

Festivities planned for Fourth



Fireworks set for two Sumter locations

BY **BRENDA LOCKLEAR**
Times editor

If you're looking for a way to celebrate the Fourth of July, then this is a year you can take your pick in Sumter County. There's something planned in

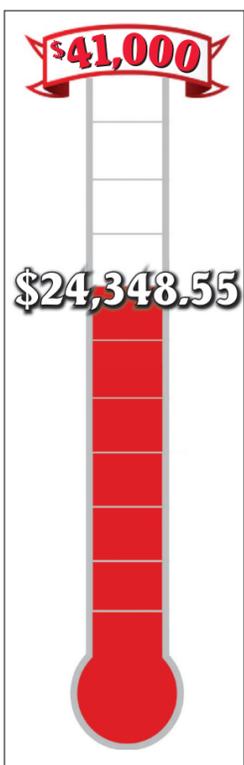
Wildwood and Bushnell for July 3 and they both involve fireworks and a few days earlier, it's good old fashioned fun at Dade Battlefield Historic State Park.

In Wildwood, it's activities, food trucks, photos, fun games and yes, live music throughout the evening,

with Sticks and Bones. The event is set to last from 5:30 p.m. through the fireworks finale. The fun is set for the Wildwood Community Center, so you might want to bring your lawn chairs or blankets and join the fun.

There's savory and sweet foods and plenty of fun for the kids, from

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Times photo

Grant Grogan

Donors send dollars to save Grant's home

BY **BRENDA LOCKLEAR**
Times editor

The effort to move forward for Grant Grogan and his roommates in the SCARC, Inc. group home is looking up — donors are sending in dollars, the Wildwood Rotary Club has committed the funds for the new roof and they finally have the empty bed filled, which will change things for the future.

One of four beds was empty in the home, causing a budget shortage, which threatened to close the home.

While the state has found a client to move in, that doesn't eliminate the shortage from the months they were without that fourth person. So, while things are looking up, that shortage has to be made up, or they may still lose their home.

Grant may have to become a resident of a nursing center, where he fears that they will "... stick you in a room, might give you breakfast and lunch, but there's no interaction

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A PASSION FOR PANFISH



NICOLE MEIGHEN/Special to the Times

Anglers were on the water and headed out by 8 a.m. for the Fourth Annual Panfish Challenge. The event, hosted by PanaVista and the Big and Wild Radio Show drew dozens of anglers and boasted 32 sponsors, raising thousands of dollars. For more photos from the event, see inside.

Annual fishing tournament supports local organizations

BY **CANDACE HILL, GLENN KINMAN AND BRENDA LOCKLEAR**
Times

It was a sunny morning, with the smell of fresh coffee brewing in the old fish camp and Nettles sausage sizzling on the grill. It was a panfish kind of morning as the first team of anglers launched their boat with the hopes of catching the biggest fish at the Fourth

Annual Panfish Challenge on Lake Panasoffkee.

Hosted by Pana Vista Lodge and the Big and Wild Outdoors Radio Show, the challenge draws dozens of anglers out for a day of fishing and for the chance to win hundreds of dollars. It also serves as a fundraiser for two different organizations. This year's challenge was held Saturday, June 16.

This year's event was in

honor of the late Jim Veal Sr., who purchased the camp from his parents in 1954. He and his wife Eloise ran the camp for decades — his parents purchased it in 1948.

He had a passion for fishing and a joy in seeing kids having a great day, enjoying all that Lake Panasoffkee has to offer.

"Days like this, are days your kids and grandkids will never forget," said Veal's son, Jim, Jr.

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Hundreds gather for 'Hoopla' in Richloam

General store celebrates second anniversary of reopening

BY **MARTIN STEELE**
Staff writer

The tiny, rural community of Richloam was just about bursting at the seams Saturday when its population temporarily swelled from the dozen regular residents to several hundred more people.

They flocked to what in the past year or so has become something of a focal point in the community — the Richloam General Store. They came to join owner Eric Burkes and his family for a "Hoopla" celebrating the second anniversary of the reopening of the store, that Burkes great uncle established in the early 1900s.

Burkes and his family had blue-grass gospel music from the Judy Family, free barbecue sandwiches and hotdogs for visitors, a bounce house and water slide for the kids and plenty of opportunity for folks to just mingle and share stories. Bushnell's Jim McAlister was demonstrating



MARTIN STEELE/Times

In the shade of the Richloam General Store's front porch, "Cowboy Poet" Steve Melton (right front in rocking chair) of Trilby entertains visitors Saturday at the "Hoopla" celebrating the anniversary of the re-opening of the store.

pioneer cooking and sharing samples of cornbread made in a Dutch oven.

Cowboy Poet Steve Melton

from Trilby was also on hand to entertain visitors with his poems based on years of ranch and farm

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Special to the Times

Reptile specialist Robbie Keszey is shown with Snowball, a rare alligator that is missing and believed to have been stolen Friday night. The gator was housed with 43 other reptiles in a barn that burned.

Rare alligator missing after fire

Arson suspected

Special to the Times

At 8:30 p.m., on Friday June 22, the Sumter County Sheriff's Office responded to a reported structure fire at SW 52nd Terrace in Bushnell. Sumter County Fire Rescue responded to the scene and once the fire was extinguished it was determined to be a total loss, according to a Sumter County Sheriff's Office report.

During a search of the burned building, a Leucistic alligator was discovered missing and is believed to have been stolen, according to the report.

The alligator, named Snowball, was in the building at 11:30 a.m. and was housed with 43 other reptiles — the bodies of all of the other animals were accounted for inside the burned structure.

The deceased animals included both alligators and crocodiles.

The release went on to say that the State Fire Marshal's Office was contacted and is investigating

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CORRECTION

■ During the Sumter County Commission meeting on June 12, a decision was made to sue a group of animal activists for alleged defamation. The date cited in a story in last week's edition of the Sumter County Times was incorrect.



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knockerball to rock painting. There will even be more than 20 arts and crafts vendors on site.

And the fireworks? That will be the grand finale for the Happy Birthday America Celebration. Fireworks start at 9:05 p.m.

The center address is 6500 C.R. 139 in Wildwood.

For more on Wildwood's event, see City Manager Jason McHugh's column inside, on page four.

Thanks to a community effort in Bushnell, there'll be a Fourth July celebration at the Bushnell Motocross Park called the Summer Blast.

Set from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., coordinator Della Boushley said the fireworks display won't be as large as the annual Bushnell Fall Festival showing, but they're starting out small and working toward the future.

There'll be bounce houses and games for the kids, face painting, balloon animals and more. There are evening drawings planned for gift certificates from local businesses like Howie's and Sonny's.

There'll be a food truck on site and classic cars, including the Citrus Corvette Club.

"Bring your lawn

chairs and have some good family fun," she said.

The main sponsors are the Sumter County Youth Center, Howie's and BMP, but Boushley but noted "A lot of businesses in the community are coming together," to make the event happen. The park is located at 5821 Pit Road in Bushnell, just off Interstate 75.

The event at Dade Park is set for Sunday, July 2, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

There'll be live music, games, relays, a pet parade, food vendor and even hand-cranked ice cream.

It's a great opportunity for families and friends to gather for some laughs and good old fashioned fun.

For more information, call the park at 793-4781 and see more on the park events inside in the Dade calendar.



GATOR

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the cause of the fire, which at this time appears to be arson and based on items observed at the scene, it appears that the building was burglarized first and then set on fire after the theft of the rare alligator.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Sumter County Sheriff's Detective Chris Merritt at 352-793-2621 or Crimeline at 1-800-423-TIPS (8477).

A better look at Snowball, shows the clear markings. Authorities are asking anyone with information to contact Sumter sheriff's Det. Chris Merritt at 352-793-2621 or Crimeline at 1-800-423-TIPS (8477).

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

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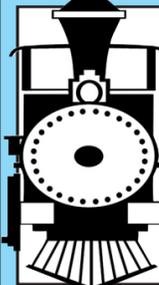
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Royal offers summer youth program

Special to the Times

For the eleventh year, The Royal Historical, Enrichment & Art Program (RHEAP) announces their summer youth program with free lunch and activities.

Lunch and snacks will be provided every Tuesday through Thursday beginning Tuesday, June 26 through Thursday, July 26. The daily program will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

An Annual RHEAP Community Showcase, where the children show what they have learned, will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 26 at the Royal Community Center.

A light dinner will be provided at no charge.

An exciting program, entitled 'Living A Colorful Summer' is planned full of fun, food, enrichment and excitement. There will be workshops, including: Clowns of

Color, Magic by David, The Villages Clown Alley, baton twirling, visual arts, dance, home economics, singing, violin and more.

All activities are cultural, historic, artistic and enrichment focused.

The program will also address safety and health on Wednesday. Fire Safety Day will be June 27 and Energy Safety Day on Thursday, June 28.

The Sumter County Health Department will provide 'Being Healthy is what's Happening on Tuesday, July 3 and the Sumter County Sheriff's Office will host the 'Cop & Kids Day', Wednesday, July 11.

During the program, children are in a safe environment while learning and having fun. The program is free and open to all school-age children.

To register: download, print, complete and return registration form between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.



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The web addresses are: www.CommunityOfRoyal.org or www.YoungPerformingArtists.org, email RoyalProject@cfl.rr.com

For more information, call 748-0260, There is limited space. RHEAP is an

enrichment program held at the Alonzo A. Young, Sr. Enrichment & Historical Center, 9569 County Road 235, Wildwood (Royal), FL

34785. Young Performing Artists (YPAs), Inc., a 501 (c) (3), not-for-profit corporation, is the lead agency.

Bushnell man killed in single-vehicle accident

Sumter County Times

A single-vehicle accident Thursday, June 21, on County Road 575 has claimed the life of a Bushnell man, according to the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP).



Devin Dubbs

Devin Dubbs, a 2015 graduate of South Sumter High School is remembered by his school counselor Mona Oliver as "quiet and always respectful."

"Above all, he was loving and sincere. Easily one of my favorite students," she said.

Dubbs was southbound in a 1997 Mazda north of County Road 66 when he failed to negotiate a left curve in the roadway,

according to the FHP. He lost control of the vehicle which rotated counterclockwise and departed the roadway. Once on the shoulder, the Mazda collided with traffic signs, overturned and Dubbs was ejected. The Mazda came to final rest in the northbound lane.

Following the crash, which occurred at just after midnight, Dubbs, 22, was transported to Bayonet Point Hospital where he died from injuries sustained during the crash, according to a FHP report.

Seatbelts were not in use and alcohol was a factor in the accident, according to the FHP report.

Be an All-American blood donor

Special to the Times

Because the need for blood does not take a holiday, area businesses are showing their support for the red, white and blue by hosting Independence holiday week blood drives from Friday, June 29 through Wednesday, July 4.

Donors can share their power to save lives by giving blood and on select blood drives, enjoy a \$10 Gift Card, plus a wellness check-up of blood pressure, pulse, temperature and iron count, including a cholesterol screening.

The Big Red Bus will be at the Bushnell Walmart from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3 and Saturday, July 7; from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 30 and Friday, July 13.

For other locations and appointments, visit oneblood.org/july4 or call



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Appointments honored, walk-ins welcome.

Generally, healthy people age 16 or older who weigh at least 110 pounds can donate blood. To

learn more about the importance of blood donation and how donors can target the power of their blood type visit oneblood.org.

Lodge hosting fish fry

Special to the Times

Join in for a good ol' fashioned fish fry.

The Wildwood Masonic Lodge, 92, will have a fish fry from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at the lodge.

The \$10 per person meal includes fresh fish, hushpuppies, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert and drink.

For more information, call Calvin Whited at 352-461-9648 or Herb Lunden at 229-548-5514.

