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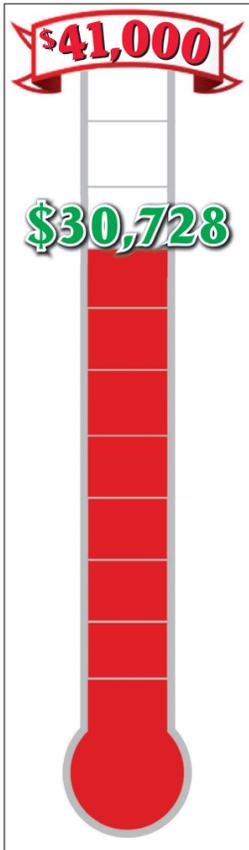
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Dive team searched pond

BY **BRENDA LOCKLEAR**
Times editor

Sumter sheriff's investigators aren't saying whether or not they found anything, this past week, after more than two days of diving two local ponds.

They set up to dive the ponds along Noble Avenue and West Street in Bushnell, in a grid search, searching for evidence in the disappearance of Claudio Carvajal-Hernandez.

Detectives are still waiting to determine whether or not human remains found behind a Bushnell

home are the remains of the man who has been missing since Saturday, June 21, according to Sumter County sheriff's Lt. Jon Galvin.

Recent information led them to conduct a search of the ponds, which took Thursday, Friday and part of Monday.

While Carvajal-Hernandez had reportedly talked about returning to Mexico, he had not "returned to work, has not picked up his last paycheck and has not used any credit cards or debit cards and has made no financial transactions," said Sumter sheriff's Capt. Tony Prevatt in an earlier press

briefing.

Both he and Galvin confirmed they did not have any leads when they decided to bring cadaver dogs in to search the property where he was last seen.

Investigators have interviewed family members and put out fliers and posters around the community.

Carvajal-Hernandez, 40, and his stepson had reportedly stayed behind at their Bushnell residence, while the rest of their family was visiting Mexico. Carvajal-



Claudio Carvajal-Hernandez

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Pastor finds blessing on bad day

Van stolen, but local company shows generosity

BY **BRENDA LOCKLEAR**
Times editor

Faith Baptist Church has been growing their bus ministry — at one time they drove from Webster to Wildwood to pick up children and adults and bring them to church.

Right now, they transport between 20 and 30 people to and from church each week, according to Pastor Emery King.

Over the last year, they scrimped and saved to purchase a new van in an effort to make sure people who want to get to church have a way to get there.

Last week, the van was stolen from the church parking lot.

King had driven parishioners home, returned and parked it in the church lot.

"I went to bed at 11:30 p.m.," he said, explaining that he drives the bus on Sunday and Wednesday nights and when he had returned to the church, he went into the church fellowship hall, read a newspaper and watched a little TV before going on to his house on the church property and going to bed.

"I looked out the window at 7:25 a.m.," he said.

"I was startled, I knew this wasn't good," he added, explaining that if it was one of the members who clean the bus they would have let him know and they wouldn't have picked it up so early in the morning.

"There was no other explanation," he said.

Along with the stolen van, three windows were broken in the church facility and the office door was destroyed.

Cash that had been in bank bags in the office was also taken.

It gives you a "sick, sick feeling," King said, recalling that moment when he looked out the window at 7:30 in the morning on Thursday and noticed the 23-passenger bus was gone.

"They went in there and all they got was the biggest cooler we had, and they filled it with drinks — you could see where they dragged it on the ground."

King said the church has been broken into three different times over the years and in the past, the sound system has been stolen.

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The first election of the 2018 political season results are in, with the Aug. 29 primary.

In the Republican party for governor, it was Ron DeSantis with 913,954 to current Agricultural Commissioner Adam H. Putnam with 591,506. Other totals were: Don Baldauf - 13,130, Timothy M. Devine - 21,326, Bob Langford - 19,773, John Joseph Mercadante - 11,605, Bruce Nathan - 14,490 and Bob White - 32,587.

Democrats also faced a number of choices for governor and Andrew Gillum with 517,833, earned the Democratic primary win. Gwen Graham had 472,914, Jeff Greene - 151,981, Chris King - 37,459, Philip Levine - 306,605, Alex "Lundy" Lundmark - 8,633 and John Wetherbee - 14,358.

Ashley Moody won the Republican primary for the Attorney General post with 880,010 votes to Frank White's 669,240.

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Grant Grogan

More help needed to save home

BY **BRENDA LOCKLEAR**
Times editor

If you're looking for a cause — someone to help out, you might want to think about Grant Grogan and his roommates.

While tens of thousands have been raised so far, in order to keep them in their group home and active with SCARC, Inc. rather than in a limited facility, several thousand more are still needed.

That's because SCARC, Inc. — the agency that oversees the home and coordinates funding for the home and provides services for dozens of other clients, simply doesn't have the funding to take on the shortage caused when one of the four house clients passed away last year.

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Sumter's scenic heritage byway — a Congressional tour

BY **MARTIN STEELE**
Staff writer

From the "flatwoods" of the Withlacoochee State Forest, to the hallowed grounds of the Florida National Cemetery and the shimmering waters of Lake Panasoffkee, Congressman Daniel Webster got to see it all on Monday, Aug. 20, with a multi-stop, whirlwind tour of the Scenic Sumter Heritage Byway.

Webster, a long-standing political figure in central Florida, serving in the U.S. House of Representatives for the 11th Congressional District of Florida, represents

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Congressman Webster's tour of the Scenic Sumter Heritage Byway included a visit at Lake Panasoffkee's historic Pana Vista Lodge where he met owner/manager Jim Veal, right, who related his family's lengthy history with the business and the older history of the site.

County BRIEF

Park opening celebration set for Sept. 15

The city of Webster will be celebrating the opening of the Sam Harris Memorial Park, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 15.

The fun will include music, vendors, ball games and more.

A barbecue dinner plate will be available for \$5 per plate.

For more information, call the city at 793-2073.

City votes to keep sheriff's services contract

BY **MARTIN STEELE**
AND **BRENDA LOCKLEAR**
Staff writer and Times editor

During a special meeting on Monday, Bushnell City Council decided to continue contracting with the Sumter County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services in the city.

After slightly more than an hour of hearing multiple citizens, community representatives and business owners pleading for the council to maintain the services of the sheriff's office, council members voted three to two for approval of the contract.

Council member Karen Davis moved for approval.

"I'm hearing they (the citizens) don't want the sheriff's department to leave," she said, noting that its response time is "so fast."

"They are there immediately," Davis said. "I don't want to lose what we have."

Davis said she manages two group homes in Bushnell.

"I don't want to feel unsafe in my home. I don't want my mother to feel unsafe in her home and I don't want my staff to feel unsafe. You have to pay for what you need."

Council member Dale Swain provided a second for the motion.

"From what I've heard, I suggest we keep the sheriff's office — that's the bottom line," Swain said.

Mayor Bil Spaude and council member Bill Durham cast dissenting votes.

Spaude warned a couple of times during the meeting that citizens and property owners could eventually see increased rates for water, sewer and electric service to help pay the cost of the services, costing \$679,582 for the first of five fiscal years and increasing to an estimated \$799,875 for fiscal year 2023.

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Top essay could lead to Washington, D.C.

BY **BRENDA LOCKLEAR**
Times editor

Looking for some scholarship assistance? Maybe a trip to Washington, D.C.?

Love to write? Then the members of the John Bartram Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution might be able to provide you with some assistance.

They have an annual essay contest that is now open and Sumter students are being urged to participate — whether you attend public school or are home schooled, according to Claudia Jacques, second vice regent for the group.

“Last year’s winner of the contest was a home-schooled student and we realized that we had not tapped into those students,” she said.

The high school contest is open to students in grades nine through 12. The subject of that essay is ‘Comparing Ship Technology: The Ships Columbus Used Versus the Ships of Today’ she said.

Those essays are due on Nov. 15 of this year.

There are winners at the local, state and national levels and judging at the national level is conducted by the National Italian American Foundation.

The national winner will receive \$1,200 from the NIAF, in addition to having transportation and paid lodging in Washington, D.C. for the winner and one parent.

That winner will also read the prize-winning essay at the Columbus Memorial on Columbus Day 2019, she said.

The second and third place national winners will receive \$500 and \$300, respectively.

“Time is of the essence and we truly would like to have someone from our area receive recognition for their work,” Jacques said.

In the past, the state winner was a home



Special to the Times

The contest is open to public school or home school students, according to Claudia Jacques (shown). She is the second vice regent for the group.

schooled student, she said.

Along with the high school competition, they offer an essay contest for middle school students.

“One of the subjects for the essay is ‘The Women’s Suffrage Campaign’ and is open to students in grades five through eight,” she said, noting that the deadline for those submissions is Nov. 5 of this year.

“Every student who writes an essay will receive a certificate of participation. There are winners at each level and they are forwarded to the state DAR for further review.

The winner at this level, is then forwarded

onto the national level.”

That winner at the national level would receive a medal, certificate and monetary award at the DAR National Convention in Washington, D.C. in June 2019.

“John Bartram has over 160 members and our chapter is about five years old,” said Jacques.

“We have become very active in the Villages and support the Wildwood School system,” she said, noting they donated three \$1,500 scholarships to graduates of Wildwood Middle High School last May.

For information on the essay or the group, contact the John Bartram group at 352-259-8648.



Special to the Times

On Monday, July 9, the senior citizens group called “Finish Strong,” of Trinity Assembly of God Church in Fruitland Park, had its monthly meeting. Their guest speaker was Joyce White, a member of the Granville Beville 2234 chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. White portrayed Caroline Goodlett, the founder of the UDC in 1894.



The circus is coming to town

Loomis Bros. Circus, one of America’s last traditional circuses, returns to Sumter County with their all new 2018 Circus Is Alive! Tour.

The circus is set to roll into town next week, with performances on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8 and 9. Teamin up with the Sumter County Youth Center for the shows, the circus performances will be held in the youth center pavilion in Bushnell.

The center is located at 841 CR 48 East. There will be two performances on Saturday at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. and two performances on Sunday - a 1 p.m. and a 5 p.m.

All performances benefit the event’s sponsor, The Sumter Youth Center.

The Bushnell based Loomis Bros. Circus has been keeping the circus tradition alive for over 20 years and this year’s show promises to be bigger and better than ever, with a world-class cast of both human and animal performers, assembled from all corners of the globe.

Presented in a traditional fashion, the show is over 90 minutes and touted as “sensational family entertainment featuring everything you would expect to see in a circus including elephants, tigers, acrobats, clowns and motorcycle daredevils.”

“Loomis Bros. Circus is currently the only show touring the United States to still have a full live band and performing animals” said producer Justin

Loomis, who also serves as the shows singing ringmaster.

For as far back as he can remember, Justin’s happiest memories were seeing the circus as a child. Ever since he was five years old he has been hooked and knew the circus was where he wanted to be.

“The circus is deep seeded in American history and is as much of an American tradition as baseball and apple pie,” stated Loomis.

He believes “Every child deserves a chance to see the circus! It’s a truly magical place where you can get lost just for a little while and forget about your troubles, a place where even the adults get to feel like a kid again!

“Don’t miss what could be your last chance to see this living treasure known as circus.”

Full price admission to Loomis Bros. Circus is \$20 for adults and \$8 for children, ages 2-12. Coupons for ‘Free Kids Tickets’ are available at many merchants throughout Sumter County.

Tickets can be purchased at a discount in advance by calling the youth center are 352-568-8722.

Full price tickets will be available, with cash only, at the circus box office, on the day of show.

All seating is general admission and doors open one hour prior to each scheduled showtime. Patrons are encouraged to arrive early for the best seat selection.

Pile burner’s course set for Sept.

Special to the Times

The Florida Forest Service and UF/IFAS Extension Sumter County will be conducting a Certified Pile Burner’s Course from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the West Central Florida Agriculture Center in Bushnell (Sumter County Fairgrounds). This course will allow a landowner to burn piles legally, safely and efficiently.

When the weather is dry, certified pile burners will receive priority for

authorization to burn. In addition, certified pile burners can burn up to two hours longer per day and get multiple authorizations.

The cost of the class is \$50 and includes lunch, materials and exam.

Please register early; this class usually is to capacity by mid-August.

All attendees must pre-register by Sept. 7, 2018 in order to reserve your spot. To register, call DarLinda Duteau of the UF/IFAS Extension Sumter County Office at 352-569-6865.

Schuler: learning is necessary, but fun

Editor’s note - The Sumter County School District has several new teachers for the 2018-2019 school year. The Times will be publishing some background on them, introducing them to the public.

Sarah Schuler is originally from Brooksville and has spent four years teaching in the Hernando County School District.

This year, her first in Sumter, she is teaching fourth grade math and



Sarah Schuler

science at Webster Elementary School.

Schuler graduated from

Saint Leo University in 2014, majoring in elementary education.

She is also in the process of obtaining her master’s degree in Educational Leadership.

Schuler said her philosophy as a teacher is “learning is necessary, but it can be fun.”

“I think teaching is important, because we are molding future generations for our community and for the world. We are the leaders that they look up to and grow from to be successful.”

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Letter to the editor

Scott addresses Florida elections security

Last week, Florida Gov. Rick Scott sent a letter to Florida's locally-elected Supervisors of Elections highlighting the state's partnership with local officials.

According to Scott's office, millions of dollars have been invested in strengthening cyber security in Florida's local and state elections systems.

Aug. 22, 2018

Dear Supervisors of Elections:

Florida is a national leader in election security, in large part because of the strong partnership between your offices and the Florida Department of State. Over the past few years, we have worked together to increase and enhance election security, so Floridians know that their vote counts. According to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), because of your diligence and the security we have in place, we know that attempts to infiltrate Florida elections in 2016 were unsuccessful. Our goal has always been maximum voter participation in Florida and zero fraud, and each of your offices plays a large role in accomplishing this mission.

To keep Florida's elections secure, we have invested millions of dollars to enhance our security. This includes the hiring of additional cybersecurity professionals, enhanced coordination with federal security officials and providing grant funding to locally elected supervisors of elections, so they can harden their voting systems.

In early August, unsubstantiated claims were made that "Russians are in Florida's election records," and that the Russians "have already penetrated certain counties in the state and they now have free rein to move about."

I know that state elections officials have heard directly from many of your offices about the confusion that these unsubstantiated claims have caused among voters.

In fact, it was reported on

Aug. 9, that Supervisor Brian Corley's office in Pasco County was "literally inundated all morning with calls from people concerned about what they heard..." I don't blame voters for being frustrated.

As you know, Florida state election officials take any threat to our elections extremely seriously.

Upon hearing these comments, Secretary of State Ken Detzner immediately began pursuing answers to the unsubstantiated claims.

In the days following these claims being made with no support or evidence, the Department of State has aggressively pushed for answers. The Department

formally asked the Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for more information. No one has corroborated or confirmed the claims. In fact, yesterday, the DHS and the FBI formally declared in the attached letter that "...we have not seen new or ongoing compromises of state or local election infrastructure in Florida..."

My message to you today is simple: according to the DHS and the FBI, there is no ongoing intrusion into Florida elections - but we must remain vigilant. You are each tasked with a sacred duty to protect the right of Florida voters to choose their elected representatives, and nothing can get in the way of that mission. As always, if you learn of any threat to our elections, notify the Department of State and the appropriate law enforcement agencies immediately and we will all work together to get to the bottom of any threat and will handle it appropriately. Through a unified effort, we will continue our work to keep Florida's elections free and fair.

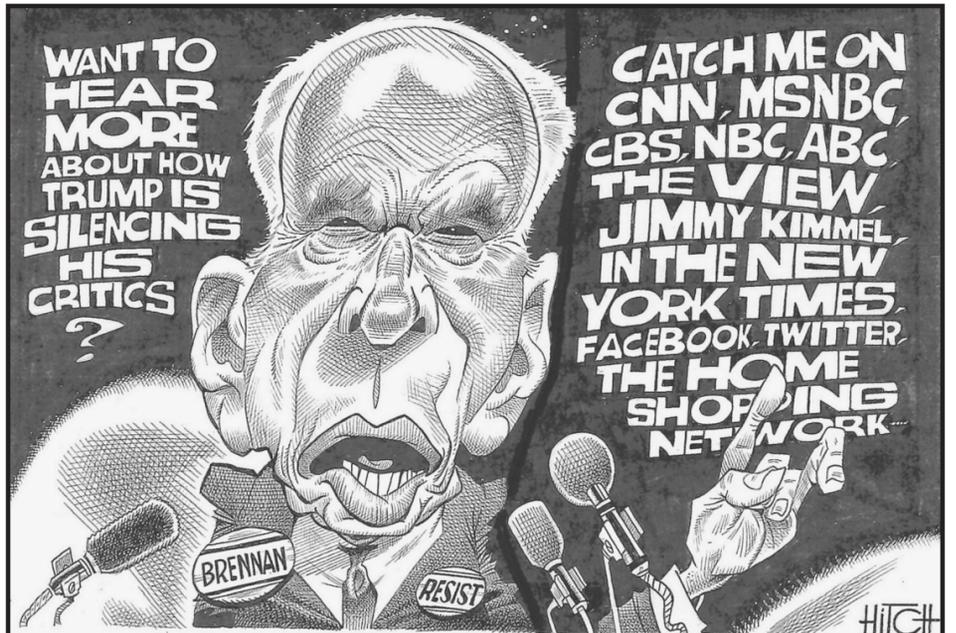
Sincerely,

Rick Scott
Governor



Rick Scott
GOVERNOR

BEYOND SUMTER



Guest editorials

Webster comments on signing business cybersecurity bill

Last week, President Donald Trump signed S.770, Senate companion to Congressman Daniel Webster's (R-Clermont), H.R. 2105, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Small Business Cybersecurity Act into law. Introduced by Webster last year, the bill will help small businesses better address their cybersecurity risks is designed to help them survive — and thrive — in the face of such adversity.

"This bill will provide small businesses in my district, state and across the country with the tools they need to meet the threats and challenges of the modern world," said Rep. Webster. "These small businesses are more susceptible to attacks due to the limited access to the tools they need to prepare for such an event."

The bill directs the NIST Director to disseminate clear and concise resources, which are defined as guidelines, tools, best practices, standards, methodologies and other ways of providing information. Implementation of the NIST Framework into these small businesses will protect business owners, their employees and their customer base, all while contributing positively to the economy.

"As the owner of a multi-generational

small business, I know what small businesses can accomplish when equipped and empowered with the right tools," Webster further commented.

"Recently, when my own business was attacked, I experienced the havoc a hacker can cause and the importance of cybersecurity. I thank President Trump for swiftly signing this bill into law."

Background

Last year, the House Research and Technology Subcommittee held a hearing titled "Strengthening U.S. Cybersecurity Capabilities." Witness testimony included a review and discussion of recommendations provided by two recent reports, including the Report on Securing and Growing the Digital Economy, published by the Commission on Enhancing National Cybersecurity in December 2016.

The Commission's report specifically recommends that a presidential administration "develop concrete efforts to support and strengthen the cybersecurity of small and medium-sized businesses." The report further notes that for some small businesses, "the security of their information, systems, and networks either is not their highest priority or is something they do not have the resources to address."



Daniel Webster
SENATOR

Guest editorial

Celebrate grand re-opening of Sam Harris Park in Webster

In Webster — there will be a grand re-opening of Sam Harris Park on Saturday, Sept. 15, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

That day will include rounds of softball games, music, vendors and a barbecue.

Come out and help us celebrate!!!

If you are interested in being a vendor at the event, please

contact Barbara Kane at 352-793-2073, ext. 102 or by email bkane@websterfl.com.

In other news, the Phase 1 grinder pump replacement project is moving along, with an anticipated completion date toward the end of October and the new roof has been completed on the Sumter County Sheriff's Annex/ Public Works Building.



Diana Naugler
WEBSTER
CITY
MANAGER

CMAR chosen for new police station

It is well known that the City of Wildwood has undertaken many major changes over the past few years. Our city has seen unparalleled growth and now faces the challenge of providing additional services to support that growth. One of the biggest projects currently underway is the design and construction of a new police department facility.

This facility will ensure the police force has the space it needs to grow, to meet the needs of the city it serves. To guarantee that this important project stays on track, and receives the attention it deserves, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was posted to the City's website for a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR).

The CMAR provides a variety of services to the City during both the design and construction phases of the project. A few examples of those services include coordination between design and engineering firms, all construction planning and providing a total cost estimate.

A series of requirements was presented

in the RFQ that detailed what was expected of the submitting firm, as well as information needed to determine the best fit for this project. Once the deadline for submittal was reached, a selection committee, consisting of city officials and employees, convened to discuss and rate each firm based on their proposals.

After reviewing all candidates, we are pleased to announce that Biltmore Construction Co., Inc. has been selected for this project. Once Biltmore is brought up to speed on what has been completed thus far, the City anticipates that the preconstruction phase should be complete in the fall.

The next phase will commence — the bidding of the development and selection of a construction company. The construction phase of the new police department facility is expected to begin around the first of the year.

Stay tuned for more status updates on our exciting new state-of-the-art facility!



Jason McHugh
WILDWOOD
CITY
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No increase in property tax

It's budget time! Along with the budget workshop and hearings, this is the time of year where the Bushnell City Council adopts a tentative millage rate for Ad Valorem taxes, assessed to City property owners. I'm pleased to say that for the 10th straight year, no property tax increase has been proposed for City of Bushnell tax payers. The tentative millage rate for City taxes has been set at 4.2299, which is less than last year's millage rate of 4.5110. This is considered a "rolled back rate," in Ad Valorem terms. The "rolled back rate" term simply means that the amount of property taxes will remain the same as in prior years in relation to property values.

As property values go up, the millage rate will go down in order to keep the property tax assessments

for each property owner consistent with the prior year. So in essence, this decrease in the millage rate actually results in no increase or decrease for our tax payers. Although the rolled back rate is used in this budget, the City of Bushnell will still realize an increase in Ad Vaorem taxes in 2019. This is as a result of a greater overall taxable value for the City of Bushnell, which is up \$10 million from the previous year. This taxable value increase is derived from new construction and adjustments within the City.

You can download the 2018-2019 Budget information, including tentative millage information, from the City of Bushnell's website at www.cityofbushnellfl.com or you can also pick up the budget information at Bushnell City Hall, 117 E. Joe P. Strickland, Jr. Ave., Bushnell.



Jody Young
INTERIM CITY
MANAGER,
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Seeing is believing:

Mitigation is making Florida stronger

When Hurricane Irma plowed into Florida on Sept. 10, 2107, it was only the latest major hurricane to hit the Sunshine State. Before Hurricane Irma, there was Andrew, Charlie, David, Eloise and Ivan. to name just a few. Hurricanes and tropical storms are inevitable in Florida, but devastating losses don't have to be.

In 1992, Hurricane Andrew devastated South Florida, destroying more than 25,000 homes and claiming 65 lives. In 1996 the Florida Building Codes Study Commission began assessing building codes and looking for ways to improve construction. Six years later, the Florida Building Code, a statewide code mandating that homes be built to withstand hurricane force winds, was established. Since then, Florida has continued to toughen its building codes, implementing new rules to strengthen windows, doors and roofs.

When Hurricane Irma roared ashore in the Keys, the strength and structural integrity of thousands of homes were tested by the storm's 132 miles-per-hour winds. As the Evolution of Mitigation video shows, structures built before Hurricane Andrew sustained extreme damage, with most completely destroyed. While houses built after Andrew fared better, the homes constructed in recent years, after the newest codes were adopted, came through the Category 4 hurricane with only minimal damage.

Mitigation offers a way to protect homes, families and businesses by taking action now — before the next disaster — to reduce personal and financial costs later. In fact, a recent study by the National Institute of Building Science found that \$1 invested in mitigation can save \$6 in future disaster costs. If a hurricane threatens, it may be necessary for people to evacuate and

businesses to close, but stronger buildings allow families, businesses and nonprofit organizations to recover faster, once the storm has passed.

The Turtle Hospital, in Marathon, has been caring for sea turtles for more than 30 years. In 2005, Hurricane Wilma's five foot storm surge flooded the turtle enclosure, pushing the turtles out of their pools and damaging valuable medical equipment. The hospital built new, elevated tanks and managers created an emergency plan. As the storm closed in, the hospital evacuated the turtles and moved medical equipment away from Irma's wind, rain and storm surge.

In the 1980s, the Vizcaya Museum and Gardens in Miami built a large glass canopy to protect art displayed in an outside courtyard. After Florida's new building codes were enacted, the museum received more than \$1.8 million from FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant

Program to replace it with hurricane-resistant glass. When Hurricane Irma forced the closure of the museum, the glass canopied floor served as staging area and meeting place for staff after the storm.

For many, Hurricane Irma was a wake-up call. It may also be an opportunity, a chance to analyze the impact, build on successes and repair in ways that strengthen homes, businesses and public facilities. Effective mitigation efforts can break the cycle of hurricane damage, repair and damage again, during the next storm.

While it's impossible to stop a hurricane, there are ways to mitigate its impact.

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

Letters to the editor

Veteran deserves praise for continually serving mankind

On Aug. 13, 2018, at approximately 4:45 a.m., my husband, Ray Lancaster, was involved in an automobile accident. There was a gentleman wearing a vest and a cap, depicting that he was a veteran, who stopped and assisted my husband at this accident

scene. I want to sincerely thank him, from the bottom of my heart, as we did not obtain his name or any information, for his assistance at this difficult time.

His kindness was not unnoticed and was truly appreciated.

This gentleman, who apparently served our country, continues to serve his fellow man and is a true example of what every person should be today.

Thank you,

Sarah Lancaster
Bushnell

First obligation is to families

Listen, it seems if you address immigration, you are a racist or you are cold hearted. But the elected officials of this government, under our Constitution, they take an oath. Their first priority is to protect our people. Many want us to turn a blind eye to what is going on at the border, but there are other issues other than people just crossing over our borders.

Remember the measles breakout; when everyone was blaming moms for failure to vaccinate their children. I believe they were looking in the wrong place! Let me ask you a question, of the over 20,000,000 unauthorized people that have crossed over our border, into our country, currently on average some 50,000 per month, how many do you think have been vaccinated? Is it any surprise we have seen an increase in disease we previously had under control. This is just one more reason that there are laws established to control immigration, laws and protections put in place to provide for the 'General Welfare' of the people of the United States based on our Constitution that

so many on the left disregard so readily. This is not discrimination, it is not cold hearted. It is what responsible people do to protect their citizens, their states, their communities and their families! That is just one of many reasons we require a passport showing vaccinations.

Our first obligation is to our families and if we are going to ignore our laws and our Constitution, what's the point? I don't think elected officials should get to choose the laws they will or will not uphold when they are elected and take an oath to uphold the laws of the land!

2014 saw the biggest epidemic of measles cases, predominantly among unvaccinated children, since the U.S. was declared measles-free in 2000. "Measles-free" meant that all cases were traced to travelers from other countries.

Figure adapted from CDC

Phil Longo
Bushnell

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX DECREASE

The District School Board of Sumter County will soon consider a measure to DECREASE its property tax levy below the rolled-back rate.

This year's proposed tax rate 5.5070

This year's rolled-back rate 5.5079

This year's proposed rate BELOW rolled-back rate (-0.016%)

The largest portion of the tax rate 3.4020 is required under state law in order for the school board to receive \$14,074,005 in state education grants. The required portion represents approximately six tenths of the total proposed taxes.

The remainder of the taxes is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board.

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing on the tax decrease to be held on September 04, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., at Sumter P.R.E.P. Academy, 200 Cleveland Avenue, Wildwood, Florida 34785.

A DECISION on the proposed tax decrease and the budget will be made at this hearing.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BUSHNELL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Bushnell City Council has changed their regularly scheduled meeting date from Monday, September 3, 2018 to Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. due to the Labor Day holiday. The change will affect this meeting ONLY. All interested citizens are urged to attend.

Christina Dixon
City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BUSHNELL FIRST PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, The City of Bushnell will be holding a First Public Budget Hearing for the FY2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget immediately following the September Bushnell City Council Meeting on Thursday, September 6, 2018, in the Bushnell City Council Chambers located at 117 E. Joe P. Strickland, Jr. Ave., Bushnell.

All interested citizens are urged to attend.

Christina Dixon
City Clerk

Dump truck overturns



Special to the Times
A dump truck overturned and spilled a load of compost at the

307 mile marker overpass, on Interstate 75, early this past Monday afternoon - Monday, Aug. 27.

The crash occurred at 1 p.m. and the driver was able to exit the vehicle with minor injuries, according to a Florida

Highway Patrol report. Northbound lanes were shut down and traffic was temporarily rerouted to the S.R. 50 exit.

Blood donors urged to give over Labor Day weekend

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and blood donors are urged to give over the Labor Day holiday weekend. The blood is used as both whole blood and platelets.

Donate at any OneBlood Donor Center during that time and receive a OneBlood Battle Ready T-shirt, plus a \$10 eGift Card.

The give applies for donations made Friday, Aug. 31 through Monday, Sept. 3.

For Locations, hours and appointments, visit oneblood.org/donorcenters or call 1.888.9.DO-

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Appointments are honored and walk-ins welcome.

During the donation, donors a wellness check of blood pressure, pulse, temperature, an iron count and cholesterol screening.

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

A photo ID is required.

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

Youth raising funds to help park

Get your car wash and help Dade's Youth help Dade Battlefield Historic Society in their effort to purchase a golf cart for park activities.

The youth group will host the car wash from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1 at the Auto Zone in Bushnell (next to KFC).

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Church CALENDAR

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY WORKSHOP
Beginning Saturday, Sept. 1, the First Baptist Church of Oxford will host a Financial Peace University Workshop for nine weeks.

The goal of the workshop is to teach those who attend how to budget better, build savings, prepare for retirement and "give the way we were meant to give."

Materials are \$109 per person/couple. Each workshop is from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the church sanctuary.

For more information, **DINNER AND A MOVIE**

Plan your date night - family, friends and neighbors - it's Dinner and a Movie, hosted at the Lake Panasoffkee United Methodist Church.

A new release, the movie night is set for Friday, Oct. 5. The movie is free and dinner tickets are available for \$5 per person. Dinner will include a roasted chicken sandwich and trimmings, two sides, drink and dessert.

If you choose to come for the movie, but not dinner, that's fine - again, the movie is free.

Get your dinner tickets now!

You can also get dinner and skip the movie!

For the movie title or dinner tickets, call the church of office at 352-793-3438.

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.

NEW HOURS - FOOD PANTRY

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

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

Please call 352-793-3438 for more information.

The new food pantry hours to help serve the Lake Panasoffkee and Sumterville area are: 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

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.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Come and join us at 6:15 p.m. as we begin our study through the Old and New Testaments. There is a daily reading each week. If you do not have an up-to-date weekly reading book marker, go by the church office to pick one up.

It's a read through the Holy Bible, one day at a time.

Come 5:30 p.m. and join in on the group prayer meeting in the sanctuary. The church is located at 589 C.R. 470, Lake Panasoffkee.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER IN WILDWOOD

The First Baptist Church of Wildwood offers an option for Wednesday night dinners for those planning to attend their Wednesday night service.

The dinners are designed to help individuals and families ease their schedule as they move from day to evening for service.

Dinner is served from 5:15 p.m. until 6 p.m. and

reservations are required, which will allow the church and staff to be "good stewards in the preparation of the meal."

