixth grade.

There will be food, prizes and fun.

On Sunday night, May 17, it's LEGO Night and Monday, Gator World.

Tuesday is a "knock-out" with Kickerball and Wednesday, May 20, is Game Night.

Every night, Orlando children's pastor Skeik Ally will serve as guest speaker.

The church is located at 12114 N. U.S. Highway 301, just north of County Road 466.

The entire event is free and children are urged to invite friends.

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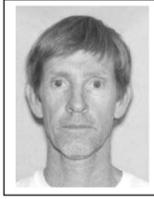
Church Directory

Worship This Week at the Church of Your Choice

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">BUSHNELL</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.7em;">All Are Welcome At</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Cross Connection Church</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.7em;">Formerly Bushnell Assembly of God Christian Education 9:00 A.M. • Worship 10:00 A.M. Sunday Evening - please call for date and time Wed. Discipleship Night 7:00 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.7em;">1451 West Cr. 476, Bushnell 793-2240</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">WEBSTER</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Webster United Methodist Church</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.7em;">Invites You To Attend Worship Service - 10:00 a.m. Church School - 9:00 a.m. 173 S.E. 3rd St., Webster, FL 33597 P.O. Box 87, Webster, FL (352) 793-3734</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.7em;">Serving our Lord through love, care & prayer for one another & our community</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">BUSHNELL</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">First Baptist Church of Bushnell</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.7em;">125 W. Anderson Ave. 793-4612</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebration Service.....8:30 A.M. • Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. • Contemporary Worship. 11:00 A.M. • Sunday Worship.....6:00 P.M. • Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 P.M. 	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">BUSHNELL</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">THE BUSHNELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.7em;">323 N. BROAD (Corner of W. Dade & N. Broad) Church School: 9:15 A.M. Public Worship: 10:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study - 10:00 A.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">352-793-4202</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">WILDWOOD</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.7em;">Saturday Vigil Mass 4pm, 6pm Sunday Mass 8am, 10am, 12 noon Daily Mass Mon-Sat 8am</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.7em;">MASS TIMES & DIRECTIONS: 330-0028 Office: 330-0220 • 5323 E CR 462 www.sumtercatholic.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">WEBSTER</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">First Baptist Church of Webster</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.7em;">1/4 mile east of 471 on SE 1st Ave.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday School 9:45 AM Morning Worship 11:00 AM Evening Service 6:00 PM Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM 	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">LAKE PANASOFFKEE</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">First Baptist Church of Lake Panasoffkee</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.7em;">Hwy. 470, Lake Panasoffkee 793-5510</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday Services.....8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m. After School Care.....2:30-6:00 p.m. <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.7em;">Pastor Randy Alonso</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">BUSHNELL</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">First Church of God</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.7em;">Affiliation: Anderson, IN 793-3455</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.7em;">105 E. Central Ave. • P.O. Box 1128, Bushnell, FL 33513 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m. Randall Belcher, Pastor 793-3534</p>
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<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">BUSHNELL</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Indian Hill Baptist Church</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.7em;">Pastor Irvin Mizell 7819 CR 633, Bushnell • West 476 between 4768 & 575</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday School.....9:45 am Morning Worship.....11:00 am Evening Worship.....6:00 pm Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00 pm Youth Group 	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">SUMTERVILLE</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Sumterville United Methodist Church</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.7em;">"OVER 150 YEARS OF PRAYER" 2565 CR 522 • 1 BLOCK EAST OF HWY 301 Invites you to attend Sunday worship service 9:30 a.m. Pastor Charles Tomberlin All children are invited.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">BUSHNELL</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">First United Methodist Church</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.7em;">OFFERING OUR COMMUNITY Faith, Hope & Love 221 W. Noble Ave. • 793-3221 Pastors: Tyler Montgomery Theresa Montgomery • Yokey</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">SUNDAY WORSHIP 11 A.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.7em;">BOY SCOUTS MON. 6:30 P.M. • CUB SCOUTS TUES. 6:30 P.M. CADET GIRL SCOUTS WED. 6:30 P.M.</p>	

Sumter County Most Wanted-Updated

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 Address: **12700 SE HWY 441** DOB: **12/22/1974**
BELLEVIEW, FL
 Charges: CT I-LARC-300 LESS 10K DOLS FROM 65 YOA OLDER
 CT II-FRAUD-CHEATING OR GROSS FRAUD



2. Name: **ABRAHAM GRADY III** Sex/Gender: **B/M**
 Address: **519 JACKSON ST.** DOB: **04/22/1985**
WILDWOOD, FLORIDA
 Charges: VOP / CT I POSSESSION OF COCAINE



3. Name: **JESSICA NOEL** Sex/Gender: **B/F**
 Address: **828 LEE STREET** DOB: **10/21/1985**
WILDWOOD, FLORIDA
 Charges: VOP CT I UTTERING A FORCED CHECK, CT II GRAND THEFT \$300
 OR MORE BUT LESS THAN \$20,000



5. Name: **ANGEL ENRIQUEZ** Sex/Gender: **H/M**
 Address: **153 W ORANGE ST** DOB: **8/2/1979**
CENTER HILL, FL
 Charges: CT I SEXUAL BATTERY PERSON 12-18YOA CT2 AGGRAVATED
 CHILD ABUSE CT3 BATTERY



6. Name: **ELIAS JOSHUA VEGA** Sex/Gender: **H/M**
 Address: **2674 CR 724** DOB: **06/01/1992**
WEBSTER, FLORIDA
 Charges: VOP GIVE FALSE NAME/ID TO LEO RESULTING IN HARM; VOP L&L
 BATT CHILD 12YOA BUT < 16; CAPIAS // LEWD LASC MOLESTATION
 OF CHILD - DEF 18 AND VIC 12 BUT LESS THAN 16



7. Name: **KRISTEN ADAMS** Sex/Gender: **W/F**
 Address: **718 RIVERA ROAD** DOB: **07/14/1988**
LADY LAKE, FLORIDA
 Charges: CT I-III FRAUDULENT USE OF PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION
 INFORMATION-CT IV GRAND THEFT \$300 OR MORE BUT LESS THAN
 \$20000 CT V-VI THEFT OF CREDIT CARD LOST MISLAID OR DELIVERED
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Sumter County Sheriff's Office
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Drivers urged to share the road

Special to the Times
 The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) is reminding motorists statewide to safely share the road with motorcycles and bicycles in recognition of Motorcycle and Bicycle Safety Awareness Month. In addition, the DHSMV is providing drivers information to safely drive around large commercial vehicles. DHSMV and its division of the Florida Highway Patrol is partnering with the Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Police Chiefs Association, Florida Sheriffs Association and the Florida Trucking Association to spread these important messages.

drivers and riders can help create a safer road environment for everyone to Arrive Alive.”
 In 2017 preliminarily, of the 10,232 motorcyclists involved in a crash, 42 percent were not wearing a helmet and more than 85 percent were male. Motorists are reminded never to share the lane with a motorcycle, maintain a four-second buffer zone between you and a motorcyclist and increase space when encountering bad weather and road conditions. Do not follow too closely behind a motorcycle or bicycle. Motorists and bicyclists should refer to the official Florida Driver License Handbook for more safety tips about operating on roadways.

users.”
 “With hundreds of miles of beaches, beautiful scenery, and temperate weather, our citizens and their guests enjoy motorcycling and bicycling all year round. Please join our Florida Sheriffs in supporting the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles “Share the Road” traffic safety initiative,” stated Sheriff Mike Adkinson, president of the Florida Sheriffs Association
 In addition to motorcycles and bicycles, motorists are reminded to safely share the road with commercial vehicles. Large trucks do not maneuver like passenger vehicles. Drivers are reminded to stay out of the “No Zone,” the blind spots in front, behind and on both sides of commercial vehicles, and never tailgate. Always pass on the left for maximum visibility and watch for wide turns.

“Smaller vehicles are harder to see on the road. Drivers must be sure to always look twice, use caution when changing lanes and give others plenty of space,” said DHSMV Executive Director Terry L. Rhodes. “Sharing the road is everyone’s responsibility. Whether you operate a large truck, passenger vehicle, motorcycle or bicycle, learn your role on the road and always look out for one another.”
 In 2017 preliminarily, there were 9,535 motorcycle crashes and 6,521 bicycle crashes in Florida. That is more than 300 motorcycle and bicycle crashes every week, resulting in 611 motorcycle and bicycle fatalities last year.

“Motorists should use caution when driving around large trucks and watch for motorcycles and bicycles,” said Colonel Gene Spaulding, Director of the Florida Highway Patrol. “By staying alert,

“Understanding how to share the road responsibly is critical for the safety of Floridians, visitors and our police officers who work on bicycles and motorcycles,” said Miami Shores Police Chief Kevin Lystad, President of the Florida Police Chiefs Association. “It’s important for motorists to be mindful of these vehicles and help us keep our roads and highways safer for all

courage all drivers to stay alert and practice safe driving techniques to properly share the road with bicycles, motorcycles and commercial vehicles.”
 Visit DHSMV’s website for more information and resources for the Motorcycle and Bicycle Safety Awareness Month: Share the Road campaign. The public is encouraged to report dangerous drivers by dialing *FHP (*347).

Tips for Motorists
 Drivers must give bicyclists a minimum of three feet of clearance when driving alongside or passing them.
 It’s the law.

When turning, yield to any bicyclist in the bike lane and make your turn behind the cyclist.

Avoid using high beam headlights when you see a bicyclist approaching.

Before opening a car door, check for bicyclists who may be approaching from behind.

Arrest REPORTS

Monday, May 7

Steven J. Leonard, 44, Sumterville, arrested for two counts failure to appear.

Christopher William Rowland, 50, Lake Panasoffkee, arrested for probation violation.

Richard Durwood Vaught, 20, Wildwood, arrested for sexual assault.

Tuesday, May 8

Ronnie Donavin Bartley, 29, Bushnell, arrested for sale of methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver, and keeping shop or vehicle for drugs.

Amanda Carroll Burgess, 34, Wildwood, arrested for driving with suspended-revoked license, possession of methamphetamine and possession or use of drug equipment.

Colton Myles Craig, 22, Bushnell, arrested for marijuana possession and probation violation.

Crystal Ann Nipper, 46, Lake Panasoffkee, arrested for burglary, vehicle theft, dealing in stolen property, fraud, battery and resisting an officer.

John Brian Prout, 49, Bushnell, arrested on out-of-county warrant.

Trenita Renee Wright-Rushing, 30, Bushnell, arrested for probation violation and contempt of court.

Bruce Lee Youngblood, 30, Webster, arrested for DUI.

Thursday, May 10

Domineke Alexis Duncan, 33, Wildwood, arrested for child neglect.

Jordan Tyler Hancock, 20, Webster, arrested on out-of-county warrant.

Brianna Michelle Kendrick, 24, Webster, arrested on out-of-county warrant.

Ryan Tyler Pierce, 21, Wildwood, arrested for larceny.

Hayley Nicole Roberts, 23, Oxford, arrested for probation violation.

Jose Miguel Sanchez, 27, Webster, arrested for aggravated battery.

Friday, May 11

Donald Lee Fort, 55, Lake Panasoffkee, arrested for larceny.