The lodge is located at 103 Georgia St. in Wildwood.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BUSHNELL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following Ordinances were approved by the City Council of the City of Bushnell, Florida on the first reading and shall be acted upon for the second and final reading at their regularly scheduled meeting to be held July 2, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Bushnell City Council Chambers located at 117 E. Joe P. Strickland, Jr. Ave. The proposed Ordinances may be inspected prior to the second and final reading at 117 E. Joe P. Strickland, Jr. Ave., Bushnell, FL 33513. Any interested party may appear at said time and place to be heard. If any person decides to appeal any decision of the City council, with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of such proceeding, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be heard.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-16 Parcel Number J13B134

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BUSHNELL, FLORIDA, ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY BY VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION; REDEFINING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY TO INCLUDE SUCH LANDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-17 Parcel Number J13B134

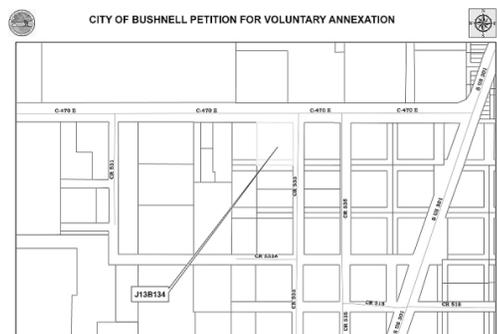
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BUSHNELL, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A SMALL SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT DESIGNATING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY ANNEXED INTO THE CITY AS GC, GENERAL COMMERCIAL, ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-18 Parcel Number J13B134

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BUSHNELL, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY ANNEXED INTO THE CITY AS A C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL, ZONING DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City of Bushnell

Christina Dixon
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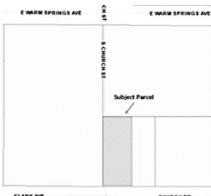
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER CITY OF COLEMAN ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Coleman will consider the enactment of a City Ordinance on the following subject:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COLEMAN, FLORIDA FOR A SMALL SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL MOBILE HOME TO COMMERCIAL; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDING AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR ATTACHMENT AND INCORPORATION OF EXHIBIT; PROVIDING FOR THE TAKING OF IMPLEMENTING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR RECORDING; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR NON-CODIFICATION AND PROVIDING FOR A CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.

Legal Description of subject property is as follows:
Lot 1, Block C of Clark's ADD PB1, P59.



The proposed ordinance will be heard at three (3) public hearings as follows:

Local Planning Agency – July 5, 2018, at 7:00 PM

Coleman City Council – July 9, 2018, at 7:00 PM

Coleman City Council – August 13, 2018, at 7:00 PM

The meetings will be held at the Coleman City Hall, located at 3502 E Warm Springs Ave., Coleman, FL 33521.

The proposed ordinance may be inspected at City Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or Sumter County Development Services Department located at 7375 Powell Road, Suite 115, Wildwood, FL, between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made by the Council on this matter, they will need a record of the proceedings, and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) any person with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations in order to participate in this Public Hearing should call the Public Service Director at (352) 748-1017 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting time.

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Sumter County Times Opinion

Guest editorials

City of Wildwood hosting Happy Birthday America

The city of Wildwood is excited to present our 4th annual Happy Birthday America celebration! Join us at the Wildwood Community Center, located at 6500 Powell Road on July 3rd from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Parking and admission are free!

The opening ceremony will begin with the flag presentation by the American Legion Tri-County Post 18 and the Sumter County Fire Department's Color Guard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem performed by Willie Goins.

Following the opening ceremony, there will be live music featuring Sticks & Bones until 9 p.m. with more than 20 arts and crafts vendors, and various activities across the grounds.

Put on your bubble suit to play some Knockerball, find your creative side at the Chalk Graffiti Van or Rock Painting station, get your picture taken with a live baby gator, or get messy at the Slime Station.

Also, make sure to stop by the Dunk Tank for your chance to dunk some of the

City's local "celebrities," myself included!

After you've worked up an appetite, choose your dinner from DawgHouse Concessions, Something Cheesy, La Famiglia, or Dalidee's. You'll want to leave room for dessert because sweets are being served from Kona Ice, Pop-Belly Kettle Korn, Magically Delicious, Uncle Ronnie's Blue Ribbon Cheesecakes, and Dietra's Delights.

As the sun sets, start winding down and find a grassy spot to sit to watch our grand finale fireworks display at 9:05 p.m. This will be the first one the City has seen in almost ten years!

We do want to give a special thanks to our awesome sponsors that helped make this whole event happen: our Platinum Sponsor — PSL Construction, our Gold Sponsors — Lucky U Cycles and Mike Scott Plumbing and our Silver Sponsors — Nathan Thomas State Farm and the Wildwood Prep Track Club. Thank you for your donations and helping bring our community together



Jason McHugh
WILDWOOD CITY MANAGER

Love is spelled T-I-M-E

Another one in the books! Congratulations to all the staff, students and parents for another good year! Sumter schools have had many successes this past year, but we continuously try to improve areas of weakness. Summer involvement, especially in the summer. Read to them every day if they are younger and encourage older ones to read as well. Model the behavior and read when your children do and talk to them about what they read. Tell them about what you are reading. Make it fun. Provide a reasonable incentive for meeting a goal. We have some good libraries in Sumter that are sometimes underutilized. Work with your children on times tables, or math puzzles and games — or something.



Rick Shirley
SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Never should the phrase "I'm bored" go unchallenged in the summer. Put them to work! We sometimes forget how important modeling an honest day's work is to a child's current and future development. Give them some household responsibility and hold them accountable, just like in real life. Sitting on a couch watching TV all day, or hanging out all day unsupervised is rarely an effective strategy for anything. Academics can benefit greatly from parent

involvement, especially in the summer. Read to them every day if they are younger and encourage older ones to read as well. Model the behavior and read when your children do and talk to them about what they read. Tell them about what you are reading. Make it fun. Provide a reasonable incentive for meeting a goal. We have some good libraries in Sumter that are sometimes underutilized. Work with your children on times tables, or math puzzles and games — or something.

Talk to them and make them talk to you - and don't be afraid to correct their grammar! Spend time with them on the academics and show your kids that their ability to read and do math is important to you. Don't let them hit the "summer slide" and forget much of what they learned the previous year.

Remember, LOVE is really spelled T-I-M-E.

Give them some love this summer.

Letter to the editor

Day camp has openings

Special to the Times

The Salvation Army Day Camp, 2605 South St. Leesburg, now has openings for kids ages 6-12 years. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday-Friday, through July 20. Breakfast, lunch and snack are provided.

The program includes; recreation, music, crafts, field trips and much more.

The cost is \$50 per child, per week and scholarships are available.

Call Major Robin Maddock for more information or to register at The Salvation Army — 352-365-0079.

BEYOND SUMTER



Letters to the editor

Help buy shoes for local children

Fire Ministries nonprofit 501(c)(3), Community Ignited program, is looking for people who are willing to buy at least one pair of shoes for a child/teen for back to school! These families are underprivileged and live here in Sumter County.

Currently we are hoping to help 33 teens/children in a small trailer park in Bushnell and around 40 children/teens in the Lake Panasoffkee community.

I can be reached at 352-457-7230 or emailed at fireministries444@gmail.com. I have specific shoe sizes if people wish to buy them personally or they can make a monetary, tax-free donation to help us with this cause by donating through PayPal with the fireministries444@gmail.com email.

Last year we helped over 40 children go back to school with confidence and smiles! Please consider helping us get the word out to anyone

who would like to be a part of this.

Thank You,

Rachel Caruso
Office manager

SEC appoints new 'cryptocurrency chief'

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) recently appointed Valerie Szczepanik as its new "cryptocurrency chief," a first-of-its kind position and one that is much needed. I've directed my staff to set up a call with her to discuss how we can continue to protect consumers from being taken advantage of in our state.



Jimmy Patronis
Patronis

Cryptocurrency is growing in Florida. The Seminole County Tax Collector now accepts bitcoin and bitcoin cash to pay for property taxes, driver license and ID card

fees, tags and titles; Tampa/St. Petersburg was ranked seventh in the top 10 bitcoin-friendly cities in 2016 and Miami/Ft. Lauderdale was ranked eighth; there are more than 160 Bitcoin ATMs across Florida; and an entirely Bitcoin real estate transaction in Miami took place in December 2017.

It's important for Floridians to fully understand what they are getting into before they make any investment, and that includes cryptocurrency. Always do your homework before making an investment; understand that cryptocurrency values can be unstable; cryptocurrency can be stolen; and cryptocurrency transactions can be taxed.

I encourage everyone to do some research on what exactly cryptocurrency is and how it is being used in the world today. With new technology come new ways for you to be defrauded and it's my goal to ensure you're protected.

Jimmy Patronis
Florida chief financial officer

Webster community members are supporting BEE City USA designation

A group of UF/IFAS Sumter County Master Gardeners and a local chapter of Florida Native Plant Society members, celebrated National Pollination Week (June 18-24, 2018) by planting native pollinators in Webster. The native plants were put in at the 'Welcome to Webster' signs at the corner of Market Boulevard (S.R. 471) and Central Avenue, across from Tin Roof Rusted Collectibles. The group gathered for the planting on the morning of June 20, 2018.

Many plants were donated by UF/IFAS Sumter Master Gardeners Pat Provance and Allen Wise. Allen is also vice president of the Sumter Chapter of Florida Native Plant Society and owner of Shady Oaks Native Plant Nursery on U.S. 301 in

Sumterville. The others working on the project were UF/IFAS Sumter Master Gardeners: May May Bowers, Sharon Hale and Michael Harris.

Sumter Chapter of Florida Native Plant Society, Bob and



Michael Harris
WEBSTER COUNCIL

Julia Eagles, along with organization president, Nancy Dwyer, worked on the project, as well. Nancy also donated plants. Sharon Hale and Michael Harris are also members of the society.

Reverend Don Grant, pastor of Webster First Baptist Church, was so impressed with the

group beautifying the City that he is donating T-shirts for everyone! Joe Capporelli, owner of Tin Roof Rusted Collectibles, is donating water to get the plants established. These plants are Florida Native Pollinators and once established will thrive with a minimum of

care. Some are perennials while others are annuals which reseed themselves.

Residents of Webster may visit City Hall and ask for a list of wildflowers, shrubs, vines and trees

which are Florida Native Pollinators adapted for this zone. Some of these may be found locally at Shady Oaks Florida Native Nursery, U.S. 301, Sumterville and Medina's Nursery of Webster.

It is hoped that BEE City USA - Webster will encourage residents to plant some of these along with Webster Elementary School, South Sumter Middle School and Sumter Youth Center Gardens. The UF/IFAS Sumter Master Gardeners have a beautiful Demonstration Garden at the Sumter County Fairgrounds.

Let's all pitch in and help our local farmers and ranchers.

Information on becoming a BEE City USA can be found on the Internet.

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So many of us will be celebrating the 4th of July, our nations birthday, and a day off from work. A day to enjoy the company of family and friends, barbecues, and fireworks.

But unlike us, our pets do not share the same joy of the holiday as we do. Fireworks and the booming sounds associated with them terrify our pets. Loud whizzes and burning smells are all things that can panic our pets.

The American Humane Association claims that the 5th of July, shelters will have an influx of frightened animals that have broke through fences and escaped through gates. Often they will



Linda Graves

Special to the Times

Fourth of July pet safety tips Critter chatter

become lost, and some are injured fleeing their yards in fear.

You can keep your pet safe by following a few simple tips:

1. NEVER take your pet to the fireworks display. Not only will the loud noises and flashing lights panic your pet, but think of their acute hearing. What must it sound like to the sensitive ears of an

animal.

2. Keep your pet indoors. NEVER leave your pet outside, even in a secured area. They will find a way to escape in a terrified attempt to find safety. The safest place is indoors at home. Close your pet in a room with a TV or radio on, and curtains or blinds closed.

3. Keep all fireworks away from curious pets.

While they can be severely burned and injured, even unused fireworks can be hazardous. They contain toxic substances that can be deadly to your pet. Keep nosey pets away from matches and lighters.

4. If you plan to barbecue, be aware of festive foods that can be poisonous. Onions, grapes, raisins, avacodo, yeast rolls,

are just a few of the foods to keep your pet away from. Go on-line to get the complete list of foods that could be harmful to your pet.

5. If your pet is extremely fearful, ask your veterinarian for a mild sedative. Pets that suffer from severe anxiety on the 4th of July can benefit from medication.

6. Hopefully your pet is

microchipped. But, also be sure your pet is wearing a collar with identification. Accidents happen. Someone may open the door to check on your pet, and in a split second, escape is possible.

7. NEVER! NEVER ever lock your pet in a vehicle. NEVER! Brain damage and heat stroke can occur quickly and is deadly to your pet.

Enjoy daytime festivities with your pet, but when the loud noises start and the pyrotechnics begin, be sure your pet is at home in a safe and secure room. This is the one holiday it is best not to celebrate with your pet.

Community CALENDAR

Wildwood High School reunion of the 1970s

All Wildwood High School classes from the 1970s - 1970-1979, it's class reunion time.