Those interested can sign-up on Sunday at the church or through the church office. For more information, call 352-748-1822.

Dinner is \$6 per person for adults and \$3 per person for children with a \$15 cap for families.

CHILDREN'S AWANA

The First Baptist Church of Wildwood Awana gatherings are held from 6 p.m. to 7:35 p.m. on Wednesday nights, during the school year.

Awana is for children aged two years (by Sept. 1) to children in the fifth grade.

Awana teaches the foundations of Christianity and Holy Bible memorization, utilizing a fun approach.

For more information, call

the church at 352-748-1822.

MEN'S & COED OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

The First Baptist Church of Oxford hosts Men's Open Gym Basketball on Thursdays and is now hosting Co-ed Open Gym Basketball beginning with the third Thursday of each month.

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Have you seen grace lately? That was a question posed in 1996 by the editor of the now-defunct *Virtue* magazine, a Christian women's magazine I used to write for.

The editor, Jeanette Thomason, once spent several weeks chronicling the stopping spots of railroad tramps in Spokane, Washington.

She'd make her way past rows of abandoned buildings and find discarded wine bottles and chicken bones, cold campfires and cardboard lean-tos.

Sometimes she'd find treasures, like a cast-off, sleeveless Army jacket or a torn sleeping bag.

But rarely did she find shoes.

To the people who rode the rails, shoes were valuable and often worth fighting over.

Then one day she spotted the scuffed toes of a pair of boots peeking out from under a pile of plywood.

Tucked inside one of the boots was a note written on a hamburger wrapper: "Yours for the taking."



Nancy Kennedy

Special to the Times

Looking for grace

Grace notes

Grace. Grace always catches us by surprise and in the most unlikely form," Thomason wrote. "It takes what on the human surface can only be described as despair or something horrid and transforms it into hope and something beautiful."

Have you seen grace lately?

Recently, I found some old notes from an interview with the organizers of the first Cinderella's Closet prom dress giveaway, probably 10 or 11 years ago.

One of the women told me how stressed she had been in the days leading up to the event. So much to do, not enough time, and she had developed a pounding stress headache.

They had needed

balloons and helium to fill them, and she had panicked because she didn't think she'd be able to get them in time, and she wanted everything to be perfect for the girls who would come to find dresses.

The morning of the event, a friend called asking if she needed anything.

"Yes! We need balloons," the woman said.

Her friend just happened to have a full tank of helium her son had it for a science project plus, she had some balloons.

"That's so God," the woman said to me. "Who has a full tank of helium AND balloons at their house? God really is working it out. He really is in control."

She added, "If I'd just trusted him, I wouldn't have a stress headache."

She had seen grace. Have you seen grace lately?

Have I? The other night, my niece, Jennifer, sent me a text, a message from her daughter, Leah. Leah had prayed for me, that I would have a peaceful day, and she wanted to know if I had.

I thought back over my day and sure enough, my day had been peaceful.

Earlier that week I had been fretting over some stuff, but my "fret" was gone poof!

I received a kind note from my boss. My husband's friend gave me a huge slice of the pineapple coconut cake he had baked from scratch.

Small graces, but grace nonetheless.

The other day, a group of people from a local church filled a courtroom

to stand with a disgraced former church leader as he was sentenced to prison for crimes he had committed.

They were there to say, "We know you are guilty. We know your crimes deserve punishment and your victims deserve justice. But we are here to let you know we still love you."

That's grace.

Grace happens all around us all the time.

It's rain on a dry, cracked, parched desert and the bloom on a cactus that appears the next day.

It's helium for balloons to remind a harried event planner that God cares even about the smallest details.

Grace is the prayer of a little girl answered, and the worries and fears relieved of her Tee Tee Nancy across the country

in Florida.

It's a worn pair of boots left for someone whose journey is hard on the feet and the soul.

It's a kind note and pineapple coconut cake.

Grace surprises and delights you, catches you unaware, makes you gasp, or laugh, smile or cry. It's never deserved or expected, or it wouldn't be grace.

Grace is the "rescuing gift" that "invites us into life—a life that goes on and on and on, world without end" (Romans 5, The Message).

Grace is sins wiped clean through faith in Christ.

Grace, yours (and mine) for the taking.

Have you seen grace lately?

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.

Delta Gamma takes on new project

The monthly ADK meeting of Delta Gamma met at the Assembly of God Church in Oxford at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 23. Those in attendance were Joyce White, Dottie Harris, Viki Ferrell, Josephine Simons, Betty Caruthers, Sue Miller, Sherri Hampton, and Pam Landers. The hostesses were Nancy Rogers, Sue Miller, Betty Caruthers and Viki Ferrell.

Betty Caruthers began the meeting with a devotion called "Great Beginnings" which says that we should "begin today with the end in mind."

Sue Miller led the chapter in hearing reports. Josephine Simons, Sue Miller, and Viki Ferrell attended the Aug. 11 workshop in Ocala. The District III Ladybug Luncheon will take place on Sept. 8 in Ocala. The State ADK Leadership meeting will take place in Ocala on Oct. 6.

The Alpha Delta Kappa project for this year is "Teach, Too." This project is a fundraiser to construct transitional housing in Haiti for 48 older teens to enable them to finish their education and learn an occupation.

According to Haitian law, children residing in licensed orphanages cannot remain after the age of 18. As a result, older students have had to leave the Imagine Missions orphanage without the skills required to be independent and successful. Transitional housing with occupancy limited to two years or less enables these students to finish their most important goal: completing their education. Funds will be donated to

the ADK Foundation this fall, winter and spring. Then Teach, Too will receive the funds at the 2019 International Convention in Minneapolis, Minn. The targeted amount for the project is \$50,000. Delta Gamma, along with thousands of other ADK chapters across the nation, will be helping these young people to achieve their dreams.

Secretary Ferrell presented a very interesting program about her trip to Israel in March. She spent 11 days traveling throughout Israel, visiting places where Abraham, Isaac, Joseph, Mary, Jesus, Peter and many other biblical people walked. Two special places were Masada and the Church of St. Anne.

Viki learned about riding camels, the real manger that Jesus slept in and how green and black olives come from the same tree - it was a very detailed adventure!

The next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27 at the Sumterville Community Center.



The Delta Gamma members who attended the Aug. 23 meeting are shown: (seated, left to right): Josephine Simons, Dottie Harris, Betty Caruthers; (standing, back row, left to right): Viki Ferrell, Sherri Hampton, Sue Miller. In attendance, but not shown: Joyce White and Pam Landers.

Obituary

Juanita K. Davis, 87

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Donovan Langley didn't just get his first haircut from somebody besides his mom during the open house - he got his hair cut by retired professional football player Clint Hart. A former San Diego Charger and Philadelphia Eagle, Hart grew up in Webster and is available to help his mom, Kathy, and his community. His mom works at the school.

Another year at Webster Elementary, as 2018-2019 begins

Just prior to the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year, Webster Elementary School staff and faculty invited the community in for Meet your Teacher Day - an open house event. The idea was to get the students as

school-ready as they could be - providing them with some of the needed materials, offering free haircuts and giving them a chance to get to know their teachers. The event was also an opportunity for outside organizations

to set up and introduce their organization. The Meet your Teacher event was held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10 - just a couple of days before school started.



Michelle Ramputi and Joella Strickland worked the table for the school at Webster Elementary School Open House. Ramputi is the assistant principal and Strickland is the media specialist.

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Brenda Locklear*



From front to back, Imani, Tyrie, Navaeh Jenkins, baby Jewels, Faith and Desean Jenkins are shown in the lunchroom, taking a break during the Webster Elementary School Open House. The children were visiting the school and meeting with their new teachers.



Katie Nobles - Sumter CAP Event Coordinator (left), worked the CAP booth with ninth grade South Sumter High School students Caroline Moore and Sydney Bagoney. Both girls are members of the Sumter CAP Teen Council Leadership Program.



Collin Landon, Kenny Landon and Peyton Ward (left to right) were visiting the campus and getting the necessary items to start their school year at Webster Elementary.

It was a Summer Blast



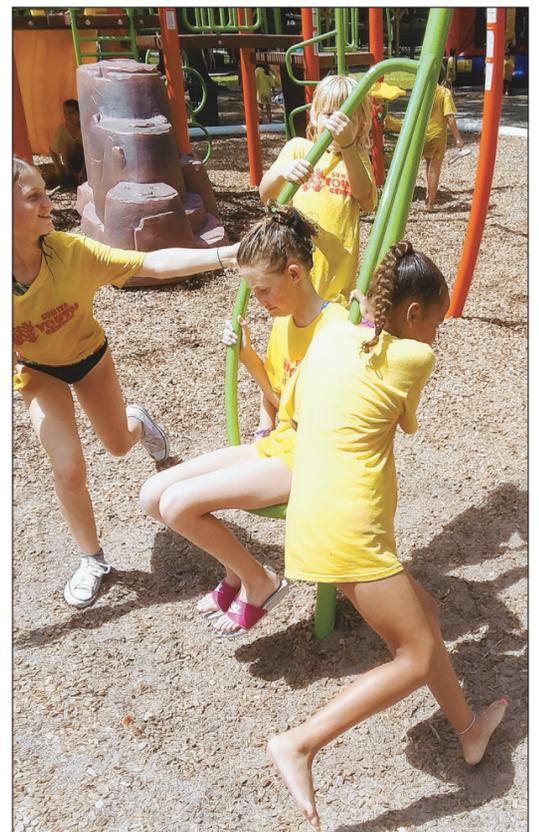
Everybody had a favorite place to be, from monkey bars to the inflatable water slides. Gianni Jaimes and Lauryn Scott enjoyed some time climbing.



The City of Bushnell hosted a Summer Blast, end of summer event for youth in the community, recently. The Summer Blast was held on Friday, Aug. 3 and included water slides at the playground area of the Kenny Dixon Sports Complex. Local families and children enjoyed the morning, as well children from the Sumter County Youth Center. With her sun hat and towel, Anabelle Tucker was ready to head back to the center after a morning of fun.



While children from the Sumter County Youth Center got to take advantage of the fun, the Summer Blast was open to everyone in the community. Families came out for the fun.



Victoria Moore, Nathalee Dixon, Cierra Williamson, Tia Mitchell got their exercise for the gyro ride

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Travis Cowart, Koen Kindle, Anna Wise, Kenan Brown and Titus Dorsey had spent their morning at the Summer Blast and were preparing to return to the Sumter County Youth Center.



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Hernandez, his wife, their stepson and daughter lived in the home. It is the same Belt Avenue residence where the remains were found in the back yard. He reportedly left his Bushnell home on foot, at 4 a.m., after a family argument. He has not used his cell phone since his disappearance,

ABOVE: They set up to dive the ponds along Noble Avenue and West Street in Bushnell, in a grid search, searching for evidence in the disappearance of Claudio Carvajal-Hernandez. LEFT: Sumter sheriff's captains, Tony Prevatt (left) and Pat Breaden said the search was difficult for divers, as they worked in dark, muddy water.

BRENDA LOCKLEAR/Sumter County Times

according to the Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

Investigators have since served a search warrant on the house and interior.

Galvin said it was Carvajal-Hernandez's wife who called her husband's brother to see if he had seen him. It was Carvajal's brother who reported him missing — that was on Saturday, June 21, according to Galvin.

Galvin said they're reaching out to the community in this case.

They're asking anyone with any information to contact Sumter sheriff's Det. Troy Hampton at 352-793-2161 or Crimeline at 1-800-423-TIPS (8477).

Carvajal-Hernandez was last seen wearing black shorts and a white tank top and is described as a Hispanic Male, approximately five feet, five inches tall and weighing 150 pounds. He has short black hair, brown eyes and dark skin with a scar on his forehead.

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This time, the sound system wasn't touched.

"They went straight to the office," he said.

While he is upset about the entire theft, his biggest concern has been how to transport the children and adults who ride the bus.

"We've got to have a bus to pick up those kids," he said.

And it's in that that he's been able to find the blessing — seeing the kindnesses that others offer and the provisions that are made — that's because they do have a bus to use, according to King.

It will likely be a month before insurance replaces the loss of the van, if it's not recovered and he was grasping at straws, trying to figure out what to do.

He called the company they purchased the van from, Automotive Fleet Enterprises, and explained the situation, hoping they could rent another bus.

Instead, they offered him the loaner, but free, as long as they need it, King said.

King said they saved the \$14,000 purchase price over the past year from free-will offerings. This is over and above what the church members regularly tithed.

"A church like ours, everything we've

got it's all sacrificial giving — we can't just write checks like that."

"It's given sacrificially by people who love the Lord. It's a ministry of love for the community — for children."

He said church members are shocked and upset, noting they had been proud of their new bus.

"It was something we were all proud of."

He smiled a little smile when he said he was getting calls from them for the past two days — while they are upset, they are concerned about him and wanted to make sure he was okay.

The bus ministry is important because "That's the 'great commission,'" he said of the Christian effort to reach out to others and share the Gospel. "Go the hedges and byways compel them to come in."

"Jesus loves children. If we have the attributes of Christ, then we'll love children," he said of the importance of getting them to church.

The bus is a 2006 Ford Econoline Super-duty and has a broken marker light on the top front, driver side. It was fitted with a temporary Florida tag — CFU3690.

This vehicle does not have any markings or logos.

If anyone has information about this case, they are asked to contact Det. Dodge at the Sumter County Sheriff's Office — 352-793-2621 or Crimeline at 1-800-423-TIPS (8477). Please reference case number 4109.

Walk Aware for Alzheimer's is set for Oct. 20 in Floral City

This year's Citrus County Walk Aware for Alzheimer's will be staged in Floral City on Oct. 20. For an entry fee of \$25, walkers can choose a historic walk through scenic Floral City, or a nature walk on the Withlacoochee State Trail. In addition, there will be live music, drawings for prizes, barbecue, the Life South blood mobile, free hearing screening, a chance to experience a virtual dementia tour and much more. Walkers can join online at www.alzheimersfamily.org/walkaware or call 352-616-0170.

The Alzheimer's Family

Organization has created a perpetual award in honor of Citrus County resident Mary Blair Darling, to recognize the top walking team at Citrus County Walk Aware for Alzheimer's, an annual event staged to raise funds for the non-profit Alzheimer's Family Organization.

Mary Blair Darling, the namesake for the award, has been honored for her service as a volunteer ombudsman for the Florida Department of Elder Affairs from 2009 to 2018.

During that period, she protected the interests of seniors living in care facil-

ities in five west-central Florida counties, including Sumter County. Her duties included training, speaking, and inspecting care facilities to assure that residents' rights are served with dignity and compassion while meeting State standards of care.

The new award has been presented to the home health care provider Home Instead Senior Care in Leantato, for fielding the largest team at last year's inaugural event and will be passed on to the sponsor of the largest teams at all future events.

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GRANT

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SCARC, Inc. is already struggling to provide funding for regular client services — the agency cannot take on the burden. That was the reason there is concern about the home

actually closing and Grogan and the others being moved to a nursing home.

Just over \$30,000 has been pledged — \$10,000 of it by the Wildwood Rotary Club, to put a new roof on the home, the rest to cover the expenses from the past year.

Donations have slowed down over the past couple of weeks,

but the need is still there.

Grant gets up through the week and heads to work at SCARC, Inc. — something he loves.

Living with cerebral palsy, Grant relies on group home staff to help get him up and ready for work every day. He enjoys his job, his friends and his community where he has

made a life.

"What makes me fearful is being in an institution. They stick you in a room, might give you breakfast and lunch, but there's no interaction with people. Interaction with others is the cornerstone of an individual's life and well-being. Here, every day is a new day. You never know what's going to

happen, from one minute of every day to the next." Grant said.

If you are interested in making a donation, the appropriate address would be SCARC Inc. — 213 W. McCollum Avenue, Bushnell FL 33513.

To contact editor Brenda Locklear, call 352-793-2161 or email locklear@scnews.com.

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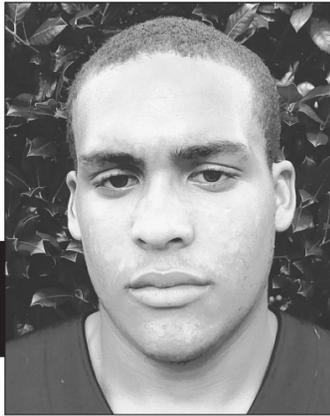
K.J. Edwards



Snoop Jackson



Toby Vanhooijdonk



Trenton Taylor



Wyatt Mandahl

The-e-e-y're back! Raiders coming on strong

BY JEFF HAMILTON
Times correspondent

The South Sumter Raiders are back! After a tough no-win season last year, the Raiders have brought their game together and are showing everyone that they're not to be counted out. After a 43-6 win over the Wildwood Wildcats in the Sumter Kickoff Classic two weeks ago, the Raiders travelled to Leesburg High School, last Friday night, for a repeat performance against the Yellow Jackets.

"We're rocking and rolling," said South Sumter Raider coach Ty Lawrence. "We played a great game, no fumbles and

no interceptions. Our seniors are taking charge and playing great, they're really leading these younger guys. We've come a long way from last year, but we're still working to get better."

The Raiders set the tone for the game right away when Snoop Jackson returned the opening kickoff 85 yards up the center, for a touchdown less

than 15 seconds into the game. South Sumter kept it going, three minutes later, when quarterback Garhett Miller connected with Douglas Sharp on a 20 yard touchdown pass play.

Leesburg fought their way onto the scoreboard about halfway through the quarter, with a 35 yard breakaway run and extra point.

But the Raiders answered,

when Trenton Taylor burst through the line for an 11 yard touchdown run with two and a half minutes on the clock.

Ezekiel Lopez successfully kicked all three extra points, to end the first quarter with the Raiders leading 21-7.

The Raiders charged into the second quarter when Miller connected with Wyatt Mandahl on a 61 yard pass play less than two minutes into the quarter. The Raider defense fended off the Yellow Jackets throughout the quarter. Lopez kicked the extra point, as well as a 27 yard field goal, right at the buzzer, to end the half 31-7 over the Yellow Jackets.

The Raiders kept it going in

the second half, when K.J. Edwards broke through the line and ran 43 yards into the end zone.

South Sumter capped it off when quarterback Toby Vanhooijdonk connected with Billy Wallace on a 31 yard touchdown pass play, with less than three minutes left in the quarter.

The Raiders 36 point lead triggered the running clock going into the final quarter. In the end the Raiders took the game 43-7 over Leesburg.

The Raiders will return home this Friday, August 31 to defend their home field against the Nature Coast Sharks. Kick-off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

“ We're rocking and rolling. ”

Ty Lawrence
South Sumter Raider coach

Track members attend Junior Olympics



Special to the Times

The Wildwood Prep Track Club sent another group of youth to the Junior Olympics this year, with some top challengers. They qualified in the following events: Emory and Emma Strickland, both 11, qualified in Turbo Javelin. Sharef Jackson, 12, qualified in High Jump, 800 meter and Jaden Brooks, 13 in Shot Put, Discus. Jessie Strickland, 14 in High Jump, 800 meter and Pentathalon, Melinda Winters, 15 in Javelin and Discus and Marterian Davis, 16, in Shot Put and Discus. Kenneth Winters, 17, in Javelin and Discus and Ja'Quan McCants, 17 in Steeplechase, 400 meter Hurdles. Andrew Cromwell, 17, in 1,500 meter and 3,000 meter and Kyle Davidson, 17 in 1,500 meter, 3,000 meter and 3,000 meter Racewalk. Shown left to right, seated are: Martarian Davis, Melinda Winters; second row: Emory Strickland and Emma Strickland; back row: Quan McCants, Kenneth Winters, Sharef Jackson, Jessie Strickland, Andrew Cromwell, Kyle Davidson and Jaden Brooks.

Outdoors CALENDAR

Sports card buffs invited out for show and sale

Former Major League Baseball MLB pitcher, Craig Anderson, will be on hand to sign autographs at the upcoming sports card and memorabilia event, hosted by clubs of The Villages.

Anderson played for the St. Louis Cardinals and the original N.Y. Mets, from 1961 to 1964. Signing will be from 10 a.m. to noon and walk-in items free.

It's part of The Villages Sports Card & Collectible Club on Saturday, Sept. 8. The show will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at he Laurel Manor Recreation Center on the corner of Buena Vista Blvd. and C.R. 466.

There'll be over 70 tables of sports cards and memorabilia - on sale and some at discounted prices.

For more information, call Stu Sachs at 751-7899.

Sumter baseball league elections

The annual board elections meeting for the Sumter Baseball League will be held 6 p.m. on Tuesday Sept. 14 at the Sumterville Community Center.

Master Gardener classes

Are you someone who enjoys plants and gardening or want to know more about gardening in central Florida? Do you enjoy volunteering in your community? Are you interested in the environment and water quality in Florida? Are you someone that looks forward to learning new skills through workshops or classes? And, do you enjoy sharing what you know with others? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the Master Gardener program could be for you!

How do I become a Master Gardener?

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.

Sumter SPORTS

Wildcats come out fighting

By **JEFF HAMILTON**
Times correspondent

The skies were ablaze, at P.K. Yonge in Gainesville, last Friday night. The Wildwood Wildcats travelled to Gainesville to start the football season facing off against the Blue Wave. Even though things didn't go as planned for the Wildcats, it was still a night that won't be forgotten anytime soon.

Both teams came out fighting right from the start of the game. The stalemate was broken almost five minutes in when P.K. Yonge finished off a 10 play drive, with a 20 yard touchdown run and successful extra point kick.

The Blue Wave capitalized on an interception thrown by

Wildwood to start a second drive that ended in a 30 yard touchdown pass play with just under four minutes on the clock. The Wildcats failed to find the scoreboard in the first quarter, ending the quarter 13-0 for P.K. Yonge.

"There's no quit in these boys," said first year Wildwood Wildcat coach Joey McGuire.

"We've got something to build on. We've got to work harder and we've got to be more disciplined. But the boys don't give up and that's a start."

The second quarter belonged to the defense. No matter how hard the offense for either team fought, the opposing defense fought back just as hard to hold

them off, resulting in a no score quarter and ending the first half with P.K. Yonge leading Wildwood 13-0.

P.K. Yonge started the scoring in the second half about four minutes in with a six yard touchdown run, but the Wildcats pushed back and it paid off, when senior Kenyan Walker burst through the middle to make a 26 yard touchdown run, four minutes before the end of the quarter.

The image that everyone will likely remember, for years to come, happened next — just after the Wildcats scored and kicked off to the opposition. A light tower, at the end of the field, suddenly caught fire and ignited an osprey nest that was

perched at its peak. The game was delayed by about a half hour as the Gainesville Fire Department put out the flames and decreed it safe to continue.

The two teams got back on the field and battled it out, but neither put anything else on the board, ending the third quarter 19-6.

The Wildcats fought hard in the fourth quarter, but were unable to close the gap. P.K. Yonge managed to grow their lead a little bit more when they found the end zone halfway through the final quarter to end the game with a 25-6.

Wildwood returns home this week to face the University Christian Christians. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.



Kenyan Walker

Dade Park CALENDAR

September 2018 events

Dade Pioneers – free monthly youth program

September 4, Tuesday, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Join us monthly from September – May for natural and cultural history programs for children ages eight to 18 years. Programs includes crafts, games, speakers and food.

September 6, Thursday, 10 a.m. to noon Natural Fiber Arts Class

Join expert volunteers as we make crafts from palm, palmetto, cereal rye, wool, cattail and/or other natural fibers. All materials are provided. Cost is \$3/vehicle or annual Florida park pass plus \$5/person, 12 and under free.

September 8, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pine Needle Basket Class For Children

Join expert volunteers as we learn how to make a small pine needle basket. All materials are provided. Cost is \$3/vehicle or annual Florida park pass plus \$5/person, for ages 10 and up. Pre-registration required for class, class size limit 10. Parents/Guardians invited to attend with children.

September 18, Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pine Needle Basket Class For Adults

Join expert volunteers as we learn how to make a small pine needle basket. All materials are provided. Cost is \$3/vehicle or annual Florida park pass plus \$5/person, for ages 18 and up. Pre-registration required for class, class size limit 15.

September 28 - 30, Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Inter-Tribal Native American Powwow

The 7th Annual Powwow includes native crafts and foods, demonstrations, singing, storytelling and dancing. Grand entry Friday 6 p.m., Saturday 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. Cost \$5/person

October 2, Tuesday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dade Pioneers – free monthly youth program

Join us monthly from September – May for natural and cultural history programs for children ages eight to 18 years. Programs includes crafts, games, speakers and food.

Dade Battlefield Historic State Park is open from 8 a.m. to sunset every day of the year.

The Visitor Center, which contains the park office and a small museum, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day.

General day admission
General Park Fees: A fee is required for all entry into Dade Battlefield Historic State Park.

Entrance fees are \$3 per vehicle for up to 8 people; additional passengers pay \$2 per person.

The entrance fee for bicyclists and pedestrians is \$2 per person.

Additional fees may apply for special events.

Please use the blue Honor Fee envelopes available at the front gate to pay entrance fees when no attendant is on duty. Please plan to bring correct change.

The Dade Lodge recreation hall may be reserved for \$107 per day, including tax.

Picnic Pavilions may be rented for \$53.50 per day including tax. Facilities may be reserved up to 11 months in advance.

Reserve for programs by calling the park to be put on the program list.

Please stop by or call the park at 352-793-4781 to make reservations.



Special to the Times

Emma Strickland took eighth place in the Junior Olympics track competition, against other youth from around the nation in Turbo Javelin. She is a member of the Wildwood Prep Track Club.

Strickland takes eighth in competition

Emma Strickland recently took eighth place in Junior Olympics, competing against youth from around the nation. Strickland's sport is Turbo Javelin and she went up against 50 competitors, in three flights.

She is a member of the Wildwood Prep Track Club.

Strickland said she has been working and practicing hard to achieve

success.

She is proud to have gotten a medal in the sport, "But I know I can do better," she said.

Emma credits her coach, the club boosters and her dad with where she is in competing.

Other than track, she enjoys playing the piano, basketball and volleyball.

Critter chatter

In search of Big Foot

Apparently, the elusive creature Big Foot, also known as Sasquatch, has been sighted in many parts of the country. On a trip out West, we encountered warning signs of the beast in different states.

My beagle, Gabriel, being the great hunter that he is, was intrigued at the thought of hunting the creature. So when we spotted this sign in Oregon, Gabriel was anxious to head out in

the misty woods and track the scent of Big Foot.

Hanna Banana and I were not as curious as Gabriel to encounter a Big Foot. Gabriel's excited howling and high speed wagging tail insisted we go, so we bravely followed him up the meandering trail into the forest.

What a beautiful hike he led us on. Through misty, winding trails we walked, that brought

us through hemlock forests, towering ponderosa pines and beautiful fir trees.

We walked along creeks and rivers and marveled at the dramatic views.

Gabriel was in tracking mode, enraptured by all the new scents, and by now, Hanna Banana was all in on the search mission to find Big Foot.

Too soon, I realized we had to start heading back to the car.

Throughout our hike, there was no sighting of Big Foot, but I am sure if we had more time, Gabriel would surely have led us to the evasive creature.

I love exploring with my dogs. Following them on unknown paths and allowing my imagination to wander,

I am rewarded by the beauty and diversity of nature and knowing I have happy and contented canine explorers.



Linda Graves
CRITTER CHATTER



Special to the Times

Linda is shown holding her Hanna Banana, as their dog Gabriel prepares to hunt for Big Foot on their earlier trip out West.

South Sumter High School Farm Bureau PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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DEFENSE

WHATEVER YOUR 100% LOOKS LIKE... GIVE IT!!!

This week's SSSH Defensive Player of the Week is Sophomore Defensive End Denver Griffis. Denver played havoc in the Leesburg backfield registering 3 solo tackles, 2 assists, 3 tackles for loss and 1 Sack.

OFFENSE

WHATEVER YOUR 100% LOOKS LIKE... GIVE IT!!!

This week's SSSH Offensive Player of the Week is Sophomore Quarterback Garrett Miller. The young quarterback lit up Leesburg for 137 passing yards, including 2 touchdowns, completing 9 of 12 passes.

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BYWAY

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Sumter, Hernando, Citrus and parts of Lake and Marion Counties. He's often seen around Sumter - in the Villages, Webster and other communities.

But, this trip was about seeing the Byway and getting acquainted with the folks involved with the many different points of interests along the 62-mile highway corridor that the Byway encompasses through south Sumter's rural communities and countryside.

The idea for a Byway visit was generated months earlier by Webster's visit to the Richloam General Store, in Hernando County and not far removed from the Byway. The restored country store is popular among many local residents and visitors.

On his visit, Webster got a copy of store owner Eric Burke's booklet "A History of Richloam." It just happened to have a Byway brochure tucked among its pages. Webster soon had his staff arranging the tour with folks along the route and members of the Byway's local support organization.

After departing his Clermont home base with two of his staff - District Director Christa Pearson and Community Relations Representative Pam Jones - Webster headed for the Mabel Trailhead of the General James A. Van Fleet State Trail, a state park situated just off State Road 50 at the southern end of the Byway.

He was met by two representatives of Florida State Parks who told him about the 29-mile-long paved trail for bicyclists, pedestrians and equestrians and its unique features.

From there, it was off to the Florida Bass Conservation Center in the heart of the Richloam Tract of the Withlacoochee State Forest and a tour of the hatchery facility and details about scientific advances in producing the fish that help to fuel a multi-million dollar recreation industry in the state.

A few minutes travel to the north brought the tour to the Webster Westside Market and a golf cart and walking tour among the many vendors and displays on hand for the regular Monday flea market sales. The visit was capped by a ride through the historic Sumter County Farmer's Market and a brief meeting with manager Mark Harrell.

Then, it was through the countryside to the Florida National Cemetery and a meeting with the facility's relatively new director and the Joint Veterans Committee that helps to organize many of the national observances held at the cemetery. Committee officers shared their goals and vision for the future of one of the nation's largest veteran cemeteries.

A quick trip halfway across the county took the congressman to the Sumter Youth Center on E. County Road 48, Bushnell, to learn about the after school and summer programs provided for many local kids. Webster also presented Executive Director Della Boushley and Board of Directors Secretary Samantha Merritt with two backpacks filled with school supplies.



MARTIN STEELE/Sumter County Times

A walk through at the Webster Westside Market brought Congressman Daniel Webster to a display of the products of Turner Family Honey and Bees, where he tasted a honey sample offered by Cindy Turner.

Minutes later, he was at Dade Battlefield Historic State Park for a meeting and a brief introduction to the park's significant history. A meeting with Byway board members Judie Mueller and Kelly Williams was first on the agenda. They were there to ask for Webster's support for the Byway organization's Exit 309 project, a goal to plan and develop enhancements of Interstate 75 exit near the Florida National Cemetery to honor veterans and to help convey the importance of that location.

The meeting was followed with a tour of the historic site's museum and Park Manager Bill Gruber's description of the park's history.

Next stop, the tour paused briefly in Bushnell to pick up some lunch and meet Magan and Jason Holt, owners of Big O's Home Plate Restaurant, along with the eatery's namesake and Magan's father, Charles "Big O" Oswald, retired South Sumter High School math teacher and legendary baseball coach.

