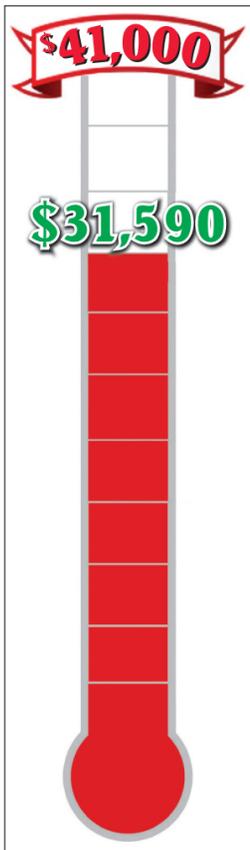


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South Sumter High School

Homecoming royalty



Queen candidates Ludivina Lopez (left) and Chloe Johnson (right) give a peck on the cheek for new South Sumter High School Homecoming Queen Leah Zachary. She was crowned last Friday night by last year's queen, Larkyn Coleman. Leah is the daughter of Gary and Denise Zachary. Ludivina is the daughter of Norma and Marcos Lopez, Chloe is the daughter of Carol and Devin Johnson.



Brant Wietan (center) was crowned the 2018 Homecoming King at South Sumter's Powder Puff game, last week. He's shown with king candidates, Patrick Current (left) and Jonah Cilenti. Brant is the son of Isaac and Kristy Wietan. Patrick is the son of Julie and Cliff Current, Jonah is the son of Nicey and Charles Cilenti.

Community rallies to save Grant's home

BRENDA LOCKLEAR
Times editor

SCARC Inc. client Grant Grogan and his roommates, are still in their four-bedroom group home, as donations keep coming in.

The community has been rallying to contribute funds for a budget shortfall from earlier this year — a shortage that SCARC Inc. cannot cover. The organization is constantly in a battle of its own, just to cover the basic budget. The unusual situation that left them short one full income in the home is beyond their means.

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Ranchers, farmers backbone of group



Farm Bureau Board of Director members are shown, (front row, left to right): James Sutton, Shirley Revels, Cody Hensley, Ray Crawford, Shawn Shurley; (back row, left to right): Tim Foster, Kelly Rice, Anna Jameson, Reba Mazak, Gerald Maddox and Tim Edwards.

Farm Bureau members gather for their annual meeting

BY BRENDA LOCKLEAR
Times editor

The Florida Farm Bureau Federation came to be when a group of ranchers and farmers came together to look after their own interests in the world of agriculture.

Florida Farm Bureau insurance was a byproduct, a necessity to provided funding for the

group to do the things they needed to do, according to farm state field services director and retiring Sumter board member, Ray Crawford.

Earlier this month, the Sumter County Farm Bureau held their annual business meeting — about 1,800 members strong, the event includes dinner, prizes, a guest speaker and the election of their officers. They

also host a cake auction that brings in some decent money for various projects.

This year's meeting was held at the Sumter County Fairgrounds, where they typically host dinner and the election. The event drew a good crowd and Florida Farm Bureau John Hoblick served as guest speaker.

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Crawford retires after nearly four decades

BRENDA LOCKLEAR
Times editor

After more than 32 years as an employee of the Florida Farm Bureau Federation, Ray Crawford retired. That was a few years back — but even then, he wasn't out — not completely. He spent another five years serving as a board member for the local Sumter County Farm Bureau.

Earlier this month, Crawford, 70, was honored by the board of volunteers and the members of the local bureau for five years on the board with them.

He had been teaching agriculture at Delanwd Jr. High School for seven years — currently chair of the department and heading up their brand new facility, when he got a call from a friend of his with the Florida Farm Bureau Federation.

It was a job offer that Crawford liked, so he took it.

He moved his family to
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CORRECTION

The Oxford Fall Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 27. The date in an article in last week's Sumter County Times was incorrect.

The annual festival will include fun and games, a silent auction, cake walk, hayrides, dunk tank, cake auction, chicken pileau dinner and more.

The festival will be held from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The location has been changed this year — the festival will be at the Oxford Memorial Center, 3779 County Road 203 Oxford.

Villages man charged with sexual battery on a teen

BY MARTIN STEELE
Staff writer

A 24 year-old Villages resident was arrested last week after allegedly having sex with a 16-year-old girl who he reportedly connected with via the internet.

Russell James Stiles faces multiple charges after his arrest late Tuesday, Sept. 17, including two counts of sexual battery on a victim 16 or 17 years of age, according to Sumter County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) arrest



Russell Stiles

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Powwow kicks off the weekend

Times

The Inter-Tribal Native American Powwow is this weekend.

The 7th Annual Powwow includes native crafts and foods, demonstrations, singing, storytelling and dancing.

The event is set for this Friday through Sunday, September 28-30.

The event will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and
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BATTERY

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report. As of Sept. 20, he was still held in the Sumter County Detention Center with bond set at \$53,500.