The fun is set from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Aug. 25 at the Paquette's Historical Farmall Tractor Museum Show Barn

The cost is \$25 per person and the contact person is Beth Crouch-Payne, 208 North Lake Ave, Leesburg, FL 34748.

The cost per person includes dinner and entertainment. A cash bar will also be available and Porter's Photography will be on site to

take individual and class photos.

The phone number is 352-406-3443 and the email address is: crcheliz@embarqmail.com.

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 Lane, 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 p.m. 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.

Granville Beville 2234 installs new officers

BY JOYCE WHITE
secretary

The May 12 meeting of the Granville Beville 2234 chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, met at the home of Joyce White. Those in attendance were Joyce White, Mary Harrison, Cindi Hinkle, Tammy Moore, Irish Wolf, Belle Phillips, Carol Anderson, Marilyn Barnes, Jessica Hoag, Deborah Moore, Peggy Griffin, and guests Debbie Story, Jentry Millard, and two members of the Bonnie Blue Chapter of Orlando: District Director Sheila Kroll and Zanelle Bookhardt who is running for Florida Division Registrar.

President Belle Phillips called the meeting to order and Marilyn Barnes conducted the opening ritual. Irish Wolf read a poem called "For the Southern Cause." Then Mrs. Wolf presented a book report on Nostrums for Fashionable Entertainment Dining in Georgia, 1800-1850, by Feay Shellman Coleman.

President Phillips thanked the 2016-2018 officers by presenting them with an appreciation certificate.

Registrar Tammy Moore reported that she has completed several more supplemental applications for Marilyn Barnes. Historian Deborah Moore is working on the press book for the Florida Division Convention which will take place in Orlando Sept. 13-16, 2018, at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Orlando Airport.

The May program was presented by Carol Anderson on "Loreta Janeta Velazquez." She joined the Confederate army as Lt. Harry T. Buford and later wrote a book about her adventures in the War Between the States.

After the program, District Director Sheila Kroll installed the officers for 2018-2020: President: Belle Phillips; Vice President: Marilyn Barnes; 2nd VP: Connie Jones; 3rd VP: Amber Caruthers; Secretary: Joyce White; Treasurer: Cindi Hinkle; Registrar and Recorder of Military Service, Tammy



Sheila Kroll is shown installing new officers of the Granville Beville 2234. They are, from left: Belle Phillips, Marilyn Barnes, Joyce White, Cindi Hinkle, Tammy Moore and Deborah Moore.

Moore; Chaplain: Carolyn Shaw; Historian: Deborah Moore.

After the meeting was adjourned, everyone

enjoyed the pot luck luncheon. The next meeting will take place on September 8 at the home of Belle Phillips.

Band pays tribute to Cher, Lady Gaga on July 28

Special to the Times

The Mark Anthony Band will pay tribute to two legendary rock and roll divas, — Cher and Lady Gaga — on Saturday, July 28 at the Citrus Springs Community Center. The event is being sponsored by the Citrus Parks and Recreation Department's concert series.

The group's lead singer and keyboardist, Kristina Lynn, will take the audience on a journey through time in this out-of-the-ordinary performance.

Dark Lady is a one-of-a-kind tribute to the Goddess of Pop in which Kristina Lynn performs numerous Cher classics, including Woman's World, Turn Back Time and Gypsies, Tramps, and Thieves.

"Kristina looks, sounds, acts, like Cher," said her husband, fellow performer and the band's namesake, Mark Anthony (Gavallas). "She has the moves and costumes, her voice is so elegant and she sways across the stage. You'll think — you'll believe — you are at a Cher concert," he said.

The Edge of Gaga is a tribute to the diverse stylings of Lady Gaga, Mark said. For this segment

Kristina Lynn has mastered the unique sound of the modern-pop queen quite convincingly, he said. And by donning several outrageous but memorable outfits, he said, she captures the one-of-a-kind

Gaga look as well.

The Citrus Springs Community Center is located at 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7.

Tickets are \$15 and can

be purchased through the Parks and Recreation Department by calling 352-527-7540. Hors d'oeuvres and adult beverages provided by Havana House will be available for purchase.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
JOINT PLANNING SESSION ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP
CITY OF COLEMAN CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

The City of Coleman, Florida will conduct a joint planning session with the City of Coleman City Council and the City of Coleman Planning and Zoning Board to discuss issues related to the update and amendment of the City of Coleman Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Plan Map, including the Joint Planning Area. The joint workshop will be held as follows:

Coleman City Hall
3502 E. Warm Springs Ave
Coleman, FL 33521
Immediately following the Planning and Zoning Board Meeting at 7:00 P.M., July 5, 2018

Contact Karl Holley at 352-689-4400 or karl.holley@sumtercountyfl.gov with questions.

Interested parties are encouraged to appear and observe the proceedings. Those requiring assistance may call 352-748-1017 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Lately, I've reconnected with a young woman I met years ago.

In the past month or so she has rediscovered God. She said that for many years she hadn't believed, or maybe she believed but had put God in a back closet somewhere and shut the door.

But recently, she opened the door to him and she contacted me to tell me about it. Ever since then she and I have been having conversations about faith and prayer and the love of God.

She had gone through a horrific experience and after it was over she was outside on her back porch crying because she felt God's love, she said. She hadn't felt his presence in a very long time.

with nancy mug

Grace Notes - Nancy Kennedy

She said she remembers when she walked away from God and the chaos that followed.

"It was a very hard road," she said. "Most days I felt like I was trying



Nancy Kennedy
Special to the Times

The other two 'great prayers'

Grace notes

to breathe underwater — it was overwhelming."

The other day she wrote to me, talking about her thoughts on prayer.

"Most people pray at night. I guess it helps them relax before going to sleep," she wrote. "I can see how praying would help you work through the day's events and help you fall asleep. But for me, that kind of stresses me out. When I go to bed, I want to be removed from my day.

"I'm a big fan of 'sleeping on it' and waking up with a clear head," she said. "So I find myself praying in the morning, usually while walking my dogs.

"It always starts with a light breeze, like God is

saying good morning. I look at the color of the sky, smell the flowers that are in bloom, watch the way the leaves blow in the breeze. I spend the first part of my walk in awe of the world's beauty. By the end of the walk," she said, "I'm in a full-blown conversation with God."

I told her my thoughts on prayer; that I've tried to change the course of my life and others' lives with fervent "in Jesus' name" prayers of great faith and boldness, but in the end God's going to do what he's going to do and my prayers won't change his mind.

But I still keep praying because when bad things or good things happen, God is the one I always

turn to first to share my news, because I know he'll listen and that he cares.

A few weeks ago in my column I wrote about Anne Lamott's theory that the first great prayer is "Help!"

Her second great prayer is "Thanks," whether it's gratitude for found money or a tasty fish taco or what Lamott describes as the "magical, mystical magnetic force of quiet or exuberant relief, when you know that something — God, fate, luck, kismet, the law, Powerball — has smiled on you big time."

Lamott's third great prayer is "Wow" — lowercase "wows" for things like crawling between smooth, cool, clean sheets at night after a long day,

and uppercase "WOWs" for fireworks and shooting stars and sunrises, for resurrections and miracles.

Miracles like a young woman who once walked away from God but who is now inching her way back to faith.

In her message to me the other day my young friend wrote, "Today my conversation with God was about romantic love. Since I left my ex six years ago, I have not been able to open up to a man. And every time I start to, my oh-so-logical brain stops my heart from opening up. I didn't ask him to send me a husband," she said, "I asked him to help me find a middle ground that my heart and brain can agree on.

"A few weeks ago, I was asking for strength to change my habits and commit to a healthier lifestyle. Shortly after I got Sugar Biscuit, a dog I hadn't planned on adopting.

"He (God) really has a funny sense of humor," she said. "But it doesn't really matter what we talk about; I find myself at peace when my day starts like this."

She added, "I just wanted to share this with you. Not really sure why."

There are some situations I'm praying about these days, more along the "Help!" variety than anything else. But when I hear from my young friend, it brings me hope and my prayers change to prayers of thanks and gratitude — and wow.

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

Josephine 'Jo' Clark, 75

WEBSTER

Josephine "Jo" Clark, 75, of Webster, passed away June 22, 2018 after a long illness. She is survived by: her husband of 48 years, Patrick Clark; at home, her son: Chester Stanton of Rock Hill, N.Y., step daughter: Paula Smith of Monticello, N.Y., sister: Mary Lou Muller and brother: Ronald Stanton both of Rock Hill, N.Y.; several nieces and nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was member of the AQHA, APHA, IBHA and PHBA. In Lieu of flowers: donations may be made to Lane Purcell Hospice

House 2452 Cr 526E Sumterville, FL 33585. There will be no services, cremation to take place at the request of the family.

Maj. John Joseph Guinane, 75

CLERMONT

Maj.(Retired) John Joseph Guinane, 75, of Clermont, passed away June 17, 2018 in Sumterville.

William R. Ferraci Sr., 89

WILDWOOD

William R. Ferraci Sr., 89, Wildwood died June 22, 2018 in Wildwood.

Church CALENDAR

SONRISE YOUTH

Ages kindergarten through fifth grade - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Summer Mondays - \$10 registration fee and \$10 per event. July 2 - Clermont Epic Theatres July 9 - Skyzone Contact Brad Connolly at the First Baptist Church of Bushnell - 352-793-4612.

JOURNEY TO BABYLON VBS

This summer, July 2-6, First Baptist Church of Oxford is excited for Vacation Bible School, where children (grades first through fifth) can journey to ancient Babylon and learn about the God who is always present! Every day the kids will get to experience new things at the Bible Discovery, Marketplace, Palace Playground, Food Court stations and more! There is a lot of fun waiting!

Want to join in this summer? There is no cost for your child(ren) to attend — register by completing the form on the church website. For more information, call the church at 748-2392.

Office hours are from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The First Baptist Church of Oxford will host Men's Open Gym Basketball from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 5. For more information, call 748-2392.

COED BASKETBALL

The First Baptist Church of Oxford will host a Coed Open Gym Basketball event from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 19. For more information,

call 748-2392.

WEEKLY PRAYER GATHERING

The First Baptist Church of Bushnell hosts weekly prayer gathering — 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The church is located at 125 West Anderson Avenue, Bushnell.

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, please 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 is 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.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

This is held on Mondays at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Bushnell.

No videos or workbooks, simply open your bible and study a specific scripture each week.

For more information, call the church at 352-793-4612.

Youths off to Kentucky for Christian fellowship



A large group of youth and youth leaders, from First Baptist Church of Wildwood, left for Kentucky on Saturday, June 16. They will spend a week participating in a study called Wired and enjoying Christian fellowship.

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<p>WAHOO Wahoo Baptist Church (Discover the Difference!) PAUL ALONSO PASTOR 4.3 Miles West of I-75 on Hwy 48 Sunday: Classic Service.....8:00 A.M. Bible Study.....9:30 A.M. Celebration Service.....10:45 A.M. Wednesday Evening: Bible Study.....6:30 P.M. www.wahoohurch.org 352 793-6015 00052N5</p>	<p>LAKE PANASOFFKEE First Baptist Church of Lake Panasoffkee Hwy. 470, Lake Panasoffkee 793-5510 Sunday Services.....8:30 & 10:50 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. Pastor Randy Alonso 00052N6</p>	<p>SUMTERVILLE Sumterville United Methodist Church "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. 00052N8</p>	<p>WEBSTER Linden CHURCH OF GOD Sunday 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Family Training Hour 7:00 p.m. 4309 CR 772 Webster, FL 33597 • 352-793-4281 00052N9</p>
<p>BUSHNELL All Are Welcome At Cross Connection Church 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. 1451 West C.R. 476, Bushnell 793-2240 00052N7</p>	<p>BUSHNELL Indian Hill Baptist Church Pastor Irvin Micell 7819 CR 633, Bushnell - West 476 between 4768 & 575 Sunday School.....9:45 am Morning Worship.....11:00 am Evening Worship.....6:00 pm Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00 pm Youth Group 00052N11</p>	<p>WEBSTER First Baptist Church of Webster 1/4 mile east of 471 on SE 1st Ave. Sunday School 9:45 AM Morning Worship 11:00 AM Evening Service 6:00 PM Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM 00052N10</p>	<p>WILDWOOD Grace Tabernacle 7279 East County Road 468 Wildwood, FL 34785 352-748-3255 SERVICE TIMES: Sunday 10:30 am Wednesdays 6:30 pm www.gracetab.org 00052N12</p>
<p>WEBSTER Webster United Methodist Church 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 Serving our Lord through love, care & prayer for one another & our community 00052N13</p>	<p>BUSHNELL THE BUSHNELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA 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. 352-793-4202 00052N14</p>	<p>BUSHNELL First Baptist Church of Bushnell 125 W. Anderson Ave. 793-4612 • 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. 00052N15</p>	

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Family, friends and hundreds of supporters were on hand Saturday as Eric Burkes (with hat at left of sign) unveiled the state historic marker for his Richloam General Store, revived from an old building that housed a store established by his great uncle in the early 1900s.