From there, the group headed north on U.S. 301 to First Baptist Church of Bushnell's Hope Ministries Thrift Store and food bank. Pastor Doug Watkins, ministries staff and volunteers were there to tell about the services of the center, food distribution and the new facility that's awaiting completion on an adjoining parcel.

Traveling north to the Lake Panasoffkee area, the tour visited United Agricultural Services of America to learn about the innovative fertilizer and agriculture products and services produced by the company.

Webster and his team headed from



MARTIN STEELE/Sumter County Times

When he's visiting in counties in his district, Webster usually donates a couple of backpacks filled with school supplies as he did while visiting the Sumter Youth Center. Webster is shown presenting the backpacks to Youth Center Executive Director Della Boushley, center, and Board of Directors Secretary Samantha Merritt.

there on into the community to visit with county staff at the Sumter County Library at Lake Panasoffkee and meet with the firefighter/paramedics at the adjacent Fire Station 21.

Mid afternoon found the congressman at Lake Panasoffkee's historic Pana Vista Lodge, learning from owner Jim Veal about his family's own history at the traditional Florida fishing camp and the location's earlier history of a late

1800s citrus packing house, steamboat landing and hotel.

That visit was highlighted with a brief pontoon boat excursion up the Outlet River and out to Lake Panasoffkee.

The tour wrapped up with a visit to the Rutland Sumter County Park at the Withlacoochee River and State Road 44 at the northern end of the Byway.

Two Byway board members were on hand to greet Webster and tell him about their organization's informational kiosk and donor commemorative brick programs, both initiated at the park.

There were some surprises along the way and he learned some facts he previously didn't know, Webster said at the close of the tour. "It was all interesting."

He learned about the history of the Sumter County Farmer's Market and Dade Battlefield, something of which he new almost nothing, Webster said. And, he had never visited Pana Vista Lodge.

Along the tour, he was offered a future airboat ride - an offer he was considering accepting. He was also planning to get back to Dade Battlefield to view the museums video on that historic event.

There are still other places he hasn't been, Webster said. "We'll see how that works out."

You can learn more about the congressman online at <https://webster.house.gov/>.

To learn more about the Scenic Sumter Heritage Byway, see the organization's Facebook page or visit <http://sumterbyway.com/>.

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Welcoming signs were out in many places in the county on Aug. 20 for Congressman Daniel Webster's tour of the Scenic Sumter Heritage Byway. The tour included a stop at Big O's Homeplate Restaurant in Bushnell. Shown are (left to right) Jason Holt, Webster, Magan Holt and Charles "Big O" Oswald. The Holts are the restaurant owners.



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A visit with staff and volunteers at First Baptist Church of Bushnell's Hope Ministries provided an opportunity to learn about the ministry's many community service programs, food bank and thrift store and a tour of the organization's new building project.

Inverness woman hopes to swim with the 'sharks'

By **MICHAEL D. BATES**
Special to the Times

Every time Sharon Autry's cellphone goes off, she thinks — hopes — that the American dream will be on the other end.

Autry, who owns a home-based business in Inverness, traveled to Denver this month to pitch a product she developed to the casting team of the popular show Shark Tank. That's the first step in the journey that she and other competitors hope will eventually turn into a lucrative business deal.

Per the show's strict rules, Autry is sworn to secrecy regarding certain specifics of her product. But she did reveal this much to the Chronicle: She calls her product "First Drops," and said it's a patent-pending product that helps with water conservation in the home.

She'd been brainstorming and sketching concepts for her product for over a year.

"Shark Tank" is a reality show where budding entrepreneurs pitch their wares in front of a panel of big-name television stars, sports figures and business moguls who decide if they will become partners in the product being pitched.

The show is a hit on ABC and has been on the air since 2009. To date, the show has amassed \$100 million in business deals and to make it all the way is a huge boost to inventors.

But to get to that point, these entrepreneurial hopefuls must first develop a pitch and sell their product in 60 seconds to one of the show's casting-crew members.

That's what Autry did this month.

She thinks the casting call went well. She rehearsed her spiel for weeks and honed it down to fit the minute-long timeframe.

"It was very exciting," Autry said. "My pitch went as well as I could have hoped for."

Now she waits. "It's exhilarating being in the room probably with someone who's getting on the show," she said.

"There are entrepreneurs with a dedicated belief in their products. Some of



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their (inventions) were so sophisticated."

She said products ran the gamut: improvements on athletic equipment, new health products, food ideas like a hands-free popcorn bucket.

"I think that's one of the things that inspires us all as Americans — that inventive ingenuity that is a sign of the American dream," Autry said.

Autry runs Blue Bend Creative out of her Inverness home. She assists businesses and nonprofits

with branding and digital marketing services, campaign concepts for fundraising or community involvement and website design.

She spent her spare time developing her new product. Much of the work was done at home at her kitchen table or at the Inverness library, where she pored over books and used the computers.

"It's a lot of effort and a lot of luck," she said.

Her husband John Autry is well-known to locals as the executive director of the Community Food Bank of Citrus County.

He and his family have deep roots in the community, she said. She grew up in northeast Alabama and moved to Citrus County in January.

Her audition wasn't just exciting, but exhausting, she said: Her flight to Denver got in at 4:45 a.m. and she made her sales pitch at 10 a.m. Normally, casting calls attract upward of 1,000 participants. This one had about 400, she said.

Autry said there have been other locals who made it to the "Shark Tank" casting call and she believes the county has many inventors who should take the plunge and audition.

She hopes her experience will spur others.

"This is a shout-out to other inventors in the community," she said.

Unfortunately, the secrecy agreement means Autry cannot reveal how far she gets in the process or whether she makes it to the TV show.

Folks will just have to see for themselves when the 10th season of "Shark Tank" debuts Oct. 7.

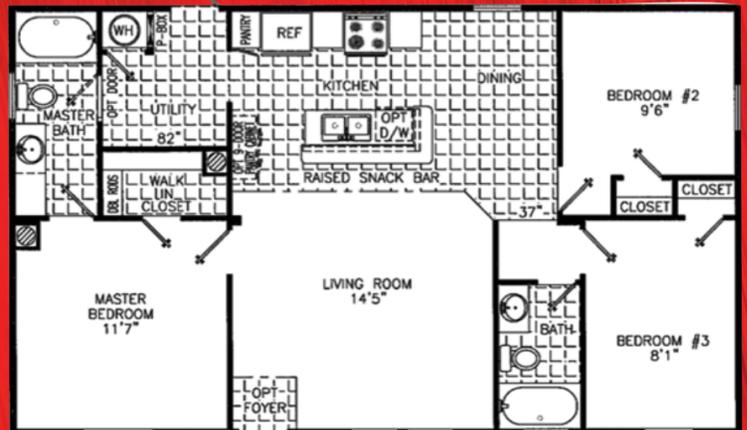
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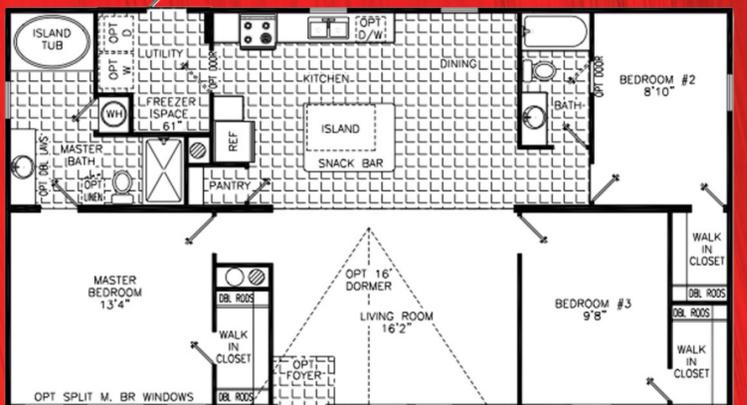


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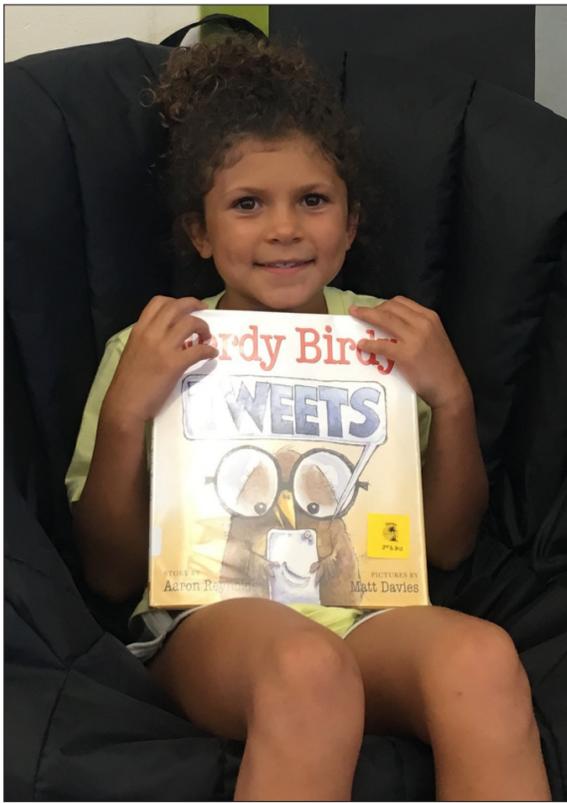
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Retired educator and Bushnell Elementary School principal, Edgar Tomberlin, donated \$700 to the Bushnell Elementary School media center recently. The funds helped purchase 120 copies of Sunshine State Young Reader books. Students get to attend the media center's Donut Party and a book talk, at the end of the school year, if they read all of the books on the list. Student Ella Guess was already hard at work with her second/third grade book called Birdy Tweets.



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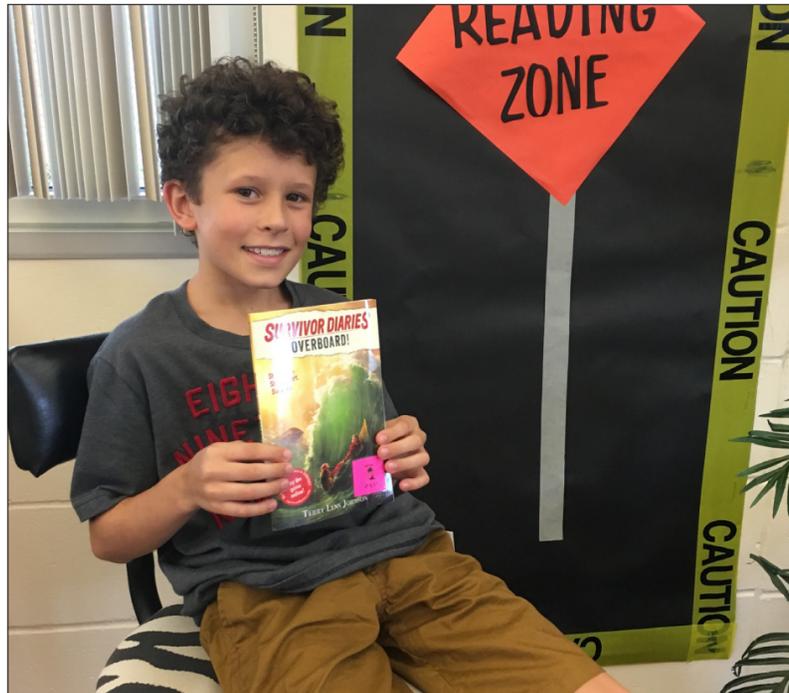
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Edgar Tomberlin, retired educator and Bushnell Elementary School principal, made a \$700 donation to his former school library recently. The funds purchased 120 Sunshine State Young Reader books and allows students who complete all the books on the list to attend the media center's annual Donut Party. The reward also includes attending a book talk. Student Weston Guess is shown with fourth and fifth grade reader, Overboard.

Mark's Parkinson's disease kept him from exploring.

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS FOR THE 2018 GENERAL ELECTION

I, Ken Detzner, Secretary of State for Florida, do hereby give notice that the following proposed amendments and revisions to the Florida Constitution will be presented in each county on the 2018 General Election ballot. The language for these amendments may also be found at FloridaPublicNotices.com, at DOS.Elections.MyFlorida.com/initiatives, and at this newspaper's website.

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

BALLOT TITLE:
Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption

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

FULL TEXT:
ARTICLE VII
FINANCE AND TAXATION
SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—
(a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, and on the assessed valuation greater than one hundred thousand dollars and up to one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entireties, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

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

NO. 3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 29

BALLOT TITLE:
Voter Control of Gambling in Florida

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

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

FULL TEXT:
ARTICLE X, FLORIDA CONSTITUTION, is amended to include the following new section: Voter Control of Gambling in Florida.

(a) This amendment ensures that Florida voters shall have the exclusive right to decide whether to authorize casino gambling in the State of Florida. This amendment requires a vote by citizens' initiative pursuant to Article XI, section 3, in order for casino gambling to be authorized under Florida law. This section amends this Article: and also affects Article XI, by making citizens' initiatives the exclusive method of authorizing casino gambling.
(b) As used in this section, "casino gambling" means any of the types of games typically found in casinos and that are within the definition of Class III gaming in the Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq. ("IGRA"), and in 25 C.F.R. §502.4, upon adoption of this amendment, and any that are added to such definition of Class III gaming in the future. This includes, but is not limited to, any house banking game, including but not limited to card games such as baccarat, chemin de fer, blackjack (21), and pai gow (if played as house banking games); any player-banked game that simulates a house banking game, such as California black jack; casino games such as roulette, craps, and keno; any slot machines as defined in 15 U.S.C. 1171(a)(1); and any other game not authorized by Article X, section 15, whether or not defined as a slot machine, in which outcomes are determined by random number generator or are similarly assigned randomly, such as instant or historical racing. As used herein, "casino gambling" includes any electronic gambling devices, simulated gambling devices, video lottery devices, internet sweepstakes devices, and any other form of electronic or electromechanical facsimiles of any game of chance, slot machine, or casino-style game, regardless of how such devices are defined under IGRA. As used herein, "casino gambling" does not include pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing, dog racing, or jai alai exhibitions. For purposes of this section, "gambling" and "gaming" are synonymous.
(c) Nothing herein shall be deemed to limit the right of the Legislature to exercise its authority through general law to restrict, regulate, or tax any gaming or gambling activities. In addition, nothing herein shall be construed to limit the ability of the state or Native American tribes to negotiate gaming compacts pursuant to the Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act for the conduct of casino gambling on tribal lands, or to affect any existing gambling on tribal lands pursuant to compacts executed by the state and Native American tribes pursuant to IGRA.
(d) This section is effective upon approval by the voters, is self-executing, and no Legislative implementation is required.
(e) If any part of this section is held invalid for any reason, the remaining portion or portions shall be severed from the invalid portion and given the fullest possible force and effect.

NO. 4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4

BALLOT TITLE:
Voting Restoration Amendment

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

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

FULL TEXT:
Article VI, Section 4. Disqualifications.—
(a) No person convicted of a felony, or adjudicated in this or any other state to be mentally incompetent, shall be qualified to vote or hold office until restoration of civil rights or removal of disability. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, any disqualification from voting arising from a felony conviction shall terminate and voting rights shall be restored upon completion of all terms of sentence including parole or probation.
(b) No person convicted of murder or a felony sexual offense shall be qualified to vote until restoration of civil rights.
(c) No person may appear on the ballot for reelection to any of the following offices:
(1) Florida representative,
(2) Florida senator,
(3) Florida Lieutenant governor,
(4) any office of the Florida cabinet,
(5) U.S. Representative from Florida, or
(6) U.S. Senator from Florida

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

NO. 5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 19

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

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

FULL TEXT:
ARTICLE VII
FINANCE AND TAXATION
SECTION 19. Supermajority vote required to impose, authorize, or raise state taxes or fees.—
(a) SUPERMAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED TO IMPOSE OR AUTHORIZE NEW STATE TAX OR FEE. No new state tax or fee may be imposed or authorized by the legislature except through legislation approved by two-thirds of the membership of each house of the legislature and presented to the Governor for approval pursuant to Article III, Section 8.
(b) SUPERMAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED TO RAISE STATE TAXES OR FEES. No state tax or fee may be raised by the legislature except through legislation approved by two-thirds of the membership of each house of the legislature and presented to the Governor for approval pursuant to Article III, Section 8.
(c) APPLICABILITY. This section does not authorize the imposition of any state tax or fee otherwise prohibited by this Constitution, and does not apply to any tax or fee imposed by, or authorized to be imposed by, a county, municipality, school board, or special district.
(d) DEFINITIONS. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Fee" means any charge or payment required by law, including any fee for service, fee or cost for licenses, and charge for service.
(2) "Raise" means:
a. To increase or authorize an increase in the rate of a state tax or fee imposed on a percentage or per mill basis;
b. To increase or authorize an increase in the amount of a state tax or fee imposed on a flat or fixed amount basis; or
c. To decrease or eliminate a state tax or fee exemption or credit.
(e) SINGLE-SUBJECT. A state tax or fee imposed, authorized, or raised under this section must be contained in a separate bill that contains no other subject.

NO. 6 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION ARTICLE I, SECTION 16 ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 8 AND 21 ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION

BALLOT TITLE:
Rights of Crime Victims; Judges

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

FULL TEXT:
ARTICLE I
DECLARATION OF RIGHTS
SECTION 16. Rights of accused and of victims.—
(a) In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall, upon demand, be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, and shall be furnished a copy of the charges, and shall have the right to have compulsory process for witnesses, to confront at trial adverse witnesses, to be heard in person, by counsel or both, and to have a speedy and public trial by impartial jury in the county where the crime was committed. If the county is not known, the indictment or information may charge venue in two or more counties conjunctively and proof that the crime was committed in that area shall be sufficient; but before pleading the accused may elect in which of those counties the trial will take place. Venue for prosecution of crimes committed beyond the boundaries of the state shall be fixed by law.
(b) To preserve and protect the right of crime victims to achieve justice, ensure a meaningful role throughout the criminal and juvenile justice systems for crime victims, and ensure that crime victims' rights and interests are respected and protected by law in a manner no less vigorous than protections afforded to criminal defendants and juvenile delinquents, every victim is entitled to the following rights, beginning at the time of his or her victimization:
(1) The right to due process and to be treated with fairness and respect for the victim's dignity.
(2) The right to be free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse.
(3) The right, within the judicial process, to be reasonably protected from the accused and any person acting on behalf of the accused. However, nothing contained herein is intended to create a special relationship between the crime victim and any law enforcement agency or officer absent a special relationship or duty as defined by Florida law.
(4) The right to have the safety and welfare of the victim and the victim's family considered when setting bail, including setting pretrial release conditions that protect the safety and welfare of the victim and the victim's family.
(5) The right to prevent the disclosure of information or records that could be used to locate or harass the victim or the victim's family, or which could disclose confidential or privileged information of the victim.
(6) A victim shall have the following specific rights upon request:
a. The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of, and to be present at, all public proceedings involving the criminal conduct, including, but not limited to, trial, plea, sentencing, or adjudication, even if the victim will be a witness at the proceeding, notwithstanding any rule to the contrary. A victim shall also be provided reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any release or escape of the defendant or delinquent, and any proceeding during which a right of the victim is implicated.
b. The right to be heard in any public proceeding involving pretrial or other release from any form of legal constraint, plea, sentencing, adjudication, or parole, and any proceeding during which a right of the victim is implicated.
c. The right to confer with the prosecuting attorney concerning any plea agreements, participation in pretrial diversion programs, release, restitution, sentencing, or any other disposition of the case.
d. The right to provide information regarding the impact of the offender's conduct on the victim and the victim's family to the individual responsible for conducting any presentence investigation or compiling any presentence investigation report, and to have any such information considered in any sentencing recommendations submitted to the court.
e. The right to receive a copy of any presentence report, and any other report or record relevant to the exercise of a victim's right, except for such portions made confidential or exempt by law.
f. The right to be informed of the conviction,

sentence, adjudication, place and time of incarceration, or other disposition of the convicted offender, any scheduled release date of the offender, and the release of or the escape of the offender from custody.
g. The right to be informed of all postconviction processes and procedures, to participate in such processes and procedures, to provide information to the release authority to be considered before any release decision is made, and to be notified of any release decision regarding the offender. The parole or early release authority shall extend the right to be heard to any person harmed by the offender.
h. The right to be informed of clemency and expungement procedures, to provide information to the governor, the court, any clemency board, and other authority in these procedures, and to have that information considered before a clemency or expungement decision is made; and to be notified of such decision in advance of any release of the offender.
(7) The rights of the victim, as provided in subparagraph (6)a., subparagraph (6)b., or subparagraph (6)c., that apply to any first appearance proceeding are satisfied by a reasonable attempt by the appropriate agency to notify the victim and convey the victim's views to the court.
(8) The right to the prompt return of the victim's property when no longer needed as evidence in the case.
(9) The right to full and timely restitution in every case and from each convicted offender for all losses suffered, both directly and indirectly, by the victim as a result of the criminal conduct.
(10) The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay, and to a prompt and final conclusion of the case and any related postjudgment proceedings.
a. The state attorney may file a good faith demand for a speedy trial and the trial court shall hold a calendar call, with notice, within fifteen days of the filing demand, to schedule a trial to commence on a date at least five days but no more than sixty days after the date of the calendar call unless the trial judge enters an order with specific findings of fact justifying a trial date more than sixty days after the calendar call.
b. All state-level appeals and collateral attacks on any judgment must be complete within two years from the date of appeal in non-capital cases and within five years from the date of appeal in capital cases, unless a court enters an order with specific findings as to why the court was unable to comply with this subparagraph and the circumstances causing the delay. Each year, the chief judge of any district court of appeal or the chief justice of the supreme court shall report on a case-by-case basis to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate all cases where the court entered an order regarding inability to comply with this subparagraph. The legislature may enact legislation to implement this subparagraph.
(11) The right to be informed of these rights, and to be informed that victims can seek the advice of an attorney with respect to their rights. This information shall be made available to the general public and provided to all crime victims in the form of a card or by other means intended to effectively advise the victim of their rights under this section.
(c) The victim, the retained attorney of the victim, a lawful representative of the victim, or the office of the state attorney upon request of the victim, may assert and seek enforcement of the rights enumerated in this section and any other right afforded to a victim by law in any trial or appellate court, or before any other authority with jurisdiction over the case, as a matter of right. The court or other authority with jurisdiction shall act promptly on such a request, affording a remedy by due course of law for the violation of any right. The reasons for any decision regarding the disposition of a victim's right shall be clearly stated on the record.
(d) The granting of the rights enumerated in this section to victims may not be construed to deny or impair any other rights possessed by victims. The provisions of this section apply throughout criminal and juvenile justice processes, are self-executing, and do not require implementing legislation. This section may not be construed to create any cause of action for damages against the state or a political subdivision of the state, or any officer, employee, or agent of the state or its political subdivisions.
(e) As used in this section, a "victim" is a person who suffers direct or threatened physical, psychological, or financial harm as a result of the commission or attempted commission of a crime or delinquent act or against whom the crime or delinquent act is committed. The term "victim" includes the victim's lawful representative, the parent or guardian of a minor, or the next of kin of a homicide victim, except upon a showing that the interest of such individual would be in actual or potential conflict with the interests of the victim. The term "victim" does not include the accused. The terms "crime" and "criminal" include delinquent acts and conduct. Victims of crime or their lawful representatives, including the next of kin of homicide victims, are entitled to the right to be informed, to be present, and to be heard when relevant, at all crucial stages of criminal proceedings, to the extent that these rights do not interfere with the constitutional rights of the accused.

legislatively authorized fees if law requires approval by those bodies. Establishes existing state college system as constitutional entity; provides governance structure.

FULL TEXT:
ARTICLE IX
EDUCATION
SECTION 7. State University System.—
(a) PURPOSES. In order to achieve excellence through teaching students, advancing research and providing public service for the benefit of Florida's citizens, their communities and economies, the people hereby establish a system of governance for the state university system of Florida.
(b) STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. There shall be a single state university system comprised of all public universities. A board of trustees shall administer each public university and a board of governors shall govern the state university system.
(c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each local constituent university shall be administered by a board of trustees consisting of thirteen members dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The board of governors shall establish the powers and duties of the boards of trustees. Each board of trustees shall consist of six citizen members appointed by the governor and five citizen members appointed by the board of governors. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of five years as provided by law. The chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members.
(d) STATEWIDE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. The board of governors shall be a body corporate consisting of seventeen members. The board shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible for the management of the whole university system. These responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, defining the distinctive mission of each constituent university and its articulation with free public schools and community colleges, ensuring the well-planned coordination and operation of the system, and avoiding wasteful duplication of facilities or programs. The board's management shall be subject to the powers of the legislature to appropriate for the expenditure of funds, and the board shall account for such expenditures as provided by law. The governor shall appoint to the board fourteen citizens dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of seven years as provided by law. The commissioner of education, the chair of the advisory council of faculty senates, or the equivalent, and the president of the Florida student association, or the equivalent, shall also be members of the board.
(e) FEES. Any proposal or action of a constituent university to raise, impose, or authorize any fee, as authorized by law, must be approved by at least nine affirmative votes of the members of the board of trustees of the constituent university, if approval by the board of trustees is required by general law, and at least twelve affirmative votes of the members of the board of governors, if approval by the board of governors is required by general law, in order to take effect. A fee under this subsection shall not include tuition.
SECTION 8. State College System.—
(a) PURPOSES. In order to achieve excellence and to provide access to undergraduate education to the students of this state; to originate articulated pathways to a baccalaureate degree; to ensure superior commitment to teaching and learning; and to respond quickly and efficiently to meet the demand of communities by aligning certificate and degree programs with local and regional workforce needs, the people hereby establish a system of governance for the state college system of Florida.
(b) STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM. There shall be a single state college system comprised of all public community and state colleges. A local board of trustees shall govern each state college system institution and the state board of education shall supervise the state college system.
(c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each state college system institution shall be governed by a local board of trustees dedicated to the purposes of the state college system. A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college. The powers and duties of the boards of trustees shall be provided by law. Each member shall be appointed by the governor to staggered 4-year terms, subject to confirmation by the senate.
(d) ROLE OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. The state board of education shall supervise the state college system as provided by law.

**ARTICLE X
MISCELLANEOUS**
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(d) An eligible first responder must have been working for the State of Florida or any of its political subdivisions or agencies at the time of death. An eligible military member must have been a resident of this state or his or her duty post must have been within this state at the time of death.
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**ARTICLE XI
JUDICIARY**
SECTION 8. Eligibility.—No person shall be eligible for office of justice or judge of any court unless the person is an elector of the state and resides in the territorial jurisdiction of the court. No justice or judge shall serve after attaining the age of seventy-five seventy years except upon temporary assignment or to complete a term, one-half of which has been served. No person is eligible for the office of justice of the supreme court or judge of a district court of appeal unless the person is, and has been for the preceding ten years, a member of the bar of Florida. No person is eligible for the office of circuit judge unless the person is, and has been for the preceding five years, a member of the bar of Florida. Unless otherwise provided by general law, no person is eligible for the office of county court judge unless the person is, and has been for the preceding five years, a member of the bar of Florida. Unless otherwise provided by general law, a person shall be eligible for election or appointment to the office of county court judge in a county having a population of 40,000 or less if the person is a member in good standing of the bar of Florida. SECTION 21. Judicial interpretation of statutes and rules.—In interpreting a state statute or rule, a state court or an officer hearing an administrative action pursuant to general law may not defer to an administrative agency's interpretation of such statute or rule, and must instead interpret such statute or rule de novo.

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

**NO. 7
CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION
ARTICLE IX, SECTIONS 7 AND 8
ARTICLE X, NEW SECTION**

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

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KP Hole: Tuber, kayaker, canoer's delight

Four hours on nature's best ride

Editor's note: This is the fourth in a series on outdoor water activities available in northwest Florida.

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KP Hole was established in the early 1920s as a boys retreat.

In the late 1930s, women were granted access to the facility. In 1953, Marion County purchased it from a private developer and the park was designated as a public recreation area and formally dedicated to Knights of Pythias



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member Andrew L. Neville, the original chair of the boys' outings. Access was free until the mid 1970s, when Marion County added a caretaker's residence and boat ramp.

Until 1993, the facility was operated by a contractor who offered tubing, canoeing and up river boat tours. Marion County assumed operation in 1993.

From 1994 until 1996 the park underwent a face lift to protect the waterway. The boat ramp was again replaced in 1998.

The Rainbow River is considered one of Florida's Outstanding Florida Waters. The National Parks Service characterizes the Rainbow River as one of their National Natural Landmarks.

SO YOU KNOW

Amenities include a beach, boat ramps, canoe rental, concessions, hand launch, monofilament, picnic pavilion, restrooms, swimming, tubing and wildlife

Tubing season is April 1 through Sept. 30. Canoe, kayak and paddle board rentals are available year-round.

Rentals, with return shuttle service from Blue Run of Dunnellon Park, are available. The average float takes approximately four hours. (Those who prefer a shorter float, Rainbow Springs State Park offers a two-hour float.)

For **paddle board** rentals, **taxi services** on the water or **boat rides**. Visit these businesses on the web:

- www.rainbowrivercanoeandkayak.com
- www.aquaticwildernesadventures.com/
- www.rainbowriverkayak.com
- www.rainbowriverwatertaxi.com
- www.floridaglassbottomboats.com/
- www.rainbowriverboatrentals.com/boat-rentals.html

Summer hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Winter hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Entrance fees are \$5 per park user and hand-launch vessels per day; \$10 for tubers; \$20 per motorized vessel; and \$25 per person, per tubing package, which includes entry fee, tube rental and return shuttle service.

KP Hole is at 9435 SW 190 Ave. Road, Dunnellon

Users should note if they plan taking a trek along the Rainbow River, all **food and drinks** are to be packaged in non-disposable containers.

Alcohol is not allowed on the river.

www.floridastateparks.org/park/Rainbow-Springs

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duties to public schools it establishes, but permits the state to operate, control, and supervise public schools not established by the school board.

FULL TEXT:

ARTICLE IX

EDUCATION

SECTION 4. School districts; school boards.—

(a) Each county shall constitute a school district; provided, two or more contiguous counties, upon vote of the electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into one school district. In each school district there shall be a school board composed of five or more members chosen by vote of the electors in a nonpartisan election for appropriately staggered terms of four years, as provided by law. A person may not appear on the ballot for re-election to the office of school board if, by the end of the current term of office, the person would have served, or but for resignation would have served, in that office for eight consecutive years.

(b) The school board shall operate, control, and supervise all free public schools established by the district school board within the school district and determine the rate of school district taxes within the limits prescribed herein. Two or more school districts may operate and finance joint educational programs.

SECTION 5. Civic literacy.—As education is essential to the preservation of the rights and liberties of the people, the legislature shall provide by law for the promotion of civic literacy in order to ensure that students enrolled in public education understand and are prepared to exercise their rights and responsibilities as citizens of a constitutional republic.

ARTICLE XII

SCHEDULE

Limitation on terms of office for members of a district school board.—This section and the amendment to Section 4 of Article IX imposing term limits for the terms of office for members of a district school board shall take effect on the date it is approved by the electorate, but no service in a term of office which commenced prior to November 6, 2018, will be counted against the limitation imposed by this amendment.