Kevin Edwin Thompson, 43, Oxford, arrested for reckless driving, fleeing and eluding police and failure to have required endorsement on drivers license.

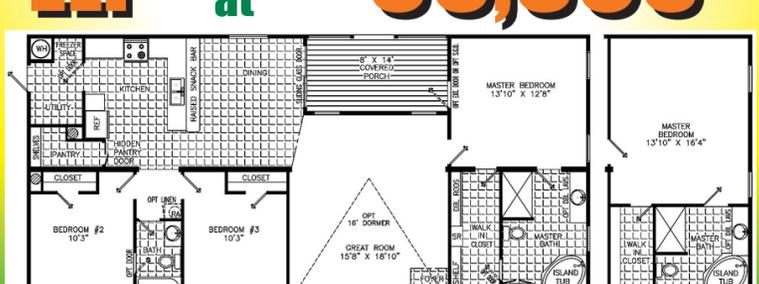
Robert Oakley C. Vasquez, 22, Sumterville, arrested for probation violation.

BIG MAY SALES EVENT

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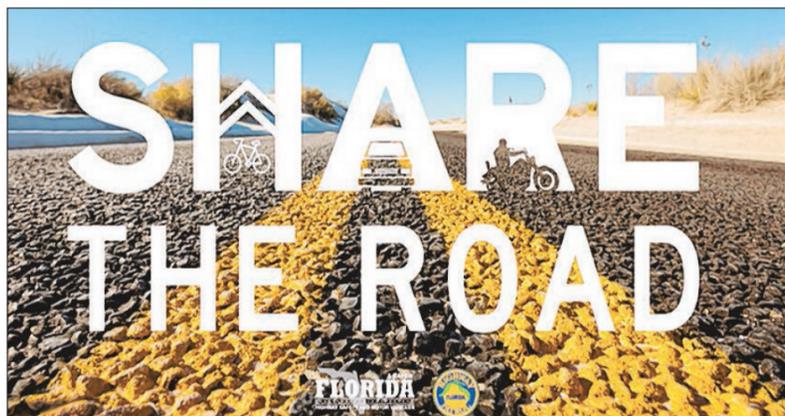
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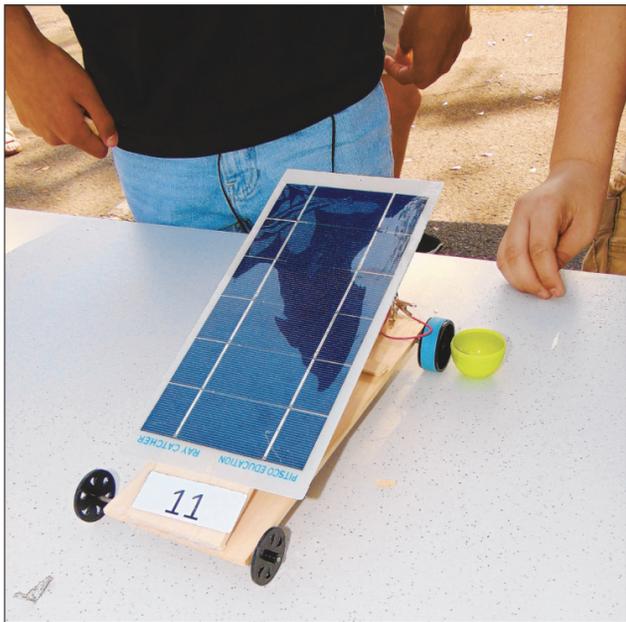
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The Wildwood Middle School team of Destiny Gosselin, Arian Zarazua and Emily Backus with their car, Scarlet Speedster. The team members chose the name based on the Scarlet Speedster name of Flash, the DC Comics character. They even painted their racing speedster red.

Running on the sun

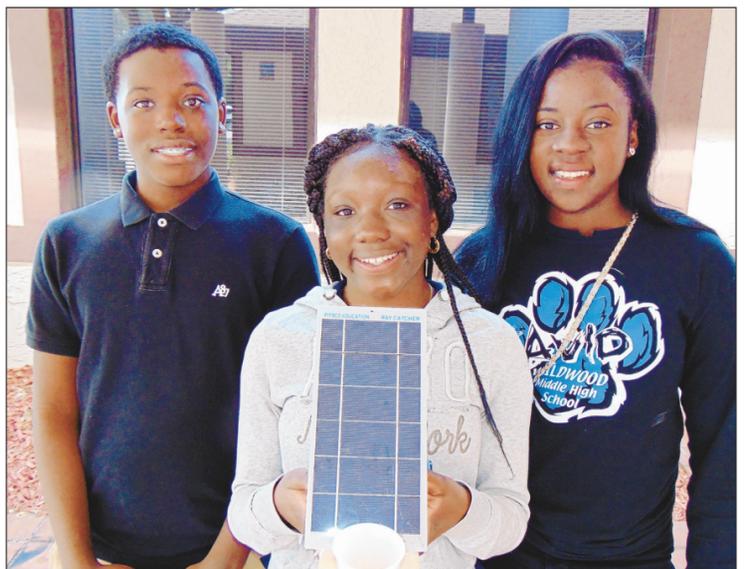


The cars have four wheels, a solar pack and are often elevated from the back in order to catch the sun's power.



Wildwood Middle High School's Vanessa Small and Devin Morrell chatting with their coach, Travis Chiles, about their car, Turbo Chicken Nuggets, as they waited for their interview time at the annual solar run. Turbo was named after the snail of movie fame - always the underdog that was underestimated, Turbo of movie fame took the win.

Monterrick Hollis, Quade Leggett and Thomas Niederhelman are shown with their car, "Flash." During the trials, the team had the fastest.



Jarius Mitchell, Branaysa Hooks and Rick'Kiya Harris are shown (left to right) with their car, White Lightning, named for its speed. The team members were representing Wildwood Middle High School.

STEM

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improvements to their models. Originally this race started with just a few classes of students at one school. Now, there are two schools involved and every 8th grader in the county gets the opportunity to build and understand why they attend school to acquire skills needed in life," said South Sumter Middle School STEM teacher Kevin Strickland.

Student fascination with renewable energy technology is a growing phenomenon in Florida. The Solar Powered Car STEM Challenge was a daylong event where students were able to showcase their hands-on renewable energy cars.

Each team consisting of two to three members, was responsible for designing and building a solar powered race car. Students were supplied with a motor and a solar panel. The chassis, wheels and transmission could be made from any other materials they chose.

Cars were judged on design, innovation and performance. Each team's effort was focused toward the final event - a 20-meter, wire-guided sprint race where the best design and construction paid off with the win.

"The students learned that nothing is perfect at first. Learning is about making, examining and understanding things and making small improvements that lead to larger changes in the long run of the process," Strickland said, referencing their opportunities to run three trial races before actually competing.

Each time, the students could make changes to the car to work on the speed.

Strickland was pleased that the "Kids never gave up. If their car was not working, they worked as a team to make changes and to problem solve."

He was especially impressed with Team Chicken McNugget.

He said "Their car broke during qualifying for the district race and they could have easily given up. They worked under pressure to make it to the championship race and took home second place and an

opportunity to represent Sumter County at the state competition."

The Sumter STEM Challenge Model follows the process of Ask, Imagine, Plan, Create and Test. Students were asked to make a racecar run on the sun. From there, students had to utilize their knowledge of alternative energy fuel sources, scientific know-how, creative thinking, experimentation and team work. Competitors arrived at the event held at the Sumter County Schools District Office in Bushnell ready for time trials. Teams were allowed up to three time trials during the one hour session. During time trials teams could make modifications to their cars. Times earned during the time trials were used to set up the race brackets. The second phase of the competition involved team interviews with a panel of judges. Each team had four minutes to explain the decisions made while designing and building the cars and reasoning behind any modifications made during time trials. The final phase of the

competition involved the head-to-head competition to determine the first, second and third fastest cars. School sponsors Travis Childs, Kevin Strickland, Charles Lawrence and Shelly Paulinyce were encouraging students every step of the way. Race Officials were high school students who participated in the race last school year.

The Kings-Eduardo Campos, Nick Uribe, Jesus Valdez of South Sumter Middle School swept the race placing first with the fastest car and Best of Show. Best Design and Innovation categories went to Team Flash- Emily Backus, Destiny Gosselin, Arian Zarazua-Benitez of Wildwood Middle High School.

Team Turbo Chicken Nuggets-Vanessa Small and Devin Morrell of Wildwood Middle High School placed second. Third Place went to team Free Bird-Quade Leggett, Thomas Niederhelman and Monterrick Hollis of South Sumter Middle School. The top four cars will be advancing to the state Junior Solar Sprint Energy Wiz competition in May.

Shelly Paulinyce, eighth grade teacher at South Sumter Middle School said the "race was important because it allows the students to see science at work, get hands on and solve real problems. Science can seem abstract at times and when you put it their hands they are able to take ownership over their learning"

"The students learned most about trial and error - what worked for one may not work for the other."

She said she wanted to highlight human nature in the competition.

"We start these races as competing rivals but in the end everyone starts cheering each on and helping one another. When given an opportunity the students show us the value of teamwork."

Teachers from both schools have been involved in extensive training in STEM challenges and lesson development in the area of STEM this year. Funding for this challenge was provided by Duke Energy Education Foundation and Suncoast Credit Union Foundation.



KCK team members Bobby Richardson and Katelyn Beasley prepare for the final runs with their car. The students represented South Sumter Middle School.



Quade Leggett is shown helping another team, putting lubricant into the wheels to create smoother motion.



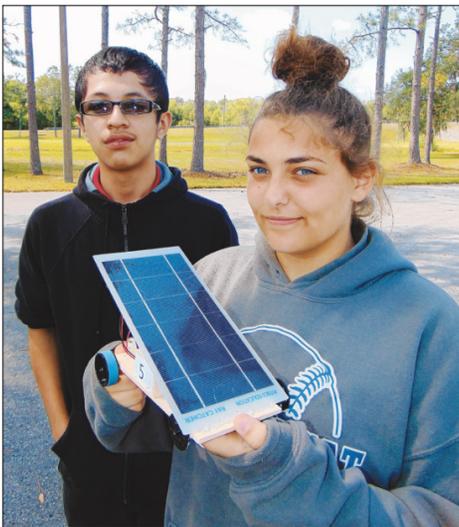
Julian Hall and Jason Strickland, South Sumter Middle School, are shown with Backwards BOB. They said they named the car Backwards BOB because it's front wheel drive rather than rear wheel drive.



Team Gold's Jennifer Martinez works on their car's gear before their next race. She was partnered up with student Stephanie Alejo.



Trinity Skaggs, Bahmani Morgan and Josh Doucet with their car Zoom. The Wildwood Middle High School students said they named the car Zoom, because it's fast.



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Adan Miranda, of Wildwood Middle High School, shows of his team's car, as they waited for the final racing rounds to



Students who took part in last year's race served to help coordinated this year's event. The cardboard was used to block the sun as teams placed their cars on the starting line of the race. Once the cardboard was up, the cars were off. This year's winning team was The Kings - Eduardo Campos, Nick Uribe, Jesus Valdez of South Sumter Middle School.