Several hundred visitors attended the Second Annual "Hoopla" celebrating the anniversary of the Richloam General Store in the old Hernando County community of Richloam, in the edge of the Withlacoochee State Forest, south of the Webster area. The celebration also included the unveiling of the state historic marker for the store.



Bushnell's Jim McAlister had one of the hottest jobs on Saturday as he demonstrated pioneer cooking for visitors at the Richloam General Store Hoopla.

'Hoopla' in Richloam

Photos by Martin Steele/Sumter County Times



While visitors to the Richloam General Store Hoopla on Saturday were outside enjoying the free food and music, many others thronged to the interior of the store to shop for some of the many old-style items filling the shelves. Store owners Eric Burkes (white hat) and wife Donna are at the antique cash register.



The Judy Family band found a shade tree for their performance Saturday for the visitors at the Richloam General Store "Hoopla" marking the anniversary of the renovated store reopening after being closed for about 80 years.

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experience in the area.

But, a really big part of the celebration was the unveiling of the state historical marker issued for the store. After months of work, Burkes revealed the metal plaque featuring a brief history of the story that was once at the center of a small agricultural community alongside one of the many railroads that once traversed the state. Its inhabitants raised livestock, grew vegetables and worked at forestry operations.

The legend on the marker describes a number of historic points in the establishment of the community, the store and the eventual fading away of the community. The marker also notes that the store is the only building remaining from the original Richloam community.

The store was once a home to its owner; supplied many needs of the community and served as the Richloam post office. The store closed in 1936 and the old

metal-sided building sat there until Burkes started restoring it as a workplace in 2016.

Soon, an idea was hatched and Burkes reopened the store in February of 2017. The timing of the "Hoopla" was based on the June opening date of the original store.

While Burkes and his extended family members say they have not encountered anyone that was ever in the store in its heyday, there were plenty of folks who came out Saturday to celebrate the success of the revived store and just to support the Burkes family's project.

By about 1 p.m., more than 800 people had passed through the store's doorway and about a thousand were expected before the event ended, Burkes said.

Burkes, Josh Seahorn (a great-grandson of store founder Sid Brinson) and agricultural commissioner candidate, Matt Caldwell, each spoke briefly for the unveiling of the historic marker.

"I didn't want the history of Richloam to become lost," said Burkes, who grew up in the community and lives just yards

away from the store. "Now, it's cast in metal."

He had many family members and family friends on hand to help with the celebration.

"I love it; I'm so glad they restored it," said Burkes' aunt, Jean Brinson Ward of Dade City, who was distributing lunch tickets.

She told how her own history was tied to the store: the announcement of her birth and the announcement that the Richloam post office would be closed and moved to Webster were published at the same time in the Dade City Banner.

Polly Tipton, a long-time family friend and Burkes' kindergarten teacher from Webster Elementary School, was among the visitors. "I think it's really neat, real nice," she said. "I always loved this area."

That sentiment was shared by Bushnell resident Denny Hennequin. He was among the supporters with his wife Pat, who is one of Donna Burkes' (Eric's spouse) aunts who attended the celebration.

"This is neat," Hennequin said. "A lot of work went into it

and it looks like the 1800's. They've done a good job."

Both Donna Burkes and Eric's mother, Daisy Brinson, were busy with visitors in the store where the line was sometimes five and six people deep at the check-out counter.

"I think he's done a great job," his mother said. "It's taken a lot of hard work. He's very meticulous about how it's done. I'm very proud of the job he's done."

Burkes was the youngest of the family and has been the one to take the most interest in the family heritage, Brinson said.

Taking a brief break from serving customers, Donna Burkes noted that she typically works the store on Mondays and is active in their other related business activities, which include an online sign business.

"We're very excited," she said. "I love to see the peoples' faces when they come in the door—they're like 'Wow.'"

The old building just sat there for so long, Donna said. But, even before they began restoration, people would stop to take pictures.

"We were very excited to see what their reaction would be when the store opened," she said.

Visitors on Saturday came from many nearby communities such as Dade City, Bushnell and Center Hill. John Yeager, of Brooksville, was among them. He's from the Historic Hernando Preservation Society.

"The store has come to fruition," Yeager said. "This is a grass roots community historic preservation by a family with a history they want to share."

"It elevates eco-tourism and tourism overall," he said. "This benefits all of central Florida."

The Richloam General Store is located at 38219 Richloam Clay Sink Road, Webster. It's about a half mile south of State Road 50, a couple of miles east of Ridge Manor or about two miles west of the Little Withlacoochee River. There are state highway information signs on S.R. 50. See more about the store online at www.richloam-store.com and on Facebook.

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

A PASSION FOR PANFISH



The Hinson family were some of the folks out for a fun and competitive morning of angling on Lake Panasoffkee, during the annual fishing challenge.



Andrew Hall, April Russell, Casey Hall and his son Clayton are shown with their top angler trophies, earned during the Panfish Challenge, held on Saturday, June 16. The first place winner was the Casey Hall family, with a total panfish weight of 11 pounds, six ounces in shellcrackers and bluegills. They took home the \$550 prize. The Hall family also had the largest shellcracker (0.91 pounds) which won them an additional \$150. Second Place (\$350.00) went to the Andrew Hall family, with panfish weighing in at a little over nine pounds and four ounces, while Team Landi's Toy took third place (\$250.00) with nine pounds and 33 ounces.



Cassidy Swartzfager shows off a catch from the annual panfish challenge. The event hosted families and individuals as competitors up for the angling challenge.

Photos by Candace Hill and Nicole Meighen

Pana Vista has the old Florida feel and well it should, with a history as a fish camp that dates back decades. The camp was already in operation when the Veal family purchased it in 1948. Four generations of Veals have already worked camp — children and grandchildren that have grown up around the lake.





Joe Jones was angling up during the annual fishing challenge. He's shown here, baiting his hook for an angling morning.



Taking a stroll on the weathered docks, it's like a step back in time. With its well-preserved plank boards and fortified beams, the old dock never seems to change, but always seems to offer the promise of new memories tomorrow.



As the sun begins to fall behind the old cypress trees and the laughter of the day's events begins to grow faint, a sense of calm fills the afternoon. Folks are already recalling a weekend that they'll never forget — a weekend with an angler's hopes.



Anglers settled in for the morning, as sun played across the lake. More than 40 boats put in for the challenge and 32 sponsors were on board to support the event.

Photos by Candace Hill and Nicole Meighen

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He operates the fish camp these days.

This year's challenge was supported by 32 sponsors from Sumter, Polk and Hillsborough counties

"Every year, it gets a little bigger," said Veal.

He said they gave away about \$4,000 in prize money and poles and gave away about \$3,900 to each of the two charities.

That's up from the nearly \$6,000 last year.

Veal said their expense budget is almost zero, with so many

sponsors either bartering or donating items.

"It's a fun thing. All the kids are happy," he said.

This year, the challenge raised a record-breaking amount at nearly \$8,000 to be split between South Sumter FFA Alumni and Everyday Blessing children's home.

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to the Andrew Hall family, with panfish weighing in at a little over nine pounds and four ounces, while Team Landi's Toy took third place (\$250.00) with nine pounds and 33 ounces.

Fourth place (\$150.00) went to the Michigan Wolverines and fifth place (\$100.00) to the Lane Family. Team Gaffer had the biggest Bluegill 0.98 ounces, worth \$150.00.

There 32 sponsors and lots excited anglers this year, as 42 boats launched from Pana Vista at 8 a.m. At least 50 children were in the challenge and were awarded brand new rods that were donated by Southeastern Fishing Tackle and G5 Feed and Outdoor. There were also

free bait buckets from PanaVista.

Anglers began to make their way to the weigh-in tent around 1 p.m. and the anticipation grew.

5th Place Glenn Lane - Lane Family

6th Place Team Gaffer

7th Place J and A Stumpknockers

8th place Team Shinbone

9th Place Michael Poppland

10th went to Richard Lowenthal Biggest Pan Man

Biggest Bluegill went to Wayne Jones, The Gaffer and Biggest Shellcracker to Casey Hall.

With the sound of aerators providing oxygen for the shiners

swimming in the bait tank and crickets sounding off in the distance, it's hard not to fade back to the days of old Florida.

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Outdoors CALENDAR

MASTER GARDENER CLASSES

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How do I become a Master Gardener? 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.

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The Girl Scouts of West Central Florida will

host summer camp sessions through 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.

Want more information? Call us at 813-391-1284 or email us at customerconnections@gswcf.org <https://www.gswcf.org/en/camps/summer-camp.html>.

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.sumter-countytimes.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 nicolectlamer@ufl.edu or calling 352-569-6863.

Dade Park CALENDAR

July 1 - Sunday
4 p.m.-8 p.m.

Patriotic Family Fun Day

This is a free event that includes games and contest competitions, starting at 5 p.m., a pet parade at 6 p.m., with prizes, and music by the Barking Dogs.

Food will be available at the park booth.

July 7 - Saturday
9 a.m. - noon

Wild Foods Foraging Class

Join us as we forage around the park for wild foods and then cook up some dishes to

sample. Bring water, sunscreen, hat and gloves. Cost is \$3/vehicle or annual Florida park pass plus \$5/person, 12 and under free.

July 16 - 20, Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - noon

Nature Days for Children

Summer Nature Days day camp for children ages 8-12. Each day features a different nature theme from birds to reptiles and amphibians. Cost is \$40/child for five sessions or \$10 per day. Pre-registration is required. Camp price includes daily snacks.

July 22 - Sunday,
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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July 1 at 3 p.m.
THE RIGHT STUFF
(PG)

The Right Stuff is a 1983 American epic historical drama film. It was adapted from Tom Wolfe's best-selling 1979 book of the same name about the Navy, Marine and Air Force test pilots who were involved in aeronautical research at Edwards Air Force Base, California, as well as the Mercury Seven, the seven military pilots who were selected to be the astronauts for Project Mercury, the first manned spaceflight by the United States.

July 5 at 10 a.m. KIDS CINEMA

PADDINGTON 2 (PG)
Paddington 2 is a 2017 live-action animated comedy film, directed by Paul King and written by King and Simon Farnaby. Based on the stories of the character Paddington Bear, created by Michael Bond, it is

the sequel to the 2014 film Paddington, and is produced by Heyday Films and StudioCanal.

July 8 at 3 p.m.
REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE (PG-13)

Rebel Without A Cause is a 1955 American drama film about emotionally confused suburban, middle-class teenagers. Filmed in the recently introduced CinemaScope format and directed by Nicholas Ray, it offered both social commentary and an alternative to previous films depicting delinquents in urban slum environments. The film stars James Dean, Sal Mineo and Natalie Wood.

July 12 at 10 a.m. KIDS CINEMA

THE LION KING (G)
The Lion King is a 1994 American animated epic musical film produced by Walt Disney Feature Animation and released by

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Walt Disney Pictures. It is the 32nd Disney animated feature film, and the fifth animated film produced during a period known as the Disney Renaissance.

July 13 at 7:30 p.m.
BULLITT (PG)

Bullitt is a 1968 American thriller film directed by Peter Yates and produced by Philip D'Antoni. The picture stars Steve McQueen, Robert Vaughn, and Jacqueline Bisset. The screenplay by Alan R. Trustman and Harry Kleiner was based on the 1963 novel, Mute Witness, by Robert L. Fish, writing under the pseudonym Robert L. Pike. Lalo Schiffrin wrote the original jazz-inspired score, arranged for brass and percussion.

July 15 at 3 p.m.
WHILE THE CITY SLEEPS (NR)

While the City Sleeps is a 1956 film noir directed by Fritz Lang. Written by Casey Robinson, the newspaper drama was based on The Bloody Spur by Charles Einstein, which depicts the story of "Lipstick Killer" William Heirens.

July 19 @ 10 a.m. KIDS CINEMA

DESPICABLE ME 3 (PG)
Despicable Me 3 is a 2017 American 3D computer-animated action comedy film produced by Illumination Entertainment for Universal Pictures. It is the third main installment, fourth overall film in the Despicable Me

film series and the sequel to Despicable Me 2 (2013).