Other charges against Stiles include use of a two-way communication device to facilitate a felony, possession of methamphetamine, three counts possession of drugs, possession or use of drug equipment, cocaine possession, marijuana possession and heroin trafficking, according to SCSO reports.

Investigators accuse Stiles of using a cell phone on Sept. 16 to contact the juvenile victim using the Internet website "Plenty of Fish," according to the arrest report. Stiles allegedly picked the girl up at her workplace and took her to his residence in The Villages where she reportedly remained until the following morning.

Stiles is accused of twice engaging in sexual activity with the teen during the time she was in the home, according to the report.

A SCSO investigator on Tuesday Sept. 17 interviewed both Stiles and the victim,

according to the arrest report. He was arrested late that day and booked a few hours later into the detention center.

More charges were to come.

The day after Stile's arrest, investigators with a warrant searched Stiles' residence. In a room identified as Stiles' bedroom, investigators found a number of items they suspected of being narcotics, according to the arrest report.

The report listed:

- Two tablets identified as Hydrocodone acetaminophen

- Two tablets identified as Amphetamine

- Less than 20 grams of a green leafy material identified as marijuana as well as marijuana seeds

- A glass pipe and a silver colored spoon with narcotic residue

- A clear plastic wrapper containing marijuana wax

- Two small clear bags of cocaine

- A clear plastic bag containing a small square paper tablet consistent with lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD)

- 13 grams of heroin packaged into an edible manner

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



Times photo

Grant Grogan

HOME

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It happened when they were short one client in the four-client home. That meant one-quarter of their income to keep the house running was missing for several months - until the state found a new resident

for the home.

Grant, who was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, needs 24 hour a day, seven day a week care — if he was forced to leave the home, he fears he would end up in a nursing home.

Living in the home, he is able to enjoy the community, his friends and a job he reports to regularly.

He fears that would not be the case in a nursing home.

They need a total of \$51,000 to cover the months they are short and replace a roof on the home. The funds for the roof have been committed by the Wildwood Rotary Club and local residents and businesses have been donating to help with the

shortage. We're keeping track of donations through the gauge above.

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

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

POWWOW

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Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Grand Entry will be on Friday 6 p.m., Saturday 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m.

Admission to the powwow is \$5 per person and those who attend should consider bringing blankets or chairs.

The powwow is held at Dade Battlefield Historic State Park in Bushnell.

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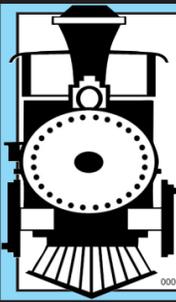


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Sager believes education a gift

Times

“Education is a gift. Too often, our students dread receiving it and I want to change that. Education should be as exciting as opening presents on your birthday and it’s someone’s birthday every day in my classroom,” said South Sumter High School teacher Jason P. Sager.

Sager is new to the Sumter County School District and new to teaching - he is in his first year.

A 1992 graduate of Hernando High School in Brooksville, Sager majored in Social Science Education at the University of South Florida. He graduated Summa Cum Laude in the class of 2018.

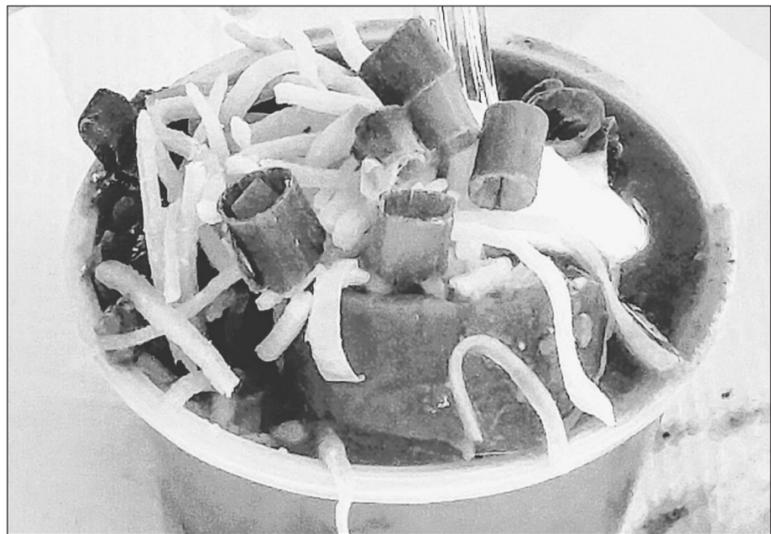
“I believe teaching is important because without someone to teach those things that we do not know we are destined to repeat the errors of the past and live a less than fruitful life.”

New South Sumter High School teacher Jason P. Sager.

Special to the Times



Homecoming and chili



Special to the Times

It’s time for the annual homecoming parade and a chili cook-off, set for Thursday, Oct. 4 at the Wildwood Middle High School bus loop.

The parade will move

along Huey Street and down by Wildwood City Hall. The cook-off will be in the bus loop.