BRING BRUNCH HOME



Cheesy Bacon Jalapeno Corn Muffins and Sausage and Egg Tarts with Asparagus and Tomatoes

FAMILY FEATURES

There's no denying that brunch is a popular favorite, but you don't have to leave the comfort of your own home to enjoy a delicious spread with family and friends.

Enjoy this weekend luxury every day and bring brunch home with premium ingredients like Smithfield's Hometown Original Bacon, Anytime Favorites Diced Ham and Fresh Breakfast Sausage.

Delight friends and family with a full spread of mouthwatering recipes like Sausage and Egg Tarts dressed with Asparagus and Tomatoes, Cheesy Bacon Jalapeno Corn Muffins, Cinnamon French Toast Sausage Roll-Ups and Scrambled Eggs and Ham in a Waffle Cup. Then enhance your menu with options for customization like jams, butters and toppings to make brunch at home unique and unforgettable.

For more brunch and entertaining recipe inspiration, visit Smithfield.com.

Cheesy Bacon Jalapeno Corn Muffins

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 package (16 ounces) Smithfield Hometown Original Bacon
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 2 eggs
- 6 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1/3 cup honey
- 3/4 cup milk or buttermilk
- 1 can corn kernels, drained
- 2 medium jalapeno peppers, seeded and diced
- 1 medium jalapeno pepper, thinly sliced

Heat oven to 375 F.

Line rimmed baking pan with foil and set lightly sprayed baking rack in pan. Cut bacon crosswise into thirds and lay out bacon strips on rack, being careful not to overlap slices. Bake 10-12 minutes, or until bacon has just begun to crisp. Remove from oven and drain on paper towels. Increase oven temperature to 400 F.

In large bowl, stir together flour, cornmeal, baking powder, salt and cheese until well mixed.

In small bowl, whisk eggs until frothy and stir in melted butter, honey and milk. Add milk mixture to dry ingredients and stir until combined. Fold in corn and diced jalapeno and reserve.

Lightly spray or butter 12-cup muffin tin and line each cup with two slices of bacon. Evenly divide muffin batter into cups, filling about three-fourths full and top with remaining bacon and sliced jalapeno. Bake muffins 20 minutes, or until golden brown, using toothpick to test doneness. Let cool briefly, remove muffins from tin and serve while still warm.



Cinnamon French Toast Sausage Roll-Ups

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- 12 Smithfield Fresh Sausage Links
- 2 eggs
- 2/3 cup milk
- 3 tablespoons almond liquor (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 6 slices whole-wheat bread, crust removed and cut in half
- 3 tablespoons butter

Cook sausage according to package directions; keep warm.

Beat together eggs, milk, almond liquor and cinnamon. Dip one bread slice half in egg mixture and wrap around one sausage link. Press bread edges together where they overlap to keep from unrolling. Repeat with remaining bread and sausage links.

Heat large skillet over medium heat; add butter and let melt. Place French toast-wrapped sausages in skillet, seam-side down. Cook until browned on all sides, about 10 minutes total.



Scrambled Eggs and Ham in a Waffle Cup

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- 6 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups Smithfield Honey Cured Boneless Ham Steak, diced
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 8 waffle cups (4 ounces each)
- 4 teaspoons maple syrup, warm, divided
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme, chopped

In bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, cheese, salt and pepper; stir in ham.

In 10-inch, nonstick skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add egg mixture; reduce heat to medium-low.

Using wooden spoon, scrape eggs from edges of pan to center. Continue stirring eggs 3-5 minutes, or until fluffy.

Scoop 1/2 cup warm scrambled eggs into waffle cup and drizzle with 1/2 teaspoon maple syrup. Garnish with fresh thyme leaves. Repeat for each waffle cup.

Sausage and Egg Tarts with Asparagus and Tomatoes

- Flour, for dusting
- 1 package (about 1 pound) frozen prepared puff pastry, thawed
- 9 eggs, brought to room temperature for 30 minutes, divided
- 1 teaspoon water
- 1 Smithfield Hometown Original Fresh Sausage Roll, sliced into 8 patties, cooked and halved
- 1 pound fresh asparagus spears, cut into pieces
- 1 pint grape tomatoes, halved lengthwise salt, to taste
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese (optional)

Heat oven to 400 F.

On lightly floured surface, roll out pastry and cut into eight 4-5-inch squares and transfer to greased or parchment-lined baking sheets spaced about 1 inch apart. Using small knife, lightly score line 1/2-inch inside edges of squares to create framed border. With fork, prick several holes in center of pastry squares.

Bake squares 7-8 minutes, or until pastry has puffed substantially yet not begun to brown. Remove from oven and immediately tamp down centers inside of scored line carefully with back of fork.

Lightly beat 1 egg with water and brush outside frames of pastry with egg wash. Slightly overlapping framed pastry borders, equally divide and arrange sausage, asparagus and tomatoes in pastry squares, leaving centers open for eggs. Top each with cracked egg, seasoning with salt and pepper and sprinkling with cheese, if desired.

Return to oven and bake 8-10 minutes, or until puff pastry is golden brown and eggs have just set. Let cool slightly and transfer tarts with spatula to serving plate and serve warm.

Boost Brunch with a Bloody Mary Bar

Premium ingredients and worthwhile recipes are a great way to make brunch at home, and adding a Bloody Mary bar to the mix is one way to give your spread extra flair. Provide your guests multiple options for toppings so they can perfectly customize their adult beverages with garnishes like these:

- Salt (plain or flavored)
- Pepper
- Horseradish
- Smithfield Hometown Original Bacon
- Celery stalks
- Worcestershire sauce
- Lemons
- Limes
- Hot sauces
- Stuffed olives
- Pickled green beans
- Pickle spears
- Onions
- Cheese cubes
- Cherry tomatoes

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Church CALENDAR

CHURCH HOSTING REVIVAL EVENT

It's revival week at the First Baptist Church of Sumterville from Thursday, May 31-Sunday, June 2.

Services start at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Sumterville 872 C.R. 535.

BIBLE OVER BREAKFAST

Bible over Breakfast, or BoB, is a men's breakfast devotional meeting, hosted by the Lake Panasoffkee United Methodist Church.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, unless there is a date change or cancellation.

If you are new to the group, call the church office at 352-793-3438 for more information.

TIME OF PRAYER

You are invited to come for prayer in the sanctuary at the Lake Panasoffkee United Methodist Church at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

This is designed to be designed as a time to reconnect with God.

Prayer Warriors will meet in the sanctuary prior to Bible study, praying for those on the prayer chain, as well as other needs.

NEW HOURS — FOOD PANTRY

A USDA food giveaway will be from 9 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesday of every month. The distribution will be at the Lake Panasoffkee United Methodist Church.

A limited number of packages are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The church is at 589 N. County Road 470 in Lake Panasoffkee.

For more information, call 352-793-3438.

The new food pantry hours are: 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Festival and health fair planned

Special to the Times

Festival on the Mount is happening Saturday, May 19 at Mount Moriah AME Church, 2710 County Road 44A, Wildwood.

The festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include a variety of activities and workshops, as well as health fair. The health fair will last until 2 p.m.

Vendor space is available. For more information contact Doris Jacobs, 352-748-0625; Trinetta Anderson, 850-567-6522; Tizonya Brumfield, 352-978-0422; Kathryn Stafford, 305-205-8670.

The festival will kick off at 7 p.m. on Friday night, May 18, with a Night of Joy.

CareerSource offers job help

Special to the Times

CareerSource Central Florida meets every Wednesday at Sumter Adult Education Center, 1425 C.R. 526A, Sumterville. They meet in building 3, room 3103 and new hours are from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m.

CareerSource is a partner of Sumter Adult Education Center. Walk-In services are available every Wednesday for scholarship applications, resume writing, job search assistance, interview preparation, Employ Florida registration, access to CONNECT and online learning. Stop by the Sumter Adult Ed office to discuss education needs or check out our website for more than 300 online courses. Call 352-793-5719 or visit www.sumter.k12.fl.us/aec.

FFA winners



The Soil and Water Conservation District presented awards to the top three scoring county land judging individuals Cason Adams, Jaycob Prevatt and Steven Williams. Adams (left) and Williams (right) are shown with Sumter Soil and Water Conservation District's Johanna Jones (center) is shown holding the award for Prevatt. and Steven Williams. Awards were presented at the South Sumter Future Farmer's of America awards banquet on Thursday, May 10. The Land Judging event was held February 16, near Wildwood.

Special to the Times

Community CALENDAR

VFW HOSTS MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

VFW Post No. 10137, will be cooking hamburgers, hot dogs, fries and more, following services at the Florida National Cemetery.

Stop by and cool off — have some lunch.

CHAMPIONS PARADE

Celebrate the two state champ teams from Wildwood this year, as the community hosts a Wildwood Middle High School Champions Parade on Tuesday, May 22.

The parade will begin at 5 p.m. in the school bus loop and coordinators are accepting float/individual entries.

The event is in honor of the boys and girls basketball teams for taking the state titles.

The parade is also in honor of a "very successful football season," notes Cheryl Cole, one of the coordinators.

They are urging the community to decorate a float, car, bike or walk "to help us celebrate."

They will line up at 4:45 p.m. For more information, contact Cole at cherylcole1976@gmail.com or 352-303-1843.

MASTER GARDENER CLASSES

Master Gardener classes are set to begin in August.

Prior to the main classes, there will be an opportunity to sign up for one of two informational sessions: Introduction to the Sumter County Master Gardener Program classes for free.

The first session is offered from 1 to 3 p.m. on June 6. The second session is offered from 10 a.m. to noon on June 8.

Each class will be at the UF/IFAS Extension Sumter County office at 7620 SR 471, Suite 2, Bushnell, FL. Please register in

advance for each session by visiting <https://sumtermg-info-session-june6.eventbrite.ca> or <https://sumtermg-info-session-june8.eventbrite.ca>.

Visit the information session to learn more about the Florida Master Gardener Program in Sumter County.

The UF/IFAS Extension Florida Master Gardener Volunteer Program in Sumter County will begin the 2018 classes on Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Classes will run from Aug. 31 through Nov. 30 at the Sumter County Extension Office.

Formal classroom work consists of more than 75-percent of the intensive initial training. You'll learn about basic botany, soils, fertilizers, vegetables, entomology, citrus, turf grass, use of (and alternatives to) pesticides, ornamental plants, diseases and other related topics. All information is based on knowledge and research from University of Florida.

For any additional information or questions call Donna Lester, Master Gardener Program Assistant, at 352-569-6864.

RAILROAD RETIREES

The National Association of Retired & Veteran Railway Employees, Unit 66, meets at 11 a.m. every second Monday in the small meeting room at the Golden Corral, 3950 Wedgewood Ln., The Villages.

Lunch is \$12, paid in the room, and includes meal, drink, tax and gratuity. Call (352) 748-7009 for information.

REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Republican Club of Sumter County meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month, at the Sumterville Community Building, 2427 C.R. 522 (stone building on U.S. 301, a half mile south of S.R. 470). For more

information, call Roger Jones at 352-793-3895.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB

The Greater South Sumter Democratic Group meets the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Sumterville Community Building located at 2427 C.R. 522, Sumterville. Please attend and bring like minded friends and your personal refreshments. We are a friendly, casual group. For further information contact Michael Harris, 793-7541.