July 22 at 3 p.m.
ALL ABOUT EVE (PG)

All About Eve is a 1950 American drama film written and directed by Joseph L. Mankiewicz, and produced by Darryl F. Zanuck. It was based on the 1946 short story "The Wisdom of Eve" by Mary Orr, although screen credit was not given for it. The film stars Bette Davis as Margo Channing, a highly regarded but aging Broadway star. Anne Baxter plays Eve Harrington, an ambitious young fan who insinuates herself into Channing's life, ultimately threatening Channing's career and her personal relationships.

July 26 @ 10 a.m. KIDS CINEMA

WILLY WONKA & the CHOCOLATE FACTORY (G)
Willy Wonka & the

Chocolate Factory is a 1971 American musical fantasy film directed by Mel Stuart, and starring Gene Wilder as Willy Wonka. The film tells the story of Charlie Bucket (Peter Ostrum) as he receives a Golden Ticket and visits Willy Wonka's chocolate factory with four other children.

July 29 @ 3 p.m.
KEY LARGO (NR)

Key Largo is a 1948 film noir directed by John Huston and starring Humphrey Bogart, Edward G. Robinson and Lauren Bacall. The supporting cast features Lionel Barrymore and Claire Trevor. The film was adapted by Richard Brooks and Huston from Maxwell Anderson's 1939 play of the same name, which played on Broadway for 105 performances in 1939 and 1940. Key Largo was the fourth and final film pairing of married actors Bogart and Bacall.

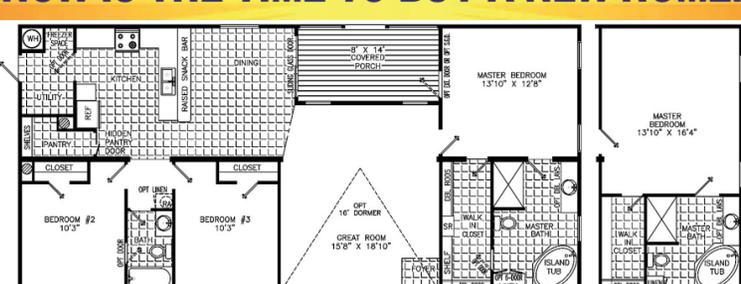
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FIRE UP the FOURTH

with Tasty Backyard Recipes

FAMILY FEATURES

Fireworks, family and food are what the Fourth of July is all about. This year, add some spark to backyard staples like grilled chicken and potato salad with a little help from tangy condiments, smoky rubs and your cast-iron skillet.

For a main dish that's sure to be a crowd pleaser, smother grilled chicken with a white barbecue sauce – the South's tangy little secret. It's made with simple pantry ingredients like mayonnaise, cider vinegar and mustard.

Make a one-pan side dish next to the cooking chicken by placing your cast-iron skillet directly on the grates. Smash whole potatoes in the pan then top with bacon, cheese and a chipotle seasoning. Let it all melt together and then top with sour cream for a smoking side.

Round out the meal with a festive cake that looks as impressive as it tastes. Dye white cake mix batter red and blue using food color then assemble in a flag shape with whipped cream and berries.

Find more recipes and ideas to fire up your Fourth of July at McCormick.com.

Grilled and Loaded Smashed Potatoes

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Servings: 12

- 1 1/2 pounds medium Yukon gold potatoes
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 5 teaspoons McCormick Grill Mates Bacon Chipotle Seasoning, divided
- 6 slices Applewood smoked bacon, cut into 1/4-inch pieces
- 1 cup chopped yellow onion
- 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped green onions
- 1/4 cup sour cream

Heat grill to medium. Place potatoes on microwavable plate. Pierce potatoes with fork several times. Microwave on high 5-6 minutes, or until fork-tender but still firm. Let stand until cool enough to handle. In large bowl, toss potatoes, oil and 3 teaspoons seasoning until well coated.

Place potatoes on grill and cook, turning frequently, 4-5 minutes or until skin is crispy. In large cast-iron skillet on grill, cook and stir bacon 8-10 minutes, or until crisp. Add yellow onion and bell pepper; cook and stir 2-3 minutes, or until tender-crisp.

Push bacon mixture to one side of skillet. Add potatoes to other side of skillet. Smash each potato with heavy spatula, bottom of small sturdy bowl or meat pounder. Sprinkle potatoes with remaining seasoning. Spoon bacon mixture over potatoes. Sprinkle with cheese.

Cover pan or close grill. Cook 3-5 minutes, or until cheese is melted. To serve, sprinkle with green onions and dollops of sour cream.

Test Kitchen Tip: Cooking potatoes before grilling reduces overall grill time.

White Barbecue Sauce with Smoky Chicken

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 45 minutes
Servings: 6

- White Barbecue Sauce:**
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons Zatarain's Creole Mustard
- 1 teaspoon prepared horseradish
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Coarse Ground Black Pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Garlic Powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Smoky Chicken:**
- 1 cup hickory wood chips
- 2 pounds bone-in chicken parts
- 2 tablespoons McCormick Grill Mates Applewood Rub

To make sauce: In medium bowl, mix mayonnaise, vinegar, creole mustard, horseradish, black pepper, garlic and salt until well blended. Cover. Refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving to blend flavors.

To make chicken: Cover wood chips in water and soak 30 minutes. Season chicken with rub. Drain wood chips. Fill smoker box with wet wood chips. Place smoker box under grill rack on one side of grill before lighting. Close grill.

Prepare grill for indirect medium heat (350-375 F). Heat grill by turning all burners to medium. Once cooking temperature is reached, turn off burner(s) on one side. Place chicken on unlit side of grill. Close grill cover.

Grill, turning occasionally, 30-40 minutes, or until internal temperature of thickest part of chicken is 165 F. Move chicken to lit side of grill with skin side down. Turn lit side of grill to high.

Grill, uncovered, 3-5 minutes longer, or until chicken is charred. Serve chicken with White Barbecue Sauce.

Test Kitchen Tip: Refrigerate any leftover sauce and use as salad dressing, condiment for burgers or dipping sauce for pretzels and vegetables.



Red, White and Blue Cake

Prep time: 25 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Servings: 12

- 1 package (2-layer size) white cake mix
- 2 teaspoons McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract
- 1/2 teaspoon Blue McCormick Assorted Neon Food Colors & Egg Dye
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 teaspoons McCormick Red Food Color
- nonstick spray

- 1 container (16 ounces) white frosting
- 1 cup raspberries
- 1/2 cup blueberries

Heat oven to 350 F.

Prepare cake mix as directed on package, adding vanilla. Transfer 1 1/2 cups batter to small bowl and tint with neon blue food color. Tint remaining batter red by adding cocoa powder and red food color. Pour each color batter into separate 9-by-5-inch loaf pans sprayed with nonstick cooking spray.

Bake blue-tinted cake 20-25 minutes; red-tinted cake 30-35 minutes. Cool

cakes in pans 10 minutes. Remove from pans; cool completely.

Trim cakes to remove rounded tops and edges. Slice red cake in half horizontally to form two thin layers. Place one layer on platter. Slice remaining red cake layer in half lengthwise. Slice blue cake in half lengthwise. (Blue and red cakes should be same dimensions.)

Frost red cake layer on platter with 1/3 frosting. Top with lengthwise slices of red and blue cake side-by-side. Frost with 1/3 frosting. Repeat cake layer and frosting. Garnish with raspberries and blueberries to resemble flag.



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Investigators looking for information on Royal incident

By **MARTIN STEELE**
Staff writer

A large Father's Day gathering in the Royal Community on June 17 was disrupted by multiple incidents of violence leading to deputies closing the event early, according to a Sumter County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) announcement last week.

The SCSO conducted a special detail at County Road 235, near Wildwood, for the Father's Day event where multiple altercations occurred, causing large crowds to disperse at a fast pace, according to the SCSO. People were running over tents and tables, pushing and trampling people to get out of the way. Several attendees were injured, including two children who were burned from hot cooking oil due to the crowd knocking it over.

Deputies became aware of a disturbance in which a

woman — in the presence of at least one child — brandished a firearm at individuals attending the event, according to a statement from the SCSO. No additional information was obtained at the scene, but detectives obtained a video depicting a large group running followed by the woman brandishing a firearm.

On June 21, the video was posted on the Sumter County Times Facebook page — it can be found at www.facebook.com/sumtercountytimes/.

The video shows two men fighting while a woman in a multi-color outfit crouches down to retrieve what appears to be a firearm from possibly her fanny pack, according to the SCSO. A man wearing a white shirt and gold colored shorts, a woman in a white shirt and black shorts and a woman wearing a red and black tank top and shorts appear to attempt to break up the



Special to the Times

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office released this photograph showing an altercation among a group of adults at a Father's Day gathering in the Royal Community near Wildwood. Investigators are seeking information on the woman, on the far left, who appears to be brandishing a firearm in the presence of a child (on the far right of the image), according to a Sumter County Sheriff's Office report. Arrows denote the two individuals. If you have information on this incident, investigators would like to hear from you.

fight. The video shows the woman in the multi-color outfit, now armed with a firearm pointing the

firearm at the man wearing the chain and black shorts, according to the SCSO statement. If you have any information

about this case or are able to identify the involved parties, please contact Detective Hector Otero at 352-793-2621 or, to remain

anonymous, call 1-800-423-TIPS (8477). Contact staff writer Martin Steele at 352-793-2161 or msteele@sctnews.com.

Arrest REPORTS

Friday, June 15

Robert William Hines, 31, Lake Panasoffkee, arrested for failure to register motor vehicle, possession or use of drug equipment, drug possession and marijuana possession.

Johnny Nathan Pew, 26, Wildwood, arrested for resisting officer.

Melissa Ann Rodriguez, 33, Lake Panasoffkee, arrested for battery.

Nabor Antonio Santiago-Santiago, 27, Bushnell, arrested for battery and sexual assault.

Porfirio Emmanuel Viruet, 32, Lake Panasoffkee, arrested for battery.

Saturday, June 16

Kelley Marie Adams, 35, Webster, arrested for larceny and fraud-impersonation.

Adam Blake Harwood, 24, Wildwood, arrested for driving on permanently revoked license.

Lynn Bedgood Jain, 39, Wildwood, arrested for possession or use of drug equipment.

Cecil Joe Miles, 28, Webster, arrested for battery.

Donnie Owens, 34, Wildwood, arrested on out-of-county warrant.

Sunday, June 17

Gerry Lamar Harris, 53, Coleman, arrest for assault and battery.

Marjorie Frey Sullivan, 56, Webster, arrested for battery.

Monday, June 18

Brian Gregory Anderson, 53, The Villages, arrested for failure to appear and intimidation.

Darrick John Bittner, 35, Webster, arrested for battery.

Nicholas Neil Brummette, 39, Wildwood, arrested for failure to appear.

Yonathan Diaz, 25, Wildwood, arrested for aggravated assault with a weapon and battery.

Domineke Alexis Duncan, 33, Wildwood, arrested for failure to appear.

Tabitha Shanese Mullan, 29, Webster, arrested for contempt of court.

De'Vonta Laron Richardson, 21, Wildwood, arrested for marijuana possession.

Tuesday, June 19

Junior Eldwood Carroll, 79, Webster, arrested for larceny.

Jorge Jose Casal, 39, Oxford, arrested for contempt of court, possession or use of drug equipment, heroin possession and two counts drug possession.

Jeffrey Adam Harvey, 26, Wildwood, arrested for probation violation.

Michael Anthony Oleszczak, 68, The Villages, arrested for improper exhibit firearm or dangerous weapon, use firearm under influence of alcohol and two counts aggravated assault with a weapon.

Taurus Wytemo Phillips, 38, Center Hill, arrested for resisting an officer and on warrant.

Patrick Wayne Riley, 67, Bushnell, arrested for probation violation.

Michael Austin Wiley, 21,

Oxford, arrested for battery, criminal mischief-property damage, burglary and possession or use of drug equipment.

Wednesday, June 20

William Kelvin Brendle, 31, Webster, arrested for contempt of court.

Sid Lavar McCook, 30, Lake Panasoffkee, arrested for probation violation.

Louis Scott McElrath, 71, Wildwood, arrested for contempt of court.

Jeremy Scott McKinney, 39, Wildwood, arrested for battery.