NO. 9

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

ARTICLE II, SECTION 7

ARTICLE X, SECTION 20

BALLOT TITLE:

Prohibits Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling; Prohibits Vaping in Enclosed Indoor Workplaces

BALLOT SUMMARY:

Prohibits drilling for the exploration or extraction of oil and natural gas beneath all state-owned waters between the mean high water line and the state's outermost territorial boundaries. Adds use of vapor-generating electronic devices to current prohibition of tobacco smoking in enclosed indoor workplaces with exceptions; permits more restrictive local vapor ordinances.

FULL TEXT:

ARTICLE II

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 7. Natural resources and scenic beauty.—

(a) It shall be the policy of the state to conserve and protect its natural resources and scenic beauty. Adequate provision shall be made by law for the abatement of air and water pollution and of excessive and unnecessary noise and for the conservation and protection of natural resources.

(b) Those in the Everglades Agricultural Area who cause water pollution within the Everglades Protection Area or the Everglades Agricultural Area shall be primarily responsible for paying the costs of the abatement of that pollution. For the purposes of this subsection, the terms "Everglades Protection Area" and "Everglades Agricultural Area" shall have the meanings as defined in statutes in effect on January 1, 1996.

(c) To protect the people of Florida and their environment, drilling for exploration or extraction of oil or natural gas is prohibited on lands beneath all state waters which have not been alienated and that lie between the mean high water line and the outermost boundaries of the state's territorial seas. This prohibition does not apply to the transportation of oil and gas products produced outside of such waters. This subsection is self-executing.

ARTICLE X

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 20. Workplaces without tobacco smoke or vapor.—

(a) PROHIBITION. As a Florida health initiative to protect people from the health hazards of second-hand tobacco smoke and vapor, tobacco smoking and the use of vapor-generating electronic devices are prohibited in enclosed indoor workplaces. This section does not preclude the adoption of ordinances that impose more restrictive regulation on the use of vapor-generating electronic devices than is provided in this section.

(b) EXCEPTIONS. As further explained in the definitions below, tobacco smoking and the use of vapor-generating electronic devices may be permitted in private residences whenever they are not being used commercially to provide child care, adult care, or health care, or any combination thereof; and further may be permitted in retail tobacco shops, vapor-generating electronic device retailers, designated smoking guest rooms at hotels and other public lodging establishments; and stand-alone bars. However, nothing in this section or in its implementing legislation or regulations shall prohibit the owner, lessee, or other person in control of the use of an enclosed indoor workplace from further prohibiting or limiting smoking or the use of vapor-generating electronic devices therein.

(c) DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this section, the following words and terms shall have the stated meanings:

(1) "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, carrying, or possessing any lighted tobacco product, including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, and any other lighted tobacco product.

(2) "Second-hand smoke," also known as environmental tobacco smoke (ETS), means smoke emitted from lighted, smoldering, or burning tobacco when the smoker is not inhaling; smoke emitted at the mouthpiece during puff drawing; and smoke exhaled by the smoker.

(3) "Work" means any person's providing any employment or employment-type service for or at the request of another individual or individuals or any public or private entity, whether for compensation or not, whether full or part-time, whether legally or not. "Work" includes, without limitation, any such service performed by an employee, independent contractor, agent, partner, proprietor, manager, officer, director, apprentice, trainee, associate, servant, volunteer, and the like.

(4) "Enclosed indoor workplace" means any place where one or more persons engages in work, and which place is predominantly or totally bounded on all sides and above by physical barriers, regardless of whether such barriers consist of or include uncovered openings, screened or otherwise partially covered openings; or open or closed windows, jalousies, doors, or the like. This section applies to all such enclosed indoor workplaces without regard to whether work is occurring at any given time.

(5) "Commercial" use of a private residence means any time during which the owner, lessee, or other person occupying or controlling the use of the private residence is furnishing in the private residence, or causing or allowing to be furnished in the private residence, child care, adult care, or health care, or any combination thereof, and receiving or expecting to receive compensation therefor.

(6) "Retail tobacco shop" means any enclosed

indoor workplace dedicated to or predominantly for the retail sale of tobacco, tobacco products, and accessories for such products, in which the sale of other products or services is merely incidental.

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

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

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

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

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

NO. 10

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

ARTICLE III, SECTION 3

ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 4 AND 11

ARTICLE VIII, SECTIONS 1 AND 6

BALLOT TITLE:

State and Local Government Structure and Operation

BALLOT SUMMARY:

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

FULL TEXT:

ARTICLE III

LEGISLATURE

SECTION 3. Sessions of the legislature.—

(a) ORGANIZATION SESSIONS. On the fourteenth day following each general election the legislature shall convene for the exclusive purpose of organization and selection of officers.

(b) REGULAR SESSIONS. A regular session of the legislature shall convene on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each odd-numbered year, and on the second first Tuesday after the first Monday in January March, or such other date as may be fixed by law, of each even-numbered year.

(c) SPECIAL SESSIONS.

(1) The governor, by proclamation stating the purpose, may convene the legislature in special session during which only such legislative business may be transacted as is within the purview of the proclamation, or of a communication from the governor, or is introduced by consent of two-thirds of the membership of each house.

(2) A special session of the legislature may be convened as provided by law.

(d) LENGTH OF SESSIONS. A regular session of the legislature shall not exceed sixty consecutive days, and a special session shall not exceed twenty consecutive days, unless extended beyond such limit by a three-fifths vote of each house. During such an extension no new business may be taken up in either house without the consent of two-thirds of its membership.

(e) ADJOURNMENT. Neither house shall adjourn for more than seventy-two consecutive hours except pursuant to concurrent resolution.

(f) ADJOURNMENT BY GOVERNOR. If, during any regular or special session, the two houses cannot agree upon a time for adjournment, the governor may adjourn the session sine die or to any date within the period authorized for such session; provided that, at least twenty-four hours before adjourning the session, and while neither house is in recess, each house shall be given formal written notice of the governor's intention to do so, and agreement reached within that period by both houses on a time for adjournment shall prevail.

ARTICLE IV

EXECUTIVE

SECTION 4. Cabinet.—

(a) There shall be a cabinet composed of an attorney general, a chief financial officer, and a commissioner of agriculture. In addition to the powers and duties specified herein, they shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by law. In the event of a tie vote of the governor and cabinet, the side on which the governor voted shall be deemed to prevail.

(b) The attorney general shall be the chief state legal officer. There is created in the office of the attorney general the position of statewide prosecutor. The statewide prosecutor shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the state attorneys to prosecute violations of criminal laws occurring or having occurred, in two or more judicial circuits as part of a related transaction, or when any such offense is affecting or has affected two or more judicial circuits as provided by general law. The statewide prosecutor shall be appointed by the attorney general for not less than three persons nominated by the judicial nominating commission for the supreme court, or as otherwise provided by general law.

(c) The chief financial officer shall serve as the chief fiscal officer of the state, and shall settle and approve accounts against the state, and shall keep all state funds and securities.

(d) The commissioner of agriculture shall have

supervision of matters pertaining to agriculture except as otherwise provided by law.

(e) The governor as chair, the chief financial officer, and the attorney general shall constitute the state board of administration, which shall succeed to all the power, control, and authority of the state board of administration established pursuant to Article IX, Section 16 of the Constitution of 1885, and which shall continue as a body at least for the life of Article XII, Section 9(c).

(f) The governor as chair, the chief financial officer, the attorney general, and the commissioner of agriculture shall constitute the trustees of the internal improvement trust fund and the land acquisition trust fund as provided by law.

(g) The governor as chair, the chief financial officer, the attorney general, and the commissioner of agriculture shall constitute the agency head of the Department of Law Enforcement. The Office of Domestic Security and Counterterrorism is created within the Department of Law Enforcement. The Office of Domestic Security and Counterterrorism shall provide support for prosecutors and federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies that investigate or analyze information relating to attempts or acts of terrorism or that prosecute terrorism, and shall perform any other duties that are provided by law.

SECTION 11. Department of Veterans' Veterans Affairs.—The legislature, by general law, shall provide for a may provide for the establishment of the Department of Veterans' Veterans Affairs and prescribe its duties. The head of the department is the governor and cabinet.

ARTICLE VIII

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1. Counties.—

(a) POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. The state shall be divided by law into political subdivisions called counties. Counties may be created, abolished or changed by law, with provision for payment or apportionment of the public debt.

(b) COUNTY FUNDS. The care, custody and method of disbursing county funds shall be provided by general law.

(c) GOVERNMENT. Pursuant to general or special law, a county government may be established by charter which shall be adopted, amended or repealed only upon vote of the electors of the county in a special election called for that purpose.

(d) COUNTY OFFICERS. There shall be elected by the electors of each county, for terms of four years, a sheriff, a tax collector, a property appraiser, a supervisor of elections, and a clerk of the circuit court, except, when provided by county charter or special law approved by vote of the electors of the county, any county officer may be chosen in another manner therein specified, or any county officer may be abolished when all the duties of the office prescribed by general law are transferred to another office. Unless when not otherwise provided by county charter or special law approved by vote of the electors or pursuant to Article V, section 16, the clerk of the circuit court shall be ex officio clerk of the board of county commissioners, auditor, recorder and custodian of all county funds. Notwithstanding subsection 6(e) of this article, a county charter may not abolish the office of a sheriff, a tax collector, a property appraiser, a supervisor of elections, or a clerk of the circuit court, transfer the duties of those officers to another officer or office, change the length of the four-year term of office, or establish any manner of selection other than by election by the electors of the county.

(e) COMMISSIONERS. Except when otherwise provided by county charter, the governing body of each county shall be a board of county commissioners composed of five or seven members serving staggered terms of four years. After each decennial census the board of county commissioners shall divide the county into districts of contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable. One commissioner residing in each district shall be elected as provided by law.

(f) NON-CHARTER GOVERNMENT. Counties not operating under county charters shall have such power of self-government as is provided by general or special law. The board of county commissioners of a county not operating under a charter may enact, in a manner prescribed by general law, county ordinances not inconsistent with general or special law, but an ordinance in conflict with a municipal ordinance shall not be effective within the municipality to the extent of such conflict.

(g) CHARTER GOVERNMENT. Counties operating under county charters shall have all powers of local self-government not inconsistent with general law, or with special law approved by vote of the electors. The governing body of a county operating under a charter may enact county ordinances not inconsistent with general law. The charter shall provide which shall prevail in the event of conflict between county and municipal ordinances.

(h) TAXES; LIMITATION. Property situated within municipalities shall not be subject to taxation for services rendered by the county exclusively for the benefit of the property or residents in unincorporated areas.

(i) COUNTY ORDINANCES. Each county ordinance shall be filed with the custodian of state records and shall become effective at such time thereafter as is provided by general law.

(j) VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES. Persons violating county ordinances shall be prosecuted and punished as provided by law.

(k) COUNTY SEAT. In every county there shall be a county seat at which shall be located the principal offices and permanent records of all county officers. The county seat may not be moved except as provided by general law. Branch offices for the conduct of county business may be established elsewhere in the county by resolution of the governing body of the county in the manner prescribed by law. No instrument shall be deemed recorded until filed at the county seat, or a branch office designated by the governing body of the county for the recording of instruments, according to law.

SECTION 6. Schedule to Article VIII.—

(a) This article shall replace all of Article VIII of the Constitution of 1885, as amended, except those sections expressly retained and made a part of this article by reference.

(b) COUNTIES; COUNTY SEATS; MUNICIPALITIES; DISTRICTS. The status of the following items as they exist on the date this article becomes effective is recognized and shall be continued until changed in accordance with law: the counties of the state; their status with respect to the legality of the sale of intoxicating liquors, wines and beers; the method of selection of county officers; the performance of municipal functions by county officers; the county seats; and the municipalities and special districts of the state, their powers, jurisdiction and government.

(c) OFFICERS TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE. Every person holding office when this article becomes effective shall continue in office for the remainder of the term if that office is not abolished. If the office is abolished the incumbent shall be paid adequate compensation, to be fixed by law, for the loss of emoluments for the remainder of the term.

(d) ORDINANCES. Local laws relating only to unincorporated areas of a county on the effective date of this article may be amended or repealed by county ordinance.

(e) CONSOLIDATION AND HOME RULE. Article VIII, Sections 9, 10, 11 and 24, of the Constitution of 1885, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect as to each county affected, as if this article had not been adopted, until that county shall expressly adopt a charter or home rule plan pursuant to this article. All provisions of the Metropolitan Dade County Home Rule Charter, heretofore or hereafter adopted by the electors of Dade County pursuant to Article VIII, Section 11, of the Constitution of 1885, as amended, shall be valid, and any amendments to such charter shall be valid; provided that the said provisions

of such charter and the said amendments thereto are authorized under said Article VIII, Section 11, of the Constitution of 1885, as amended.

(f) DADE COUNTY; POWERS CONFERRED UPON MUNICIPALITIES. To the extent not inconsistent with the powers of existing municipalities or general law, the Metropolitan Government of Dade County may exercise all the powers conferred now or hereafter by general law upon municipalities.

(g) SELECTION AND DUTIES OF COUNTY OFFICERS.—

(1) Except as provided in this subsection, the amendment to Section 1 of this article, relating to the selection and duties of county officers, shall take effect January 5, 2021, but shall govern with respect to the qualifying for and the holding of the primary and general elections for county constitutional officers in 2020.

(2) For Miami-Dade County and Broward County, the amendment to Section 1 of this article, relating to the selection and duties of county officers, shall take effect January 7, 2025, but shall govern with respect to the qualifying for and the holding of the primary and general elections for county constitutional officers in 2024.

(h)(g) DELETION OF OBSOLETE SCHEDULE ITEMS. The legislature shall have power, by joint-resolution, to delete from this article any subsection of this Section 6, including this subsection, when all events to which the subsection to be deleted is or could become applicable have occurred. A legislative determination of fact made as a basis for application of this subsection shall be subject to judicial review.

NO. 11

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

ARTICLE I, SECTION 2

ARTICLE X, SECTIONS 9 AND 19

BALLOT TITLE:

Property Rights; Removal of Obsolete Provision; Criminal Statutes

BALLOT SUMMARY:

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

FULL TEXT:

ARTICLE I

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

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

ARTICLE X

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 9. Repeal of criminal statutes.— Repeal or amendment of a criminal statute shall not affect prosecution or punishment for any crime previously committed before such repeal.

SECTION 19. Repealed High speed ground transportation system.—To reduce traffic congestion and provide alternatives to the traveling public, it is hereby declared to be in the public interest that a high-speed ground transportation system consisting of a monorail, fixed guideway or magnetic levitation system, capable of speeds in excess of 120 miles per hour, be developed and operated in the State of Florida to provide high speed ground transportation by innovative, efficient and effective technologies consisting of dedicated rails or guideways separated from motor-vehicular traffic that will link the five largest urban areas of the State as determined by the Legislature and provide for access to existing air and ground transportation facilities and services.—The Legislature, the Cabinet and the Governor are hereby directed to proceed with the development of such a system by the State and/or by a private entity pursuant to state approval and authorization, including the acquisition of right-of-way, the financing of design and construction of the system, and the operation of the system, as provided by specific appropriation and by law, with construction to begin on or before November 1, 2003.

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CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

ARTICLE II, SECTION 8

ARTICLE V, SECTION 13

ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION

BALLOT TITLE:

Lobbying and Abuse of Office by Public Officers

BALLOT SUMMARY:

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

FULL TEXT:

ARTICLE II

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 8. Ethics in government.—A public office is a public trust. The people shall have the right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse. To assure this right:

(a) All elected constitutional officers and candidates for such offices and, as may be determined by law, other public officers, candidates, and employees shall file full and public disclosure of their financial interests.

(b) All elected public officers and candidates for such offices shall file full and public disclosure of their campaign finances.

(c) Any public officer or employee who breaches the public trust for private gain and any person or entity inducing such breach shall be liable to the state for all financial benefits obtained by such actions. The manner of recovery and additional damages may be provided by law.

(d) Any public officer or employee who is convicted of a felony involving a breach of public trust shall be subject to forfeiture of rights and privileges under a public retirement system or pension plan in such manner as may be provided by law.

(e) No member of the legislature or statewide elected officer shall personally represent another person or entity for compensation before the government body or agency of which the individual was an officer or member for a period of two years following vacation of office. No member of the legislature shall personally represent another person or entity for compensation during term of office before any state agency other than judicial tribunals. Similar restrictions on other public officers and employees may be established by law.

(f)(1) For purposes of this subsection, the term "public officer" means a statewide elected officer, a member of the legislature, a county commissioner, a county officer pursuant to Article VIII or county charter, a school board member, a superintendent of schools, an elected municipal officer, an elected special district officer in a special district with ad valorem taxing authority, or a person serving as a secretary, an executive director, or other agency head of a department of the executive branch of state government.

(2) A public officer shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before the federal government, the legislature, any state government body or agency, or any political

subdivision of this state, during his or her term of office.

(3) A public officer shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement for a period of six years after vacation of public position, as follows:

a. A statewide elected officer or member of the legislature shall not lobby the legislature or any state government body or agency.

b. A person serving as a secretary, an executive director, or other agency head of a department of the executive branch of state government shall not lobby the legislature, the governor, the executive office of the governor, members of the cabinet, a department that is headed by a member of the cabinet, or his or her former department.

c. A county commissioner, a county officer pursuant to Article VIII or county charter, a school board member, a superintendent of schools, an elected municipal officer, or an elected special district officer in a special district with ad valorem taxing authority shall not lobby his or her former agency or governing body.

(4) This subsection shall not be construed to prohibit a public officer from carrying out the duties of his or her public office.

(5) The legislature may enact legislation to implement this subsection, including, but not limited to, defining terms and providing penalties for violations. Any such law shall not contain provisions on any other subject.

(g)(f) There shall be an independent commission to conduct investigations and make public reports on all complaints concerning breach of public trust by public officers or employees not within the jurisdiction of the judicial qualifications commission.

(h)(1)(g) A code of ethics for all state employees and nonjudicial officers prohibiting conflict-between public duty and private interests shall be prescribed by law.

(2) A public officer or public employee shall not abuse his or her public position in order to obtain a disproportionate benefit for himself or herself, his or her spouse, children, or employer; or for any business with which he or she contracts; in which he or she is an officer, a partner, a director, or a proprietor; or in which he or she owns an interest. The Florida Commission on Ethics shall, by rule in accordance with statutory procedures governing administrative rulemaking, define the term "disproportionate benefit" and prescribe the requisite intent for finding a violation of this prohibition for purposes of enforcing this paragraph. Appropriate penalties shall be prescribed by law.

(i)(h) This section shall not be construed to limit disclosures and prohibitions which may be established by law to preserve the public trust and avoid conflicts between public duties and private interests.

(j)(f) Schedule—On the effective date of this amendment and until changed by law:

(1)-Full and public disclosure of financial interests shall mean filing with the custodian of state records by July 1 of each year a sworn statement showing net worth and identifying each asset and liability in excess of \$1,000 and its value together with one of the following:

a. A copy of the person's most recent federal income tax return; or

b. A sworn statement which identifies each separate source and amount of income which exceeds \$1,000. The forms for such source disclosure and the rules under which they are to be filed shall be prescribed by the independent commission established in subsection (g) (f), and such rules shall include disclosure of secondary sources of income.

(2) Persons holding statewide elective offices shall also file disclosure of their financial interests pursuant to paragraph (1) subsection (i) (1).

(3) The independent commission provided for in subsection (g) (f) shall mean the Florida Commission on Ethics.

ARTICLE V

JUDICIARY

SECTION 13. Ethics in the judiciary Prohibited activities.—

(a) All justices and judges shall devote full-time to their judicial duties. A justice or judge shall not engage in the practice of law or hold office in any political party.

(b) A former justice or former judge shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before the legislative or executive branches of state government for a period of six years after he or she vacates his or her judicial position. The legislature may enact legislation to implement this subsection, including, but not limited to, defining terms and providing penalties for violations. Any such law shall not contain provisions on any other subject.

ARTICLE XII

SCHEDULE

Prohibitions regarding lobbying for compensation and abuse of public position by public officers and public employees.—The amendments to Section 8 of Article II and Section 13 of Article V shall take effect December 31, 2022; except that the amendments to Section 8(h) of Article II shall take effect December 31, 2020, and:

(a) The Florida Commission on Ethics shall, by rule, define the term "disproportionate benefit" and prescribe the requisite intent for finding a violation of the prohibition against abuse of public position by October 1, 2019, as specified in Section 8(h) of Article II.

Wildwood cowboy among top ranked in nation



Special to the Times

Karter Kagel is shown with Caterpillar - the horse he rode to win the state championship and among the top ranked in the national championship.

Kagel was born to ride

BY **BRENDA LOCKLEAR**
Times editor

Wildwood cowboy Karter Kagel and his partner, Brady Barentine, took 12th place in the national high school finals and fourth in the first round of the World Finals Cinch National High School Rodeo roping, last month. Their time out of the gate to finish was 5.66 seconds, according to Karter's dad, John.

At 17, Karter has been riding horses since not long after he was born and brought home from the hospital and is already earning money as a cowboy, from arena winnings to working cattle and horses for other people.

He and Barentine took the state high school championship roping earlier this year and then headed to Rock Springs, Wyoming, where they took the fourth place ranking.

"When you're at home, you just have to practice. You can't just mess around, you've got to treat it like it's everything."

There were 174 teams from around the nation and took fourth out of all the teams.

During the competition, they also picked up some new sponsors, according to Karter's, John. He said Fastback Ropes and American Hats, both out of Texas, took the teens on. They will be competing in Florida next and plan to make another run at the high school championship again next year.

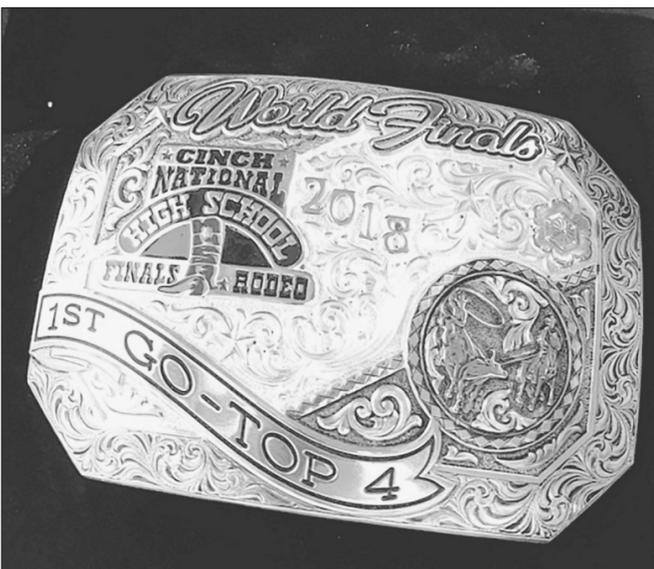
Cowboy Karter said when he's competing, it's a matter of being "consistent," having a game plan and going "as fast as you can."

Karter also rides saddle broncs and works his own herd of cattle.

"I started riding a horse when I was three and a half years old. I had a pony before that."

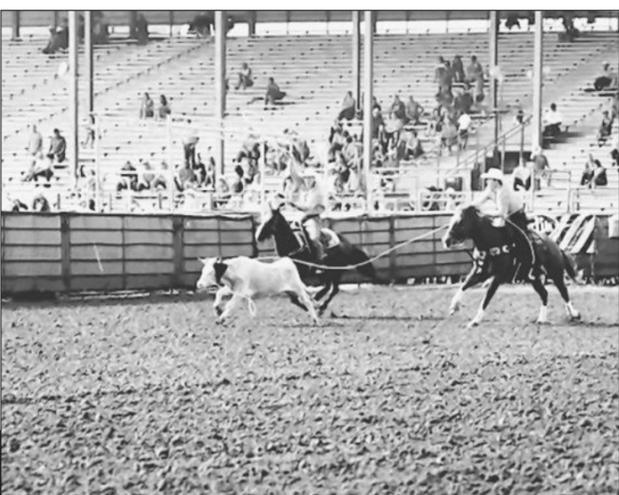
And by then, he had already been dragging ropes around the property. The family lives on 10 acres in Wildwood, but has several cow leases in other locations, he said.

To read the original, full story on Kagel, before he took the world ranking, visit www.sumtercounty-times.com - halfway down the homepage, under Today's News, find 'Cowboy way of life a passion for Sumter teen' to read the story. To view the actual page from the paper, click on the pdf attachment link at the bottom of the story.



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ABOVE: Karter Kagel during he Wyoming challenge, in the arena. TOP LEFT: Karter Kagel's latest addition to the wardrobe is this World Finals belt buckle, he earned in Wyoming in July. He and his partner ranked among the top in the high school rodeo finals. BOTTOM LEFT: Wildwood's Karter Kagel and his partner, Brady Barentine at work, as they pursue the World Finals championship title in Wyoming. The team managed to rank fourth in the competition.



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

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

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

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

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:
Aumento de la Exención sobre los Impuestos a la propiedad de la Vivienda Familiar (Homestead)

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

Se propone una enmienda a la Constitución del Estado con el fin de aumentar la exención fiscal de la vivienda familiar mediante la exención de la tasación fiscal de la propiedad de la vivienda familiar superior a \$100.000 y hasta \$125.000 para todos los gravámenes, a excepción de los gravámenes para distritos escolares. La enmienda entrará en vigencia el 1 de enero de 2019.

TEXTO COMPLETO:

ARTÍCULO VII
FINANZAS Y TRIBUTACIÓN
SECCIÓN 6. Exenciones fiscales para la vivienda familiar. — (a) Todas las personas que tengan titularidad legal o equitativa sobre bienes raíces y mantengan en los mismos la residencia permanente del propietario, u otra que dependa legal o naturalmente del propietario, quedarán exentos de la tributación sobre los mismos, a excepción de las imposiciones para beneficios especiales, hasta la tasación fiscal de veinticinco mil dólares y, respecto a todos los otros gravámenes a excepción de los gravámenes para distritos escolares, sobre la tasación fiscal superior a cincuenta mil dólares y hasta setenta y cinco mil dólares, y sobre la tasación fiscal superior a cien mil dólares y hasta ciento veinticinco mil dólares, una vez que se establezca el derecho sobre estos según lo prescribe la ley. La titularidad sobre los bienes raíces podrá ser legal o equitativa, mancomunada, solidaria, en común, como condominio, o indirectamente mediante la tenencia de acciones o la participación que representen el derecho del propietario o socio en una sociedad que tenga el dominio o los derechos de arrendamiento que inicialmente superen noventa y ocho años. La exención no se aplicará respecto a ningún registro de evaluación hasta que primero un organismo estatal designado por la ley general determine que dicho registro cumple las disposiciones de la Sección 4. Esta exención se aplicará en la fecha de entrada en vigencia de cualquier enmienda a este Artículo que disponga la tasación de la propiedad de la vivienda familiar a un valor inferior al valor justo. (b) No le permitirá más de una exención a ninguna persona o unidad familiar respecto a ninguna unidad residencial. Ninguna exención superará el valor de los bienes raíces tasables al propietario o, en caso de posesión mediante acciones o participación en una sociedad, el valor de la proporción que devengue de la membresía en la corporación sobre el valor tasado de la propiedad. (c) De conformidad con la ley general y con sujeción a las condiciones que se especifican en la misma, el Poder Legislativo podrá entregarle a los propietarios que sean residentes permanentes una reducción fiscal ad valorem sobre todos los gravámenes fiscales ad valorem. Toda reducción fiscal ad valorem se establecerá de la forma y en el monto que disponga la ley general. (d) El poder legislativo podrá, de conformidad con la ley general, permitirles a los condados o municipios, para efectos de sus gravámenes fiscales respectivos y con sujeción a las disposiciones de la ley general, conceder cualquiera de las siguientes exenciones fiscales adicionales para la vivienda familiar o ambas: (1) Una exención que no supere cincuenta mil dólares para una persona que tenga titularidad legal o equitativa sobre bienes raíces y mantenga en los mismos la residencia permanente del propietario, que haya cumplido la edad de sesenta y cinco años, y cuyos ingresos del hogar, según lo defina la ley general, no superen veinte mil dólares; o (2) Una exención equivalente al valor tasado de la propiedad para una persona que tenga titularidad legal o equitativa sobre los bienes raíces con un valor justo inferior a doscientos cincuenta mil dólares, según se determine en el primer año fiscal que aplique el propietario y que cumpla los requisitos para la exención, y que haya mantenido en los mismos la residencia permanente del propietario durante al menos veinticinco años, que haya cumplido la edad de sesenta y cinco años, y cuyos ingresos del hogar no superen la limitación sobre ingresos que se prescribe en el párrafo (1). La ley general debe permitirles a los condados y municipios conceder dichas exenciones adicionales, dentro de los límites que se prescriben en esta subsección, mediante una ordenanza que se adopte de la manera que lo prescribe la ley general, y debe disponer el ajuste periódico de la limitación sobre ingresos que se prescribe en esta subsección respecto a los cambios en el costo de vida. (e) Cada veterano que tenga 65 años o más y que se encuentre total o parcialmente discapacitado recibirá un descuento del monto del impuesto ad valorem que se adeude sobre la propiedad de la vivienda familiar que posea el veterano y donde el mismo residirá si la discapacidad hubiera sido causada por el combate y el veterano hubiera sido dado de baja con honor tras retirarse del servicio militar. El descuento se expresará en un porcentaje equivalente al porcentaje de la discapacidad permanente vinculada al servicio del veterano, según lo determine el Departamento de Asuntos de los Veteranos de los Estados Unidos. Para optar al descuento que concede esta subsección, el solicitante debe presentarle al tasador de propiedades del condado, a más tardar el 1 de marzo, una carta oficial del Departamento de Asuntos de los Veteranos de los Estados Unidos mediante la que se indique el porcentaje de la discapacidad vinculada al servicio del veterano y las pruebas que demuestren de manera razonable que la discapacidad fue causada por el combate, así como también una copia de la baja honorable del veterano. Si el tasador de propiedades rechaza la solicitud de descuento, el tasador debe notificarle al solicitante por escrito los motivos del rechazo, y el veterano podrá volver a realizar la solicitud. El Poder Legislativo podrá, de conformidad con la ley general, ceder del requerimiento anual de solicitudes en los años posteriores. Esta subsección tiene efecto inmediato y no necesita legislación de implementación. (f) De conformidad con la ley general y con sujeción a las condiciones y limitaciones que se especifican en la misma, el Poder Legislativo podrá entregarle una deducción fiscal ad valorem equivalente al monto total o una parte del impuesto ad valorem que se adeude sobre la propiedad de la vivienda familiar a: (1) La cónyuge sobreviviente de un veterano que haya muerto durante su servicio activo en calidad de miembro de las Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos. (2) La cónyuge sobreviviente de un miembro de primeros auxilios que haya muerto en acto de servicio. (3) Un miembro de primeros auxilios que se encuentre totalmente y permanentemente discapacitado a causa de una lesión o lesiones que haya sufrido en acto de servicio. La conexión causal entre una discapacidad y el acto de servicio no debe presumirse, sino que debe determinarse según lo dispone la ley general. Para efectos de este párrafo, el término "discapacitado" no incluye una condición crónica o enfermedad crónica, a menos que la lesión que se haya sufrido en acto de servicio hubiera sido la única causa de la condición crónica y la enfermedad crónica. Según se usa en esta subsección y según lo define más extensamente la ley general, el término "miembro de primeros auxilios" hace referencia a un oficial de la policía, un oficial correccional, un bombero, un técnico médico de emergencia o un paramédico, y el término "en servicio activo" significa que surge a raíz del desempeño real del servicio que sea necesario en virtud del trabajo como miembro de primeros auxilios.