VFW MEETINGS

The VFW and auxiliary of post No. 10137, is located one and half miles north of the Florida National Cemetery.

Post events include: Mondays — on the second Monday of the month, there's a golf outing, if interested, call in advance for information

Wednesdays - Hump Day with free pool from noon to 6 p.m. and happy hour all day, until 7 p.m. Early bird bingo begins at 4:30 p.m. Bingo begins at 6 p.m.

Thursdays - on the third Thursday of each month, the post hosts their meetings, followed by joint discussion, which starts at 4:30 p.m.. General meetings of the post and auxiliary begin at 5 p.m.

Fridays - Friday Night Dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., followed by karaoke from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. There will not be a dinner on Friday, March 16 - instead, there will be a corned beef and cabbage dinner from 7 to 11 p.m.

CAREERSOURCE

CareerSource Central Florida meets from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays at Sumter Adult Education Center, The location address is: 1425 C.R. 526A, Sumterville.

CareerSource is a partner of Sumter Adult Education Center and offers scholarships for vocational courses.

Walk-in services are available every Wednesday for scholarship applications, resume writing, job search assistance, interview preparation, Employ Florida registration and access to CONNECT, CSCF Online Learning.

Stop by the Sumter Adult ED office to discuss education needs or check the website for over 300 online courses - 352-793-5719 www.sumter.k12.fl.us/aec

CNA COURSES

Become a certified nursing assistant and be job ready in six weeks! The course starts May 1 and runs through June 12. Classes are from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, at the Sumterville campus and includes BLS/CPR. AHCA Level II Background Check.

Scholarships are available. The application process takes approximately three weeks, so call now for more information.

Register for all courses at Sumter Adult Education Center, 1425 CR 526A, Sumterville.

Go to <http://sumter.k12.fl.us/aec> for additional details or call 352-793-5719. Visit our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/sumteradulted.

CROCHET AND KNITTING

Join other needle artists for crocheting and knitting from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. every Tuesday afternoon at the TriCounty Community Center (the old fire house), 28444 Forbes St., Nobleton.

There's no charge and a certified instructor in these needle art will be there to instruct and assist. Novice or not, join the fun! Call Dorrie at 352-587-4014.

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Big dog, little dog — doesn't matter much when this playful pair of pups get together. "Queen Bee" Phoebe, on the left with owner Kelly Williams, is shown with "Butterfly" Lilly, left, with owner Judy Mueller, after Webster's Pet and Bee Day pet costume contest.



"Queen Bee" Phoebe was patiently showing off her costume for the Pet and Bee Day celebration in Webster. She's shown with her friend, Kelly Williams, of Webster.



Little Lilly appeared to be very excited about her appearance as a butterfly in Pet and Bee Day pet costume contest. Lilly was appearing with Webster resident Judy Mueller.



Veterinary Assistant Taylor Ness holds Xayah while Dr. Len Lucero of Sumter Mobile Veterinary Services administers a vaccination during Webster's Pet and Bee Day celebration.



Lisa Raynes, left, Florida Department of Agriculture aviary inspector gestures broadly as she tells Pet and Bee Day visitors about bees and pollinators during the annual celebration in Webster. On her right are Becky Werner and her daughter Esther from Indian Summer Honey Farm.



Allen Wise, of Shady Brook Gather All nursery displayed some bee-appropriate garden decor and native pollinator plants for the Webster event.

*Photos by
Martin
Steele*

ABUZZ

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Pet Day as a fun event for the community, while encouraging pet vaccinations and educating pet owners. The bee activities were combined this year after Webster last year was designated as a Bee City USA. It was the first municipality in the state to earn that designation.

Contact Martin Steele at msteele@sctnews.com or 352-793-2161.

Raider team earns Distinguished Unit Award

Special to the Times

"It has been 18 years in the making. For the first time ever 'the little unit that could,' South Sumter High School NNDCC was awarded the highest award that any NJROTC unit can get - the 2018 Distinguished Unit Award.

"Additionally, we were awarded the 2018 Most Improved Unit. It does not get any better than this," said unit leader Sr. Chief Victor Frias.

South Sumter's National Naval Defense Cadet Corps unit was recognized April 30 with a Distinguished Unit Award based on 2017 - 2018 school year's performances and service.

The Distinguished Unit Award is presented to the top 30-percent of the (all-service) JROTC Units throughout the United States, Europe and Asia for "Outstanding Performance" during the school year 2017-2018.

The citation reads: "In

recognition of the exceptional professional ability, initiative and dedication demonstrated by its Naval Science instructors; the outstanding support provided by the school administration; the excellent atmosphere prevalent throughout the school in support of the Navy Junior ROTC program; the exemplary appearance, military bearing and courtesies exhibited by its cadets; the active participation of the unit in support of school, community and other extracurricular activities and services; and the superb discipline demonstrated by the cadets during drill meets and other public appearances, the South Sumter High School Junior ROTC unit has been selected as a Distinguished Unit."

The award was presented in Holyoke, Mass. in orienteering at the NNDCC U.S.A. Interscholastic and Intercollegiate.



Cheyenne Tyler, Rachael Yacuzzo, Robert Weller, Itzel Barbieri, and Kody Turner are shown in Holyoke, Mass., where the South Sumter team earned a national award in orienteering at the NNDCC U.S.A. Interscholastic and Intercollegiate.

Special to the Times

Raider NNDCC takes state title for second year

Special to the Times

South Sumter High School NNDCC once again won both Suncoast State Championship and the JROTC Florida State Championship for the 2nd year in a row.

The suncoast championship was held April 7 at Alafia State Park.

The individual rankings are: Orange Team - junior varsity female - Meghan Miller, third place; male - Alexander Foley - first place; Louis Roscoe - third place.

Green Team - varsity female - Itzel Barbieri - third place and male Robert Weller - first place.

The team awards were first place overall team, first place overall orange team; third place overall green team, first place overall Suncoast State Champions.

The JROTC state championship was held at Croom North on April 14.

The individual awards



Special to the Times

Robert Weller (left) was first overall in the state and second in the nation and Itzel Barbieri (right) was first overall in the state fifth in the nation in orienteering. They represented their Navy National Defense Cadet Corps Raider team in orienteering. They're shown here with Sr. Chief Victor Rias.

were Orange junior varsity - male: Nathaniel Grant in fifth place and female: Rachael Yacuzzo in fifth place; green varsity male: Robert Weller second place and female: Itzel Barbieri second place.

The team earned second in orange overall

and second in green overall.

First place JROTC champions.

Weller, Barbieri, Kody Turner, Yacuzzo, Gant, Foley, Jose Barbieri, Aiden Judge, Keith Watkins, Cheyenne Tyler participated in the national competition.

Spring means bears become active

Special to the Times

As spring temperatures warm, bears are becoming more active, which increases opportunities for conflicts with people. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) reminds Florida residents and visitors they can take steps to reduce negative interactions with bears and other wildlife.

"Bears are starting to come out of their winter dens and they're searching for food," said Dave Telesco, who directs the FWC's Bear Management Program. "Don't give a bear a reason to hang around in your neighborhood. Remove anything that might attract a bear. If they can't find food, they'll move on."

Female bears that gave birth to cubs that weighed only 12 ounces by the end of January are beginning to move around more with their young, which may now weigh 5 to 10 pounds. As the cubs continue to grow, the family unit will roam and will likely be more visible to people.

While black bears generally are not aggressive, they have injured people in Florida. Never intentionally approach any bear. When walking dogs, keep them close to you - preferably on a non-retractable leash - and be aware of your surroundings. Dogs can trigger defensive behaviors from bears, especially females with cubs.

To keep bears away from your home and neighborhood, follow these simple tips:

Secure household garbage in a sturdy shed, garage or a wildlife-resistant container.

Put household garbage out on morning of pickup rather than the night before.

Secure commercial garbage in bear-resistant dumpsters.

Protect gardens, beehives, compost and livestock with electric fencing.

Feed pets indoors or bring in leftover food and dishes after feeding outdoors.

Clean grills and store them in a secure place.

Remove wildlife feeders or make them bear-resistant.

Pick ripe fruit from trees and bushes and remove fallen fruit from the ground.

It is illegal in Florida to intentionally feed bears or leave out food or garbage that will attract bears and cause human-bear conflicts.

Having conflicts with bears? Call one of the FWC's five regional offices. Go to MyFWC.com/Contact, and click on "Contact Regional Offices" to find the phone number for your region. If you feel threatened by a bear or want to report someone who is either harming bears or intentionally feeding them, call the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922).

More information is available at MyFWC.com/Bear, where you can access the "Guide to Living in Bear Country" brochure.

Help us help bears and other wildlife by purchasing the Conserve Wildlife tag at BuyAPlate.com.

Outdoors CALENDAR

WILDLIFE TRAINING

UF/IFAS Extension Sumter County is hosting its second Wildlife and Invasive Species Education event on Wednesday and Thursday, May 23-24.

The cost is \$40 for both days or \$25 for one day.

Registration is via Eventbrite - lunch and refreshments are included for both days with Eventbrite registration.

Topics include: Manatees, Wildlife Diseases, Florida Black Bear, Lionfish, Invasive rodents, Florida's turtles, Africanized bees, Landscaping for Pollinators, Invasive Aquatic Plants and much, much more.

The event also offers several educational booths with displays from Florida Forestry Service, the Native Plant Society and others. There will also be free materials (while supplies last) and the IFAS Bookstore.

To register, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wildlife-invasive-species-education-wise-2018-tickets-43103047375>.

Sumter Extension is also offering four sites for field trips/hikes on May 25. These are on a limited basis and a guide will be provided.

For information, call 352-569-6867.

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camp is the perfect setting to get outdoors in a nurturing atmosphere so you can grow and learn new things about yourself and others. Enjoy archery, visits to our renowned nature center, hiking, making frontier crafts, swimming, campfires, and more. Friday ends the week with a celebration at our special camp-wide Barn Bash!

The Girl Scouts of West Central Florida will host summer camp sessions from June 10 - Aug 4. They are weekly full week and half week sessions in either traditional or equestrian.

The camp is located at 9583 County Road 223, Wildwood

MASTER GARDENER CLASSES

Are you someone who enjoys plants and gardening or want to know more about gardening in central Florida? Do you enjoy volunteering in your community? Are you interested in the

environment and water quality in Florida? Are you someone that looks forward to learning new skills through workshops or classes? And, do you enjoy sharing what you know with others? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the Master Gardener program could be for you!

How do I become a Master Gardener?

First, sign up for one of two informational sessions: Introduction to the Sumter County Master Gardener Program classes for free. The first session is offered from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on June 6. The second session is offered from 10 a.m. to noon on June 8.

Each class will be at the UF/IFAS Extension Sumter County office at 7620 SR 471, Suite 2, Bushnell, FL. Please register in advance for each session by visiting <https://sumtermg-info-session-june6.eventbrite.ca> or <https://sumtermg-info-session-june8.eventbrite.ca>.