Ashley Nicole Mirelez, 33, Bushnell, arrested for vehicle theft, marijuana possession and contempt of court.

Eldon Wayne Stone, 58, Wildwood, arrested for possession or use of drug equipment, keeping shop or vehicle for drugs, marijuana possession, heroin possession and three counts drug possession.

Joshua Allen Wilson, 22, Webster, arrested for failure to

appear.

Thursday, June 21

Charles Steven Creech, 25, Wildwood, arrested for failure to appear.

Jaquithline Lane Guyton, 39, Bushnell, arrested for marijuana possession and five counts larceny.

Edward Keith Mitchell, 43, Bushnell, arrested for trespassing.

Cynthia Dawn Roberts, 35, Lake Panasoffkee, arrested for battery.

Friday, June 22

Shawn W. Blake, 42, Webster, arrested for DUI.

Ronald Glenn Perry, 45, Lake Panasoffkee, arrested for contempt of court.

Kathy Elizabeth Hall, 31, Wildwood, arrested for probation violation.

Alycia Mae Kline, 29, Webster, arrested for drug possession.

Rachel Ann McAbee, 25, Webster, arrested for vehicle theft.

Ronald Glenn Perry, 45,

Lake Panasoffkee, arrested for contempt of court.

Shannon Marie Rowland, 30, Webster, arrested for drug possession.

Nikki Mashell Weaver, 46, Bushnell, arrested for aggravated battery.

Saturday, June 23

Thomas Andrew Clay, 22, Webster, arrested for marijuana possession.

Benjamin Allen Greer, 38, Lake Panasoffkee, arrested for driving while license suspended.

Henry Robert Mabry, 76, The Villages, arrested for battery.

Jothan Charles Massey, 29, Webster, arrested for failure to appear.

Cynthia Mills Nizza, 56, Bushnell, arrested for trespassing.

Erica L. Roy, 37, Wildwood, arrested for knowingly drive while license suspended/revoked.

Jason Sherard Russell, 34, Wildwood, arrested for aggravated battery.

Two men arrested on drug charges

By **MARTIN STEELE**
Staff writer

Sumter County Sheriff's officers serving an arrest warrant last week in the Wildwood area got more than the man they sought.

Members of the Sumter County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Squad were out about 7 p.m. on June 19 in search of Jorge



Eldon Stone

Jose Casal, of Oxford, according to a notice from the Sumter County Sheriff's Office (SCSO). There was an active Sumter County warrant for Casal in reference to the revocation of his bond from a previous arrest for sale and possession of heroin with the intent to sell.

The officers found Casal in a car garage on County Road 230, in the Moreland Park area, near Wildwood. As officers arrested Casal, they saw several items identified as drug paraphernalia and suspected heroin in plain sight in the garage, according to the SCSO statement.

The property owner, Eldon Wayne Stone, was also present in the garage, according to the SCSO. Investigators obtained a warrant and the subsequent search of the garage led to the discovery of hypodermic needles with heroin and blood mixed, a hypodermic needle that tested positive for amphetamine, prescription pills

(Oxycodone and Clonazepam), less than 20 grams of marijuana and marijuana seeds, according to the notice. Numerous items of drug paraphernalia, including scales, used hypodermic needles, a glass pipe used to smoke methamphetamines and other various items used to ingest illegal narcotics were found in the search.

Both Casal and Stone were arrested after the execution of the search warrant and transported to the Sumter County Detention Center for booking.

Casal is charged with possession of heroin, possession of oxycodone, possession of a controlled substance (amphetamine), possession of marijuana less than 20 grams and two counts possession of drug equipment, according to the SCSO. His bond was set at \$9,000.

Stone is charged with possession of heroin, possession of a controlled substance (amphetamine), possession of a controlled substance (Clonazepam), possession of marijuana less than 20 grams, keeping or maintaining a drug shop/residence for drugs and two counts possession of drug equipment, according to the SCSO. His bond was set at \$10,000.

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

Pasco County man pleads guilty to dog fighting charge

Special to the Times

Last week, in federal court, a Pasco county man pleaded guilty to charges stemming from a 2017 investigation of a dog fighting operation in Sumter County.

Tyler C. McGovern, 32, pleaded guilty to felony dog fighting in violation of the animal fighting provisions of the federal Animal Welfare Act, according to a June 21 announcement by the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida. McGovern faces a maximum sentence of five years in federal prison

and a \$250,000 fine. A sentencing date has not yet been set.

According to the plea agreement, McGovern participated with others in a dog fighting conspiracy. In 2015 and 2016, he and his co-conspirators, operating as the Triangle Gang, sponsored pit bulls in dog fights in Duval, Sumter and Marion counties. On March 1, 2017, law enforcement officers executed a search warrant in Sumter County at a property belonging to a Triangle Gang member and seized eight pit bulls, along with equipment and supplements used to

condition the dogs for fighting.

In February, in connection with the investigation, Patrick W. Riley, 67, Bushnell, also pleaded guilty in federal court, to violating the animal fighting provisions of the Animal Welfare Act. He was the owner of the searched property.

The federal Animal Welfare Act makes it a felony to knowingly sell, buy, possess, train, transport, deliver or receive any animal, including dogs, for purposes of having the animal participate in an animal fighting venture. Under federal law, an animal

fighting venture means "any event, in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce, that involves a fight conducted or to be conducted between at least two animals for purposes of sport, wagering, or entertainment."

The plea agreement can be viewed online at www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/press-release/file/1073821/download.

This case was investigated by the FBI, the Pasco Sheriff's Office and the Sumter County Sheriff's Office. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Christopher F. Murray.

Villages resident arrested after alleged Facebook threats

Times

A Villages resident was arrested last week, after allegedly posting threats on Facebook against law enforcement officers and his own family members, according to a Sumter County Sheriff's Office release.

On June 18, Sumter County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brian G.

Anderson, 53, for two counts of intimidation — writing or sending threats to kill or injure, according to the release. At the time of his arrest in connection with the alleged threats, he was already in custody at the Sumter County Detention Center, having been



Brian Anderson

arrested for failure to appear.

On June 1, Anderson allegedly threatened to have five law enforcement officers, who were involved in his previous arrest, killed, according to the Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

The release went on to say that Anderson stated on Facebook he had a bounty hunter who would carry out the threats for \$500 each and made threats against his family members.

On Friday, he was still detained with bond set at \$14,000 for failure to appear and no bond on a single threat charge.

Sumter County's Most Wanted

1. Name: JONATHAN MOODY Sex/Gender: W/M Address: 12700 SE HWY 441, BELLEVIEW, FL DOB: 12/22/1974 Charges: CT II-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., WILDWOOD, FLORIDA DOB: 04/22/1985 Charges: VOP / CT I POSSESSION OF COCAINE	
3. Name: JESSICA NOEL Sex/Gender: B/F Address: 828 LEE STREET, WILDWOOD, FLORIDA DOB: 10/21/1985 Charges: VOP CT I UTTERING A FORCED CHECK, CT II GRAND THEFT \$300 OR MORE BUT LESS THAN \$20,000	

4. Name: SHELLY ELLIOTT Sex/Gender: W/F Address: 343 SR 44, 321, WILDWOOD, FLORIDA DOB: 05/11/1983 Charges: LARCENY-GRAND THEFT \$300 OR MORE LESS THAN \$2000	
5. Name: ANGEL ENRIQUEZ Sex/Gender: H/M Address: 153 W ORANGE ST, CENTER HILL, FL DOB: 8/2/1979 Charges: CT I SEXUAL BATTERY PERSON 12-18YOA CT 2 AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE CT 3 BATTERY	
6. Name: ELIAS JOSHUA VEGA Sex/Gender: H/M Address: 2674 CR 724, WEBSTER, FLORIDA DOB: 06/01/1992 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	

Amber Waves

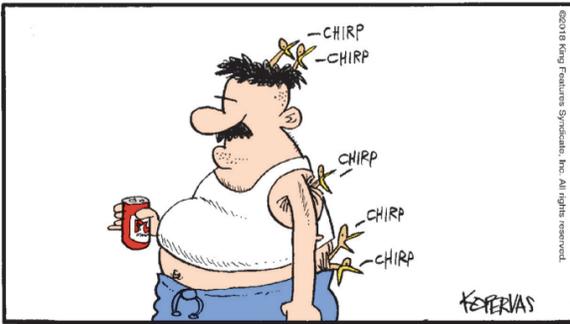
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Out on a Limb

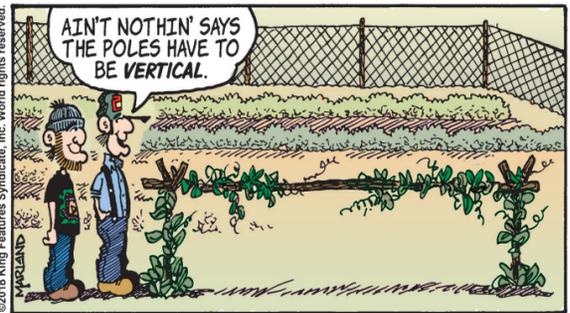
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AS SPRING TURNS TO SUMMER, BIRDS BEGIN TO LEAVE THE NESTS THEY CREATED AROUND VARIOUS PARTS OF BERNARD'S BODY.



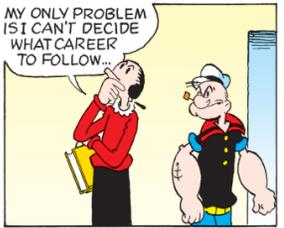
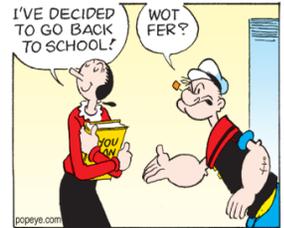
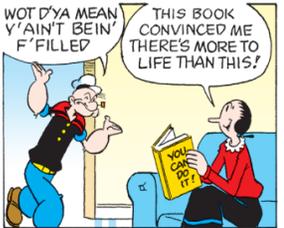
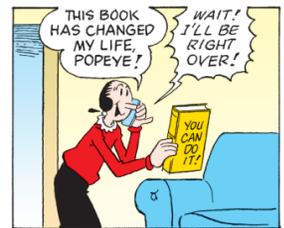
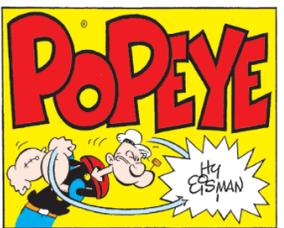
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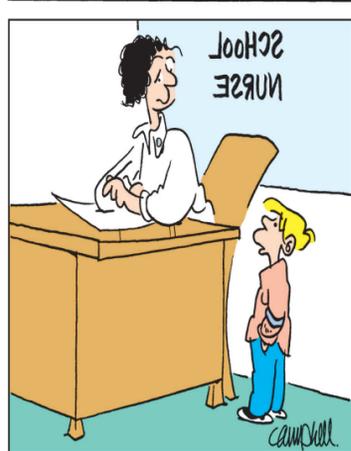


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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!

Mode: DEMOTH

Gear: TOFUTI

Contest: BEATED

Mean: DINES

TODAY'S WORD: _____

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Hollywood's Photoshopping? (Abbr.)
- 4 \$ dispenser
- 7 Cheek by —
- 11 Pilgrimage to Mecca
- 13 "How come?"
- 14 Overwhelms
- 15 Earthenware pot
- 16 Neither partner
- 17 Require
- 18 Western star John
- 20 Language of Pakistan
- 22 Grecian vessel
- 24 Red suit
- 28 Former Soviet republic
- 32 Zagreb resident
- 33 Computer brand
- 34 Youngster
- 36 Christmas
- 37 Salvagers
- 39 Topic
- 41 Blew hard
- 43 Greet the villain
- 44 Thing
- 46 Prank
- 50 Celebrity
- 53 Unopened flower
- 55 Noble title
- 56 Congers, e.g.
- 57 Unfriendly
- 58 Old portico
- 59 Ridge caused by a blow
- 60 With
- 61-Across, finis
- 61 See 60-Across
- 7 She's Betty in "Mad Men"
- 8 Have bills
- 9 Tiny
- 10 "Acid"
- 12 New Year's Day
- 19 Mess up
- 21 Calendar abbr.
- 23 Almond or pecan
- 25 Libertine
- 26 Body powder
- 27 Proofreading directive
- 28 Dog owner's chore
- 29 Beige
- 30 Symbol on
- 31 "Help!"
- 35 Place for 28-Down
- 38 Prepared
- 40 Feathery neckpiece
- 42 Subtraction from an account
- 45 Lots
- 47 Actor
- 48 Press
- 49 Dressed
- 50 Stitch
- 51 Golf prop
- 52 Everybody
- 54 Coloring agent

DOWN

- 1 Food, slangily
- 2 Festive
- 3 Without doing anything
- 4 Plant bristle
- 5 Commandment starter
- 6 Gift from the wise men
- 7 She's Betty in "Mad Men"
- 8 Have bills
- 9 Tiny
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

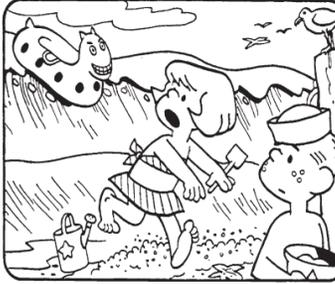
by Fifi Rodriguez

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many missions did the space shuttles fly during the history of the space program?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the sci-fi novel "The Moon Is a Harsh Mistress"?
- SCIENCE: What is an example of sublimation?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Belgium?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What does the word "hippopotamus" mean?
- HISTORY: Which country was the last to abolish slavery?
- MUSIC: How many valves does a trumpet have?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the Greek goddess of agriculture?
- FIRSTS: Who was the first African-American woman to travel in space?
- MOVIES: In which "Star Wars" film did the Ewoks first appear?