It’s an all ages event. Chili tickets are \$1 each or \$8 for 10 tickets.

\$5 Meal Deal includes a hot dog, chips, cookie

and a soda.

The prize categories are: Judges Choice Chili-\$25, Peoples’ Choice Chili-\$25.

The funds raised will help sponsor homecoming events and the homecoming dance.

WTC holds open house for career seekers

Special to the Times

If you’ve thought about starting an exciting new career, this is the open house for you.

Come meet the instructors, tour the program and shop areas, ask questions — it’s all part of the

Career Expo and Open House at Withlacoochee Technical College (WTC) in Inverness.

Set for 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 11, courses are designed to give hone the skills you need for a new career in less than a year. The campus is located

1201 W. Main Street. Enter WTC at the eastern entrance off of Montgomery Street (across from the Suncoast ATM).

For more information, contact WTC at 726-2430 ext. 4326 or check the website at www.wtcollege.org

Community CALENDAR

SENIORS INFORMATIONAL BRUNCH

Parsons Circle Community Outreach, Inc. will be hosting their Quarterly Sumter County Senior Citizen Informational Brunch which is free to you and sponsored by Panera Bread, Publix, Walmart, Sam’s Club, Dunkin Donuts and Sun Communities, Inc.

Guest presenters will be: Shine Counselor Cheryl Harris, the Department of Children and Families Liaison - Robert Bradburn and Florida Department of Health Sumter County - Alyssa Smith and Palak Gupta.

The focus for this quarter will be the importance of the Medicare Open Enrollment Period and health insurance needs.

There will be counselors available for one-on-one counseling or you can book an appointment.

Information will also be available on the importance of Medicaid & Food Assistance Program for low and middle income senior citizens, fall prevention and how to stay safe in your homes.

The event will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27 at Red Oaks R.V. Resort.

The resort is located at 5551 SW 18TH Terrace, Bushnell.

Please RSVP by calling 352-568-0580 or emailing: parsonscircle.inc@gmail.com Sumter County 4-H Apple and Pecan Fundraiser

PULLED PORK LUNCH AT LEGION

The American Legion Post 18 will have a pulled pork lunch on Friday, Oct. 5. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the meal will include col slaw, baked beans, dessert and a beverage. The meal is a donation of \$7.50 per plate.

Food and fellowship, call 352-748-7009 for more information.

The post is located at 401 E. Atlantic Highway, Wildwood, just east of U.S. 301.

4-H SELLING APPLES AND PECANS

From now through Oct. 5, Sumter County 4-H will be selling apples by the bushel or half bushel and pecan halves by the one-pound bag.

Apple varieties include Jonagold and Mutsu/Crispin. Bushels are \$40 each, half bushels are \$25 each. Pecans are \$12 per bag. The fundraiser helps support the county 4-H program and activities throughout the year. Orders can be made by

phone (352) 569-6863; by email nicolectramer@ufl.edu or; by mail 7620 State Road 471, Suite 2, Bushnell, FL 33513

The pick-up locations are scheduled for: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Bushnell on Oct. 24 and from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Brownwood Farmer’s Market in The Villages on Oct. 27.

Dates may change, due to fresh harvesting.

The Bushnell location is at the fairgrounds, 7620 State Rd 471; the Brownwood Farmer’s Market - 2705 Brownwood Blvd., The Villages, FL 32163

OXFORD FALL FESTIVAL

Children’s games, a cake-walk, chicken pileau dinner and silent auction are all part of the fun when fall rolls around in Oxford. It’s all thanks to the annual Oxford Fall Festival.

There’ll be a giant slide, a cake walk, chicken pileau, a dunk tank, hayrides and more.

This year’s fest will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27 and will be at the Oxford Memorial Center - 3779 CR 203, Oxford.

The cost for dinner is a \$10 per meal, per person donation and all proceeds from the event are used for upkeep on the cemetery.

For tickets or information, call 352-461-4600 or 352-233-8875.

WEBSTER PICNIC AND REUNION PLANNED

The annual Webster Cemetery Picnic is set for Saturday, Oct. 13 and the crew is already working on the event. Created to raise funds for the upkeep of three Webster cemeteries through the Webster Cemetery Association. They expect to begin serving dinners at 10 a.m.

The event includes entertainment, an auction, barbecue dinner and a chance to visit with friends and family.

It’s also the place where Webster High School graduates gather for their annual reunion and the day when the Sumter County Farmer’s Market holds their annual business meeting.

HEALTH WISE PRIZE CONTEST OPEN

The Florida Department of Health, in cooperation with Lake Sumter State College and the Sumter County School District, will host the first health-based knowledge competition called the Sumter Health Wise Prize. The event

is set for 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26, at the Paul P. Williams Auditorium — Lake Sumter State College, Leesburg campus.

The contest will showcase and celebrate public health knowledge as teams of students from the three Sumter County high schools compete in a challenging curriculum in front of a live audience. Cash prizes for the winning team and runners up have been provided by the United Way of Lake and Sumter counties.