Visit the information session to learn more

about the Florida Master Gardener Program in Sumter County.

The UF/IFAS Extension Florida Master Gardener Volunteer Program in Sumter County will begin the 2018 classes on Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Classes will run from Aug. 31 through Nov. 30 at the Sumter County Extension Office.

Formal classroom work consists of more than 75-percent of the intensive initial training. You'll learn about basic botany, soils, fertilizers, vegetables, entomology, citrus, turf grass, use of (and alternatives to) pesticides, ornamental plants, diseases and other related topics. All information is based on knowledge and research from University of Florida.

For any additional information or questions call Donna Lester, Master Gardener Program Assistant, at 352-569-6864.

LOCAL SUMMER CAMP

UF/IFAS Extension Sumter County 4-H Youth

Development is registering for their 2018 Summer Day Camps. Youth do not need to be members of 4-H in order to attend.

The cost is \$25 per day camp, per camper and all camps will be held at the Sumter County Fairgrounds, 7620 SR 471 Bushnell, FL 33513.

This year's line-up includes: Bike 4-Health Camp, AG Exploraton Camp, Bug Camp and Wildlife Gardener Camp.

Camp ages vary from 11 to 13 for the AG Exploration Camp, to the Wildlife Gardener's eight to 11 year olds.

To view the entire list of summer camps, the age and registration deadline, as well as specifics about the camp, visit: <http://www.sumtercountytimes.com/content/summer-camps-open-all-youth>.

CHERRY LAKE RESIDENTIAL CAMP

Florida 4-H Residential Camping at Cherry Lake, Madison is planned

for July 23-27.

Open to all youth, campers will take part in an exciting week of outdoor recreation and educational activities planned around the theme, "Summer is Coming".

Activities include kayaking, aquatics, outdoor survival, forestry, recreation, shooting sports and many other fun adventures.

For more information visit the website at <http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/sumter/4-h-youth-development/events-and-activities/>.

You can also contact the 4-H Youth Development office by emailing nicoleclamer@ufl.edu or calling 352-569-6863.

PANFISH CHALLENGE

Get your boats tuned up and your lines ready to cast - the Fourth Annual Panfish Challenge is scheduled for early summer on Lake Panasoffkee. Set for Saturday, June 16, the event is hosted by Pana Vista Lodge and The Big and Wild Outdoors Radio.

This year's challenge includes a first place prize of \$500, second place of \$300 and a third place of \$200. Fourth and fifth place will also earn cash prizes. The heaviest bluegill takes home \$100 and the heaviest shellcracker, \$100. The proceeds will go to Everyday Blessings Children's Home and South Sumter FFA Alumni.

Pre-registration is \$25 per boat, day of is \$35 per boat. Call Pana Vista at 352-793-2061 for more information.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



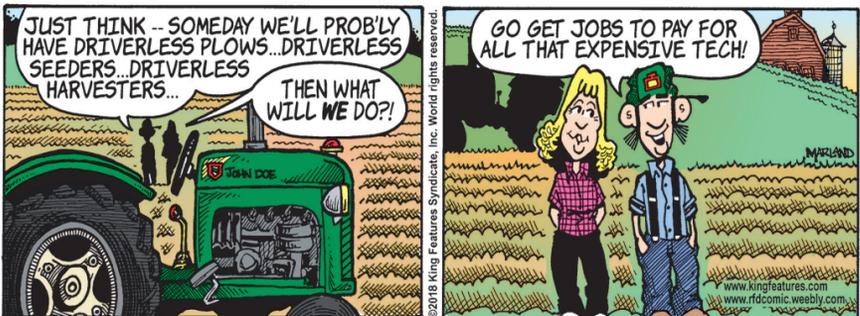
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by Gary Kopervas



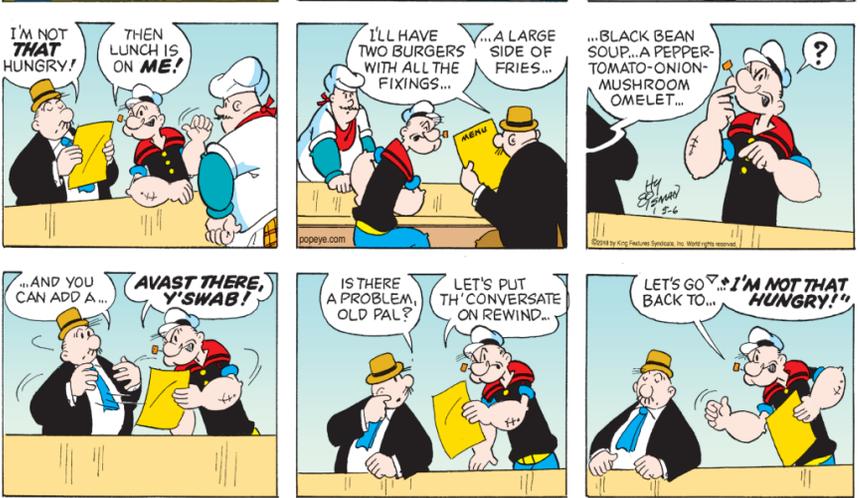
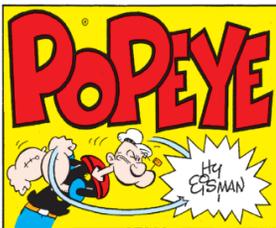
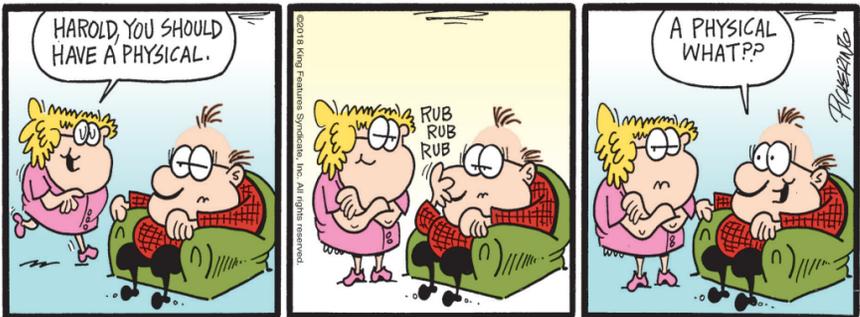
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LAFF-A-DAY



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Snide: **DUNKIN** _____
 Shield: **ENDDEF** _____
 Secret: **VECTOR** _____
 Brief: **MORFIN** _____

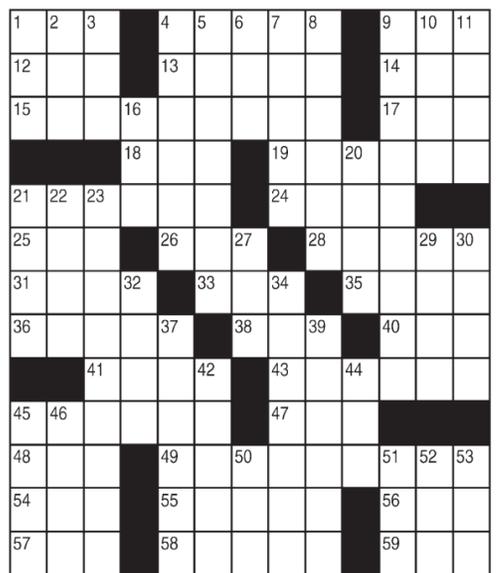
TODAY'S WORD

"Now remember, your _____ is no reflection on your future with the company."

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Gorilla
- 4 Lathers
- 9 Justice Dept. div.
- 12 Felon's flight
- 13 Violinist's stroke
- 14 Young chap
- 15 Shift back and forth
- 17 Work with
- 18 Have a bug
- 19 Texas city
- 21 Suppress the sound
- 24 Landlord's due
- 25 Web address
- 26 Finish
- 28 Nephew's sister



- 31 Author Bellow
- 33 — -tac-toe
- 35 Pharma-ceutical
- 36 Spritelike
- 38 "Bow-wow!"
- 40 Historic period
- 41 Pedicurist's target
- 43 Got away from
- 45 Supernatural spirit of Islam (Var.)
- 47 Existed
- 48 Regret
- 49 Confuses
- 54 Where — at

- 55 — Grows in Brooklyn"
- 56 Singer Sumac
- 57 Dog or cat, usually
- 58 Dilutes
- 59 Menagerie

- Saabs
- 9 Discomposd
- 10 Low voice
- 11 Concept
- 16 Half — (Starbucks option)
- 20 Oklaho-ma city
- 21 Clio or Erato
- 22 Caspian feeder
- 23 Most superfi-cial
- 27 24 horas
- 29 Remedy
- 30 "Zounds!"
- 32 Friend of Dorothy

- 34 Guys with oars, maybe
- 37 Lo-cal, often
- 39 Fires
- 42 Cultivated land
- 44 Gls' entertain-ment org.
- 45 Faucet prob-lem
- 46 Twine fiber
- 50 Spoon-bender Geller
- 51 End of the alphabet
- 52 Comedian Philips
- 53 — Paulo, Brazil

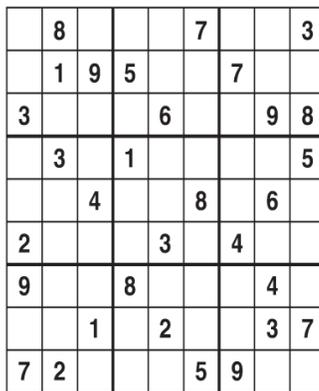
DOWN

- 1 TV alien
- 2 Chum
- 3 Ostrich's cousin
- 4 Vain
- 5 Rich
- 6 Lawyers' org.
- 7 Engine
- 8 Home of Volvos and

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

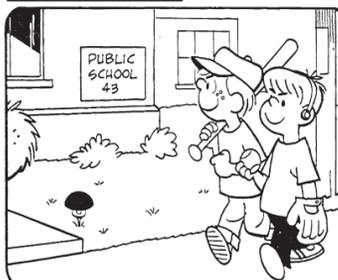
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. INVENTION: When was the nylon-bristle toothbrush invented?
2. HISTORY: By what other name was the French military leader Joan of Arc known?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What color is the famous Hope Diamond?
4. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Kansas?
5. TELEVISION: What was the theme song to the 1970s cop show "Baretta"?
6. BIBLE: Who are the only two angels to be directly named in the Bible?
7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the name of the main mountain range where Mount Everest is located?
8. MEDICAL: What area of the body is affected by bursitis?
9. LANGUAGE: What is an elision?
10. ENTERTAINERS: For what crime was actress Sophia Loren jailed in 1982?

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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- Trivia Test Answers
1. 1938, by Dupont
 2. The Maid of Orleans
 3. Blue
 4. Topka
 5. "Keep Your Eye on the Sparrow"
 6. Michael and Gabriel
 7. The Himalayas
 8. The joints
 9. Omission of a sound or syllable
 10. Tax evasion



Solution time: 21 mins.

CryptoQuip

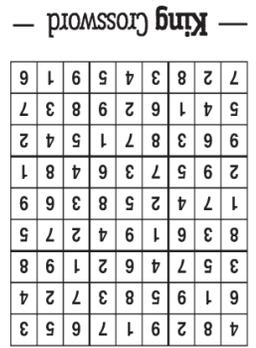
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: I equals O

VGDP K PYZCKPTD BQZDC QDKAAM
 GKQX BI KTTIRJAZCG CIRDBGZPU,
 Z'X CKM GD'C JYBBZPU GZC JDCB
 EIIB EIQVKQX.