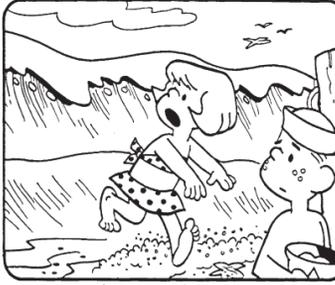
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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1. 135
2. Robert Heinlein
3. Dry ice (sublimation is the transition of a solid to a gas without going through the liquid stage)
4. Brussels
5. River horse
6. Mauritania, in 1981
7. Three
8. Demeter
9. Mae Jemison
10. "Return of the Jedi"

Solution time: 21 mins.

C	G	I	A	T	M	J	O	L				
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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: U equals T

B LDTDQUAC LDFX F RVUUV UIFU

F ABEIUBQE YUULD IFX WDDQ

NYBQE: "UID TNYUVRDL BY

FAJFCY WLBEIU."

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King Crossword

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

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

I recently read a motto that a lighting store had been using. "The customer is always right."

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

3. Debate; 4. Snide

1. Method; 2. Overt; solution



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Rachel Miller # 114	(1514 W C48, Bushnell, FL)
Delores Sapp # 123	(1514 W C48, Bushnell, FL)
Ann Barnes # A23	(5796 CR 313, Bushnell, FL)
Yvonne Thomas # A112	(5796 CR 313, Bushnell, FL)
Cathy Lancaster # C57	(133 Jumper Dr, Bushnell, FL)
Brian Harvey # C85	(133 Jumper Dr, Bushnell, FL)
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 HECHM#093-5859405 PCN: D09A110

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on, November 5, 2004, a certain Mortgage was executed by Geoffrey M Langdon and Sonya Maria Langdon, husband and wife as Mortgagor in favor of Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, which Mortgage was recorded December 13, 2004, in Official Records Book 1302, Page 211 in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Sumter County, Florida, (the "Mortgage"); and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage was assigned to MERS as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC by Assignment recorded October 5, 2009 in Official Records Book 2122, Page 374, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Sumter County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage was assigned to the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the "Secretary"), by Assignment recorded April 19, 2013 in Official Records Book 2599, Page 118, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Sumter County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary; and

WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of Section 9 of the Mortgage in that Mortgagor has abandoned the Property hereinafter defined and the Mortgage remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this Notice and no payment has been made to restore the loan to current status; and

WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of May 16, 2018 is \$186,423.92 plus accrued unpaid interest, if any, late charges, if any, fees and costs; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage to be immediately due and payable; and

WHEREAS, Unknown Tenant(s) may claim some interest in the property hereinafter described, as a/the tenant(s) in possession of the property, but such interest is subordinate to the lien of the Mortgage of the Secretary; and

WHEREAS, Geoffrey Langdon and Sonya Langdon, Trustees of the Langdon Family Trust UTD 09/29/2015, may claim some interest in the property hereinafter described pursuant to that certain deed recorded October 9, 2015 in Official Records Book 3021, Page 346 of the Public Records of Sumter County, Florida but such interest is subordinate to the lien of the Mortgage of the Secretary; and

WHEREAS, Village Commercial Development District No 3 may claim some interest in the property hereinafter described pursuant to that certain lien recorded in Official Records Book 2515, Page 686 of the Public Records of Sumter County, Florida but such interest is subordinate to the lien of the Mortgage of the Secretary; and

WHEREAS, Village Center Commercial Development District may claim some interest in the property hereinafter described pursuant to that certain lien recorded in Official Records Book 3283, Page 338 of the Public Records of Sumter County, Florida but such interest is subordinate to the lien of the Mortgage of the Secretary; and

WHEREAS, The Villages of Lake-Sumter, Inc. may claim some interest in the property hereinafter described pursuant to that certain Declaration recorded in Official Records Book 715, Page 37 of the Public Records of Sumter County, Florida but such interest is subordinate to the lien of the Mortgage of the Secretary; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of the undersigned as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on June 14, 2018 in Official Records Book 3425, Page 212 of the Public Records of Sumter County, Florida, notice is hereby given that on July 27, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises (the "Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

Lot 110, THE VILLAGES OF SUMTER UNIT NO. 35, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 5, Pages 27, 27A & 27B of the Public Records of Sumter County, Florida
Commonly known as: 3230 Williams Road, The Villages, Florida 32162.

The sale will be held at 3230 Williams Road, The Villages, Florida 32162. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$186,423.92 plus interest from May 16, 2018 at a rate of \$20.74 per diem (subject to increases applicable under the Note), plus all costs of this foreclosure and costs of an owner's policy of title insurance.

There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his/her/its pro-rata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling ten (10%) percent of the bid amount in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. Each oral bid need not be accompanied by a deposit. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of ten (10%) percent of the bid amount must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is non-refundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within thirty (30) days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for fifteen (15) day increments for a fee equal to ten (10%) percent of the amount then due, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD Field Office representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD Field Office Representative, offer the Property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The amount that must be paid if the Mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is the principal balance set forth above, together with accrued, unpaid interest, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out of pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.

Date: June 19, 2018
 HUD Foreclosure Commissioner
 By: Michael J Posner, Esquire
 Ward, Damon, Posner, Pheterson & Bleau
 4420 Beacon Circle West Palm Beach, Florida 33407
 Tel: 561/842-3000/Fax: 561/842-3626 Direct Dial: 561/594-1452

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6527-0705 SCT
 Stone, Monica 2016 CA 000355 Notice of Sale
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 5th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
 IN AND FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 2016 CA 000355

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 MONICA STONE, ET AL.,
 Defendants.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 17, 2018 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on July 19, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. at 215 E. MCCOLLUM AVE., Courtroom F, 3rd Floor, BUSHNELL, FL 33513, the following described property:

PARCEL 11, MELROSE GARDENS AT LAKESIDE LANDINGS UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 34 THROUGH 34B, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH ALL APPURTENANCES.

Property Address: 5118 Harbour Drive, Oxford, FL 34484 .

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated: May 21, 2018.

GLORIA R. HAYWARD, CLERK
 SUMTER CIRCUIT COURT
 (COURT SEAL)
 By: Merrit Crane Deputy Clerk

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Sumter County Courthouse, 215 E. McCollum Avenue, Bushnell, Florida 33513, Telephone (352) 569-6952, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Quintairo, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. Attorney for Plaintiff
 255 South Orange Avenue, Suite 900 Orlando, FL 32801

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6528-0705 SCT
 Trafton, Venise C. 2017CA000139AXMX Notice of Sale
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 IN AND FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO. 2017CA000139AXMX DIVISION:

CIT BANK, N.A.,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 VENISE C. TRAFTON, AS TRUSTEE OF THE VENISE C. TRAFTON REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 21, 2011, et al.,
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 17, 2018, and entered in Case No. 017CA000139AXMX of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Sumter County, Florida in which CIT Bank, N.A., is the Plaintiff and VENISE C. TRAFTON, AS TRUSTEE OF THE VENISE C. TRAFTON REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 21, 2011; VENISE C. TRAFTON; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.; THE UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE VENISE C. TRAFTON REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 21, 2011; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN PARTY #1 NIKIA SYLLA KARAGEORGE AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, are defendants, the Sumter County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on Sumter County Courthouse, 215 E. McCollum Avenue 333, 3rd Floor, Bushnell, Florida 33513, Sumter County, Florida at 10:00 a.m. on the 19th day of July, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 106, THE VILLAGES OF SUMTER UNIT NO. 33, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 25, PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 3152 GLENWOOD PLACE, THE VILLAGES, FL 32162

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated in Sumter County, Florida this 21 day of May, 2018.

Gloria R. Hayward, Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Sumter County, Florida
 (CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)

By: Merrit Crane, Deputy Clerk

Alberfell Law, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623 (813) 221-4743 (813) 221-9171 facsimile eService: servealaw@alberfelllaw.com

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the ADA Coordinator, Tammy Groczyk, (352) 569-6088, within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 1-800-955-7711. To file responses please contact Sumter County Clerk of Court, 215 E. McCollum Ave., Bushnell, FL 33513.

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6529-0705 SCT
 Caples, Steven D. 2017CA000163AXMX Notice of Sale
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
 IN AND FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 2017CA000163AXMX

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 STEVEN D. CAPLES, et al
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of foreclosure dated May 17, 2018, and entered in Case No. 2017CA000163AXMX of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for SUMTER COUNTY, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is Plaintiff, and STEVEN D. CAPLES, et al are Defendants, the clerk, Gloria R. Hayward, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 10:00 AM, Sumter County Courthouse Judicial Building, Courtroom F, 3rd Floor, Rm. 333, 215 E. McCollum Ave., Bushnell, FL 33513, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 19th day of July, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said "Final Judgment, to wit:

Lots 311 and 312, NEW PLAT OF CENTER HILL, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, page 78, Public Records of Sumter County, Florida.

Together with a 2001 Mobile Home Bearing VIN FLFL V70A28318WC21 and FLYL70B28318WC21.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated at Bushnell, SUMTER COUNTY, Florida, this 21st day of May, 2018.

Gloria R. Hayward, Clerk of said Circuit Court
 (CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)
 By: Merrit Crane, As Deputy Clerk

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
 c/o Phelan Hallinan Diamond & Jones, PLC Attorneys for Plaintiff
 2727 West Cypress Creek Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309 954-462-7000

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator for the Courts within 2 working days of your receipt of your notice to appear in Court at: Sumter County Loma Barker (352) 569-6012

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6530-0705 SCT
 Corcho, Osmany 2017CA000355AXMX Notice of Sale
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
 IN AND FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 2017CA000355AXMX

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 OSMANY CORCHO, et al
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of foreclosure dated May 17, 2018, and entered in Case No. 2017CA000355AXMX of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for SUMTER COUNTY, Florida, wherein DITECH FINANCIAL LLC, is Plaintiff, and OSMANY CORCHO, et al are Defendants, the clerk, Gloria R. Hayward, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 10:00 AM, Sumter County Courthouse Judicial Building, 3rd Floor, Rm. 333, 215 E. McCollum Ave., Bushnell, FL 33513, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 19th day of July, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

The North 281.80 feet of the West 284.16 feet of the West half of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 20, Township 22 South, Range 23 East, Sumter County, Florida, LESS the East 154.71 feet thereof. SUBJECT TO an easement for ingress and egress over and across the South 30 feet and the South 50 feet of the West 50 feet thereof.

TOGETHER WITH an easement for ingress and egress over and across the South 30 feet of the east 154.71 feet of the North 281.80 feet of the West 284.16 feet of the West half of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 20, Township 22 South, Range 23 East, Sumter County, Florida.

AND TOGETHER WITH an easement for ingress and egress over and across the East 50 feet of the West 334.16 feet of the West half of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 20, Township 22 South, Range 23 East, Sumter County, Florida, lying Northerly of State Road 50.

AND The South 62 feet of the West 148 feet of the West half of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 23 East, Sumter County, Florida.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated at Bushnell, SUMTER COUNTY, Florida, this 21st day of May, 2018.