ARTÍCULO XII

ANEXO

SECCIÓN 37. Aumento de exención fiscal para la vivienda familiar. — Esta sección y la enmienda a la Sección 6 del Artículo VII mediante las que se aumenta la exención fiscal para la vivienda familiar a través de la exención de la tasación fiscal de la propiedad de la vivienda familiar superior a \$100.000 y hasta \$125.000 para todos los gravámenes, a excepción de los gravámenes para distritos escolares, entrarán en vigencia el 1 de enero de 2019.

N.º 2 ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO XII, SECCIÓN 27

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:
Limitaciones sobre las Tasaciones Fiscales de las Propiedades

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

Se propone una enmienda a la Constitución

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

TEXTO COMPLETO:

ARTÍCULO XII
ANEXO
SECCIÓN 27. Exenciones fiscales sobre las propiedades y limitaciones sobre las tasaciones fiscales sobre las propiedades. — (a) Las enmiendas a las Secciones 3, 4 y 6 del Artículo VII, que disponen una exención de \$25.000 para los bienes muebles tangibles, que disponen una exención fiscal adicional para la propiedad de la vivienda principal de \$25.000, que autorizan el traspaso de los beneficios acumulados de las limitaciones sobre la tasación de la propiedad de la vivienda familiar, y esta sección, si se presenta a los electores de este estado para su aprobación o rechazo en una elección especial que la ley autorizó que se realizara el 29 de enero de 2008, entrarán en vigencia con la aprobación de los electores y operarán de manera retroactiva hasta el 1 de enero de 2008 o, si se le presentan a los electores de este estado para su aprobación o rechazo en la próxima elección general, entrarán en vigencia el 1 de enero del año posterior a dicha elección general. Las enmiendas a la Sección 4 del Artículo VII mediante las que se crean las subsecciones (g)(1)-(y) (h)-(j) de dicha sección, que limitan las limitaciones sobre la tasación de la propiedad de la vivienda familiar, y esta sección, si se le presenta a los electores de este estado para su aprobación o rechazo en una elección especial que la ley autorizó que se realizara el 29 de enero de 2008, entrarán en vigencia con la aprobación de los electores y operarán de manera retroactiva hasta el 1 de enero de 2008 o, si se le presentan a los electores de este estado para su aprobación o rechazo en la próxima elección general, entrarán en vigencia el 1 de enero del año posterior a dicha elección general. Las enmiendas a la Sección 4 del Artículo VII mediante las que se crean las subsecciones (g)(1)-(y) (h)-(j) de dicha sección, que limitan las limitaciones sobre la tasación de la propiedad de la vivienda familiar, y esta sección, si se le presenta a los electores de este estado para su aprobación o rechazo en una elección especial que la ley autorizó que se realizara el 29 de enero de 2008, entrarán en vigencia con la aprobación de los electores y primero limitarán las tasaciones a partir del 1 de enero de 2009, si se aprueban en una elección especial que se realice el 29 de enero de 2008, o primero limitarán las tasaciones a partir del 1 de enero de 2010, si se aprueban en la elección general que se realice en noviembre de 2008. Las subsecciones (f) y (g) de la Sección 4 del Artículo VII se revocan con fecha 1 de enero de 2019. Sin embargo, el poder legislativo, mediante resolución conjunta, propondrá una enmienda mediante la que se abroga la revocación de las subsecciones (f) y (g) de la que se le presentará a los electores de este estado para su aprobación o rechazo en la elección general de 2018 y, si se aprueba, entrará en vigencia el 1 de enero de 2019. (b) La enmienda a la subsección (a) mediante la que se abroga la revocación programada de las subsecciones (g) y (h) de la Sección 4 del Artículo VII de la Constitución del Estado que existía en 2017 entrará en vigencia el 1 de enero de 2019.

N.º 3

ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO X, SECCIÓN 29

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:
Control de Apuestas en Florida por parte de los Volantes

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

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

DECLARACIÓN DE IMPACTO FINANCIERO:

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

TEXTO COMPLETO:
EL ARTÍCULO X DE LA CONSTITUCIÓN DE FLORIDA SE ENMIENDA PARA QUE INCLUYA LA SIGUIENTE NUEVA SECCIÓN:
Control de Apuestas en Florida por parte de los Volantes.

(a) La presente enmienda garantiza que los volantes de Florida tengan el derecho exclusivo a decidir si autorizar o no las apuestas en casinos en el Estado de Florida. La presente enmienda requiere del voto mediante una iniciativa de los ciudadanos de conformidad con el Artículo XI, Sección 3, para que las apuestas en casinos sean autorizadas conforme a la ley de Florida. Esta sección enmienda el presente Artículo, y además afecta al Artículo XI, al hacer que las iniciativas de los ciudadanos sean el método exclusivo de autorizar las apuestas en casinos. (b) Esta sección se utiliza en la presente sección, "apuestas en casinos", hace referencia a cualquiera de los tipos de juegos que suelen encontrarse en los casinos y que se ajustan a la definición de juegos Clase III de la Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act [Ley Federal de Regulación de Juegos entre la Población Indígena], 25 U.S.C. § 2701 y ss. ("IGRA"), y en el 25 C.F.R. §502.4 una vez que se adopte la presente enmienda, y cualquiera que se agregue a dicha definición de juegos Clase III en el futuro. Esto incluye, sin limitación, cualquier juego donde la casa participe y pueda ganar, lo que incluye, sin limitación, juegos de cartas como bacará, chemin de fer, blackjack (21), y pai gow (si se practican como juegos de cartas), cualquier juego bancario por los jugadores, que simule un juego donde la casa participe, como el black jack de California; juegos de casino como la ruleta, el pase inglés y el keno; cualquier máquina tragamonedas según se definen en 15 U.S.C. 1171(a)(1); y cualquier otro juego no autorizado por el Artículo X, Sección 15, ya sea si se define como una máquina tragamonedas o no, en el que los resultados sean determinados por un generador de números aleatorios o se asignen de manera similar al azar, como instant o historical racing. Según se utiliza en el presente, "apuestas en casinos" incluye dispositivos electrónicos de apuestas simuladas de apuestas simuladas, dispositivos de concursos por Internet, y cualquier otra forma de réplica electrónica o electromecánica de cualquier juego de azar, máquina tragamonedas, o juego de casino, independientemente de la manera en que dichos dispositivos sean definidos conforme a la IGRA. Según se utiliza en el presente, "apuestas en casinos" no incluye apuestas mutuas en carreras de caballos, carreras de perros o exhibiciones de cesta punta. Para efectos de la presente sección, "apuestas" y "juegos" son sinónimos. (c) Ninguna disposición aquí empleada se considerará a menos que limite el derecho del Congreso a ejercer su autoridad a través de la ley general para restringir, reducir o gravar cualquier actividad de apuestas, juegos, o apuestas. Además, ninguna disposición aquí empleada se interpretará como que limita la capacidad del estado o de las tribus americanas nativas de negociar convenios en materia de juegos de conformidad con la Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act con el fin de realizar apuestas en casinos en tierras tribales, o de afectar las apuestas existentes en tierras tribales de conformidad con los convenios formalizados por el estado y las tribus americanas nativas según establece la IGRA. (d) La presente sección tiene vigencia una vez aprobada por los volantes, tiene efecto inmediato y no se requiere ninguna legislación de implementación. (e) Si cualquier parte de la presente sección se considera inválida por cualquier razón, la parte o partes restantes serán separadas de la parte inválida y se les asignará la mayor vigencia posible.

N.º 4

ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO VI, SECCIÓN 4

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:
Enmienda de Restablecimiento de Derechos al Voto

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

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

DECLARACIÓN DE IMPACTO FINANCIERO:

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

TEXTO COMPLETO:

Artículo VI, Sección 4. Descalificación. (a) Ninguna persona que haya sido condenada por un delito grave, o que haya sido declarada mentalmente incompetente en este o cualquier otro estado, estará habilitada para votar u ocupar un cargo público hasta que se restablezcan sus derechos civiles o hasta que desaparezca su discapacidad. Salvo según se disponga en la subsección (b) de la presente sección, cualquier descalificación votar que surge a raíz de una condena por delito grave se extinguirá, y los derechos de votación se restablecerán, una vez que se cumplan todos los términos de la sentencia, incluyendo la libertad condicional o provisional. (b) Ninguna persona que haya sido condenada por homicidio o por un delito sexual grave estará habilitada para votar hasta que se restablezcan sus derechos civiles. (b)(c) Ninguna persona podrá ser candidata a la reelección para ninguno de los siguientes cargos: (1) Representante de Florida, (2) Senador de Florida, (3) Vicegobernador de Florida, (4) Cualquier cargo del gabinete de Florida, (5) Representante de EE. UU. de Florida, o (6) Senador de EE. UU. de Florida. Si, al término del período de su cargo, la persona ha ocupado (o, si no fuera por renuncia, hubiera ocupado) dicho cargo por ocho años consecutivos.

N.º 5

ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO VII, SECCIÓN 19

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:
Voto Mayoritario Requerido para Imponer, Autorizar o Aumentar los Impuestos o Tasas Estatales

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

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

TEXTO COMPLETO:

ARTÍCULO VII
FINANZAS Y TRIBUTACIÓN
SECCIÓN 19. Para imponer, autorizar o elevar los impuestos o tasas estatales se requiere una mayoría calificada de votos. — (a) VOTO MAYORITARIO REQUERIDO PARA IMPONER O AUTORIZAR NUEVOS IMPUESTOS O TASAS ESTATALES. Ningún impuesto o tasa estatal pueden ser impuestos o autorizados por el sistema legislativo, a excepción de cuando dos tercios de la membresía de cada casa del sistema legislativo hayan aprobado la legislación y la misma haya sido presentada al Gobernador para su aprobación de acuerdo con lo establecido en el Artículo III, Sección 8. (b) VOTO MAYORITARIO REQUERIDO PARA AUMENTAR LOS IMPUESTOS O TASAS. Ningún impuesto o tasa estatal pueden ser aumentados por el sistema legislativo, a excepción de cuando dos tercios de la membresía de cada casa del sistema legislativo hayan aprobado la legislación y la misma haya sido presentada al Gobernador para su aprobación de acuerdo con lo establecido en el Artículo III, Sección 8. (c) APPLICABILIDAD. Esta sección no autoriza la imposición de ningún impuesto o tasa estatal que estén prohibidos por la Constitución, y no aplica a ningún impuesto o tasa impuesta por, o autorizada para su imposición por, un condado, municipalidad, junta escolar o distrito especial. (d) DEFINICIONES. Conforme serán utilizados en esta sección, los siguientes términos contarán con los siguientes significados: (1) "Tasa" se refiere a cualquier cobro o pago requerido por la ley, incluyendo tasas de servicio, tasas o costos de emisión de licencias, y cargos por servicios. (2) "Aumento" se refiere a: a. Aumentar o autorizar el aumento en la tasa de un impuesto estatal o una tasa impuesta sobre una base porcentual o por cada mil; b. Aumentar o autorizar el aumento en la cantidad de impuestos o tasas estatales que son calculados sobre una base plana o fija; o c. Disminuir o eliminar una exoneración o crédito sobre un impuesto o tasa estatal. (e) MATERIA ÚNICA. Los impuestos o tasas estatales impuestos, autorizados o aumentados bajo esta sección deben estar contenidos en una ley separada que no contenga ninguna otra materia.

N.º 6

REVISIÓN CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO I, SECCIÓN 16 ARTÍCULO V, SECCIONES 8 Y 21 ARTÍCULO XII, NUEVA SECCIÓN

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:
Derechos de las Víctimas de Delitos; Jueces

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

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

TEXTO COMPLETO:

ARTÍCULO I
DECLARACIÓN DE DERECHOS
SECCIÓN 16. Derechos del acusado y de las víctimas. — (a) En todos los procesamiento penales, el acusado deberá, bajo pedido, ser informado de la naturaleza y causa de la acusación, así como se le proporcionará una copia de los cargos, y tendrá derecho a tener medidas compulsivas para la comparecencia de testigos, a enfrentar testigos adversos en el juicio, a ser escuchado en persona, por un abogado o ambos, y a tener un juicio rápido y público impartido por un jurado imparcial en el condado donde se cometió el crimen. Si no se conoce el condado, la acusación o información podrá cobrar lugar en dos o más condados de manera conjunta y la prueba de que el crimen fue cometido en esa área será suficiente; sin embargo, antes de declararse, el acusado podrá elegir en cuál de estos condados se llevará a cabo el juicio. El lugar para el enjuiciamiento de los delitos cometidos fuera de los límites del estado será fijado por la ley. (b) Para preservar y proteger el derecho de las víctimas de delitos a alcanzar la justicia, garantizar a las víctimas de delitos un papel significativo en todos los sistemas de justicia penal y juvenil, y asegurar que los derechos e intereses de las víctimas de delitos sean respetados y protegidos por la ley de una manera no menos vigorosa que las protecciones otorgadas a los acusados penales y delincuentes juveniles, toda víctima tendrá los siguientes derechos, a partir del momento de su victimización: (1) El derecho al debido proceso y a ser tratado con rectitud y respeto por la dignidad propia. (2) El derecho a ser libre de intimidación, acoso y abuso. (3) El derecho, dentro del proceso judicial, de estar razonablemente protegido del acusado y de cualquier persona que actúe en nombre del acusado. Sin embargo, nada de lo contenido en este documento tiene la intención de crear una relación especial entre la víctima del delito y cualquier agencia u oficina de aplicación de la ley que no tenga una relación o deber especial según lo defina la ley de la Florida. (4) El derecho a tener en cuenta la seguridad y el bienestar de la víctima y de la familia de la víctima al establecer la fianza, incluyendo el establecimiento de condiciones de libertad provisional que protejan la seguridad y el bienestar de la víctima y de la familia de la víctima. (5) El derecho a evitar la divulgación de información o registros que puedan ser utilizados para localizar o acosar a la víctima o

la familia de la víctima, o que puedan revelar información confidencial o privilegiada de la víctima.

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

a. El derecho a recibir una notificación razonable, precisa y oportuna, y a estar presente en todos los procedimientos públicos que involucren la conducta delictiva, incluidos, entre otros, juicio, declaración de culpabilidad, sentencia, o adjudicación, incluso si la víctima será un testigo en el procedimiento y a pesar de cualquier regla en lo contrario. A la víctima también se le proporcionará una notificación razonable, precisa y oportuna de cualquier liberación o escape del acusado o del delincuente, y de cualquier procedimiento durante el cual algún derecho de la víctima esté implicado. b. El derecho a ser escuchado en cualquier procedimiento público que implique la libertad provisional u otro tipo de liberación de cualquier forma de restricción legal, declaración de culpabilidad, sentencia, adjudicación o libertad condicional, y en cualquier procedimiento durante el cual algún derecho de la víctima esté implicado. c. El derecho de consultar con el fiscal sobre cualquier acuerdo de culpabilidad, participación en programas alternativos previos al juicio, liberación, restitución, sentencia o cualquier otra disposición del caso. d. El derecho a proporcionar información sobre el impacto de la conducta del delincuente sobre la víctima y la familia de la víctima a la persona responsable de llevar a cabo cualquier investigación previa a la sentencia, a compilar cualquier informe de investigación previo a la sentencia, y a hacer considerar cualquier información de este tipo en cualquier recomendación de sentencia presentada al tribunal. e. El derecho a recibir una copia de cualquier informe previo a la sentencia y cualquier otro informe o registro relevante para el ejercicio del derecho de la víctima, a excepción de aquellas partes que sean confidenciales o estén exentas por ley. f. El derecho a ser informado de la condena, sentencia, adjudicación, lugar y tiempo de encarcelamiento u otra disposición del delincuente convicto, así como de cualquier fecha programada para la excarcelación del delincuente, y de la liberación o el escape del delincuente de la custodia. g. El derecho a ser informado de todos los procesos y procedimientos posteriores a la condena y participar en tales procesos y procedimientos, a proporcionar información a la autoridad de liberación para que sea considerada antes de que se tome una decisión de liberación, y a ser notificado de cualquier decisión de liberación con respecto al delincuente. La autoridad de libertad condicional o de libertad anticipada extenderá el derecho a ser escuchado a cualquier persona perjudicada por el delincuente. h. El derecho a ser informado de los procedimientos de indulto y expurgo, a proporcionar información al gobernador, al tribunal, a cualquier junta de indulto y otras autoridades en estos procedimientos, a que esa información se considere antes de que se tome una decisión de indulto, clemencia o expurgo, y a ser notificado de tal decisión antes de cualquier liberación del delincuente. (7) Los derechos de la víctima, según lo dispuesto en el subpárrafo (6) a., subpárrafo (6) b., o subpárrafo (6) c., que apliquen a cualquier primer procedimiento de comparecencia se cumplirán mediante un intento razonable por parte de la agencia competente para notificar a la víctima y transmitir las opiniones de la víctima al tribunal. (8) El derecho a la pronta devolución de la propiedad de la víctima cuando ya no sea necesaria como evidencia en el caso. (9) El derecho a la restitución completa y oportuna en cada caso y, por parte de cada delincuente condenado, por motivo de todas las pérdidas sufridas por la víctima como resultado de la conducta delictiva, tanto directa como indirectamente. (10) El derecho a procedimientos sin demoras irrazonables, y a una pronta y final conclusión del caso y de cualquier procedimiento posterior al juicio. (11) El abogado del estado podrá presentar una demanda de buena fe para un juicio rápido, y el tribunal de primera instancia deberá celebrar una audiencia de señalamientos, bajo previo aviso, dentro de los quince días de la presentación de la demanda, para programar un juicio que comience en una fecha de al menos cinco días pero no más de sesenta días después de la fecha de la demanda del calendario, a menos que el juez de primera instancia presente una orden con determinaciones de hecho que justifiquen una fecha de prueba más de sesenta días después de la audiencia de señalamientos. b. Todas las apelaciones a nivel estatal y los ataques colaterales sobre cualquier sentencia deberán completarse dentro de los dos años posteriores a la apelación en casos que no sean capitales y dentro de los cinco años posteriores a la apelación en casos capitales, a menos que un tribunal dicte una orden con conclusiones específicas acerca de por qué dicho tribunal no pudo cumplir con este subpárrafo. Las circunstancias que causaron el retraso. Cada año, el juez principal de cualquier tribunal de apelación del distrito o el presidente de la Suprema Corte informará caso por caso al presidente de la Cámara de Representantes y al presidente del Senado de los dos casos en que dicho tribunal introdujo una orden con respecto a la incapacidad de cumplir con este subpárrafo. La legislatura podrá promulgar legislación para implementar este subpárrafo. (11) El derecho a ser informado de estos derechos, y a ser informado de que las víctimas pueden buscar el consejo de un abogado con respecto a sus derechos. Esta información se pondrá a disposición del público en general y se proporcionará a todas las víctimas de delitos en forma de una tarjeta o por otros medios destinados a informar efectivamente a la víctima de sus derechos en virtud de esta sección. (C) La víctima, el abogado retenido de la víctima, un representante legal de la víctima o la oficina del procurador del Estado, a petición de la víctima, pueden hacer valer y solicitar el cumplimiento de los derechos enumerados en esta sección y cualquier otro derecho otorgado a una víctima por ley en cualquier juicio o tribunal de apelación, o ante cualquier otra autoridad con jurisdicción sobre el caso, como cuestión de derecho. El tribunal u otra autoridad con jurisdicción actuará con prontitud sobre dicha solicitud, ofreciendo una solución jurídica de acuerdo con la ley por la violación de cualquier derecho. Las razones de cualquier decisión con respecto a la disposición del derecho de la víctima se indicarán claramente en el registro. (d) El otorgamiento de los derechos enumerados en esta sección a las víctimas no puede interpretarse como denegación o menoscabo de otros derechos que poseen las víctimas. Las disposiciones de esta sección se aplican a todos los procesos penales y de justicia juvenil, son autoejecutables y no requieren una legislación de implementación. Esta sección no podrá ser interpretada para crear cualquier causa de acción por daños y perjuicios contra el estado o una subdivisión del estado, o contra cualquier funcionario, empleado o agente del estado o sus subdivisiones políticas. (e) Como se usa en esta sección, una "víctima" es una persona que sufre daño físico, psicológico o financiero directo o amenazado como resultado de la perpetración o intento de perpetración de un delito o acto delictuencial o contra quien el delito o acto delictuencial es cometido. El término "víctima" incluye al representante legítimo de la víctima, al padre o tutor de un menor o al familiar de una víctima de homicidio, excepto cuando se demuestre que el interés de dicho individuo estaría en conflicto real o potencial con los intereses de la víctima. El término "víctima" no incluye al acusado de delitos, "delito" y "delincuente" incluyen conducta y actos delictivos. Las víctimas del crimen o sus representantes legítimos, incluidos los familiares de las víctimas de homicidios, tienen derecho a ser informados, a estar presentes, y a ser escuchados cuando sea pertinente, en todas las etapas cruciales de los procedimientos penales, en la medida en que estos derechos no interfieran con los derechos constitucionales del acusado.

ARTÍCULO V

PODER JUDICIAL

SECCIÓN 8. Elegibilidad. — Ninguna persona será elegible para el cargo de juez de la corte superior o juez de la corte de apelaciones o residente de la jurisdicción territorial de la corte. Ningún juez o magistrado servirá después de haber cumplido los setenta y cinco setenta años de edad, excepto en el caso de una asignación temporal, o para completar un término, la mitad del cual ya haya sido cumplido. Ninguna persona es elegible para la Oficina de Justicia de la Corte Suprema o para ser juez de un tribunal de apelaciones de distrito, a menos que la persona sea, y haya sido durante los últimos diez años, miembro del colegio de abogados de Florida. Ninguna persona es elegible para la oficina de Juez del

círculo a menos que la persona sea, y haya sido durante los últimos cinco años, miembro del colegio de abogados de Florida. A menos que la ley general disponga lo contrario, ninguna persona es elegible para la oficina de juez del tribunal del condado, a menos que la persona sea, y haya sido durante los últimos cinco años, miembro del colegio de abogados de Florida. A menos que la ley general disponga lo contrario, una persona será elegible ya sea por elección o nombramiento a la oficina de juez del tribunal del condado en un condado cuya población sea de 40,000 habitantes o menos, si la persona es un miembro acreditado del Colegio de Abogados de Florida.

SECCIÓN 21. Interpretación judicial de estatutos y reglas. — Al interpretar un estatuto o norma estatal, un tribunal estatal o un funcionario atendiendo a una acción administrativa de conformidad con la ley general no podrá deferir a la interpretación de la agencia administrativa de tal estatuto o regla, y deberá, por el contrario, interpretar dicho estatuto o regla por segunda vez.

ARTÍCULO XII

ANEXO

Elegibilidad de magistrados y jueces. — La enmienda a la Sección 8 del Artículo V, que aumenta la edad a la que un juez o magistrado ya no es elegible para servir en un cargo judicial excepto por asignación temporal, entrará en vigencia el 1 de julio de 2019.

N.º 7

REVISIÓN CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO IX, SECCIONES 7 Y 8 ARTÍCULO X, NUEVA SECCIÓN

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:
Beneficios para los Sobrevivientes de Miembros de Primeros Auxilios y Miembros Militares; Colegios y Auxilios Públicas

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

Concede el pago obligatorio de beneficios por fallecimiento y la exención de ciertos gastos de educación a los sobrevivientes calificados de ciertos miembros de primeros auxilios y miembros militares que mueran realizando tareas oficiales. Exige una supermayoría de votos de los administradores universitarios y de la junta de gobernadores del sistema universitario estatal para recaudar o imponer todas las tarifas autorizadas legislativamente si la ley requiere la aprobación de dichos organismos. Establece el sistema de colegios estatales existente como una entidad constitucional; proporciona estructura de gobierno.

TEXTO COMPLETO:

ARTÍCULO IX

EDUCACIÓN

SECCIÓN 7. Sistema Universitario Estatal. — (a) PROPÓSITOS. Con el fin de lograr la excelencia a través de la enseñanza de los estudiantes, de avanzar la investigación y de proveer servicios públicos para el beneficio de los ciudadanos de la Florida, sus comunidades y economías, el pueblo de la Florida establece un sistema de gobierno para el sistema universitario del estado de la Florida. (b) SISTEMA UNIVERSITARIO ESTATAL. Habrá solo un sistema universitario estatal que incluirá todas las universidades públicas. Una junta de fideicomisarios administrará cada universidad pública y una junta de gobernadores gobernará el sistema universitario del estado. (c) JUNTAS DE FIDEICOMISARIOS LOCALES. Cada universidad constituyente local será administrada por una junta de fideicomisarios constituida por trece miembros dedicados a los fines del sistema universitario estatal. La junta de gobernadores establecerá las facultades y los deberes de la junta de fideicomisarios. Cada junta de fideicomisarios consistirá de seis ciudadanos miembros nombrados por el gobernador y cinco ciudadanos miembros nombrados por la junta de gobernadores. Los miembros nombrados deberán ser confirmados por el Senado y servirán por períodos escalonados de cinco años como provisto por ley. El presidente del senado de la facultad, o su equivalente, y el presidente del cuerpo estudiantil de la universidad también serán miembros. (d) JUNTA ESTATAL DE GOBERNADORES. La junta de gobernadores será un organismo empresarial consistente de diecisiete miembros. La junta deberá operar, regular, controlar, y ser plenamente responsable por el manejo de todo el sistema universitario. Estas responsabilidades incluyen, sin limitación, la definición de la misión propia de cada universidad constituyente y su articulación con escuelas gratuitas públicas y centros de formación profesional, asegurando la coordinación, buena planificación, y funcionamiento del sistema, y la eliminación de la duplicación excesiva de instalaciones o programas. La dirección de la junta estará sujeta a los poderes de la legislatura de asignar los gastos de los fondos, y la junta rendirá cuentas sobre esos gastos conforme a lo provisto por ley. El gobernador nombrará a la junta cuatro ciudadanos dedicados a los fines del sistema universitario estatal. Los miembros nombrados deberán ser confirmados por el Senado y servirán términos escalonados de siete años como dispuesto por ley. El comisionado de la educación, el presidente del consejo asesor del senado de la facultad, o su equivalente, y el presidente de la asociación de estudiantes de la Florida, o su equivalente, serán también miembros de la junta. (e) TARIFAS. Cualquier propuesta o acción de una universidad constituyente para recaudar, imponer o autorizar cualquier tarifa, según lo autoriza la ley, debe ser aprobada por al menos nueve votos afirmativos de los miembros del consejo directivo de la universidad constituyente, en caso de que la aprobación de la junta directiva sea requerida por la ley general, y al menos doce votos afirmativos de los miembros de la junta de gobernadores, en caso de que la ley general exija la aprobación de la junta de gobernadores, para que entre en vigencia. Una tarifa bajo esta subsección no incluirá la matrícula.

SECCIÓN 8.

Sistema De Colegios Estatales.

— (a) PROPÓSITOS. Con el fin de lograr la excelencia y proporcionar acceso a la educación universitaria a los estudiantes de este estado; de originar caminos articulados para un grado de bachillerato; de garantizar un compromiso superior con la enseñanza y el aprendizaje; y de responder de manera rápida y eficiente a la demanda de las comunidades mediante la alineación de los certificados y programas de grado con las necesidades locales y regionales de la fuerza de trabajo, el pueblo de la Florida, en virtud de este acto, establece un sistema de gobierno para el sistema de colegios estatales de la Florida. (b) SISTEMA DE COLEGIOS ESTATALES. Habrá un sistema de colegios estatales único compuesto por todos

generales cuando un miembro en servicio activo de las Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos sea:

- (1) Accidentalmente asesinado o reciba lesiones corporales accidentales que resulten en la pérdida de la vida de la persona, siempre que tal asesinato no sea el resultado de un suicidio y que tal lesión corporal no sea autoinfligida intencionalmente; o
(2) Muera o sea asesinado ilícita e intencionalmente como resultado de tal acto ilícito e intencional o sea asesinado durante el servicio activo.
(c) Si un bombero, un paramédico, un técnico médico de emergencia, un policía, un oficial correccional u oficial de libertad condicional, o un miembro de servicio activo de la Guardia Nacional de la Florida o las Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos es asesinado accidentalmente como se especifica en los párrafos (a)(1) y (b)(1) o asesinado ilícita e intencionalmente como se especifica en los párrafos (a)(2) y (b)(2), el estado deberá exonerar ciertos gastos educativos que el niño o el cónyuge del miembro de primeros auxilios o militar fallecido incurra al obtener un certificado vocacional, una educación de pregrado o una educación de posgrado.
(d) Un miembro de primeros auxilios elegible debe haber estado trabajando para el Estado de Florida o cualquiera de sus subdivisiones políticas o agencias en el momento de su muerte. Un miembro militar elegible debe haber sido residente de este estado o que su puesto de trabajo haya pertenecido al mismo en el momento de su muerte.
(e) La legislatura implementará esta sección por ley general.
(f) Esta sección entrará en vigencia el 1 de julio de 2019.

N.º 8 REVISIÓN CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO IX, SECCIÓN 4, NUEVA SECCIÓN ARTÍCULO XII, NUEVA SECCIÓN

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Límites y Deberes del Termino de la Junta Escolar; Escuelas Públicas

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

TEXTO COMPLETO: ARTÍCULO IX EDUCACIÓN SECCIÓN 4. Distritos escolares; juntas escolares. (a) Cada condado constituirá un distrito escolar, sin embargo, dos o más condados contiguos, con el voto de los electores de cada condado conforme a ley, podrán ser combinados en un distrito escolar. En cada distrito escolar habrá una junta escolar compuesta de cinco o más miembros electos por el voto de los electores en una elección no-partidista, para mandatos de cuatro años apropiadamente escalonados, según lo dispuesto por ley. Una persona no puede aparecer en la boleta para la reelección a la oficina de la junta escolar si, para el final del mandato actual, la persona hubiese servido o hubiese servido si no fuese por su renuncia, durante ocho años consecutivos.
(b) La junta escolar deberá operar, controlar, y supervisar todos los escuelas gratuitas públicas establecidas por la junta escolar del distrito dentro del distrito escolar y deberá determinar la tasa de impuestos del distrito escolar dentro de los límites establecidos en este documento. Dos o más distritos escolares podrán operar y financiar programas educativos comunes.
SECCIÓN. Alfabetización cívica. Como la educación es esencial para la preservación de los derechos y las libertades de las personas, la legislatura deberá proveer fondos por ley para la promoción de la alfabetización cívica con el fin de garantizar que los estudiantes matriculados en la educación pública comprendan y estén preparados para ejercer sus derechos y responsabilidades como ciudadanos de una república constitucional.