Please RSVP using the following link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/WKNZRGR.

CLASS OF 1973 REUNION PLANNED

The South Sumter Class of 1973 will have a reunion from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10 at Catfish Johnny’s in Lake Panasoffkee.

Please R.S.V.P. by August 31 to sshsclass73@gmail.com or (352)815-0529.

WEBSTER COMMUNITY MARKET SUNDAYS

There will be a Webster Community Market, downtown, under the Oaks on the first Sunday of each month. The market will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m..

The next scheduled market days are Nov. 4, Dec. 2 and Jan. 6.

Spots will be free to City of Webster residents. Call the administration office to reserve your spot (352) 7923-2073.

TRICOUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

Each week, the center offers a variety of things to do. The schedule is as follows:

Monday – crafting from 1 to 3 p.m.; Tuesday - card games 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Wednesday - coffee social from 9 to 10 a.m.; Thursday it’s quilting from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The center is located at 28444 Forbes St. in Nobleton.

The public is welcome. For questions or more information, call Dorrie Lewis, president at 352-397-6652.

VFW POST AND AUXILIARY EVENTS

Monday- On the second Monday of the month, there’s a golf outing, if interested, call in advance for information.

Wednesday - Hump Day with free pool from noon to 6 p.m. and all day happy hour; On Oct. 3, bingo starts back up - 6 p.m.

Thursday- monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, with

joint discussion at 4 p.m.

Friday- Friday Night Dinner from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. followed by karaoke from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

VFW Post 10137 is located located 1.5 miles north of the Florida National Cemetery.

These events, other than meetings, are open to the public! You are welcome to stoop by any time, there’s always a member willing to make you their guest.

Call 352-793-8511 for information.

RAILROAD RETIREES

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

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

CIRCUIT 5 ADVISORY CONFERENCE PLANNED

The Department of Juvenile Justice and the Circuit 5 Department of Juvenile Justice Advisory Board will host a free, one-day conference bringing together community partners, providers and representatives of DJJ to discuss safety solutions for the youth we serve in our Lake, Sumter, Citrus, Hernando and Marion Communities.

The conference will be held on Friday, Sept. 28 at the Trinity Assembly of God - 200 Ulrich St. in Fruitland Park.

Discussion will include school and justice responses to Senate Bill Active Shooter Training overview, identifying emerging mental health issues, avenues for prevention and treatment. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/youth-safety-comprehensive-solutions-tickets-48406940>.

REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Republican Club of Sumter County meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month, at the Sumterville Community Building, 2427 C.R. 522 (stone building on U.S. 301, a half mile south of S.R. 470). For more information, call Roger Jones at 352-793-3895. For more information, visit www.republicanclubsc.org

DEMOCRATIC CLUB

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

VFW MEETINGS

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

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Sumter County Times Opinion

Guest column

Wash your hands often and well, to combat flu

Flu season is approaching (rumors say it is already here). And you hear it every year, "wash your hands!"

But every day is foodborne illness season, especially when people do not wash their hands. "Into every mouth some dirt must fall" may not be the exact quote but it is true that as we get older, and we are exposed to the world around us, we build resistance. However, not everyone can build resistance and there are some bacteria and toxins that no one can resist or fight off.

Everyone has had a "stomach bug" but the problem is that the stomach flu is not the same flu that a shot will help and most likely, it was not a flu at all. It was probably a reaction to food. When people think it was a reaction to food, they think it was the most recent food they ate. It is possible to get sick within two hours of eating something that was full of bacteria but it can also take up to four weeks or more if it is something that

was in food that grew inside the body. And very few people can report what they have eaten for the past four weeks.

Each year, roughly 48 million people (1 in 6) get sick from food eaten in the United States. (CDC) And many have been caused by not washing hands or washing them correctly. "A recent survey found that 94 percent of Americans say they always wash their hands after going to the bathroom. But, observations in public restrooms show that only 68 percent of adults actually do so and only 1 in 20 are washing properly." (www.stopfoodborneillness.org)

And not only do our hands need washed, fruits and vegetables need to be washed well. According to the CDC, fruits, nuts and vegetables account for almost half of the illnesses (46 percent).

When fighting the real flu or what many call the flu, hand washing is still a number one way to stay healthy.

So wash your hands often and wash them well.



LuAnn Duncan
SUMTER COUNTY
EXTENSION
AGENT

Letter to the editor

DAR commemorates Constitution Week

There are two documents of paramount importance to American history: the Declaration of Independence, which forged our national identity, and the United States Constitution, which set forth the framework for the federal government that is still in use today.

While Independence Day is a beloved national holiday, fewer people know about Constitution Week and annual commemoration of the living document that upholds and protects the freedoms central to our American way of life. This year, the annual celebration began Sept. 17, 2018.