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King Crossword



Answer

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 answer
 When a sentence trees really hard to accomplish something, I'd say he's putting the post foot forward.

SCRAMBLERS

Office
 Today's Word
 1. Unkind; 2. Defend; 3. Cover; 4. Inform

Apply now for alligator and fall hunt permits

Native Floridian and Cocoa resident Capt. Grayson Padrick doesn't need anyone reminding him of when to apply for alligator hunt permits. He's been taking part in Florida's internationally-recognized statewide alligator harvest program for 20 years and knows to apply for Phase I permits in May.

"I love the fast-paced adrenaline rush that I get when hunting alligators," Padrick said. "And I really enjoy introducing youth and new people to gator hunting, especially those who've never been in the marsh or on an airboat."

Padrick's largest harvested alligator measured 13-feet, two-inches and it was a 16-year-old girl who Padrick guided, that is credited as the lucky hunter. Padrick sells his alligator hides or turns them into leather and loves the taste of alligator meat.

May is also when hunters begin applying for fall quota, special-opportunity and national wildlife refuge hunt permits. So mark your calendar, set an alarm, whatever you need to do to remind yourself to apply for alligator and several fall hunting permits in May.

Alligator hunt permits

Since 1988, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has offered hunters the opportunity to take part in its annual statewide recreational alligator harvest that always runs Aug. 15 - Nov. 1. These special night hunts provide a hunting adventure unlike any other: Alligators are a conservation success story in Florida. The state's alligator population is estimated at 1.3 million and has been stable for many years.

Phase I application period

The application period for the Phase I random drawing begins May 18 at 10 a.m. and runs through May 28. More than 6,000 alligator harvest permits will be available.

Hunters may submit their application for a permit that allows the harvest of two alligators on a designated harvest unit or county. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age by Aug. 15 and have a valid credit or debit card to apply.

Applications may be submitted at any county tax collector's office, license agent (most retail outlets that sell hunting and fishing supplies) and at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com. Applicants must provide their credit card information when they apply. If you change your mind on where you'd like to hunt, or need to update your credit card information, you are able to make changes up until the application period closes.

License/permit costs

The alligator trapping license/harvest permit and two hide validation CITES tags cost \$272 for Florida residents, \$22 for those with a Florida Resident Persons with Disabilities Hunting and Fishing License, and \$1,022 for nonresidents. The cost for applicants who already have an alligator trapping license is \$62.

Phase II and III application periods

Any permits remaining after the first phase will be offered during the Phase II random drawing June 1-11. Those who were awarded a permit in Phase I may not apply during

Phase II. Remaining permits will be available in Phase III to anyone who did not draw a permit in either of the first two phases, and they may be applied for June 15-25.

Leftover application phase

If any permits remain after Phase III, there will be a fourth-phase issuance period beginning at 10 a.m. on June 28 until all permits are sold. Anyone may apply during Phase IV, even if they were awarded a permit in one of the earlier phases. Customers who get to purchase additional permits will be charged \$62, regardless of residency or disability.

What to expect if you get drawn

Within three days of an application period closing, applicants may expect to see an authorization hold on their credit card, verifying there is a sufficient balance to cover the cost of the permit. However, this does not mean they were awarded a permit. Once the credit card authorization process is complete, the lottery drawing will be held. All successful applicants will be charged, while those who were unsuccessful will have the authorization hold lifted from their credit cards.

Successful applicants should expect to receive their alligator trapping license/harvest permit and two CITES alligator tags in the mail within six weeks of payment. Alligator trapping licenses are nontransferable. All sales are final, and no refunds will be made.

For more information on alligator hunting or the application process, see the "Guide to Alligator Hunting in Florida" by going to "MyFWC.com/Hunting" and then "By Species."



Tony Young
OUTTA THE WOODS



Special to the Times/FWC
Capt. Grayson Padrick (shown) guided a successful hunter in harvesting an 11-foot, three-inch alligator in Central Florida, during last year's recreational alligator hunting season.

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IN RE: ESTATE OF CLAUDE W. SCOTT, Deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of CLAUDE W. SCOTT, deceased, whose date of death was October 28, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Sumter County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 215 E McCollum Avenue, Bushnell, FL 33513. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is: May 17, 2018.

LONNIE SCOTT
Personal Representative
22465 Brent Road, Red Bluff, CA 96080

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Notices to Creditors/Administration

6421-0517 SCT
Hall, Corey McCormick 2018CP000250AXMX Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. 2018-CP-0041

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6421-0517 SCT
Hall, Corey McCormick 2018CP000250AXMX Notice to Creditors
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Notices to Creditors/Administration

6419-0517 SCT
Stahl, Catherine Craig 2018-CP-0260 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2018-CP-0260 Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF CATHERINE CRAIG STAHL Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of CATHERINE CRAIG STAHL, deceased, whose date of death was August 17, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Sumter County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 215 E McCollum Ave. Bushnell, FL 33513. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
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The date of first publication of this notice is May 10, 2018.

Personal Representative:
ROBERT BRUCE STAHL
5156 ECR 462 Wildwood, Florida 34785

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Attorney for Personal Representative:
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Notices to Creditors/Administration

6420-0517 SCT
Hall, Corey McCormick 2018CP000250AXMX Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. 2018-CP-0041

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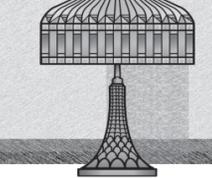
IN RE: ESTATE OF COREY MCCORMICK HALL a/k/a COREY M. HALL Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Ancillary Estate of Corey McCormick Hall a/k/a Corey M. Hall, deceased, whose date of death was August 9, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Sumter County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 215 E. McCollum Avenue, Bushnell, FL 33513. The name and address of the Ancillary Personal Representative and the Ancillary 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 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 the first publication of the Notice is May 10, 2018.

Ancillary Personal Representative:
Catherine A. Doble
1527 Hollyberry Place The Villages, Florida 32162
Attorney for Ancillary Personal Representative:
Andrew M. Curtis, Esq., Florida Bar No. 0797601
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YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of the first publication of this notice is May 17, 2018.

Personal Representative:
Donald J. Gallagher
c/o K. Wade Boyette, Jr., Esquire
8564 E. County Road 466, Suite 306 The Villages, FL 32162

Attorney for Personal Representative:
K. Wade Boyette, Jr., Esquire Florida Bar Number: 0977111
BOYETTE, CUMMINS & NAILOS, PLLC, 8564 E. County Road 466, Suite 306
The Villages, FL 32162 Telephone: 352-775-4739 Fax: 352-775-4749
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6451-0524 SCT

McCollum, John 2018-CP-277 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 2018-CP-277

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHN McCOLLUM a/k/a JOHN NICHOLAS McCOLLUM DECEASED,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of John McCollum a/k/a John Nicholas McCollum, deceased, whose date of death was March 5, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Sumter County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 215 E. McCollum Avenue, Bushnell, Florida 33513. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF 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 May 17, 2018.

Personal Representative:
REBECCA PICARIELLO
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Attorney for Personal Representative:
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TANYA M. WILLIAMS Attorney for Estate

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6453-0524 SCT

Tubman, Donna D. 602019CP000155CPAXMX Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 602018CP000155CPAXMX Division: Probate

DONNA D. TUBMAN Deceased,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Donna D. Tubman, deceased, whose date of death was December 10, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Lake County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 215 E. McCollum Ave., Bushnell, FL 33513. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

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

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The date of first publication of this notice is May 17, 2018.

Personal Representatives:
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R. Shawn Tubman
336 Palm Boulevard Weston, FL 33326

Attorney for Personal Representatives:
s/ Bruce R. Abernethy, Jr. Florida Bar Number: 0357251
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Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

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6449-0524 SCT
Neurological and Cardiovascular Imaging Center, LLC 2017-CA-164
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: 2017-CA-164

IST MANATEE BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
NEUROLOGICAL AND CARDIOVASCULAR IMAGING CENTER, LLC, et al, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Amended Final Judgment For Damages and Foreclosure and Appointment of Special Master/Commissioner to Conduct Foreclosure Sale entered in this cause on May 2, 2018, in the Circuit Court of Marion County, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell the properties situated in Sumter County, Florida, described as:

SUMTER COUNTY:
Units 105, 106 and 107 of DANA PLAZA, an Office Condominium, according to The Declaration of Condominium recorded in O.R. Book 1753, Page 269, and all exhibits and amendments thereof, Public Records of Sumter County, Florida,

TOGETHER with all buildings, structures, and other improvements now or hereafter located on, above or below the surface of the Premises, or any part or parcel thereof; and

TOGETHER with all rights, title and interest of Mortgages in and to the minerals, soils, flowers, shrubs, crops, trees, timber and other enhancements now or hereafter on the Premises or under or above the same or any part or parcel thereof; and

TOGETHER with all singular and the tenements, hereditaments, easements and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining to the Premises, whether now owned or hereafter acquired by Mortgages, and including all rights of ingress and egress to and from adjoining property (whether such rights now exist or subsequently arise) together with any reversion or reversions, remainder or remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and

TOGETHER with all machinery, apparatus, equipment, fittings, fixtures, affixed or constructively attached to the Premises and including all trade, domestic and ornament fixtures, now or hereafter located in, upon or under the Premises and used or usable in connection with any present or future operations of the Premises and now owned or hereafter acquired by Mortgages (herein the "Equipment"), including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all heating, air conditioning, freezing, lighting, laundry, incinerating and power equipment; engines, pipes, pumps, tanks, motors, conduits, switchboards, plumbing, lifting, cleaning, fire prevention, fire extinguishing, refrigerating, ventilating, and communications apparatus, boilers, ranges, furnaces, oil burners, or units thereof, appliances, vacuum cleaning systems, elevators, escalators, shades, awnings, screens, storm doors and windows; stoves, wall beds, refrigerators, attached cabinets, partitions, ducts, and compressors, rugs and carpets, draperies, furniture and furnishings together with all building materials and equipment now or hereafter delivered to the land, and any deposits for taxes and assessments, or any other sums to be paid by Mortgages hereunder, or under the Loan Agreement of even date, as the same may be amended and or restated from time to time (herein "Loan Agreement") (capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Mortgage shall have the definitions ascribed to them under the Loan Agreement or any other instrument securing the Note.