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

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

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

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

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

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

sección, las siguientes palabras y términos tendrán los significados indicados:
(1) "Fumar" significa inhalar, exhalar, quemar, fumar o poseer cualquier producto de tabaco encendido, incluidos cigarrillos, tabacos, habanos, tabaco para pipa y cualquier otro producto de tabaco encendido.
(2) "Humo de segunda mano", también conocido como humo de tabaco ambiental (HTA), significa humo emitido por el tabaco encendido, humeante o en combustión cuando el fumador no está inhalando; humo emitido en la boquilla durante el soplo; y humo exhalado por el fumador.
(3) "Trabajo" significa cualquier empleo o servicio de empleo proveído por una persona a petición de otra persona o personas o de cualquier entidad pública o privada, ya sea pago o no, ya sea a tiempo completo o parcial, ya sea legal o no. "Trabajo" incluye, sin limitaciones, cualquier servicio realizado por un empleado, contratista independiente, agente, socio, propietario, gerente, funcionario, director, aprendiz, pasante, asociado, servidor, voluntario y similares.
(4) "Lugar de trabajo encerrado" significa cualquier lugar donde una o más personas se dediquen al trabajo, cuyo espacio esté predominantemente o totalmente delimitado por barreras físicas en todos los lados y por encima, independientemente de si tales barreras constituyen o incluyen aberturas descubiertas, aberturas parcialmente cubiertas o con pantallas; ventanas abiertas o cerradas, persianas, puertas o similares. Esta sección aplica a todos los lugares de trabajo encerrados sin importar si el trabajo se está produciendo en un momento dado.
(5) El uso "Comercial" de una residencia privada significa cualquier período durante el cual el propietario, arrendatario u otra persona que ocupe o controle el uso de la residencia privada esté suministrando o permitiendo que se suministre: cuidado de niños, cuidado de adultos mayores, atención médica, o cualquier combinación de los mismos en la residencia privada, y que reciba o espere recibir una compensación por ello.
(6) "Tienda minorista de tabaco" significa cualquier lugar de trabajo encerrado dedicado principalmente a la venta al por menor de tabaco, productos de tabaco y accesorios para tales productos, en el cual la venta de otros productos o servicios sea meramente incidental.
(7) "Habitaciones designadas para fumadores en establecimientos públicos de alojamiento" significa los dormitorios y áreas privadas directamente asociadas, tales como baños, salas de estar y áreas de cocina, si las hay, alquiladas a huéspedes para su ocupación transitoria exclusiva en establecimientos públicos de alojamiento, incluyendo hoteles, moteles, condominios de resorts, apartamentos transitorios, establecimientos de alojamiento transitorio, casas de hospedaje, pensiones, viviendas de complejos turísticos, posadas de alojamiento y desayuno y similares; que sean designadas por la persona o personas que tienen autoridad de gestión sobre el establecimiento de alojamiento público como habitaciones en las que se permite fumar.
(8) "Bar independiente" se refiere a un lugar de negocios dedicado, durante cualquier momento de su operación, en mayor parte o totalmente a servir bebidas alcohólicas, bebidas embriagantes, licores embriagantes, o cualquier combinación de los mismos para su consumo en las instalaciones autorizadas; en el cual el servicio de alimentos, si lo hay, es meramente secundario al consumo de tales bebidas; y que no se encuentra dentro, ni comparte, cualquier entrada o área interior común con ningún otro lugar de trabajo encerrado que incluya cualquier negocio para el cual la venta de alimentos o cualquier otro producto o servicio sea más que una fuente incidental de ingresos brutos.
(9) "Dispositivo electrónico generador de vapor" significa cualquier producto que emplee un medio electrónico, químico o mecánico capaz de producir vapor o aerosol a partir de un producto de nicotina o cualquier otra sustancia, incluidos, entre otros, un cigarrillo electrónico, cigarro electrónico, pipa electrónica u otro dispositivo o producto similar, cualquier cartucho de recambio para dicho dispositivo y cualquier otro recipiente de una solución u otra sustancia destinada a ser utilizada con o dentro de un cigarrillo electrónico, cigarro electrónico, pipa electrónica u otro dispositivo o producto similar.
(10) "Minorista de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor" se refiere a cualquier lugar de trabajo encerrado dedicado principalmente a la venta al por menor de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor, y componentes y accesorios para tales productos, en el que la venta de otros productos o servicios sea meramente incidental.
(d) LEGISLACIÓN. En la próxima sesión legislativa regular que se produzca después de la aprobación de esta sección o cualquier enmienda a esta sección aprobada por parte de los votantes, la Legislatura de Florida aprobará legislación para implementar esta sección y cualquier enmienda a esta sección enmienda de una manera consistente con su objetivo general y términos establecidos, y con una fecha de vigencia a más tardar del 1 de julio del año siguiente de la aprobación de los votantes. Dicha legislación incluirá, sin limitaciones, acciones civiles por violaciones de esta sección; disposiciones para la aplicación de medidas administrativas; y el requisito y autorización de las reglas de la agencia para su implementación y cumplimiento. Esta sección no Nada de lo contenido le prohíbe a la Legislatura promulgar una ley que constituya o que permita una regulación más restrictiva sobre el consumo de tabaco y el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor que la proporcionada en esta sección.

N.º 10 REVISIÓN CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO III, SECCIÓN 9 ARTÍCULO IV, SECCIONES 4 Y 11 ARTÍCULO VIII, SECCIONES 1 Y 6

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

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

TEXTO COMPLETO: ARTÍCULO III LEGISLATURA SECCIÓN 3. Sesiones de la legislatura. (a) SESIONES DE ORGANIZACIÓN. En el decimocuarto día después de cada elección general, la Legislatura se convocará en sesión con el propósito exclusivo de la organización y selección de oficiales.
(b) SESIONES REGULARES. Una sesión regular de la legislatura se convocará el primer martes después del primer lunes de marzo de cada año impar, y en el segundo primer martes después del primer lunes de enero marzo, o en cualquier otra fecha que pueda ser fijada por ley, de cada año par.
(c) SESIONES ESPECIALES. (1) El gobernador, mediante una proclamación que declare el propósito, podrá convocar a la legislatura en sesión especial, durante la cual sólo se tratará actividad legislativa que sea relevante a la proclamación, o a una sesión de comunicación del gobernador, o que se introduzca con el consentimiento de dos tercios de los miembros de cada cámara.
(2) Una sesión especial de la legislatura podrá ser convocada según sea necesario por ley.
(3) DURACIÓN DE LAS SESIONES. Una sesión regular de la legislatura no podrá durar más de sesenta días consecutivos, y una sesión especial no durará más de veinte días consecutivos, a menos de que sea extendida más allá de ese límite por un voto de tres quintas partes de cada cámara. Durante dicha extensión ningún asunto nuevo podrá ser tratado en ninguna de las cámaras sin el consentimiento de dos tercios de sus miembros.
(d) POSTERGACIÓN. Ninguna de las cámaras podrá postergarse por más de setenta y dos horas consecutivas, a menos que sea en virtud de una resolución concurrente.
(e) POSTERGACIÓN POR EL GOBERNADOR. Si durante alguna sesión regular o especial las cámaras no pueden acordar sobre el tiempo de postergación, el gobernador podrá postergar la sesión sine die o cualquier fecha durante el período autorizado para esas sesiones, siempre y cuando, por lo menos veinticuatro horas antes de postergar la sesión y mientras ninguna cámara esté en receso, cada cámara reciba aviso formal y por escrito de la intención del gobernador. Un acuerdo alcanzado por ambas cámaras acerca del momento de postergación durante ese período deberá prevalecer.

ARTÍCULO IV EJECUTIVO SECCIÓN 4. Gabinete. (a) Existirá un gabinete compuesto de un fiscal general, un jefe financiero, y un comisionado de agricultura. En adición a los poderes y deberes especificados aquí, podrán ejercer tales poderes y desempeñar tales deberes como pueda ser provisto por ley. En caso de una votación empate entre el gobernador y el gabinete, el lado en cuál el gobernador votó a favor se considerará prevaleciente.
(b) El fiscal general deberá ser el jefe legal estatal. Será creada en la oficina del fiscal general la posición de fiscal del estado. El fiscal del estado tendrá jurisdicción concurrente con los abogados del estado para procesar la violación de leyes criminales que han o hayan ocurrido en dos o más circuitos judiciales como parte de una transacción relacionada, o cuando cualquier tal delito esté afectado o haya afectado a dos o más circuitos judiciales tal y como provisto por ley general. El fiscal del estado será nombrado por el fiscal general de entre no menos de tres personas nominadas por la comisión de nominaciones judiciales para la Corte Suprema, o como sea provisto por ley general.
(c) El director de finanzas servirá como el principal funcionario financiero del estado, saldará y aprobará cuentas debidas por el estado, y almacenará todos los fondos y valores del estado.
(d) El comisionado de agricultura tendrá supervisión sobre asuntos relacionados con la agricultura excepto cuando sea provisto de lo contrario por ley.
(e) El gobernador como presidente, el director de finanzas, y el fiscal general constituirán la junta estatal de administración, la cual asumirá todo el poder, control, y autoridad de la junta estatal de administración establecida por el Artículo IX, Sección 16 de la Constitución de 1885, y la cual continuará como entidad por lo menos durante la vida del Artículo XII, Sección 9(c). El gobernador como presidente, el director de finanzas, el fiscal general, y el comisionado de agricultura constituirán los administradores fiduciarios del fideicomiso de mejora interna y del fideicomiso de adquisición de tierras como provisto por ley.
(f) El gobernador como presidente, el director de finanzas, el fiscal general, y el comisionado de agricultura constituyen la directiva de agencias del Departamento de Investigaciones Criminales. La Oficina de Seguridad Doméstica y Contraterrorismo se crea dentro del Departamento de Aplicación de la Ley. La Oficina de Seguridad Doméstica y Contraterrorismo proporcionará apoyo a los fiscales y agencias de aplicación de la ley federal, estatal y local que investiguen o analicen información relacionada con intentos y actos de terrorismo o que sancionen el terrorismo, y realizará cualquier otro cometido que establezca la ley.
SECCIÓN 11. Departamento de Asuntos de Veteranos. La legislatura, por ley general, deberá organizar y prescribir los deberes de un Departamento de Asuntos de Veteranos y prescribir sus deberes. La directiva del departamento son el gobernador y el gabinete.

ARTÍCULO VIII GOBIERNO LOCAL SECCIÓN 1. Condados. (a) SUBDIVISIONES POLÍTICAS. El estado se dividirá, por ley, en subdivisiones políticas llamadas condados. Los Condados podrán ser creados, abolidos o cambiados por ley, con provisiones para el pago o repartición de la deuda pública.
(b) FONDOS DEL CONDADO. El cuidado, custodia y método de distribuir los fondos del condado será provisto por ley general.
(c) GOBIERNO. Mediante ley general o especial, un gobierno del condado podrá ser establecido por carta orgánica la cual se adoptará, enmendará, o revocará solo con el voto de los electores del condado en una elección especial convocada para ese propósito.
(d) OFICIALES DEL CONDADO. Serán electos por los electores de cada condado, por términos de cuatro años, un alguacil, un recaudador de impuestos, un tasador de propiedades, un supervisor de elecciones, y un secretario de la corte de circuito; excepto que, cuando lo disponga la carta orgánica o una ley especial aprobada por el voto de los electores del condado, cualquier funcionario del condado puede ser elegido de otra manera que esté especificada en ella, o cualquier oficina del condado puede ser abolida cuando todos los deberes de la oficina prescrito por ley general sean transferidos a otra oficina o agencia. Cuando no por ley especial aprobada por la carta orgánica o voto de los electores o de conformidad con el Artículo V, Sección 16, disponga lo contrario, el secretario de la corte de circuito será secretario ex officio de la junta de comisionados del condado, auditor, registrador y custodio de todos los fondos del condado. Sin perjuicio de la subsección 6(e) de este artículo, la carta del condado no puede abolir la oficina de un alguacil, un recaudador de impuestos, un tasador de propiedades, un supervisor de elecciones o un secretario del tribunal de circuito; transferir los deberes de esas oficinas a otro oficial u oficina; cambiar la duración del mandato de cuatro años o establecer cualquier forma de selección que no sea al fin de los electores del condado.
(e) COMISIONADOS. Excepto cuando sea provisto de otra manera por la carta orgánica del condado, el cuerpo gobernante de cada condado será una junta de comisionados del condado compuesto de cinco o siete miembros sirviendo términos escalonados de cuatro años. Después de cada censo decenal el cuerpo de comisionados del condado dividirá el condado en distritos de territorio contiguos más iguales en población posible. Un comisionado residiendo en cada distrito será electo como provisto por ley.
(f) GOBIERNO SIN CARTA ORGÁNICA. Condados que no operen bajo cartas orgánicas tendrán tal poder de autogobierno como sea provisto por ley general o especial. La carta orgánica de un condado que no sea una carta orgánica podrá promulgar, en manera prescrita por ley general, ordenanzas de condado que no sean inconsistentes con ley general o especial, pero una ordenanza en conflicto con una ordenanza municipal no será válida dentro del municipio en medida de tal conflicto.
(g) GOBIERNO DE CARTA ORGÁNICA. Condados actuando bajo cartas orgánicas de condados tendrán todos los poderes de autogobierno local que no sean inconsistentes con ley general, o con ley especial aprobada por voto de los electores. El cuerpo gobernante de un condado actuando bajo una carta orgánica podrá promulgar ordenanzas del condado no inconsistentes con ley general. La carta orgánica proporcionará aquello que deba prevalecer en caso de conflicto entre ordenanzas del condado y ordenanzas municipales.
(h) IMPUESTOS; LIMITACIONES. Propiedad situada dentro de municipios no será sujeta a impuestos por servicios provistos por el condado exclusivamente para beneficio de la propiedad o de los residentes en áreas no incorporadas.
(i) ORDENANZAS DEL CONDADO. Cada ordenanza del condado se archivará con el custodio de los registros estatales y entrará en vigor a tal tiempo de allí en adelante como sea provisto por ley general.
(j) VIOLACIÓN DE ORDENANZAS. Personas que violen las ordenanzas del condado serán presadas y castigadas según lo dispuesto por ley.
(k) SEDE DEL CONDADO. En cada condado, habrá una sede del condado donde estarán localizadas las oficinas principales y registros permanentes de todos los oficiales del condado. La sede del condado no podrá ser movida excepto sea provisto por ley general. Oficinas sucursales para conducir asuntos del condado podrán ser establecidas en otras partes del condado por resolución del cuerpo gobernante en la manera prescrita por ley. Ningún instrumento se considerará registrado hasta que sea archivado en la sede del condado, o en una oficina sucursal designada por el cuerpo gobernante del condado para el registro de instrumentos de acuerdo con la ley.
SECCIÓN 6. Anexo al Artículo VIII. El método de elección de los oficiales del Artículo VIII de la Constitución de 1885, como fue enmendada, excepto aquellas secciones retenidas expresamente y hechas parte de este artículo por referencia.
(b) CONDADOS; SEDE DE CONDADO; MUNICIPIOS; DISTRITOS. El estado de los siguientes puntos, tal y como existan en la fecha en que este artículo tome efecto, es reconocido y será prolongado hasta que se cambie de acuerdo con la ley; los condados del estado; su condición con respecto a la legalidad de la venta de licores intoxicantes, vinos y cervezas; el método de selección de los oficiales del condado; el desempeño de funciones municipales por oficiales del condado; las sedes de los condados; los municipios y distritos especiales del estado, sus poderes y jurisdicción y gobierno.
(c) OFICIALES A CONTINUAR EN EL CARGO. Toda persona que ocupe un cargo cuando este artículo tome efecto continuará el cargo por el resto de su término si dicho cargo no es abolido. Si el cargo es abolido, al titular del cargo le será pagada una compensación adecuada, la cual será fijada por ley, por la pérdida de emolumentos del resto del término.
(d) ORDENANZAS. Las leyes locales

relacionadas solamente con áreas no incorporadas del condado que estén en existencia en la fecha en que este artículo tome efecto, podrán ser enmendadas o derogadas por ordenanza del condado.
(e) CONSOLIDACIÓN Y AUTONOMÍA DEL GOBIERNO LOCAL. El Artículo VII, Secciones 9, 10, 11 y 24, de la Constitución de 1885, según enmendada, permanecerá en plena vigencia y efecto en cuanto a cada condado afectado, como si este artículo nunca hubiera sido adoptado, hasta que aquel condado adopte expresamente una carta orgánica o plan de autonomía gubernamental mediante este artículo. Todas las provisiones de "La Carta Orgánica de Autonomía Gubernamental del Condado de Dade," adoptadas hasta ahora o de aquí en adelante por los electores del Condado de Dade, en conformidad con el Artículo VIII, Sección 11, de la Constitución de 1885, según enmendada, serán válidas, y cualquier enmienda a tal carta orgánica será válida; siempre y cuando dichas provisiones de la carta orgánica y dichas enmiendas a la misma sean autorizadas bajo dicho Artículo VIII, Sección 11, de la Constitución de 1885, según enmendada.
(f) CONDADO DE DADE; PODERES CONFERIDOS SOBRE MUNICIPIOS. En la medida en que no sea inconsistente con los poderes de municipios existentes o leyan general, El Gobierno Metropolitano del Condado de Dade podrá ejercer todos los poderes conferidos ahora o de aquí en adelante por ley general a los municipios.
(g) SELECCIÓN Y OBLIGACIONES DE LOS OFICIALES DEL CONDADO. (1) Salvo lo dispuesto en esta subsección, la enmienda a la Sección 1 de este artículo relacionada con la selección y obligaciones de los funcionarios del condado, entrará en vigencia el 5 de enero de 2021, pero regirá con respecto a la calificación y la celebración de las elecciones primarias y generales para oficiales constitucionales del condado en 2020.
(2) Para el Condado de Miami-Dade y el Condado de Broward, la enmienda a la Sección 1 de este artículo, relacionada con la selección y obligaciones de los oficiales del condado, entrará en vigencia el 7 de enero de 2025, pero regirá con respecto a la calificación y la celebración de las elecciones primarias y generales para oficiales constitucionales del condado en 2024.
(h) SUPRESIÓN DE ARTÍCULOS OBSOLETOS DEL APÉNDICE. La legislatura tendrá el poder, a través de resolución conjunta, de borrar de este artículo cualquier subsección de esta Sección 6, incluyendo esta subsección, cuando todos los eventos a los cuales la subsección que será borrada es o podría ser aplicable hayan ocurrido. Una determinación legislativa hecha como base para la aplicación de esta subsección deberá ser sujeta a revisión judicial.

N.º 11 REVISIÓN CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO I, SECCIÓN 2 ARTÍCULO X, SECCIONES 9 Y 19

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Derechos de Propiedad; Eliminación de la Disposición Obsoleta; Estatutos Criminales

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

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

ARTÍCULO X MISCELÁNEO SECCIÓN 9. Derogación de los estatutos penales. (a) La derogación e enmienda de una ley penal no afectará el enjuiciamiento o castigo por cualquier delito cometido previamente antes de dicha derogación.
SECCIÓN 19. Derogada Sistema de transporte terrestre de alta velocidad.—Para reducir la congestión del tráfico y proporcionar alternativas al público que viaje, se declara de interés público que un sistema de transporte terrestre de alta velocidad compuesto por un monorraíl, línea ferroviaria o sistema de levitación magnética, capaz de alcanzar velocidades superiores a 120 millas por hora, sea desarrollado y operado en el Estado de Florida con el fin de proporcionar transporte terrestre de alta velocidad mediante tecnologías innovadoras, eficientes y efectivas que incorporen rieles o carriles separados del tráfico de vehículos automotores y enlaces las cinco áreas urbanas más grandes del Estado según lo determinado por la Legislatura, y de proporcionar acceso a las instalaciones y servicios de transporte terrestre y aéreo ya existentes. Se ordena a la Legislatura, al Gabinete y al Gobernador a proceder con el desarrollo de dicho sistema por parte del Estado y/o de una entidad privada en conformidad con la aprobación y autorización del Estado, incluida la adquisición de los derechos de vía, el financiamiento del diseño y la construcción de este sistema, y la operación del sistema, como provisto por apropiación, específica y por ley, con la construcción para comenzar el día 4 de noviembre de 2003 o antes de esa fecha.

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

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Cabildeo y Abuso de Poder por parte de Funcionarios Públicos

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Expande las restricciones actuales sobre el cabildeo para obtener compensación por parte de ex funcionarios públicos; crea restricciones al cabildeo por compensación para funcionarios públicos en servicio y ex magistrados y jueces; proporciona excepciones; prohíbe el abuso de un cargo público por parte de funcionarios públicos y empleados para obtener un beneficio personal.

TEXTO COMPLETO: ARTÍCULO II PROVISIONES GENERALES SECCIÓN 8. Ética en el gobierno. —Una oficina pública constituye un fondo público. El pueblo tiene el derecho de proteger y sostener ese fondo contra el abuso. Para asegurar este derecho:
(a) Todo funcionario constitucional electo, los candidatos para tales cargos, y otros funcionarios públicos, candidatos, y empleados, deberán presentar pública y completamente las revelaciones de sus intereses financieros cuando sea dispuesto por ley.
(b) Todos los funcionarios públicos electos y candidatos para tales cargos deberán presentar pública y completamente las revelaciones de las finanzas de sus campañas.
(c) Cualquier funcionario público o empleado que viole el fondo público para obtener beneficios privados y cualquier persona o entidad que induzca tal infracción deberá responder al estado por todos los beneficios económicos obtenidos por sus acciones. El monto de la pena y los daños adicionales pueden ser previstos por ley.
(d) Cualquier funcionario público o empleado que haya sido condenado por un delito grave por violar el fondo público estará sujeto a perder sus derechos y privilegios bajo el sistema de retiro público o plan de pensión en la manera en que pueda ser provisto por ley.
(e) Ningún miembro de la legislatura u oficial estatal electo podrá representar bajo pago a otra persona o entidad ante una agencia o cuerpo gubernamental del cual el individuo fue funcionario o miembro por un período de dos años después de vacar su cargo. Ningún miembro de la legislatura personalmente representará bajo pago a otra persona o entidad durante el plazo de su cargo ante cualquier agencia estatal que no sea un tribunal judicial. Restricciones similares contra otros funcionarios públicos o empleados podrán ser establecidas por ley.
(f) (1) Para los fines de esta subsección, el término "funcionario público" significa un funcionario electo estatal, un miembro de la legislatura, un comisionado del condado, un funcionario del condado de conformidad con el Artículo VIII o con el estatuto del condado, un miembro de la junta escolar, un superintendente de escuelas, un funcionario

municipal electo, un oficial de distrito especial elegido en un distrito especial con autoridad tributaria ad valorem, o una persona que sirva como secretaria, directora ejecutiva u otra agencia jefe de departamento de la rama ejecutiva del gobierno del estado.
(2) Un funcionario público no cabildeará para obtener compensación sobre asuntos de política, asignaciones o adquisiciones ante el gobierno federal, la legislatura, cualquier agencia u organismo del gobierno estatal o cualquier subdivisión política de este estado, durante su mandato.
(3) Un funcionario público no cabildeará para que se le pague una indemnización en asuntos de políticas, asignaciones o adquisiciones durante un período de seis años después de que su cargo público sea vacante, como se indica a continuación:
a. Un funcionario electo a nivel estatal o un miembro de la legislatura no cabildeará a la legislatura ni a ningún organismo o agencia del gobierno estatal.
b. Una persona que se desempeñe como secretaria, directora ejecutiva u otro jefe de agencia de departamento de la rama ejecutiva del gobierno estatal no cabildeará a la legislatura, al gobernador, a la oficina ejecutiva del gobernador, a los miembros del gabinete, a ningún departamento que sea encabezado por un miembro del gabinete, o a su departamento anterior.
c. Un comisionado del condado, un funcionario del condado de conformidad con el Artículo VIII o el estatuto del condado, un miembro del consejo escolar, un superintendente de escuelas, un funcionario municipal electo o un funcionario del distrito especial elegido en un distrito especial con autoridad tributaria ad valorem no cabildeará a su antigua agencia u organismo de gobierno.
(4) Esta subsección no se interpretará como que prohíbe a un funcionario público llevar a cabo los deberes de su cargo público.
(5) La legislatura podrá promulgar legislación para implementar esta subsección, que incluya, entre otras cosas, la definición de términos y la imposición de sanciones por violaciones. Dicha ley no deberá contener disposiciones sobre ningún otro tema.
(h)(4) Habrá una comisión independiente para conducir investigaciones y hacer reportes públicos sobre todas las denuncias concernientes a infracciones contra el fondo público por funcionarios públicos o empleados no dentro de la jurisdicción de la comisión de calificaciones judiciales.
(h)(1)(4) Un Código de Ética para todos los empleados estatales y funcionarios no judiciales que prohíba conflicto entre cargos públicos e intereses privados será previsto por ley.
(2) Un funcionario o empleado público no deberá abusar de su posición pública para obtener un beneficio desproporcionado para sí mismo; su cónyuge, hijos o empleador; o para cualquier negocio con el que contrate; en el que él o ella sea un oficial, un socio, un director o un propietario; o en el que posea algún interés. La Comisión de Ética de Florida deberá, por norma de conformidad con los procedimientos legales que rigen la reglamentación administrativa, definir el término "beneficio desproporcionado" y prescribir la intención requerida para encontrar una violación de esta prohibición a los efectos de hacer cumplir este párrafo. Las penalizaciones apropiadas serán prescritas por ley.
(h)(4) Esta sección no se interpretará para limitar revelaciones y prohibiciones que puedan ser establecidas para preservar el bien público y evitar conflictos entre las funciones públicas y los intereses privados.
(i)(4) Apéndice. —En la fecha en que esta enmienda sea efectiva y hasta que sea cambiada por ley:
(1) La revelación pública y completa de intereses financieros significará presentar con el custodio de los registros estatales antes del 1 de julio de cada año una declaración jurada mostrando el patrimonio completo e identificando cada activo y deuda de más de \$1000 y su valor junto con uno de los siguientes:
a. Una copia de la declaración federal de impuestos sobre ingresos más reciente de la persona; o
b. Una declaración jurada que identifique cada fuente y cantidad de ingreso que supere los \$1000. Los formularios o para tal declaración y las reglas bajo las cuales serán archivados serán prescritos por la comisión independiente establecida en subsección (g) (4), y tales reglas incluirán la declaración de fuentes secundarias de ingresos.
(2) Personas ocupando cargos estatales electos también deberán presentar revelaciones de sus intereses financieros de acuerdo con el párrafo (1) la subsección (h)(4).
(3) La comisión independiente establecida en subsección (g) (4) será la Comisión de Ética de la Florida.

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

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

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

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Fin a las Carreras Caninas

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Termina progresivamente las carreras caninas comerciales relacionadas con apuestas para el 2020. Otras actividades de juego no se ven afectadas.

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

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

Wildwood youth spend some time with city employees

This summer, there was plenty of fun and education for youth at the Wildwood Sumter County Youth Center.

On July 27, it was time to meet employees for city departments and learn just what they do.

That was the day that the City of Wildwood held their first ever, Touch a Truck Day at the Sumter County Youth Center. It was a full morning of hands-on experiences for the children at the center.

The event gave them a chance to meet staff and learn about their jobs, as well as actually get up close and personal with some of the equipment.

The fun was started at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 27 and included staff from the water department, Public Works and Code Enforcement.

Once all the children from each of the five groups had taken a tour of the departments on site, they invited the City of Wildwood inside to see 'their world,' said city events planner, Erika Corley.

The youth center treated city workers to lunch.

Staff on hand that day included: John Cornell of the water department, Terry Bunn and Chris Weedman from Public Works and Tara Tradd and Marc Correnti from Code Enforcement.

On Friday Aug. 3, the men and women of the Wildwood Police Department spent the day with the children of the center. In return, center staff invited the officers to join them for a morning of learning, sharing and laughing. The wrap-up was lunch from Olive Garden, where the City of Wildwood sat with the children of the Youth Center and shared spaghetti and/or lasagna.

The officers brought goodie bags, complete with take-home finger print kits for children's safety.

During the day, as they spent time with the children, the officers educated them on Stranger Danger and Police are Our Friends, as well as other topics.

They also showed the children how they pulled fingerprints from items.

Mayor Ed Wolf and City Commissioner Joe Elliott also stopped by to visit with the children. The mayor answered a variety of questions, from his age to where his office is located.

He was even asked if being major was actually a job.

Before lunch was served, the officers were "educated" on the children's daily experiences.

There were Barbies, Legos, dolls and even a game of kickball.



The children expressed their gratitude for the visit and some of them are shown here. Mayor Ed Wolf (left) also dropped by to visit with the children.



Chris Weedman, Public Works showed children some of the heavy equipment he uses on the job for the City of Wildwood.



Children at the youth center expressed their thanks to staff members, for the visit. Armondo Cottle, Chase Cornell and Madelyn Carcano are shown with the banner of thanks.



Special to the Times
Erika Corley
 Wildwood City
 Events Planner



Marc Correnti is shown playing a round of Uno with youth from the Wildwood Sumter County Youth Center.



ABOVE: The youth center choral group capped off the day, offering a vocal performance for the department staff.

LEFT: Wildwood Police Chief Paul Valentino is shown amid the Lego and dolls, joining the children for some fun time.



Terry Bunn and Chris Weedman were happy to get down on the floor play games, as they checked out how the youth spend their days at the youth center.



Some of the day's visitors are shown here with children from the youth center.

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Simply Timeless MEALS

FAMILY FEATURES

Italian cuisine has influenced food culture around the world, and is often viewed as an art form that includes the freshest, most authentic ingredients, prepared with passion and served with love to family and friends. Mealtimes are a celebration, captured by the classic Italian proverb, "You never grow old at the table."

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Cast-Iron Skillet Pizza

Recipe courtesy of Chef Mary Ann Esposito
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Makes: Two 9-to-10-inch pizzas

- 1 pound store-bought pizza dough, at room temperature
- 1 ripe tomato, thinly sliced
- 1/4 pound fresh mozzarella cheese, diced
- coarse sea salt
- 2 tablespoons Filippo Berio Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 1/2 cup shredded fresh basil

Heat well-oiled cast-iron or nonstick 10- or 12-inch frying pan over medium heat 5 minutes.

Divide dough in half; roll one half into round 1 inch smaller than diameter of pan. Cook dough in hot pan until dough begins to rise and bottom starts to brown. Using metal spatula, turn carefully. Layer half the tomato slices over dough; scatter half the mozzarella over top. Lower heat to medium-low; cook until mozzarella melts.

Using metal spatula, transfer pizza to cutting board. Sprinkle with salt; drizzle with half the olive oil. Cut into wedges; sprinkle half the basil over top. Repeat with remaining ingredients.

Chicken Cutlet Broccoli Rabe Sandwich

Recipe courtesy of Chef Mary Ann Esposito
Prep time: 17 minutes
Cook time: 13 minutes
Servings: 4

- 4 tablespoons Filippo Berio Olive Oil, divided
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 pound broccoli rabe, stems removed and leaves cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt, divided
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 6 oil-cured black olives, pitted and diced (optional)
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 4 chicken cutlets (about 1 pound total)
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs, toasted
- 8 slices bread, toasted
- 4 slices provolone cheese (optional)

In 10-inch saute pan, heat 2 tablespoons olive oil over medium heat; saute onion 3 minutes, or until translucent. Stir in broccoli rabe and red pepper flakes; cover and cook over medium heat 2-3 minutes, or until broccoli rabe is wilted. Sprinkle with 1/4 teaspoon salt and pepper, to taste; stir in olives, if desired. Transfer mixture to bowl; cover and keep warm.

In small paper or plastic bag, combine flour and remaining salt. One at a time, add chicken cutlets; shake to coat each cutlet in flour then transfer to plate. Dip cutlets in egg then bread crumbs and return to plate. Set aside.