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) initiated the observance in 1955, when the organization petitioned the U.S. Congress to dedicate Sept. 17-23 of each year to the commemoration of Constitution Week. Congress adopted the resolution, and on Aug. 2, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed it into public law (No. 915).

The celebration's goals are threefold: to encourage the study of the historical events that led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787; to inform people that the Constitution is the basis of America's

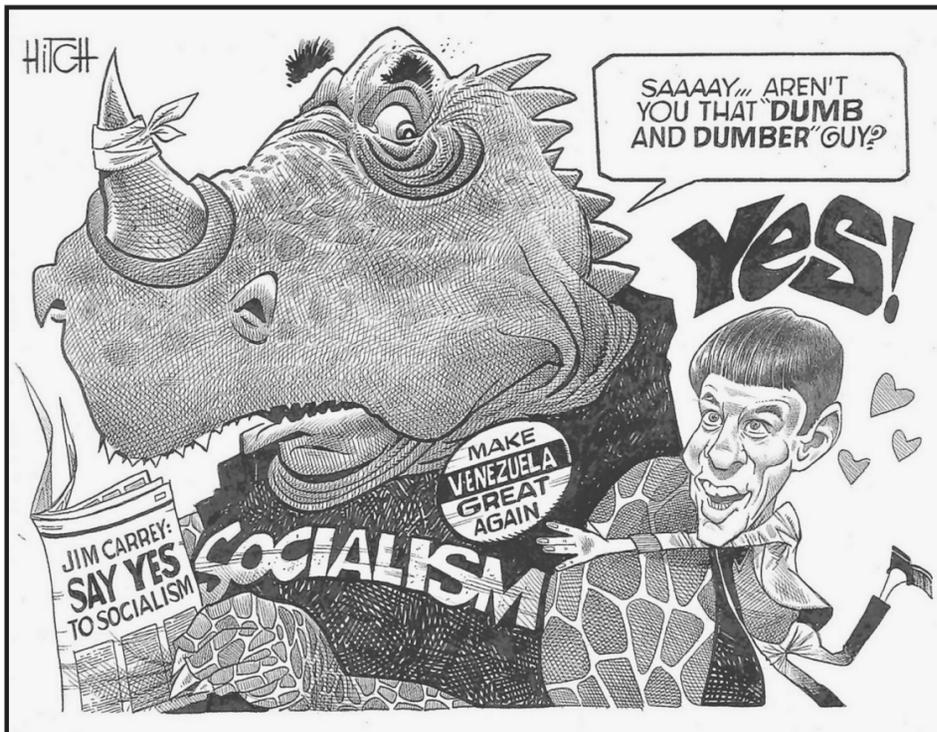
great heritage and the foundation of our way of life; and to emphasize U.S. citizens' responsibility to protect, defend and preserve the Constitution.

DAR has been the foremost advocate for the awareness, promotion and celebration of Constitution Week. The annual observance provides innumerable opportunities for educational initiatives and community outreach. One such initiative has been for local DAR Chapter, Bertha Hereford Hall, to provide as many fifth graders as possible, with a pocket-size book that has the United States Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and information on our founding fathers. Today all the fifth grade history class students of teacher Danielle Sanchez, at Wildwood Elementary School, were given a book.

Also, as a community outreach we have placed a display in the Wildwood City Hall, with a proclamation issued by President Donald Trump, declaring this Constitution Week. Patriotic items are there if you desire to pick one up.

Cindi Hinkle
Constitution Week
Chairman, Bertha Hereford
Hall Chapter of DAR

BEYOND SUMTER



Letter to the editor

Editor's note: Sumter School Superintendent Rick Shirley shared a letter he recently submitted to Florida Gov. Rick Scott, regarding funding for the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

Dear Governor Scott:

In response to the tragic events at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, the Florida Legislature enacted and you signed the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act during the 2018 Legislative Session. This law and corresponding budget appropriated over \$400 million dollars to enhance school safety and fund mental health services.

Superintendents are grateful that you and the Legislature responded so swiftly with legislation and significant funding including: almost \$162 million in total funds to the Department of Education (DOE) for distribution to school districts to fund the Safe Schools allocation (An additional \$97.5 million added in SB 7026 to the historical funding of \$64.5 million in FEFP funding provided since 2011); \$67.5 million to DOE to allocate to sheriffs' offices to reimburse for specified costs in establishing and training a civilian-based guardian program; over \$98 million to implement a grant program administered by DOE for improving and hardening the physical security of school facilities and property; over \$69 million to DOE for distribution to school districts to fund the mental health assistance allocation as provided in plans required of all districts and participating charter schools; \$6.7 million to DOE to implement the youth mental health awareness and assistance training.

Over \$18 million to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to procure additional mobile crisis teams; \$9.8 million to DCF to procure additional community action treatment teams; \$1 million to design and construct a memorial for the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School victims; over \$25 million to DOE to replace Building 12 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas

High School.