Gloria R. Hayward, Clerk of said Circuit Court
 (CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)
 By: Merrit Crane, As Deputy Clerk

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC
 c/o Phelan Hallinan Diamond & Jones, PLC Attorneys for Plaintiff
 2727 West Cypress Creek Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309 954-462-7000

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6511-0705 SCT (Lake Panasoffkee Cattle Lease)
Notice of Intent to 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 466 acres located in north-central Sumter County in the vicinity of State Road 44 (Section 31/32/06/05 Township 18/19 South, Range 22 East) known as the Lake Panasoffkee Cattle Lease. The lease will be executed upon approval by the District's Governing Board on August 28, 2018, in accordance with the specifications that may be obtained from the District's Internet Website at www.WaterMatters.org/LandLease 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).

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6509-0628 SCT
 Ordinance 2018-19
PUBLIC NOTICE
 CITY OF BUSHNELL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following Ordinance was approved by the City Council of the City of Bushnell, Florida on the first reading and shall be acted upon for the second and final reading at their regularly scheduled meeting to be held July 2, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Bushnell City Council Chambers located at 117 E. Joe P. Strickland, Jr. Ave. The proposed Ordinances may be inspected prior to the second and final reading at 117 E. Joe P. Strickland, Jr. Ave., Bushnell, FL 33513. Any interested party may appear at said time and place to be heard. If any person decides to appeal any decision of the City Council, with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of such proceeding, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be heard.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BUSHNELL, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE INTERLOCAL SERVICE BOUNDARY AND JOINT PLANNING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BUSHNELL AND SUMTER COUNTY, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City of Bushnell
 Christina Dixon City Clerk

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6522-0628 SCT

Per Florida Statute 116.21, following is a list of unclaimed funds held by the Clerk of the Circuit Court. All funds not claimed on or before September 1, 2018 will be turned over to the State of Florida per Florida Statute 717.

Check #	Dollar Amt	Check Payable To:
50401	\$ 103.00	FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ ALANIS
50519	\$ 15.00	THOMAS A MCKENNA
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50584	\$ 30.00	REBECCA D MCEARCHERN
50616	\$ 106.00	JESUS JUAREZ RUBIO
50669	\$ 28.50	THOMAS MANN BAILEY
50712	\$ 9.50	CHUCK LAVONNE BAILEY
50771	\$ 15.00	JOHN W WAITE JR
50793	\$ 17.00	MIGUEL ADRIAN MORENO
50794	\$ 69.50	JOHNATHAN ENRIQUE
50834	\$ 15.00	CELESTINA GARCIA
50847	\$ 15.00	KATHRYN M MAR JIP
50899	\$ 17.00	DOUGLAS KEENE
51040	\$ 52.92	SAMANTHA SUE MEADE
51084	\$ 13.50	CJ NATIONAL TITLE LLC
51104	\$ 15.00	JOHN J MCDONOUGH 3
51289	\$ 100.00	CARLY LONG
51421	\$ 10.50	EUGENE JORDAN
51458	\$ 100.00	RONNY BRANNEN
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6525-0628 SCT NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER CITY OF COLEMAN ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Coleman will consider the enactment of a City Ordinance on the following subject:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COLEMAN, FLORIDA FOR A REZONING FROM R2 TO C2; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDING AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR ATTACHMENT AND INCORPORATION OF EXHIBIT; PROVIDING FOR THE TAKING OF IMPLEMENTING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR RECORDING; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR NON-CODIFICATION AND PROVIDING FOR A CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.

Legal Description of subject property is as follows: Lot 1, Block C of Clark's ADD P81, P59.

The proposed ordinance will be heard at three (3) public hearings as follows:

Local Planning Agency - July 5, 2018, at 7:00 PM

Coleman City Council - July 9 2018, at 7:00 PM

Coleman City Council - August 13, 2018, at 7:00 PM

The meetings will be held at the Coleman City Hall, located at 3502 E Warm Springs Ave., Coleman, FL 33521.

The proposed ordinance may be inspected at City Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or Sumter County Development Services Department located at 7375 Powell Road, Suite 115, Wildwood, FL, between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made by the Council on this matter, they will need a record of the proceedings, and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) any person with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations in order to participate in this Public Hearing should call the Public Service Director at (352) 748-1017 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting time.

Published June 28, 2018.

6526-0628 SCT NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER VARIANCE APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Local Planning Agency and City Council of the City of Coleman will

Pet may need special attention on the Fourth of July

Special to the Times

There are more pets lost or injured during Fourth of July celebrations, than any other time of the year, according to the Humane Society/SPCA of Sumter County.

Our nation's Independence Day celebrations can be the most stressful and dangerous holiday for your pets. The highest number of lost and injured pets arrive at shelters the days immediately following Independence Day events. The noise and sight of fireworks frighten most of them.

The Humane Society/SPCA of Sumter County wants to remind you about a few common sense steps to take to protect your pet during the July 4th festivities.

Household pets

■ Keep your pets inside or in a secure kennel, especially when you are not home. Extremely loud

noises can be quite stressful to animals. With their sensitive hearing, fireworks can cause your pet to panic and some may bolt from their home in terror. Even normally calm pets may bite or scratch out of fear or anxiety.

■ Leave a TV on, or play soft music on the radio. This may help soothe your pet.

■ Close the blinds/curtains and keep the lights on. Your pet won't see the bursts of light outside.

■ Other precautions should be considered prior to fireworks season, such as Thundershirts, calming essential oils and as a last resort, a prescription for the right dosage from your vet to help calm your pet during anxiety. Do not give any type of human medication to your pet.

■ If you are out of town, make arrangements early for a qualified pet sitter and provide the sitter with emergency contact

numbers.

Horses or livestock

■ Make sure no fireworks are set off near them or your barn. Fireworks can ignite a fire or set off a stampede.

■ Feeding your livestock hay during fireworks may help distract them.

■ Leave barn lights on to diffuse the bright fireworks in the sky.

■ Fans blowing on high in the barn can buffer loud noises.

■ Talk radio may provide a calming human presence.

■ Be sure to have an ID on each horse in case they manage to escape.

■ If you are out of town, notify neighbors and/or book a farm sitter early and provide them with emergency contact numbers.

Recovery of Lost Pets:

■ The highest number of lost or injured pets occurs during the 4th of July

holiday. The fear and chaos of the fireworks cause them to try to escape and many succeed. If they have no identification, they have little chance of being reunited with their family.

■ All pets should minimally have two forms of ID: a collar with an ID tag, and either a county license or a microchip. Each ID should have an emergency contact number. Any form of current ID greatly increases the chances of reuniting you with your lost pet!

Lost/found a pet?

■ Contact the Humane Society/SPCA of Sumter County at 352-793-9117 and post your pet on their website's "Lost & Found" page at www.hsspc.org/lost-found-animals. Contact Sumter County Animal Services at 352-689-4400 and visit their facility to review the lost animals that arrived daily. Be

prepared to leave them a full description of the animal and your contact information. They also have a bulletin board there for lost pets.

■ Create a flyer with a photo of the lost animal and your contact information. Post it at all local veterinary offices, groomers, pet supply stores, and throughout your neighborhood.

■ Tell your neighbors. They may know the pet owner or they may be willing to help you in your search.

■ Post your pet's photos and contact info on local social media pages specifically for lost and found pets. Additional Safety Tips During Holiday Cookouts:

■ Know your pet's temperament. If your pet isn't used to a lot of visitors or noise, or is food/toy aggressive, it's best to place them in a quiet part of your house until the guests leave. On the other hand, if your pet is a party animal,

be sure to ask your guests to not slip them table scraps or take them near fireworks of any kind.

■ Do not feed your pet any picnic scraps or bones. Bones can easily break or splinter and cause blockage or perforation within the intestines.

■ Do not give your pet alcoholic beverages or toxic foods, such as onions, chocolate, grapes or raisins.

The Humane Society/SPCA of Sumter County is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, no-kill shelter helping animals in need throughout Sumter County, Florida. Donations directly help to cover the cost of saving, treating, and caring for neglected, abused and abandoned animals. Learn more about the HS/SPCA at hsspc.org, 352-793-9117, on Facebook or at the shelter located at 994 CR 529A, in Lake Panasoffkee, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pet of the week: Bella

Bella is a six-month-old female Domestic short hair. She is current on all vaccines, microchipped and spayed. If you are interested in meeting Bella or any of the available pets at the Humane Society/SPCA of Sumter County (HS/SPCA) or Sumter County Animal Services (SCAS) you can view them on the website www.hsspc.org. Visiting hours at the HS/SPCA are Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The shelter is located at 994 C.R. 529A in Lake Panasoffkee. Visiting hours at SCAS are Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday with an HS/SPCA escort.



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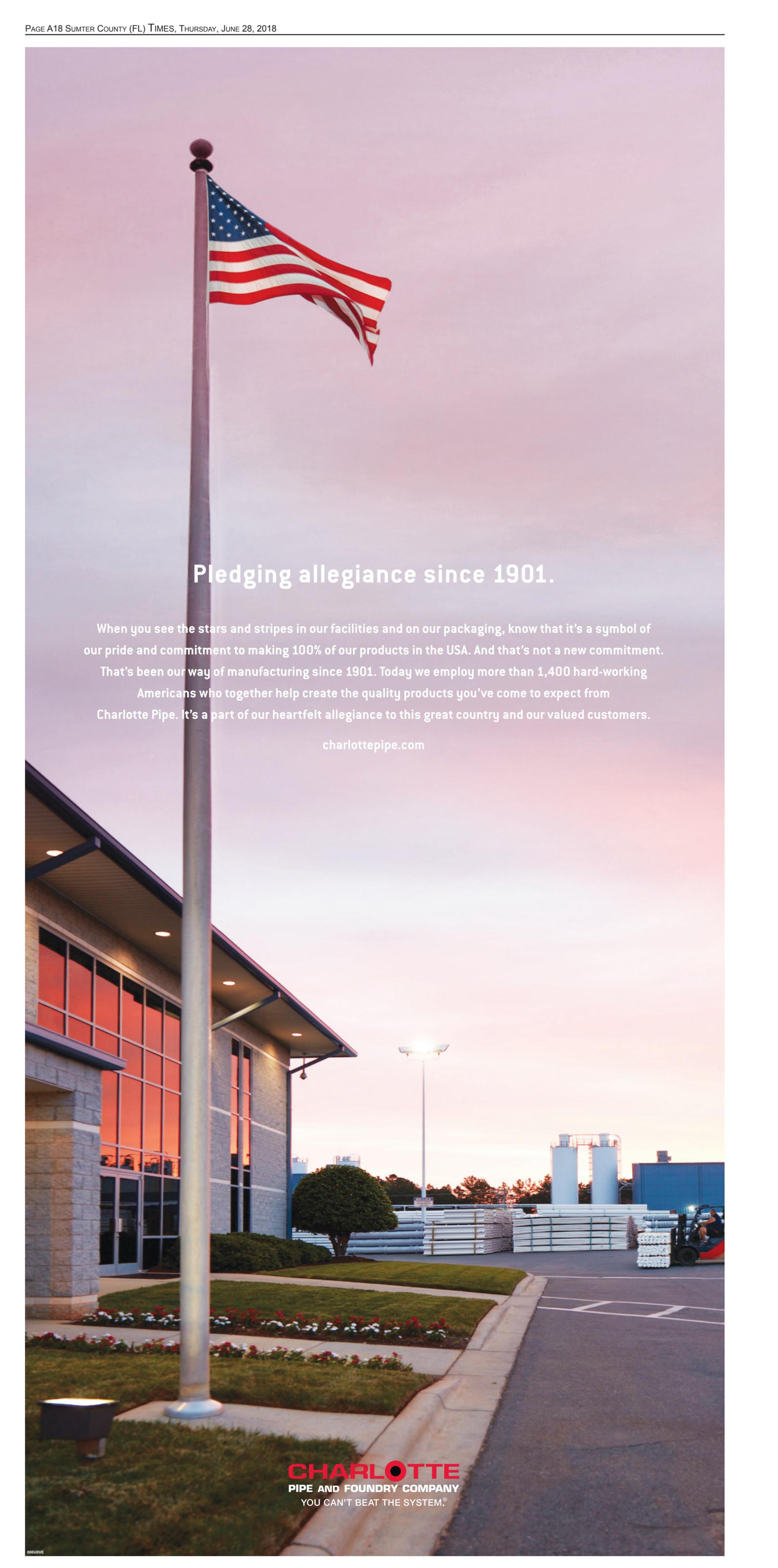
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