In skillet over medium-high heat, heat remaining olive oil. Working in batches, brown chicken, cooking 2-3 minutes, or until golden on each side and no longer pink inside.

To serve: Top each bread slice with one chicken cutlet; spread with broccoli rabe mixture. Top with slices of provolone, if desired. Top with remaining bread.



A Culinary Journey

As part of its 150th anniversary celebration this summer, a Filippo Berio Food Truck will make a culinary journey from coast to coast. Guests at the truck can sample delicious olive oils, and consumers nationwide are invited to enter a sweepstakes to win a week-long culinary experience at Toscana Saporita, a premier Italian cooking school in Tuscany, Italy.

For every sweepstakes entry, Filippo Berio will donate \$1 to the Careers Through Culinary Arts Program (C-CAP), an organization supported by Filippo Berio since its foundation in 1990 that helps prepare disadvantaged youth for jobs in the restaurant and hospitality industry.

For additional details, including tour cities and dates, and how to enter the sweepstakes, visit FollowingFilippo.com.



Caprese Zucchini Noodle Bowl

Prep time: 15 minutes
Total time: 25 minutes
Servings: 4

- 4 medium zucchini, spiralized (instructions at right)
- 1/4 cup Filippo Berio Delicato Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 2 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

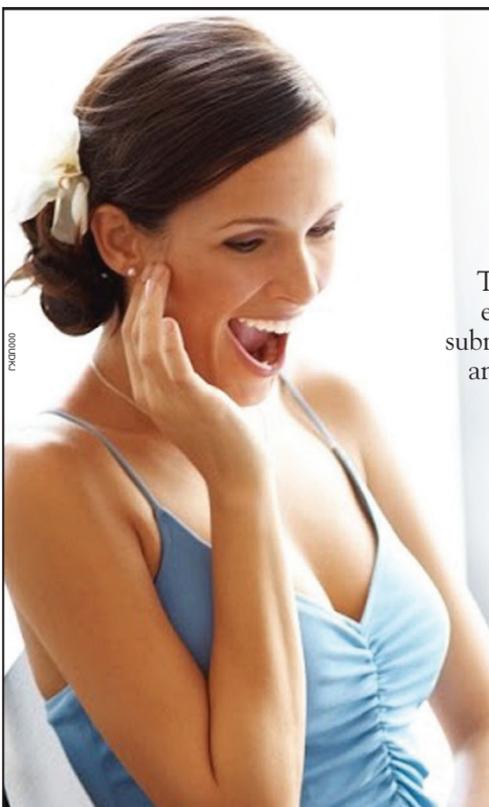
- 1 1/2 cups heirloom cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/4 cup packed chopped fresh basil
- 1 ball (8 ounces) burrata cheese, torn

Toss together zucchini, oil, vinegar, salt and pepper; let stand 10 minutes, or until zucchini starts to soften.

Gently stir in tomatoes and basil. Divide salad among four bowls. Top with cheese.

How to Spiralize Zucchini

- Use zucchini at least 2 inches in diameter for best results. Trim ends of zucchini.
- Place spiralizer on smooth surface, such as a countertop, pushing down to adhere suction cups onto surface and secure machine for spiralizing.
- Place desired blade into spiralizer. Turn zucchini into long strands, trimming with clean kitchen shears as needed.



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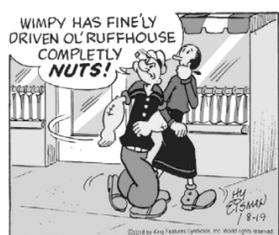
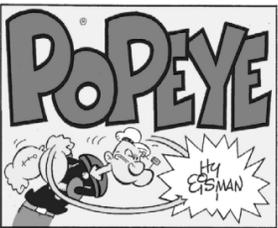
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LAFF-A-DAY



"An ex-lion tamer? Nerves of iron? We have just the job for you!"

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the CAPITAL letters below to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word to complete the gag!

- Parcel: DUBLN
- Bent: WEAKS
- Chide: CLDSS
- Peep: QUEKES

TODAY'S WORD

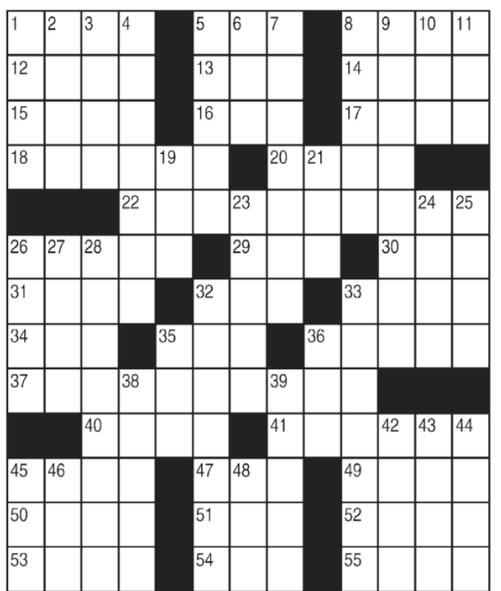


"Boy, his _____ must be hurting like crazy"

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Edinburgh resident
- 5 Letterman's network
- 8 Tibetan priest
- 12 Unaccompanied
- 13 Illustrations
- 14 Acknowledge
- 15 Feedbag contents
- 16 Neither partner
- 17 Transaction
- 18 Sloshed
- 20 Portent
- 22 What Sedaka said was "hard to do"
- 26 Side road
- 29 Tex- cuisine
- 30 Historic time
- 31 "So be it"
- 32 Dr.'s study
- 33 Work units
- 34 Hockey venue
- 35 Author Fleming
- 36 Beginning
- 37 Recording
- 40 Sea eagle
- 41 Humans
- 45 Short skirt
- 47 Trawler need
- 49 Sailor's jail
- 50 Probability



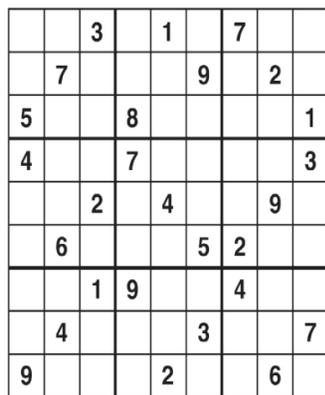
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- 44 Omelet basis
- 45 Swab
- 46 Altar affirmative
- 48 Corn spike

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- ANATOMY: What is the normal human body temperature in Celsius?
- LITERATURE: The monster Grendel appears in what literary work?
- MATH: What is the least common multiple of 3 and 7?
- TELEVISION: Who was the first guest of the television news show "Face the Nation" when it debuted in 1954?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is "tafelwein" in German?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does the name of the martial art taekwondo mean in Korean?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first graduate of West Point to serve as president?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Morocco?
- EXPLORERS: Who was the first European explorer credited with discovering the Grand Canyon?
- MOVIES: Who voiced the character of John Smith in Disney's animated "Pocahontas"?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



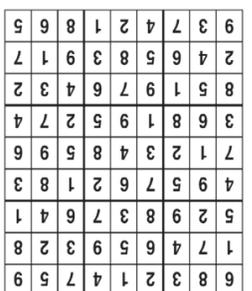
Differences: 1. Shirt is different; 2. Firewood is missing; 3. Arm is moved; 4. Hot dogs are missing; 5. Trash can is missing; 6. Strap is shorter.



Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



Answer

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Because I am a southerner who do people consider me a hefty left?

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: J equals P

HMEKIDM B KL K DQIVGJKC CGQ
GKJMXD VQ HM HBS KXA DVZQXS,
AQ JMQJYM EQXDBAMZ LM K

GMWVF YMWVF?

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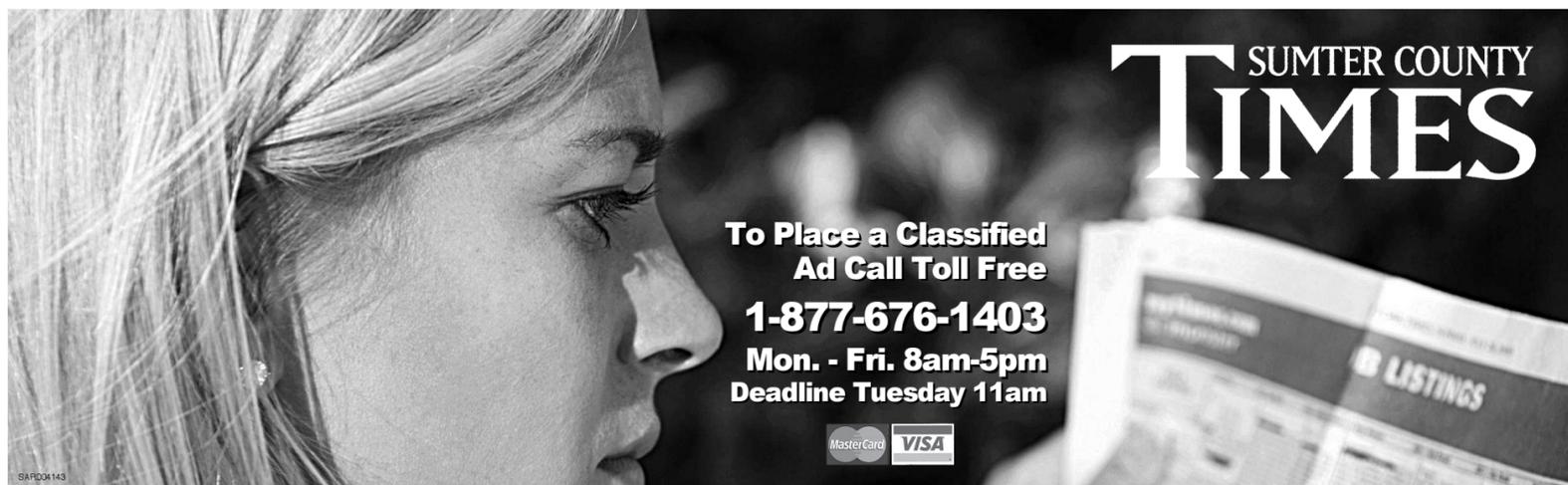
Today's Word

3. Scold; 4. Squeek

1. Bundle; 2. Askew;

solution

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Tax Deed Notices

6608-0830 SCT
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Certificate No. 462 Year of Issuance 2002
Description of Property: LOT 40 RIVER SPRINGS DESC AS: BEG AT NW COR OF SEC 15 RUN S 89 DEG 52'31"E 1349.15 FT S 00 DEG 07'29" W 322.34 FT TO PB THENCE S 04 DEG 57'06" W 204.32 FT TO PT ON PROPOSED R/W SAID PT BEING ON A PT ON CURVE CONCAVE SW/LY RADIUS OF 325 FT THENCE SE/LY ALONG ARC OF CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 32 DEG 28'31" 184.21 FT TO PT OF REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE N/LY RADIUS OF 28.80 FT THENCE S/LY ALONG ARC OF CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 80 DEG 57'32" 35.32 FT TO A PT ON COMPOUND CURVE CONCAVE NW/LY RADIUS OF 456.65 FT THENCE NE/LY ALONG ARC THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 18 DEG 02'44" 143.82 FT TO PT OF TANGENCY OF CURVE THENCE IN 35 DEG 37'31"E 13.12 FT TO PT OF CURVATURE OF CURVE CONCAVE NW/LY RADIUS OF 4900 FT THENCE NE/LY ALONG ARC OF CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 02 DEG 23'42" 33.78 FT TO PT ON CURVE THENCE RUN N 63 DEG 17'06" W 338.66 FT TO POB
Parcel Number E15A040 Section 15 Township 19 Range 21
Name in which assessed: PATRICIA REID
All of the property is in Sumter County, Florida. Unless the certificate or certificates are redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder on **Thursday, September 13, 2018** at 11:00 A.M. located at 215 E. McColium Ave, Bushnell Florida 33513.
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Certificate No. 100000 Year of Issuance 2005
Description of Property: BEG 316.8 FT S OF NW COR OF NE1/4 OF SE1/4 RUN S 316.8 FT E 660 FT N 316.8 FT W 660 FT TO BEG LESS 1/2 A IN NW COR & LESS BEG 464.45 FT S OF NW COR OF NE1/4 OF SE1/4 RUN S 75 FT E 293.55 FT N 222.65 FT W 145.9 FT S 147.65 FT W 147.65 FT TO POB & LESS BEG 316.8 FT S & 590 FT E OF NW COR OF NE1/4 OF SE1/4 RUN S 316.8 FT W 70 FT N 316.8 FT W 70 FT TO POB & LESS BEG 539.45 FT S OF NW COR OF NE1/4 OF SE1/4 RUN E 590 FT W 50 FT W 590 FT N 50 FT TO POB LESS CR 231 R/W ACROSS W SIDE THEREOF
Parcel Number C28-022 Section 28 Township 18 Range 22
Name in which assessed: EST LUCILLE LEMON
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Parcel Number E15A023 Section 15 Township 19 Range 21
Name in which assessed: SALOME BLAIR
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Description of Property: LOT 31 OF RIVER SPRINGS DESC AS: COMM AT N 1/4 N 89 DEG 52'31" W 735.59 FT TO R/W OF PROPOSED RD S 00 DEG 28'09" W 78.59 FT TO PT OF CURVATURE OF CURVE CONCAVE W/LY RADIUS 280.80 FT S/LY ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE OF 28 DEG 14'18" 138.39 FT TO PT ON REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE E/LY RADIUS 25 FT W/LY S/LY, & SE/LY ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE OF 60 DEG 32'20" 26.42 FT TO PT ON REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE NW/LY RADIUS OF 65 FT THENCE S/LY, & SW/LY ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE 128 DEG 55'17" 146.26 FT TO PT ON REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE SE/LY RADIUS 235 FT SE/LY, S/LY, & SW/LY ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE OF 81 DEG 49'30" 335.61 FT TO PT OF REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE E/LY RADIUS 25 FT W/LY S/LY ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE 75 DEG 58'27" 33.15 FT TO PT ON REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE W/LY RADIUS 1381.95 FT S/LY ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE 17 DEG 59'16" 433.86 FT TO POB S/LY ALONG CURVE CENT ANGLE 02 DEG 20'22" 56.43 FT TO PT OF COMPOUND CURVE CONCAVE NW/LY RADIUS 240 FT S/LY & SW/LY ALONG ARC OF

6614-0830 SCT
Notice of Application for Tax Deed # 4513
SUMTER COUNTY, the holder of the following tax certificates has filed the certificates for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate numbers and years of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are:
Certificate No. 614 Year of Issuance 2009
Description of Property: N 20 FT OF LOT 20 AND LOT 21 BLK 26 UNIT 4 PANACOOCHEE RETREATS PB 3 PG 17
Parcel Number F31D120 Section 31 Township 19 Range 22
Name in which assessed: EST CHARLES TALLENT
All of the property is in Sumter County, Florida. Unless the certificate or certificates are redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder on **Thursday, September 13, 2018** at 11:00 A.M. located at 215 E. McColium Ave, Bushnell Florida 33513.
Pursuant to Florida Statute 197.542 (2): The high bidder shall post with the clerk a non-refundable cash deposit of 5% of the Bid or \$200.00, whichever is greater, at the time of the sale, to be applied to the sale price at the time of full payment.
Witness my hand and official seal on this July 17, 2018
Gloria R. Hayward, Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sumter County, Florida
(CIRCUIT COURT SEAL) By: Melissa Worrell, Deputy Clerk
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6611-0830 SCT
Notice of Application for Tax Deed # 4510
SUMTER COUNTY, the holder of the following tax certificates has filed the certificates for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate numbers and years of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are:
Certificate No. 456 Year of Issuance 2002
Description of Property: LOT 31 OF RIVER SPRINGS DESC AS: COMM AT N 1/4 N 89 DEG 52'31" W 735.59 FT TO R/W OF PROPOSED RD S 00 DEG 28'09" W 78.59 FT TO PT OF CURVATURE OF CURVE CONCAVE W/LY RADIUS 280.80 FT S/LY ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE OF 28 DEG 14'18" 138.39 FT TO PT ON REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE E/LY RADIUS 25 FT W/LY S/LY, & SE/LY ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE OF 60 DEG 32'20" 26.42 FT TO PT ON REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE NW/LY RADIUS OF 65 FT THENCE S/LY, & SW/LY ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE 128 DEG 55'17" 146.26 FT TO PT ON REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE SE/LY RADIUS 235 FT SE/LY, S/LY, & SW/LY ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE OF 81 DEG 49'30" 335.61 FT TO PT OF REVERSE CURVE CON

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Notice of Application for Tax Deed # 4508

SUMTER COUNTY, the holder of the following tax certificates has filed the certificates for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate numbers and years of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are:
Certificate No. 459 Year of Issuance 2009
Description of Property: **LOT 34 RIVER SPRINGS AS: BEG N 1/4 COR OF SEC 15 N 89 DEG 52'31" W 735.59 FT S 00 DEG 28'09" W 78.59 FT TO PT OF CURVATURE OF CURVE CONCAVE W/1/4 RADIUS 280.80 FT S/1/4 ALONG ARC OF CURVE THROUGH CENT ANGLE OF 28 DEG 14'18" 138.39 FT TO PT ON REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE E/1/4 RADIUS 25 FT SW/1/4, S/1/4, & SE/1/4 ALONG ARC OF CURVE THROUGH CENT ANGLE OF 60 DEG 32'20" 26.42 FT TO PT ON REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE NW/1/4 RADIUS 65 FT SE/1/4, S/1/4, & SW/1/4 ALONG ARC OF CURVE THROUGH CENT ANGLE OF 128 DEG 55'17" 146.26 FT TO PT ON REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE SE/1/4 RADIUS 25 FT W/1/4 & SW/1/4 ALONG ARC OF CURVE THROUGH CENT ANGLE 64 DEG 06'50" 27.97 FT TO PT ON REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE NW/1/4 RADIUS 4960 FT SW/1/4 ALONG ARC OF CURVE THROUGH CENT ANGLE OF 2 DEG 38'57" 229.34 FT TO PT OF TANG S 35 DEG 37'31" W 13.12 FT TO PT OF CURVATURE OF CURVE CONCAVE NW/1/4 RADIUS 516.65 FT SW/1/4 ALONG ARC OF CURVE THROUGH CENT ANGLE OF 18 DEG 02' 44" 162.72 FT TO PT ON REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE E/1/4 RADIUS 25 FT SW/1/4, S/1/4, & SE/1/4 ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE OF 80 DEG 57'32" 35.32 FT TO PT ON REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE SW/1/4 RADIUS 325 FT SE/1/4 ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE OF 5 DEG 21'33" 30.40 FT TO PT OF TANG S 21 DEG 55'44" E 63.73 TO PT OF CURVATURE OF CURVE CONCAVE W/1/4 RADIUS 25 FT SE/1/4, S/1/4, & SW/1/4 ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE OF 81 DEG 49'30" 335.61 FT TO PT ON REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE W/1/4 RADIUS 25 FT SE/1/4, S/1/4, & SW/1/4 ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE OF 75 DEG 58'27" 33.15 FT TO PT ON REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE W/1/4 RADIUS 1381.95 FT TO POB S/1/4 ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE OF 06 DEG 29'23" 156.53 FT TO PT ON CURVE S 88 DEG 49'26" E 205.99 FT N 10 DEG 32'10" E 136.72 FT N 85 DEG 11'27" W 266.63 FT TO POB AND LOT 35 RIVER SPRINGS DESC AS: COMM AT N 1/4 COR OF SEC 15 RUN N 89 DEG 52'31" W 735.59 FT S 00 DEG 28'09" W 78.59 FT TO PT OF CURVATURE CONCAVE W/1/4 RADIUS 280.80 FT S/1/4 ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE OF 28 DEG 14'18" 138.39 FT TO PT ON REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE E/1/4 RADIUS 25 FT SW/1/4, S/1/4, & SE/1/4 ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE OF 60 DEG 32'20" 26.42 FT TO PT ON REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE NW/1/4 RADIUS 65 FT SE/1/4, S/1/4, & SW/1/4 ALONG ARC OF CURVE THROUGH CENT ANGLE OF 128 DEG 55'17" 146.26 FT TO PT ON REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE SE/1/4 RADIUS 25 FT W/1/4 & SW/1/4 ALONG ARC OF CURVE THROUGH CENT ANGLE OF 64 DEG 06'50" 27.97 FT TO PT ON REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE NW/1/4 RADIUS 4960 FT SW/1/4 ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE OF 2 DEG 38'57" 229.34 FT TO PT OF TANG S 35 DEG 37'31" W 13.12 FT TO PT OF CURVATURE OF CURVE CONCAVE NW/1/4 RADIUS 516.95 FT SW/1/4 ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE OF 18 DEG 02'44" 162.72 FT TO PT ON REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE W/1/4 RADIUS 25 FT THENCE SW/1/4, S/1/4, & SE/1/4 ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE OF 80 DEG 57'32" 35.32 FT TO PT ON REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE SW/1/4 RADIUS 325 FT SE/1/4 ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE OF 05 DEG 21'33" 30.40 FT TO PT OF TANG S 21 DEG 55'44" E 63.73 FT TO PT OF CURVATURE OF CURVE CONCAVE W/1/4 RADIUS 25 FT SE/1/4, S/1/4, & SW/1/4 ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE OF 51 DEG 07'00" 209.66 FT TO PT ON CURVE AND POB CONT SW/1/4 ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE OF 30 DEG 42'30" 125.95 FT TO PT OF REVERSE CURVE CONCAVE E/1/4 RADIUS 25 FT SW/1/4, S/1/4, & SE/1/4 ALONG ARC OF CURVE CENT ANGLE OF 75 DEG 58'27" 33.15 FT TO PT ON REVERSE CURVE S 85 DEG 11'27" E 266.63 FT N 10 DEG 48' 47" E 133.48 FT N 87 DEG 27'59" W 192.15 FT TO POB
Parcel Number E15A034 Section 15 Township 19 Range 21
Name in which assessed: **KENRICK HOOD**
All of the property is in Sumter County, Florida. Unless the certificate or certificates are redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder on **Thursday, September 13, 2018** at 11:00 A.M. located at 215 E. McCollum Ave. Bushnell Florida 33513.
Pursuant to Florida Statute 197.542 (2): The high bidder shall post with the clerk a non-refundable cash deposit of 5% of the Bid or \$200.00, whichever is greater, at the time of the sale, to be applied to the sale price at the time of full payment.
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6615-0830 SCT
Notice of Application for Tax Deed # 4514

WAPN AS CUSTODIAN FOR TC 13 SUBSIDIARY LLC, the holder of the following tax certificates has filed the certificates for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate numbers and years of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are:
Certificate No. 1858 Year of Issuance 2013
Description of Property: **COMM AT SW COR OF SE1/4 OF SW1/4 RUN N 00 DEG 00'45" W 335.75 FT THENCE N 89 DEG 44'20" E 683.10 FT TO POB CONT N 89 DEG 44'20" E 267.11 FT THENCE N 00 DEG 01'00" W 418.44 FT THENCE N 89 DEG 38'00" W 267 FT THENCE S 00 DEG 00'45" E 421.06 FT TO POB
Parcel Number R11-075 Section 11 Township 22 Range 21
Name in which assessed: **ANDREW J WOOD**
All of the property is in Sumter County, Florida. Unless the certificate or certificates are redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder on **Thursday, September 13, 2018** at 11:00 A.M. located at 215 E. McCollum Ave. Bushnell Florida 33513.
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6616-0830 SCT
Notice of Application for Tax Deed # 4515

ITZIK LEVY IDE TECHNOLOGIES INC, the holder of the following tax certificates has filed the certificates for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate numbers and years of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are:
Certificate No. 2056 Year of Issuance 2014
Description of Property: **LOTS 20 LAKE PLACID PARK DESC AS: BEG AT W 1/4 OF SEC 14 RUN N 725.00 FT E 186.99 FT N 497.67 FT TO POB CONT N 117.02 FT E 137.00 FT S 117.02 FT W 137.00 FT TO POB AND LOT 21 LAKE PLACID PARK DESC AS: BEG AT W 1/4 OF SEC 14 RUN 725.00 FT E 186.99 FT N 614.69 FT TO POB CONT N 117.02 FT E 137.00 FT S 117.02 FT W 137.00 FT TO POB AND LOT 22 LAKE PLACID PARK DESC AS: BEG 1287.44 FT N AND 323.98 FT E OF SW COR OF NW 1/4 RUN N 117.02 FT S 117.02 FT S 117.02 FT W 137.00 FT TO POB AND LOT 23 LAKE PLACID PARK DESC AS: BEG AT W 1/4 COR OF SEC 14 RUN N 725.00 FT E 323.98 FT N 495.42 FT TO POB CONT N 117.02 FT E 137.00 FT S 117.02 FT W 137.00 FT TO POB
Parcel Number R14J022 Section 14 Township 22 Range 21
Name in which assessed: **ROBERT LEE COLLINS**
All of the property is in Sumter County, Florida. Unless the certificate or certificates are redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder on **Thursday, September 13, 2018** at 11:00 A.M. located at 215 E. McCollum Ave. Bushnell Florida 33513.
Pursuant to Florida Statute 197.542 (2): The high bidder shall post with the clerk a non-refundable cash deposit of 5% of the Bid or \$200.00, whichever is greater, at the time of the sale, to be applied to the sale price at the time of full payment.
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6617-0830 SCT
Notice of Application for Tax Deed # 4516

WINTER INVESTORS LLC, the holder of the following tax certificates has filed the certificates for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate numbers and years of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are:
Certificate No. 2182 Year of Issuance 2011
Description of Property: **THAT PORTION OF NE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 LYVING S & E OF RR R/W**
Parcel Number 507-004 Section 07 Township 22 Range 22
Name in which assessed: **SEAN W SMITH & CHRISTINA L SMITH**
All of the property is in Sumter County, Florida. Unless the certificate or certificates are redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder on **Thursday, September 13, 2018** at 11:00 A.M. located at 215 E. McCollum Ave. Bushnell Florida 33513.
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6618-0830 SCT
Notice of Application for Tax Deed # 4517

INA GROUP LLC, the holder of the following tax certificates has filed the certificates for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate numbers and years of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are:
Certificate No. 367 Year of Issuance 2010
Description of Property: **THE SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 LYVING N OF CR 466**
Parcel Number D13-004 Section 13 Township 18 Range 23
Name in which assessed: **JOSEPH RAE STRUBINGER & REBA E STRUBINGER**
All of the property is in Sumter County, Florida. Unless the certificate or certificates are redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder on **Thursday, September 13, 2018** at 11:00 A.M. located at 215 E. McCollum Ave. Bushnell Florida 33513.
Pursuant to Florida Statute 197.542 (2): The high bidder shall post with the clerk a non-refundable cash deposit of 5% of the Bid or \$200.00, whichever is greater, at the time of the sale, to be applied to the sale price at the time of full payment.
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6619-0830 SCT
Notice of Application for Tax Deed # 4518

FLORIDA TAX LIEN ASSETS IV, LLC, the holder of the following tax certificates has filed the certificates for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate numbers and years of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are:
Certificate No. 907 Year of Issuance 2011
Description of Property: **LOT D PETHYS ADD PB 1 PG 81 LESS S 75 FT OF THAT PT OF BLK D PETHYS ADD LYVING W OF SR 44A**
Parcel Number G06J005 Section 06 Township 19 Range 23
Name in which assessed: **WILLIAM H NICHOLS & MAGALENE H NICHOLS ETAL**
All of the property is in Sumter County, Florida. Unless the certificate or certificates are redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder on **Thursday, September 13, 2018** at 11:00 A.M. located at 215 E. McCollum Ave. Bushnell Florida 33513.
Pursuant to Florida Statute 197.542 (2): The high bidder shall post with the clerk a non-refundable cash deposit of 5% of the Bid or \$200.00, whichever is greater, at the time of the sale, to be applied to the sale price at the time of full payment.
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6620-0830 SCT
Notice of Application for Tax Deed # 4519

FRANK J KIACE FAMILY TRUST, the holder of the following tax certificates has filed the certificates for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate numbers and years of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are:
Certificate No. 436 Year of Issuance 2012
Description of Property: **COMM AT NE COR OF SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 RUN N 89 DEG 31'03" W 50 FT S 00 DEG 50'35" W 358.04 FT S 85 DEG 31'41" W 1278.71 FT S 00 DEG 53'05" W 16.68 FT D1 DEG 00'20" E 1300.04 S 89 DEG 28'10" E 694.94 FT S 01 DEG 00'02" W 1300.04 N 89 DEG 28'10" E 694.94 FT TO POB LESS ANY PORTION LYVING WITHIN THE FOLLOWING DESC: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST; THENCE N 89 DEG 49'21" W ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 2, A DISTANCE OF 1423.44 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST 100 FEET OF THE**

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6621-0830 SCT
Notice of Application for Tax Deed # 4520

ST WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of the following tax certificates has filed the certificates for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate numbers and years of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are:
Certificate No. 576 Year of Issuance 2014
Description of Property: **PARCEL 23 OF LOT 43 OLIVEPALM 1ST ADD PB 3 PG 23 DESC AS BEG 50 FT E OF SW COR SAID LOT 43 RUN N 100 FT E 150 FT TO CANAL S 100 FT ALONG CANAL W 110 FT TO POB OR 145 PG 138**
Parcel Number F308148 Section 30 Township 19 Range 22
Name in which assessed: **M C MCLEOD**
All of the property is in Sumter County, Florida. Unless the certificate or certificates are redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder on **Thursday, September 13, 2018** at 11:00 A.M. located at 215 E. McCollum Ave. Bushnell Florida 33513.
Pursuant to Florida Statute 197.542 (2): The high bidder shall post with the clerk a non-refundable cash deposit of 5% of the Bid or \$200.00, whichever is greater, at the time of the sale, to be applied to the sale price at the time of full payment.
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6621-0830 SCT
Notice of Application for Tax Deed # 4520

ST WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of the following tax certificates has filed the certificates for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate numbers and years of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are:
Certificate No. 576 Year of Issuance 2014
Description of Property: **PARCEL 23 OF LOT 43 OLIVEPALM 1ST ADD PB 3 PG 23 DESC AS BEG 50 FT E OF SW COR SAID LOT 43 RUN N 100 FT E 150 FT TO CANAL S 100 FT ALONG CANAL W 110 FT TO POB OR 145 PG 138**
Parcel Number F308148 Section 30 Township 19 Range 22
Name in which assessed: **M C MCLEOD**
All of the property is in Sumter County, Florida. Unless the certificate or certificates are redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder on **Thursday, September 13, 2018** at 11:00 A.M. located at 215 E. McCollum Ave. Bushnell Florida 33513.
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6673-0830 SCT (9/1 Auction)
PUBLIC NOTICE

A public auction of stored personal property, from **Burns Self Storage**, to be conducted at **133 Jumper Dr, Bushnell, FL** will be held to pay for unpaid storage fees and charges (pursuant to Section 83.806, FL Statutes). Public Auction to be held on **September 1, 2018 beginning at 11:00 a.m.** The personal property in the following units will be auctioned. In addition, miscellaneous abandoned items will be sold. All payments must be made in full, CASH ONLY, by the conclusion of the auction.
Sean Smith # C75 (133 Jumper Dr, Bushnell, FL)
James Williams # C91 (133 Jumper Dr, Bushnell, FL)
Published August 23 & 30, 2018.