Superintendents and local communities labored through the summer to ensure that a safe-school officer is present at each school campus when school opened in August. We were successful and school began smoothly with the added security measures implemented. These officers include School Resource Officers (SRO) employed by sheriffs and local law enforcement agencies, officers employed by school boards that have a district police force, and certified guardians. The cost to provide officers far exceeded the legislative appropriation and many school districts utilized general operating dollars to implement the law. In many cases, long term relationships with sheriffs, local governments, and school districts were strained. However, in the end, ensuring school safety was paramount and safe-school officers, including certified guardians, were available on opening day of school.

You called on the Legislative Budget Commission to redirect \$58 million from the Aaron Feis Guardian Program for additional school security. At the time of your request, only \$9 million of the \$67.5 million appropriated for the Guardian Program had been utilized by county sheriffs to establish guardian programs around the state.

President-elect Galvano responded to your request by letter dated Sept. 7 expressing his concern that time is needed to allow for the implementation of the Guardian Program. The initial budgets for the Guardian Program have not been reviewed by the Department of Education and the new school year is just under way. In addition, the recommendations of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Commission have not yet been made.

As stated in President-elect Galvano's letter, a proposed amendment to transfer funds to be considered by the Legislative Budget Commission is not yet ripe. However, we do request that

the remaining funds in the Guardian Program, once a calculation can be made, be transferred to school districts to offset the general

operating dollars we had to expend to hire safe-school officers in order to meet the requirements of SB 7026. We could also use the funds to increase school hardening. For example, most of the costs of hardening schools are one-time costs for which the use of these dollars is both reasonable and wise. As noted above, the Legislature appropriated \$98 million in funds to harden both district run and charter run schools during the 2018 Legislative Session. These funds are helpful and welcomed, but given the number of schools and students,

The funds under the original appropriation will be stretched thin. For example, the current appropriation only provides \$23,429 per school for hardening. Additional funds allocated to the school hardening program would add almost \$14,000 per school for hardening projects that could not be accomplished at the current funding levels.

Superintendents also urge the Legislature to more closely examine the need to fund greater recurring expenses for the additional safe-school officers assigned to schools as a result of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act. Many districts were already transferring operating dollars from classrooms to school safety and security before the passage of the Act and many have increased transfers after its passage.

We are thankful to you and the Legislature's leadership in addressing school safety after the tragedy in Parkland and the appropriation of over \$400 million to do so. We believe that all of the funds for school safety should be used in the year in which they were appropriated. The funds remaining in the Guardian Program should not revert to the state General Revenue fund.

We respectfully request that you pursue the transfer of funds at a more appropriate time and look forward to working with you to safeguard the safety of Florida's public school students.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Shirley
Sumter County schools
superintendent

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DAR Chapter, Bertha Hereford Hall, provided students in Danielle Sanchez's fifth grade class at Wildwood Elementary School with a pocket-sized book that has the United States Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and information of on the nation's founding fathers.

Chapter celebrates Constitution Week

Special to the Times

DAR Chapter, Bertha Hereford Hall, provided students in Danielle Sanchez's fifth grade class at Wildwood Elementary School with a pocket-sized book that has the United States Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and information of on the nation's founding fathers.

The presentation of the books is part of the chapter's celebration of Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23. The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) initiated the observance in 1955, when the organization petitioned the U.S. Congress to dedicate September 17-23 of each year to the commemoration of Constitution Week.



Special to the Times
DAR coordinator for the Constitution Week event Cindi Hinkle (right) is shown with Wildwood Elementary School teacher Danielle Sanchez. Hinkle visited her class to share the Constitution booklets with her students.



Special to the Times
The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) initiated the observance in 1955, when the organization petitioned the U.S. Congress to dedicate September 17-23 of each year to the commemoration of Constitution Week. Member and local chapter event coordinator Cindi Hinkle is shown with Wildwood Mayor Ed Wolf. Part of the chapter efforts is to have the city officially recognize the week.

Letters to THE EDITOR

Webster sets Christmas parade for Dec. 1

The date has been set for the Webster Lighted Christmas Parade. The parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018.



Deanna Naugler

This year's theme is 'A Country Christmas.'

Parade applications will be posted on the city's website.

There will also be festivities prior to the parade and the city is looking for vendors. If you are interested, please contact Barbara Kane at Webster City Hall, 352-793-2073. More details will be posted at a later date.

Deanna Naugler
 webster city manager

Bushnell opens council seat to any resident

Dear editor,
 We had a special meeting in Bushnell on Monday Sept. 17. The council approved the budget and then went on to discuss filling a seat made empty by the formal resignation of the mayor, leaving the council with only four members until Jan. 1 when the mayor returns.

A majority of three must be voted to pass any motion. The council decided to open the seat up to any Bushnell resident who wishes to apply for a three-month interim seat on the council.

Your letter of intent must be in the city clerk's office by noon, Wednesday Sept. 26. The decision will be made at the regular council meeting on Monday, Oct. 1.