TOGETHER with each Mortgage's interest as lessor in and to any and all leases of the Premises, or any part thereof, heretofore made and entered into, and in and to all leases hereafter made and entered into by each Mortgage during the life of this Mortgage or any extension or renewal hereof, together with any and all guaranties thereof and including all present and future security deposits and advance rentals reserving to each Mortgage his, her or its equity of redemption rights herein provided and hereby intending that in case of foreclosure sale, the lessor's interest in any such leases then in force shall, upon expiration of such Mortgage's right of redemption, pass to the purchaser at such sale as a part of the Premises; subject to election by the purchaser to terminate or enforce any of such leases hereafter made; and

TOGETHER with all development credits related to the Premises; and

TOGETHER with any and all awards or payments, including interest thereon, and the right to receive the same, as a result of (a) the exercise of the right of eminent domain, (b) the alteration of the grade of any street, or (c) any other injury to, taking of, or decrease in the value of, the Premises to the extent of all amounts which may be secured by this Mortgage at the date of receipt of any such award or payment by Mortgagee and of the reasonable attorney's fees, costs and disbursements incurred by Mortgagee in connection with the collection of such award or payment; and

TOGETHER with all of the right, title and interest of Mortgages in and to all unearned premiums accrued, accruing or to accrue under any and all insurance policies now or hereafter provided pursuant to the terms of this Mortgage, and all proceeds or sums payable for the loss of or damage to (a) any property encumbered hereby, or (b) rents, revenues, income, profits, or proceeds from franchises, concessions or licenses or on any part of the Premises.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at a public sale conducted by Special Master/Commissioner, Jon K. Barber of Solidaw, LLC, d/b/o/Tranzon Driggers, on JUNE 27, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the subject property located at 11950 CR 101, The Villages, Lady Lake, Florida 32162. The Special Master has been authorized by the Court to simultaneously accept bids by telephone and/or online through Tranzon Driggers' website for online auctions (www.tranzon.com), by any potential bidder that has delivered to Tranzon Driggers' escrow account by June 26, 2018, the Deposit as required by paragraph 8 of the Amended Final Judgment For Damages and Foreclosure and Appointment of Special Master/Commissioner to Conduct Foreclosure Sale entered in this action on May 2, 2018.

IF THIS PROPERTY IS SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL MONEY FROM THE SALE AFTER PAYMENT OF PERSONS WHO ARE ENTITLED TO BE PAID FROM THE SALE PROCEEDS PURSUANT TO THIS FINAL JUDGMENT.

IF YOU ARE A SUBORDINATE LIEN HOLDER CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO.

JOHNSON, POPE, BOKOR, RUPPEL & BURNS, LLP
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Secondary email: janm@jpbfirm.com
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

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6439-0517 SCT
Notice is hereby given:
ROBERT J. FULLER
Last known address of: 5020 CR 316A APT 10 BUSHNELL FL 33513

You are hereby notified pursuant to Florida Statutes 98.075(7) that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Wildwood, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system.
Published one time in the Sumter County Times
William "Bill" Keen
Sumter County Supervisor of Elections
7375 Powell Rd., Suite 125 Wildwood, FL 34785
Published May 17, 2018.

6442-0517 SCT (43041274.007) NOTICE OF FINAL AGENCY ACTION BY THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notice is given that the District's Final Agency Action is approval of the application for an Environmental Resource Permit to serve future commercial development activities on 46.59 acres known as Oxford Pointe Infrastructure Plans. The project is located in Sumter County, Section(s) 18, Township 18 South, Range 23, East. The permit applicant is M&E Corporation of Central Florida whose address is 4801 N. Goodwood Terrace, Beverly Hills, FL 34465. The Permit No. is 43041274.007.

The file(s) pertaining to the project referred to above is available for inspection Monday through Friday except for legal holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Southwest Florida Water Management District, District's Tampa Service Office, 7601 U.S. Highway 301 North, Tampa, FL 33637.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the District's action regarding this matter may request an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.549 and 120.57, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), or the Uniform Rules of Procedure. A request for hearing must (1) explain how the substantial interests of each person requesting the hearing will be affected by the District's action, or proposed action; (2) state all material facts disputed by each person requesting the hearing or state that there are no disputed facts; and (3) otherwise comply with Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. A request for hearing must be filed with and received by the Agency Clerk of the District at the District's Brooksville address, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604-6899 within 21 days of publication of this notice (or within 14 days for an Environmental Resource Permit with Proprietary Authorization for the use of Sovereign Submerged Lands). Failure to file a request for hearing within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right such person may have to request a hearing under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice of agency action. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the District in this matter have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., to settle an administrative dispute regarding the District's action in this matter is not available prior to the filing of a request for hearing.

Published May 17, 2018.

6443-0524 SCT (5/31 bids)

There will be an auction of surplus property offered by the Sumter County School Board at the storage facility behind Lake Panasoffkee Elementary School, 790 County Road 482 North, Lake Panasoffkee, Florida. The storage facility will be open for viewing and bids on all lots from 2:00pm to 3:00pm and lots will be closed one at a time starting at 3:00pm Thursday May 31, 2018. Winning bids will be announced as each lot is closed. All bids will be for entire lots and the winning bidder will be responsible for removing everything in the lot(s) purchased and picked up on Friday June 1st from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Anything left in the storage facility at that time will be disposed of. Everything in the auction is sold as is, where is, with no warranties or implication of warranty.

The auction will be divided into lots consisting of Lawn equipment, kitchen equipment, lunchroom benches, band equipment, furniture, several school buses, golf carts, and other surplus items.

If you have any questions please contact Stacie Stokes at 352-793-2315, extension 50263 or email Stacie.Stokes@sumter.k12.fl.us.

Published May 17 & 24, 2018.

6452-0531 SCT (Panasoffkee Outlet Cattle Lease)

Pursuant to Section 373.093, Florida Statutes, the Southwest Florida Water Management District intends to lease certain lands owned by the District:

Real Estate in Sumter County consisting of approximately 203 acres located in northwestern Sumter County in the vicinity of County Road 470 (Section 25 Township 19 South Range 21 East), known as the Panasoffkee Outlet Cattle Lease. The lease will be executed upon approval by the District's Governing Board on June 26, 2018, in accordance with the specifications that may be obtained from the District's Internet Website at www.watermanagers.org/land/Lease and from the District's Land Resources Section, Southwest Florida Water Management District, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, Florida 34604 or by calling 352-796-7211, extension 4534 or 1-800-423-1476 (Florida only).

Published May 17, 24 & 31, 2018.

6454-0517 SCT

Water Use Permit SWFWM Application 20008675.006
Notice of Receipt to Southwest Florida Water Management District
Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Florida Water Management District has received an application for a modified water use permit, application #20008675.006 from Florida National Cemetery located at SW 102nd Avenue, Bushnell Florida 33513 to withdraw water from wells and/or surface waters. Application received: April 27, 2018. Predominant use type: landscape/recreation. Quantity: 743,100 GPD Annual average, 2,139,170 GPD Peak month. Location: west central Sumter county, 7 miles southwest of Bushnell, Florida.

The application is available for public inspection Monday through Friday at 7601 U.S. Hwy 301 North, Tampa Florida 33637 or through the Application and Permit Search function on the district's website at www.watermanagers.org/permits/. Interested persons may inspect a copy of the application and submit written objections and comments concerning the application within 14 days from the date of this notice.

The district does not discriminate based on disability. Anyone requiring accommodation under the ADA should contact the Regulation Bureau at (813)985-7481 or 1(800)836-0797, TDD only 1(800)231-6103.

Published May 17, 2018.

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6440-0517 SCT (5/30 sale 2005 Chevrolet)
Notice is hereby given by Lynch Recyclers, Inc. that on the 30th day of May, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., a public sale under statute 713.78 will be conducted at **LYNCH RECYCLERS INC, 1616 W. C 48 Bushnell, FL** of a 2005 CHEVROLET, VIN 2G1WF55E959380410 for recovery of towing and storage accrued. Seller reserves the right to refuse any and all bids and Seller reserves the right to bid.
Published May 17, 2018.

6441-0517 SCT (5/30 sale 1999 Cadillac)
Notice is hereby given by Lynch Recyclers, Inc. that on the 30th day of May, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., a public sale under statute 713.78 will be conducted at **LYNCH RECYCLERS INC, 1616 W. C 48 Bushnell, FL** of a 1999 CADILLAC, VIN: 1G6KDS4Y1XU791218 for recovery of towing and storage accrued. Seller reserves the right to refuse any and all bids and Seller reserves the right to bid.
Published May 17, 2018.

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6418-0517 SCT (25034) NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Florida Department of Transportation Project

Bids will be received by the District Five DeLand Office until 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, for the following projects: Proposal 25034 - Pre-Event Emergency Generator Installation District-Wide, Proposal 25037 - Pre-Event Emergency Traffic Signal Repair District-Wide, Proposal 25040 - Pre-Event Emergency Sign Repair and Replacement District-Wide. Complete letting advertisement information for these projects is available on our website at: <http://www.fdot.gov/contracts/d5/> or by calling (386) 943-5514.

Published May 10 & 17, 2018.

6444-0524 SCT (25043) NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Florida Department of Transportation Project

Bids will be received by the District Five DeLand Office until 2:00 P.M. on Friday, June 8, 2018, for the following project: Proposal 25043 - Pre-Event Emergency Cut and Toss District-Wide. Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at: <http://www.fdot.gov/contracts/d5/> or by calling (386) 943-5514.

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Fictitious Name Notices

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6437-0517 SCT Fictitious Name
Notice under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:

Groundwork Florida
located at 3622Auburndale Ave., The Villages, FL 32162, in the County of Sumter, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, FL.
Dated at The Villages, FL, this 8 day of May, 2018.

Wendy Lee Chenvert, Owner
Published May 17, 2018.

6438-0517 SCT NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW

PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the Fictitious Name of **Nurse on Call**, with a mailing address of 3325 Wedgewood Ln, The Villages, FL 32162-7177, and a principal office located in Sumter County, intends to register the said name with the FL Dept. of State, Div. of Corps., Tallahassee, FL.
Owner: Brookdale Home Health, LLC
Published May 17, 2018.

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6445-0524 SCT
Gay, Christine Marie 2018 CP 000204 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2018 CP 000204

IN RE: ESTATE OF CHRISTINE MARIE GAY, A/K/A CHRISTINE M. GAY, Deceased,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of CHRISTINE MARIE GAY, also known as CHRISTINE M. GAY, deceased, File Number 2018 CP 000204 is pending in the Circuit Court for Sumter County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 2587, Aftn: Probate Division, Bushnell, FL 33513. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent and unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is May 17, 2018.

Personal Representative:
CATHERINE A. SAUMER
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Goldstein, Donald Maurice 2018-CP-000297 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO: 2018-CP-000297

IN RE: ESTATE OF DONALD MAURICE GOLDSTEIN, Deceased,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
The administration of the estate of DONALD MAURICE GOLDSTEIN, deceased, File Number 2018-CP-000297, is pending in the Circuit Court for Sumter County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 215 E. McCollum Avenue, Bushnell, FL 33513. The decedent's date of death was December 18, 2017. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
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 THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of the first publication of this notice is May 17, 2018.

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Griffith, Doris P. 2018 CP 159 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
File No. 2018 CP 169 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF DORIS P. GRIFFITH Deceased,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Doris P. Griffith, deceased, whose date of death was February 9, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Sumter County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 2587, Bushnell, FL 33513. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is May 17, 2018.

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SECO Energy Congratulates 2018 Scholarship Awardees

Special to the Times

SECO Energy's Board of Trustees in 1996 began a scholarship program for local students. In the 20 years since inception, SECO's scholarship program has awarded almost \$600,000 in scholarship monies to 281 young scholars residing in SECO's service area. On May 21, SECO will celebrate the 2018 scholarship recipients with their families during an event at SECO headquarters.