6674-0830 SCT
2018CP000452 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2018CP000452

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHNNIE T. POWELL, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Johnnie T. Powell, deceased, whose date of death was January 15, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Sumter County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 215 East McCollum Avenue, Bushnell, Florida 33513. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: August 23, 2018.

Personal Representative
Johnnie H. Powell
3653 North CR 470 Lake Panasoffkee, Florida 33538

Attorney for Petitioner
Felix M. Adams, Florida Bar No.: 0358282
138 Bushnell Plaza, Suite 201, Bushnell, Florida 33513 352-793-6900
Email: fmadams@atlantic.net, k_adams@atlantic.net

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6675-0830 SCT
2018CP000375 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2018CP000375

IN RE: ESTATE OF EDWARD FRANCIS MILLER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Edward Francis Miller, deceased, whose date of death was April 11, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Sumter County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 215 East McCollum Avenue, Bushnell, Florida 33513. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: August 23, 2018.

Personal Representative
Beverly Miller
23 Bayberry Road Schenectady, New York 12306

Attorney for Petitioner
Felix M. Adams, Florida Bar No.: 0358282
138 Bushnell Plaza, Suite 201, Bushnell, Florida 33513 352-793-6900
Email: fmadams@atlantic.net, k_adams@atlantic.net

Published: August 23 & 30, 2018.

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2018CP000455 Notice to Cred.
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2018CP000455 Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF JANET L VAJEN AKA JANET LOUISE VAJEN Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JANET L. VAJEN aka JANET LOUISE VAJEN, deceased, whose date of death was March 11, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for SUMTER County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 215 E. McCollum Avenue, Bushnell, Florida 33513. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is August 30, 2018.

Personal Representative:
Clarence Wakefield
45721 Morningside Drive Canton, MI 48187
Patrice Maceachern
20269 Pollyanna Drive Livonia, MI 48150

Attorney for Personal Representatives:
Dorothy L. Korzen, Esq. Florida Bar Number: 765317
Farr, Farr, Emerich, Hackett, Carr & Holmes, PA
99 Nesbit Street Punta Gorda, FL 33950 Telephone: (941)639-1158
Fax: (941)638-0028 E-Mail: dkorzen@farr.com
Secondary E-Mail: mlseeperr@farr.com and probate@farr.com

Published August 30 & September 6, 2018.

Notices to Creditors/ Administration

6685-0830 SCT
2018-CP-488 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2018-CP-488 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARTINUS WITKAMP Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Martinus Witkamp, deceased, whose date of death was June 19, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Sumter County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is PO Box 2587, Bushnell, Florida 33513. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is August 23, 2018.

Personal Representative:
Thomas Grady Reed III
1384 Chateau Way The Villages, Florida 32162

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Katrina H. Pantazis, Esq. Florida Bar Number 77014
KATRINA PANTAZIS, P.A. 13710 N US HWY 441, Suite 500 The Villages, FL 32159
Telephone: (352) 600-2987 E-Mail: katinpant@lawppa.com
Secondary E-Mail: office@lawppa.com

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6696-0906 SCT
2018-CP-481 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. 2018 CP 000481

IN RE: ESTATE OF Martin Kranzer, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Martin Kranzer, deceased, whose date of death was July 23, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Sumter County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 215 E. McCollum Avenue, Bushnell, FL 33513. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is August 30, 2018.

Personal Representative:
Brett L. Swigert
P.O. Box 680 Eustis, FL 32727-0680

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Brett L. Swigert, Esquire Florida Bar No. 0880493 Brett L. Swigert, P.A.
1231 N. County Road 452 Post Office Box 680 Eustis, Florida 32727-0680
Telephone: (352) 357-0770 Facsimile: (352) 357-0818

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2018-CP-485 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2018-CP-485

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY C. MCNEELEY, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Mary C. McNealey, deceased, whose date of death was April 8, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Sumter County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 215 E. McCollum, Bushnell, Florida, 33513. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is August 30, 2018.

Personal Representative:
Brett L. Swigert
P.O. Box 680 Eustis, FL 32727-0680

Attorney for Personal Representative:
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6699-0906 SCT
2018-CP-413 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2018-CP-413 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF PATRICIA JEAN SIMPSON Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Patricia Jean Simpson, deceased, whose date of death was April 11, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Sumter County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 215 E. McCollum Ave. Bushnell, Florida 33513. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is August 30, 2018.

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

Attorney for Personal Representative:
K. Wade Boyette, Jr., Esquire Florida Bar Number: 0977111
BOYETTE, CUMMINS & NAILOS, PLLC 8564 E. County Road 466, Suite 306
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6699-0906 SCT
2018CP427 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
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SUMTER COUNTY CLASSIFIEDS

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Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

6677-0830 SCT
Cocke Sr., Walker A. 2018CA000218AXMX Notice of Action
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2018CA000218AXMX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
WALKER A. COCKE, SR., AS TRUSTEE OF THE WALKER A. COCKE, SR. LIVING TRUSTEE OF THE WALKER A. COCKE, SR. LIVING TRUST AGREEMENT, DATED AUGUST 1, 2002; et al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

**TO: Unknown Beneficiaries of the Walker A. Cocke, Sr. Living Trust Agreement, dated August 1, 2002
Last Known Residence: Unknown**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Sumter County, Florida:

LOT 12, BLOCK B AND LOT 13, BLOCK B, SUNSET SHORES, UNIT 1, PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 39, PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS THAT PART OF LOT 13 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF LOT 13 RUN NORTH 17 DEG. 16' 00" WEST 25', SOUTH 81 DEG. 19' 55" WEST 170.43', CONTINUE SOUTH 81 DEG. 19' 55" WEST 54' MOL TO THE WATERS OF THE WITHLACOOCHIEE RIVER, SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID WATERS TO A POINT ON THE LINE BETWEEN LOT 13 AND LOT 14, NORTH 68 DEG. 57' 30" EAST (NORTH 69 DEG. 32' 33" EAST MEASURED) 63' MOL TO A POINT, NORTH 68 DEG. 57' 30" EAST 183.39' (NORTH 69 DEG. 32' 33" EAST 183.50' MEASURED) MOL TO THE POB AND END OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ALDRIDGE I PITE, LLP Plaintiffs attorney, at 1615 South Congress Avenue, Suite 200, Delroy Beach, FL 33445, on or before August 24, 2018, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated on August 14, 2018
GLORIA R. HAYWARD, As Clerk of the Court
(COURT SEAL)
By: Winona Mitchell, As Deputy Clerk

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6678-0830 SCT
Platt, William 2017-CA-000377 Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
Case #: 2017-CA-000377

SunTrust Bank
Plaintiff,
-vs.-
William Platt; Joseph Pawlikowski a/k/a Joe Pawlikowski; Unknown Spouse of William Platt; Unknown Spouse of Joseph Pawlikowski a/k/a Joe Pawlikowski; The Preserve at Oak Hill Property Owners' Association, Inc.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 2017-CA-000377 of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Sumter County, Florida, wherein SunTrust Bank, Plaintiff and William Platt are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Gloria R. Hayward, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 215 EAST MCCOLLUM AVENUE, ROOM F, BUSHNELL, FL 33513 10:00 A.M. on September 20, 2018, the following property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:-

LOT 69, THE PRESERVE AT OAK HILL, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGES 6-6H, PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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.

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, 225 East McCollum Avenue, Room 209, Bushnell, Florida 33513; (352) 569-6088 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Gloria R. Hayward, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Sumter County, Florida
(COURT SEAL)
By: Winona Mitchell, Deputy Clerk of Court

Submitted By: ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHÉ, LLP
2424 North Federal Highway, Suite 360, Boca Raton, Florida 33431
(561) 998-6700 (561) 998-6707

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6679-0830 SCT
Ramirez, Daniel 2016-CA-000363 Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
Case #: 2016-CA-000363

Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company
Plaintiff,
-vs.-
Daniel Ramirez; Ann Marie Ramirez; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 2016-CA-000363 of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Sumter County, Florida, wherein Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff and Daniel Ramirez are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Gloria R. Hayward, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 215 EAST MCCOLLUM AVENUE, ROOM F, BUSHNELL, FL 33513 10:00 A.M. on September 20, 2018, the following property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:-

LOTS 19 AND 20, AND THE EAST 1/2 OF LOT 18, BLOCK 6 BUSHNELL PARK PLAT 1, LESS AND EXCEPT THE EAST 45 FEET OF SAID LOT 20, AS PER PLAT IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 61-1/2, PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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.

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, 225 East McCollum Avenue, Room 209, Bushnell, Florida 33513; (352) 569-6088 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Gloria R. Hayward, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Sumter County, Florida
(COURT SEAL)
By: Winona Mitchell, Deputy Clerk of Court

Submitted By: ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHÉ, LLP
2424 North Federal Highway, Suite 360, Boca Raton, Florida 33431
(561) 998-6700 (561) 998-6707

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6680-0830 SCT
Pulis, Linda 2017-CA-000055 Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
Case #: 2017-CA-000055

Specialized Loan Servicing LLC
Plaintiff,
-vs.-
Linda Pulis; Unknown Spouse of Linda Pulis; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 2017-CA-000055 of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Sumter County, Florida, wherein Specialized Loan Servicing LLC, Plaintiff and Linda Pulis are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Gloria R. Hayward, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 215 EAST MCCOLLUM AVENUE, ROOM F, BUSHNELL, FL 33513 10:00 A.M. on September 20, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:-

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN CITY OF WEBSTER, SUMTER COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, AS DESCRIBED IN DEED O.R. BOOK 689, PAGE 158, ID# R13T093, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS:

SECTION 13, TRACT #45, UNIT 9, CROOM-A-COOCHIE ESTATE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS FOLLOWS: THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, THE EASTERLY 25 FEET AND THE SOUTHERLY 25 FEET THEREOF SUBJECT TO EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS FOR ADJACENT CROOM-A-COOCHIE PROPERTY OWNERS, ALL LYING AND BEING IN SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE SOUTH 75 FEET OF TRACT #41, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS FOLLOWS: THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, THE EASTERLY 25 FEET THEREOF SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS FOR ADJACENT CROOM-A-COOCHIE PROPERTY OWNERS, METES AND BOUNDS PROPERTY.

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.

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, 225 East McCollum Avenue, Room 209, Bushnell, Florida 33513; (352) 569-6088 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Gloria R. Hayward, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

Sumter County, Florida
(COURT SEAL)
By: Winona Mitchell, Deputy Clerk of Court

Submitted By: ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHÉ, LLP
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6681-0830 SCT
Albrecht, Kenneth A. 2017-CA-000150AXMX Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2017-CA-000150AXMX

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH A. ALBRECHT AKA KENNETH ARNOLD ALBRECHT, DECEASED, ET AL.
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 2, 2018, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Sumter County Historical Courthouse at 10:00 a.m., Room 333 of Sumter County Courthouse 215 E. McCollum Avenue, Bushnell, Florida 33513, on September 20, 2018, the following described property.

WT 8, BLOCK 1, SHADY GROVE ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, AT PAGE 21, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1988 PINE MOBILE HOME VIN #S LHMLP24101923001A AND LHMLP24101923001B.

Property Address: 895 COUNTY ROAD 481, LAKE PANASOFFKEE, FL 33538

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Lorna Baker, ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Sumter County Courthouse, 225 E. McCollum Avenue, Bushnell, Florida 33513, Telephone (352) 569-6012, 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.

Dated: This 7th day of August, 2018.
GLORIA R. HAYWARD, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
(COURT SEAL)
By: Winona Mitchell, Deputy Clerk of Court

Marinosci Law Group, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff
100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 1045, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
Telephone: (954) 644-8704; Fax: (954) 772-9601
ServiceFL@img-defaultlaw.com ServiceFL2@img-defaultlaw.com

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6682-0830 SCT
Gray Jr., Carl C. 2018CA000147AXMX Notice of Action
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2018CA000147AXMX

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA
Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OR BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE OF CARL C. GRAY, JR A/K/A CARL CURTIS GRAY, JR, DECEASED et al
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OR BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE OF CARL C. GRAY, JR A/K/A CARL CURTIS GRAY, JR, DECEASED
RESIDENT: Unknown
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 7470 CR 609A, BUSHNELL, FL 33513-5701

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in SUMTER County, Florida:

The South 1/2 of Lots 11 and 12, Plat 3, Sumter Gardens, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 136, Public Records of Sumter County, Florida.

Together with that certain mobile home bearing VIN N811721 A and N811721 B affixed to the real property.

has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action on Phelan Hallinan Diamond & Jones, PLLC, attorneys for plaintiff, whose address is 2727 West Cypress Creek Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court, within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, either before or immediately thereafter, September 24, 2018, otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in The Sumter County Times.

DATED: August 14, 2018.
GLORIA R. HAYWARD, Clerk of the Circuit Court
(COURT SEAL)
By: Winona Mitchell, Deputy Clerk of the Court

Phelan Hallinan Diamond & Jones, PLLC
2727 West Cypress Creek Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309

Movant counsel certifies that a bona fide effort to resolve this matter on the motion noticed has been made or that, because of time consideration, such effort has not yet been made but will be made prior to the scheduled hearing.

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, Lorna Barker (352) 569-6012.

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Misc. Notices

6655-0906 SCT Adoption of Adult 2017 DR658
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 2017 DR658

IN RE: ADULT ADOPTION
REBECCA GERTRUDE DANFORTH and DANNY LAMAR DANFORTH
Petitioners
JOSHUA STEVEN MITCHEL
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR ADOPTION OF ADULT

TO: BRANDY MASHELL MITCHELL
206 KENTUCKY STREET IMBODIN, ARKANSAS 72434

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it JULIAN E. HARRISON, Attorney for Petitioners, whose address is P.O. Box 788 Bushnell, Florida 33513, on or before September 28, 2018 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 2587, Bushnell, Florida 33513, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Family Law Form 12.915. Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

GLORIA B. HAYWARD Clerk of the Circuit Court
(COURT SEAL)
By: Melanie Hurst, DEPUTY CLERK

Published August 16, 23, 30 and September 6, 2018.

6689-0913 SCT (Case No. 2018CF580)
THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN
AND FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 2018CF580

WILLIAM O. "BILL" FARMER, JR.,
SHERIFF OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLA.,
vs.
Petitioner,
vs.
CRESCENCIANO SALINAS CASTRO,
Respondent

TO: Crencenciano Salinas Castro Last known address: unknown

NOTICE OF ACTION TO DISPOSE OF FOWL

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action pursuant to FLA. Statute 828.073 has been filed against you. A hearing is set for October 29, 2018, at 0900 hours before Circuit Court Judge William Hollman III, at the Sumter County Courthouse located at 215 E. McCollum Avenue, Bushnell, Florida 33513.

The purpose of the action is to dispose of fowl in the possession of the Sumter County Sheriff seized pursuant to a search warrant.

You are required to file any written defenses to William J. Jordan, Attorney for The Sheriff, at 7361 Powell Road, Wildwood, Florida 34785, and upon the Clerk of this Court on or before October 29, 2018.

Failure to appear may result in the loss of your title in the seized fowl.

Dated: August 15, 2018.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
(COURT SEAL)
W.O. FARMER, JR., SHERIFF OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
William J. Jordan, Legal

Published August 23, 30, September 6 & 13, 2018.

6692-0830 SCT
Sumter County School Improvement Plan Hearings for the 2018-2019 school year are as follows:

October 3	3:00pm	Sumter P.R.E.P Academy
October 4	4:30pm	South Sumter Middle
October 5	3:00pm	Lake Panasoffkee Elementary
October 6	4:30pm	South Sumter High
October 9	3:00pm	Wildwood Elementary
October 8	5:00pm	Wildwood Middle High
October 10	3:00pm	Bushnell Elementary
October 11	3:00pm	Webster Elementary

Published August 30, 2018.

Misc. Notices

6694-0830 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 A 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: The North 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 19 South, Range 22 East, Sumter County, FL, less right of way for County Road 523 across the East side thereof.

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

Local Planning Agency - September 6, 2018, at 7:00 PM

Coleman City Council - September 10, 2018, at 7:00 PM

Coleman City Council - October 8, 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 August 30, 2018.

6695-0830 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 C1 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: Lots 1-4 & 21-24, Block B resubdivision of business property in the Town of Coleman, FL

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

Local Planning Agency - September 6, 2018, at 7:00 PM

Coleman City Council - September 10, 2018, at 7:00 PM

Coleman City Council - October 8, 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 August 30, 2018.

6700-0830 SCT
RFP Construction Engineering Inspection Services
PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Bushnell is currently accepting proposals for the following project:

CITY OF BUSHNELL, FLORIDA JOB GROWTH INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FOR SUMTerville WATER SYSTEM UPGRADES PROJECT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING INSPECTION SERVICES

The Proposal is for providing Construction Inspection Engineering Services for the Water System Upgrades Project in Sumterville, FL. This project will be using State of Florida funds and will be overseen by the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity under the Florida Job Growth Infrastructure Grant Program. All DEO standards will apply to this project. All ADA, wage, EEO and DBE requirements must be met.

An original and five (5) copies of the submittal package shall be submitted to the City of Bushnell, Florida, (Owner), prior to 3:00 PM, local time, Thursday, **September 20, 2018**, at the office of:

CONTRACT

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Many attending the meeting vocally asserted that they were willing to do so to maintain the same level of protection.

Pastor Jermaine Gordon and a group of local residents want their level of police protection to remain the same with response times of five minutes or less and deputies based in city limits.

Last weekend, Gordon led the group in gathering signatures on a petition to keep the services the same. Gordon pastors the St. James Baptist Church in Bushnell, on Lincoln Street.

Discussion for a change in service came up at a July 2 Bushnell City Council meeting and is set to be addressed this coming Monday night during a special meeting.

The Council and public were set to gather at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 27, at Bushnell City Hall.

Gordon and others worked over the weekend to gather signatures, supporting that the terms of the agreement as it was.

The terms are in an interlocal agreement between the City of Bushnell, the county and the Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

Gordon said if there were changes, they wanted it to be better, not worse - more not less.

The issue was originally brought up during the regular council meeting on July 2 by Spaude, asking the council about possibly ending the city's contract with the SCSO.

There was no council action at that time and Interim City Manager Jody Young said she would bring the issue back before council at its August meeting.

Over the course of the city's five-year contract with the SCSO, the cost has increased to the \$650,000 range, according to Spaude. He suggested that the city could possibly reduce those services or simply let the contract end and utilize the SCSO's deputies who are routinely assigned to patrol this area of the county.

The money saved from doing so could be put into a restricted account to be used for purposes such as roads or whatever was agreed upon by council, he said.

The idea didn't get an enthusiastic reception.

"I wouldn't care for that, Council Member Bill Durham said. "You cruise the streets at 2 a.m., there are all sorts of people about."

Spaude asked if the city really needed all of the services under the contract. "Do we really need the lieutenant to look after these guys? Do we really need a detective?"

"They have someone who's over his own people," Spaude said, referring to the SCSO.

Despite concerns about the costs and services, Spaude noted that he didn't "have a problem with the deputies." He also responded to a question that he was not suggesting that the city re-establish its own police department.



Ben Desormo is shown signing the petition to keep the City of Bushnell agreement with the county and sheriff's office for law enforcement services the same, while St. James Baptist Church Pastor Germaine Gordon talks explains what he and other supporters are working to do. The petition was started last Friday night and supporters worked to gather signatures over the weekend.

BRENDA LOCKLEAR/Sumter County Times

Interim City Manager Jody Young noted that the last time the city budgeted for its own police department, it was about \$850,000.

Others on the council noted that having the routine patrol deputies was not the same as having deputies specifically assigned to the city.

SCSO Lt. Michael Cassidy, very recently assigned to oversee the deputies working in Bushnell, told the council the city has "fantastic coverage" with at least one deputy on duty all the time and usually two.

Regular patrol deputies assigned to the local sectors of the county could be in the Croom or Tarrytown areas when a call was dispatched and the deputies could be delayed in responding, he said.

He noted that it was true that many patrol vehicles would likely be seen "in and out" of Bushnell, but the city was on the boundary of two patrol sectors.

Council Member Dale Swain noted that the deputies had helped slow traffic on County Road 476. "I would rather it stay where it is."

"The people understand that these things are important - the paved roads are important, the wastewater treatment plant is important, but it cannot be at the expense of our safety," Pastor Gordon said.

While he lives in Ocala, "but I'm a pastor in Bushnell - there are people who I pastor in the community," and he wants to make sure the residents remain safe.

It was one of his parishioners that came to him and asked him to help them.

Last Friday, they began gathering signatures on a petition and had contacted other pastors in the city, urging them to gain support from their congregations.

Gordon said the current response time for law enforcement in Bushnell is five minutes, but in many cases is just one minute. The current agreement also insures

that officers are not allowed to leave the city limits.

"With this contract not being renewed, it could increase our response to 20 minutes.

Without the agreement, officers may be responding from another area.

"Crime doesn't wait for the opportune time - for the sheriff to be in the right position," he said.

"As of yesterday, they were looking for a body right here in Bushnell. That indicates there definitely is a presence of crime within our city limit."

"All of those calls were responded to within five

minutes." Adding an extra 15 minutes to response time means that much time for the situation to escalate before a deputy arrives, he said.

"That could bring about some very drastic results," he said.

"No one speaks disrespectfully of the mayor, they just think this is a bad idea," he said, adding that even as a pastor, "You sometimes make decisions people just don't like."

They had a town hall type of meeting at the church last week and representatives from other churches attended.



MARTIN STEELE/Sumter County Times

After slightly more than an hour of hearing multiple citizens, community representatives and business owners pleading for the council to maintain the services of the sheriff's office, council members voted three to two for approval of the contract.

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ELECTION

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Democrat Sean Shaw took the Democratic primary for Attorney General with 1,024,202 votes to 365,410 for Ryan Torrens.

Matt Caldwell took 521,613 votes in the Republican primary for Commissioner of Agriculture, with Denise Grimsley right behind him. She earned 401,538 votes. Mike McCalister earned 419,528 and Baxter Troutman 392,536.

The Democratic Primary ballot winner for the Commissioner of Agriculture was Nicole "Niki" Fried with 820,044.

Jeffrey Duane Porter earned 222,236 and Roy David Walker, 356,970.

In the Republican Primary, it was Florida Gov. Rick Scott with 1,452,875 votes to Roque

"Rocky" De La Fuente with 186,611 votes in the race for United State Senator. There was no contest in the Democratic Primary against incumbent U.S. Senator Bill Nelson. The Nov. 6 General Election will now include the run for governor, agricultural commissioner, attorney general and U.S. Senator, along with local Sumter races.

Sumter County Commission, incumbent District 2 Commissioner Doug Gilpin is opposed by political newcomer Paulette Kenamer who filed as a write-in candidate. Incumbent Commissioner Garry Breeden is unopposed for the District 4 seat.

There are no contests for Sumter County School Board seats. Incumbents Sally Moss, Kathie L. Jinter and David Williams are unopposed.

While voters will likely have a number of choices to

consider in the statewide primaries, only two local - non-partisan races will be on the ballots for all political parties. Both involve the judiciary.

For circuit judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Group 4, Don Barbee Jr. and Edward C. Spaight are contending for the office.

For the post of Sumter County Judge, incumbent Paul Militello is being challenged by Ed Lynum.

Incumbent Mayor Ed Wolf is being challenged by Jay Turner and incumbent City Commissioner Pamala Bivins is competing with Marcos Flores for Seat 2. Derrell Strickland is unopposed for Seat 4.

In Webster, Seat 1 incumbent Bobby Yost, Seat 5 incumbent Anagalys Vigoa and Seat 5 candidate Nancy Cherry are all unopposed for the city council.

In Coleman, Audy Harris is

challenging incumbent Charles Felton for Seat 4 on the city council. Incumbents Mary Bigam in Seat 2 and Mayor Milton Hill are unopposed.

For the Center Hill City Council, incumbent Tonota Parker is being challenged for Seat 1 by Michael Ray. Incumbents Ralph Berry, Seat 3, and Jack Nash, Seat 5, are unopposed.

In Bushnell, there is competition only for Council Seat 5, with incumbent council member Karen Davis facing challenger Tracy Taylor. Mayor William "Bil" Spaude and Joe Strickland, Council Seat 5, are unopposed.

Many Community Development District Board of Supervisors in The Villages will retain their seats without opposition this year. But, voters in 5 of the districts will be deciding candidates for eight seats. The supervisor

candidates are listed on the Sumter Supervisor of Elections website.

Along with the local elections, voters in November will get to choose state legislators and a U.S. representative.

Incumbent U.S. House District 11 Representative Daniel Webster, Republican, is facing opposition from Democratic candidate Dana Cottrell and write-in candidate Luis Saldana.

In the state legislative races, incumbent Republican Senator Dennis Baxley is being challenged by Democratic candidate Gary McKetchnie and write-in candidate Keasha "Kay" Gray for the Florida Senate District 12 seat.

In the race for the Florida Senate, the race for the District 33 seat has Republican candidate Brett Hage facing Democratic candidate Oren L. Miller.

Sumter County Most Wanted-Update

1. Name: **JONATHAN MOODY** Sex/Gender: **W/M**
 Address: **12700 SE HWY 441** DOB: **12/22/1974**
BELLEVUE, FL
 Charges: CT I-LARC-300 LESS 10K DOLS FROM 65 YOA OLDER
 CT II-FRAUD-CHEATING OR GROSS FRAUD



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



2. Name: **ABRAHAM GRADY III** Sex/Gender: **B/M**
 Address: **519 JACKSON ST.** DOB: **04/22/1985**
WILDWOOD, FLORIDA
 Charges: VOP / CT 1 POSSESSION OF COCAINE



7. Name: **KRISTEN ADAMS** Sex/Gender: **W/F**
 Address: **718 RIVERA ROAD** DOB: **07/14/1988**
LADY LAKE, FLORIDA **CAPTURED**
 Charges: CT I-III FRAUDULENT USE OF PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION
 INFORMATION-CT IV GRAND THEFT \$300 OR MORE BUT LESS THAN
 \$20000 CT V-VI THEFT OF CREDIT CARD LOST MISLAID OR DELIVERED
 BY MISTAKE



3. Name: **KATHLEEN JEFFRIES** Sex/Gender: **W/F**
 Address: **343 SR 44** DOB: **01/02/1974**
WILDWOOD, FLORIDA
 Charges: 2 CTS-POSS METH W/I 1000 FT WORSHIP/BUSN; 2 CTS-SELL
 METH W/I 1000 FT WORSHIP/BUSN



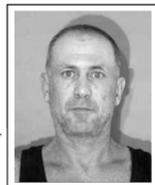
8. Name: **TARVIS GRAHAM** Sex/Gender: **B/M**
 Address: **812 SW 2ND STREET** DOB: **04/19/1983**
OCALA, FLORIDA
 Charges: HERION-POSSESS W/INT SELL MFG DEL; HERION-SELL; 2 CTS-USE
 2 WAY DEVICE TO FACIL FELONY; POSSESS COCAINE W/INT SELL; SALE OF
 COCAINE



4. Name: **SHELLY ELLIOTT** Sex/Gender: **W/F**
 Address: **343 SR 44, 321** DOB: **05/11/1983**
WILDWOOD, FLORIDA
 Charges: LARCENY-GRAND THEFT \$300 OR MORE LESS THAN \$20000



9. Name: **GEORGE C NORMAN** Sex/Gender: **W/M**
 Address: **4011 CR 48** DOB: **8/13/1970**
BUSHNELL, FLORIDA
 Charges: SIMPLE ASSAULT-INTENT/THREAT TO DO VIOLENCE; AGGRAVATED ASSAULT
 W/DEADLY WEAPON WITHOUT INTENT TO KILL; POSSESSION OF WEAPON OR
 AMMO BY CONVICTED FLA FELON; DAMAGE PROPERTY-CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
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5. Name: **ANGEL ENRIQUEZ** Sex/Gender: **H/M**
 Address: **153 W ORANGE ST** DOB: **8/2/1979**
CENTER HILL, FL
 Charges: CT1 SEXUAL BATTERY PERSON 12-18YOA CT2 AGGRAVATED
 CHILD ABUSE CT3 BATTERY



10. Name: **ALEXANDER FRITTS** Sex/Gender: **W/M**
 Address: **10124 SE 126TH PL** DOB: **08/24/1979**
BELLEVUE, FLORIDA
 Charges: CT I - BURG OF AN OCC. CONVEY; CT II - GRAND THEFT - STOLEN PROP
 - \$300/MORE ; CT III - FRAUD USE OF A CREDIT CARD (OBTAIN GOODS
 \$100 OR MORE); CT I - GRAND THEFT FROM PERSON 65 YOA OR OLDER
 MORE THAN \$10K; CT II - FRAUD USE OF PERSONAL ID INFO



Sumter County Sheriff's Office (352) 569-1600

Arrest REPORTS

Sunday, Aug. 19
Frederick Donald Hagelston, 38, Webster, arrested for marijuana possession.

James Douglas Kirk, 27, Bushnell, arrested for battery.

Anthony Marquze Linn, 21, Wildwood, arrested for possession of methamphetamine.

Wana Jerry Taylor, 55, Coleman, arrested for possession of harmful new legend drug without prescription, possession or use of drug equipment, drug possession, methamphetamine possession, marijuana possession, probation violation and resisting officer.

Monday, Aug. 20

Matthew Phillip Beaton, 30, The Villages, arrested for possession of harmful new legend drug without prescription, possession of cocaine and possession or use of drug equipment.

Junior Elwood Carroll, 79, Webster, arrested for two counts failure to appear.

Walter Matthew Fanok, 69, The Villages, arrested for DUI.

Robert Houston Holladay, 24, Bushnell, arrested for probation violation.

Lynn Bedgood Jain, 39, Wildwood, arrested for failure to appear.

Booker John Mathieu, 28, Oxford, arrested for DUI.
Rachel Ann McAbee, 25,

Webster, arrested for vehicle theft.

Trey Anthony Roberts, 23, Bushnell, arrested for probation violation, failure to register motor vehicle and driving with suspended-revoked license.

Tuesday, Aug. 21
Tabias Rydell James, 29, Oxford, arrested for assault, weapon offense, possession of weapon or ammunition by convicted felon and larceny.

Wednesday, Aug. 22
Noel Manuel Torres Moreno, 21, Wildwood, arrested for failure to appear.

Thursday, Aug. 23
Ethan Ezekiel Bottoms,

28, Oxford, arrested on out-of-county warrant.

Eric Charles Cowles, 39, Lake Panasoffkee, arrested for aggravated assault with a weapon.

Samuel Garrett Lovett, 22, Bushnell, arrested for knowingly driving while license suspended-revoked.

Duffy Joe Martinez, 51, Wildwood, arrested for possession or use of drug equipment.

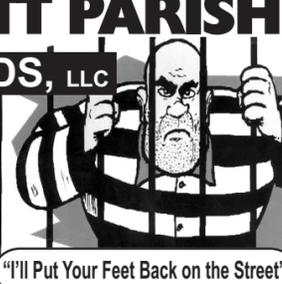
Friday, Aug. 24
Edward Keith Mitchell, 43, Bushnell, arrested for trespassing.

Robert Edward Allen

Pidgeon, 29, Bushnell, arrested for withholding support.

Saturday, Aug. 25
Michael Robert Parrish, 30, Bushnell, arrested for trespassing.

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