Hopefully the decision will not be made on nepotism or the "good old boy" theory.

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For the past few years I've been following on social media the true-life saga of a lost child.

The child is an adult, but he's still a child to his frantic mother — and to God.

The son is in his mid-to-late-20s I think, and has been living on the streets off and on for a few years, depending on his drug addiction.

When he's sober, he works. But when he's not, well, his mom isn't sure how he makes his money to support his addiction or feed himself or find a place to sleep.

He's lost everything he owns. He's lost friends. He's lost his own sense of worthiness, his dignity.

He doesn't know that he is loved.

He doesn't feel deserving of love.

Every so often his mother posts prayer requests or answers to prayer on her Facebook page.

Often they're cryptic — she doesn't want to share



Nancy Kennedy

Special to the Times

A sheep's saga Grace notes

too much information because she wants to preserve her son's privacy.

But he's her child and she would do anything, go anywhere, fight anyone — even God — to rescue him.

I've watched this mom from afar (I think she lives somewhere out west) — get her hopes up and then have them dashed over and over and over, as her son seems to run faster and fall harder while trying to find himself.

Or maybe lose himself. They both look the same to this mom, she has said.

In one post she wrote, "I hate hope."

But then another time she wrote, "I've learned that I can't put my hope in what I hope will happen

and I can't put my faith in my faith. But I can put my hope and faith in the God who loves me and loves my son even more than I do (although I don't see how that's possible)."

Lately, she's been writing about songs that soothe her, songs about the "overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God" and how his furious, pursuing love chases after people and "fights 'til (they're) found."

She's also been writing a lot about Jesus calling himself the Good Shepherd in the gospel of John, about how the Good Shepherd "lays down his life for the sheep."

Jesus said he knows his sheep and they know him.

In Luke's gospel, Jesus told a story about a lost sheep that had wandered away from the flock and how the Good Shepherd leaves the 99 sheep that are safe in the field to search the countryside until he finds it.

He doesn't give up. That's his sheep that's lost and afraid, and maybe hurt.

He doesn't say, "Oh well, I have 99 others. I can let this lost one fend for itself against the wolves and other dangers out there."

Instead, he searches diligently, some might say recklessly or foolishly for a wayward sheep.

For a lost child. "And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his

shoulders and goes home," Jesus said. "Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep' (Luke 15:3-7).

For the past few days, this mom who wants her son rescued so badly that it hurts, has been posting about how she's actually sleeping well at night and that her heart is at peace.

(Although she has questioned the fairness of her being snug in her bed while her son could be shivering in the woods or in an abandoned building, her lost lamb crying, bleating, wounded, bleeding.)

However, how does staying awake worrying help anything?

"From my point of view, my son is lost, but not to God," she wrote the other day. "God knows exactly where he is and in God's time, he's already found."

She wrote recently that she's finally realizing that her main job is to stay with the flock, lie down in green pastures, drink from quiet waters that refresh and restore her soul.

"I'm a sheep too," she said. "It's God's job to seek and save his lost sheep, to bind its wounds, to bring it back to the fold."

"It's my job to live as a found one and trust the Shepherd's goodness for me and also for my son."

Dear Lord, please find this lost sheep and bring him safely home.

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.

Church CALENDAR

TABLETOP GAME NIGHT

Tabletop Game Night at FBCO is an opportunity for individuals middle-school age and older to come and play board games, card games, and tabletop games with others. Held every Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. in FBCO's Youth Building.

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 office at 352-793-3438.

PARENTING CLASSES

Ongoing weekly parenting classes are held at 6 p.m., every Tuesday and weekdays by appointments at the Lake Panasoffkee United Methodist Church.

For more information, call 352-793-3438 - Church of the Fishermen - 589 N.C.R. 470,

J.O.Y. GROUP (SENIOR ADULTS)

Calling all Seniors! Senior citizens that is. This group enjoys the fellowship of other seniors with a potluck luncheon once a month, along with many other events and activities, both with the local group and other groups.

The monthly meeting is at

noon on the fourth Thursday of each month, in the fellowship hall. Questions about the JOY Group can be directed to our church office at 748-6124.

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.

TABLETOP GAME NIGHT

Tabletop Game Night at the First Baptist Church of Oxford is an opportunity for middle-school ages and older to come and play board games, card games and tabletop games with others. Held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays in the youth building. It's an opportunity to spend time with friends, so feel free to bring a friend, bring a game or your favorite deck.

BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE

A study on the "bad girls of the Bible" is coming soon to Lake Panasoffkee United

Methodist Church.

Set for Sunday mornings at 11 a.m., the start date has not been determined yet.

For more information, call 352-793-3438 - Church of the Fishermen - 589 N. C.R. 470,

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.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

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

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

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.

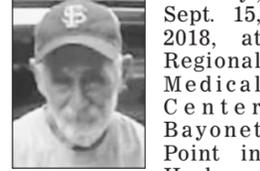
Please call 352-793-3438 for more information.