This year's SECO scholarship recipients are a class of bright, ambitious, hard-working students who are concentrated on achieving their goals. SECO's 2018 Scholarship Program awardees are:

Moriah Martin, Bushnell, is graduating from South Sumter High School.

Jahmani Walter Beckford, Groveland, is graduating from Real Life Christian Academy.

Eunice Garcia Ceballos, Ocala, is graduating from Belleview High School.

Chelsea Chapa, Eustis, is graduating from Mount Dora High School.

Kaylie Rae Fields, Umatilla, is graduating from Umatilla High School.

Jasmine Renee Gee, Ocala, is graduating from West Port High School.

Odalis Lora, Astatula, is graduating from Tavares High School.

Luz Elena Mata, Summerfield, is graduating from Belleview High School.

Corinne Ross, Tavares, is graduating from Tavares High School.



Moriah Martin

Ashlyn Paige Saunders, Ocklawaha, is graduating from Belleview High School.

Stephen Ngozi Unamaka, Clermont, is graduating from East Ridge High School.

Katelin Vaughn, Belleview, is graduating from Belleview High School.

President and District 9 Trustee Jerry Hatfield is looking forward to meeting this year's scholarship recipients.

"As a former Lake County educator, I know first-hand our local schools are filled with students who desire an education beyond high school, Hatfield said. "This desire is sometimes hampered by limited financial resources. SECO's Scholarship Program offers students monetary assistance to help them achieve their goals of a further education and a future

career."

CEO Jim Duncan believes the SECO Scholarship Program could be a first step to a successful career path, possibly with SECO. "A career path with SECO Energy may be a good fit for some of our scholarship recipients," Duncan said. "SECO is centrally located near their hometowns and several metropolitan areas in Central Florida. We hire a host of high-skilled, high-wage positions that include a robust benefits package with generous paid-time-off, medical coverage, dental and vision coverage. An additional benefit that may be particularly interesting to younger potential employees is our student loan repayment assistance program."

"The energy industry is growing and with that growth are new technologies and new career opportunities, he said. "SECO is a growing cooperative that needs highly skilled employees to keep up with the latest industry trends and available technology."

SECO Energy is a not-for-profit electric cooperative operating for the benefit of its members. As a member-focused cooperative, SECO is committed to delivering reliable, safe, affordable power to its members and focuses on community enrichment. Learn more about SECO Energy and its community participation at SECOEnergy.com > Your Co-op > Community. "Like" SECO's Facebook page and "follow" @SECOEnergy on Twitter for news releases and cooperative updates.

Florida Museum opens new bat exhibit May 19

Special to the Times

Learn the difference between myth and fact in the Florida Museum of Natural History's newest exhibit "Masters of the Night: The True Story of Bats," opening May 19. The exhibit offers visitors insight into one of nature's most misunderstood animals through lifelike models and interactive elements.

Some of these displays include a world map where visitors can guess how many bats live in an area, a scale showing how much bats eat and a pair of ears visitors can use to hear like a bat. The exhibit seeks to dispel myths and inform guests about the ecological importance of the only true flying mammal.

"It's easy to forget how vital bats are to the health of our environment and economy, because they fly at night so we don't typically see them," said Jonnie Dietz, Florida Museum exhibit developer.

"Some are important pollinators of foods like chocolate, avocados and mangos, while others are predators of insects like mosquitoes, moths and beetles."

Guests will also have the opportunity to learn about Florida's 13 native bat species by viewing real specimens from the museum's collection and inspecting a scale model of the University of Florida's new bat barn, completed in February 2017.

The exhibit also includes 3-D scans of bat skeletons from around the world.

Admission to "Masters of the Night" is \$7.50 for adults; \$6.50 for Florida residents, seniors and college students; \$5 for ages 3-17 and free to museum members and UF students with a valid Gator 1 card.

This exhibit was created by Evergreen Exhibitions and the Florida Museum will display the exhibit through Sept. 16.

For more information, visit www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/exhibits/bats or call 352-846-2000.

The Florida Museum of Natural History, which celebrated its 100th year in 2017 as the state museum of natural history, offers insight into the biological richness and cultural heritage of the world. The public museum is located at 3215 Hull Road just east of Southwest 34th Street in the University of Florida Cultural Plaza in Gainesville. For more information visit floridamuseum.ufl.edu or call 352-846-2000. The Florida Museum's primary collections and research facility, Dickinson Hall, houses most of the museum's more than 40 million objects and specimens, one of the nation's largest natural history collections. For more Florida Museum research and collections news, visit floridamuseum.ufl.edu/science or follow us on social media, @FloridaMuseum.

Hike Sumter County

Special to the Times

UF/IFAS Sumter County Extension has three Hike Sumter events in some popular locations scheduled for May 25 and there is limited space for each hike.

All hikes are scheduled for mornings, so pick one that looks interesting and use the Eventbrite link show to register.

Dade Battlefield Historic State Park is a beautiful location with a lot of history. This site is where the Second Seminole War began in Florida.

Longleaf pines, wildflowers, butterflies and swallow-tailed kites are commonly seen. The guide will be Florida Master Naturalist Nancy Kolkebeck and County Forester Arthur Clothier. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hike-sumter-dade-battlefield-tickets-43993010278>.

Half Moon Wildlife Management Area is a remote site that offers some

views of the "real Florida." A mix of scrub and wetlands, this is one of most popular hiking destinations of Hike Sumter. The guide will be Jim Davis, UF/IFAS Extension Sumter and Hernando Counties. Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/hike-sumter-half-moon-tickets-46013431412.

The Florida Bass Conservation Center tour offers a look into a freshwater fish hatchery.

The Center is one of the largest fresh water fish hatcheries in the southeast. You will see different fish being raised including catfish and our freshwater state fish, the Florida Largemouth Bass. Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/hike-sumter-tour-of-the-florida-bass-conservation-center-tickets-46014037224#tickets.

Information about is available at <http://sfl.ifas.ufl.edu/sumter/> or by calling 352-569-6867.



Linda Graves

Special to the Times

Remembering the fallen Critter chatter

Memorial Day will soon be here. It is the day we remember and honor military men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Yet I realize, just because we set a side one day to remember fallen heroes, so many families remember their fallen family members everyday.

Our military is comprised of not only brave men and women, but military animals that serve to assist and protect. Many service members lives

have been saved by the heroic deeds of animals in combat zones. Throughout America's involvement in many wars, our military personal have depended on animals in combat missions. They too have given their lives for their comrades and ultimately for our freedom.

As I walk the Memorial Trail in the Bushnell National Cemetery, it is there for all to remember the ones who have served to protect our freedoms and way of life. Every marker honors the many different divisions

of the Armed Forces and assures we will never forget their contributions. What I haven't found yet is a marker honoring the military animals that have served, many giving their lives in combat for their fellow comrades.

For all families who have lost a love one in combat, for all who have served our country, and for all the military animals who have assisted and protected them, I am forever grateful and thank you for your service.

Experience 40 Acres and a Mule

Special to the Times

Set for Saturday, May 19, the Young Performing Artists Inc. will host a 40 Acres and a Mule Experience.

The event includes a tour of the Royal community with background information and a taste of homemade syrup, jelly and biscuits.

The experience begins at the Alonzo A. Young,

Sr. Enrichment & Historic Center at 11 a.m. The center is located at 9569 County Road 235 - Wildwood (Royal).

For more information, call 352-748-0260.

Suggested donation: \$6.50 per person to include the homemade treat samplings.

Items are available in the gift shop as well and range from \$1 to \$50.

After the tour, sample a

taste of homemade syrup, jelly and biscuits.

Directions: from U.S. 301: travel west on S.R. 44 (until you see the I-75 exchange), make a right (traveling north) onto C.R. 229, make a left (traveling west) on to Highway 462, make a right (north) on to C.R. 235 (not C.R. 235A); Royal Park is on the right. Directions: From Hwy

466 (from The Villages): travel west on CR 466 (cross Hwy 301), continue traveling on C.R. 466 (approximately three miles) make a left (traveling south) onto C.R. 229 to 462. Turn right (west) to C.R. 235 turn right (not C.R. 235A). Royal Park is on the right.

Please call 352-603-3409 to register or for more information.

Pirate Fest

The 3rd Annual Kings Bay Pirate Fest takes place Saturday, May 19 in downtown Crystal River on Citrus Avenue and Kings Bay Park. Pirate encampment, vendors, food and drinks, children's activities, raft race, live music all day and much more! Visit Three Sisters Springs from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with your festival admission wristband. Children under 12 free.

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BIOLOGICAL 'MOONSHOT'

Special to the Times

Florida Museum of Natural History plant biologist Pam Soltis is part of a 24-member team that aims to sequence the DNA of all of Earth's known plants, animals, fungi and microbial eukaryotes over a period of 10 years.

The team announced the initiative, known as the Earth BioGenome Project, in a paper published April 23 in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The authors describe the project as "a moonshot for biology," one that will sequence, catalog and characterize the genomes of about 1.5 million organisms, providing unparalleled insights into the relationships between species, helping reveal the 80 to 90 percent of species unknown to science, and yielding data crucial to advances in agriculture, medicine, biology-based industries and conservation.

"A single genome sequence holds keys to many aspects of an organism — its appearance, adaptations, evolutionary history and even its past population sizes and how they fluctuated."

said Soltis, a distinguished professor and curator at the Florida Museum on the University of Florida campus. "Imagine if we had this information for every species on Earth. We could unlock problems related to species relationships, evolution and ecology and use the data to solve issues of food security, develop new medicines and improve conservation efforts. The possibilities are limitless."

Soltis will help coordinate the sequencing of plant genomes and serve as a liaison to the 10,000 Plant Genomes Project, known as 10KP, which she and Doug Soltis, a distinguished professor and curator at the Florida Museum and professor in the UF department of biology, help lead.

Chaired by Harris Lewin of the

University of California Davis and co-chaired by Gene Robinson of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and W. John Kress of the Smithsonian Institution, the Earth BioGenome Project team estimates the initiative will cost about \$4.7 billion. But, they add, the return on investment could be staggering.

Still, the challenges are daunting: As of October 2017, the National Center for Biotechnology Information's database housed the genomes of less than 0.2 percent of known eukaryotes, organisms whose cells have a nucleus enclosed within a membrane.

But Soltis is optimistic that the project can succeed.

"Sequencing technology continues to improve, making the acquisition of genome sequences easier and cheaper," she said. "The big challenges will be in data management, genome assembly, and analysis — but I suspect there will be solutions to these problems by the time we really need to solve them."

The team stressed that a coordinated international effort is essential to the project's success. They will rely on partnerships with a "global network of communities," each community contributing to the project and following the project's protocols and standards.

Museum collections also have an important role to play in the success of the project, Soltis said.

A substantial proportion of the 10,000 plant genomes to be sequenced by 10KP may come from herbarium specimens, as methods for extracting quality DNA from specimens have improved. This will allow the team to use thousands of organisms already on hand in museums and other research institutes.

Soltis said the speed with which gene-sequencing technology has advanced over the past few decades is "mind-boggling."

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