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

Obituaries

Kenneth Hemmings, 66 BUSHNELL

Kenneth Hemmings, 66, of Bushnell, FL, died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018, at Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point in Hudson.



Kenneth Hemmings

Ken was born in Ontario, Canada to Cyril and Elizabeth Hemmings. He enjoyed watching his grandchildren play sports. He also liked watching hockey and he enjoyed motorcycles. He is survived by his son: Mark Hemmings of Bushnell; grandchildren: John Hemmings of Bushnell, Sonny

Hemmings of Bushnell and Brittany Hemmings of Ocala; his sister: Barb Stirrett of Gravenhurst, Ontario, Canada. A service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018 at 3 p.m. at Purcell Funeral Home Chapel, 114 W. Noble Ave., Bushnell, FL, with Pastor Hal Wynn officiating. Arrangements entrusted to Purcell Funeral Home.

Mary Dias Adair, 81

Mary Dias Adair, 81, died Sept. 10, in Paris, Tenn.

Challie Griggs, 86 LAKE PANASOFFKEE

Challie Griggs, 86, of Lake Panasoffkee, died Sept. 17 in Bushnell.

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Special to the Times

Outer Banks wild horses survive Hurricane Florence

Prior to Hurricane Florence hitting the Carolina coast, we all prayed for the people in the path of the storm. We watched as thousands evacuated their homes, moving inland to safer places.

But what of the hundreds of wild horses that live on the outer islands? How will they survive? Apparently myself, along with many others, were concerned for the safety of the wild horses that live on the outer banks. Cape Hatteras National Seashore and Cape Lookout National Seashore have reported receiving hundreds of e-mails from concerned people, praying for the safety of the wild horses and their young foals.

It is believed that hundreds of years ago, the Spaniards that were sailing to a new land (America) had their horses on board. But powerful storms caused countless shipwrecks and many of the horses swam to safety reaching the numerous islands on our east coast. They made the harsh environment their

home, where they have learned to survive and thrive.

Because the horses are highly sensitive to weather changes, they have learned to survive an innumerable amount of dangerous storms. In high winds, they group together in shrub thickets, dune areas, and maritime woodlands on the islands.



Linda Graves
CRITTER CHATTER

The good news is that the Cape Hatteras National Seashore reports that the wild horses have survived the hurricane unharmed. Wild ponies on Ocracoke Island are also safe.

If you have the opportunity to visit the outer banks, don't miss a visit to see the wild horses. The safest way to see the wild horses and wild ponies is to go on a group tour with experienced and knowledgeable experts. To see these magnificent animals in their natural habitat, roaming freely on the seashore is an unforgettable experience.



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Pictured receiving Dementia Friendly Certification are, left to right, Shirley Dunne, Bob Tindall, Debbie Selsavage - Coping with Dementia LLC, Reverend Tom Trees and Jan Tindall. Dunne suggested the church provide the training, the Tindalls organized the workshop and Selsavage conducted the training. Selsavage conducted the training.

Church becomes certified Dementia Friendly

Special to the Times

By training more than 40 of its congregation in Alzheimer's awareness, dementia communication and care-giving techniques, St. James Episcopal Church, located at 204 Lee Street in Leesburg, Florida, has become certified Dementia Friendly.

The training, provided by Coping with Dementia LLC, took place Sept. 15, 2018 and included two hours of instruction, role play and discussion about how to recognize symptoms of dementia, how to better communicate with individuals living with dementia and how to support families and friends who serve as caregivers.

Annual Cedar Key Seafood Festival set for Oct. 20, 21

Special to the Times

The 49th Annual Cedar Key Seafood Festival takes place the third weekend of October, Saturday Oct. 20th and Sunday Oct. 21 in historic downtown Cedar Key. Themed "Some Things Should Never Change" the Festival promises Food, Fun, Arts, Crafts, Music and More in a family friendly atmosphere. Proceeds from the event help support Lions Club community service projects.

The Cedar Key Seafood Festival Features: free

admission and is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

The Seafood Festival Parade will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday morning, with 130 arts and crafts vendors, from jewelry and wood carvings to pottery, sauces and more.

There will be live entertainment on the Clam Boat Stage, featuring Neil and Eve Shaw, Danny Wooten & Friends, Butch Wise and Ricky Stano and local musicians, including Cedar Key's own Anna Hodges.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BUSHNELL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following Ordinances were approved by the City Council of the City of Bushnell, Florida on the first reading and shall be acted upon for the second and final reading at their regularly scheduled meeting to be held October 1, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Bushnell City Council Chambers located at 117 E. Joe P. Strickland, Jr. Ave. The proposed Ordinances may be inspected prior to the second and final reading at 117 E. Joe P. Strickland, Jr. Ave., Bushnell, FL 33513. Any interested party may appear at said time and place to be heard. If any person decides to appeal any decision of the City council, with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of such proceeding, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be heard.

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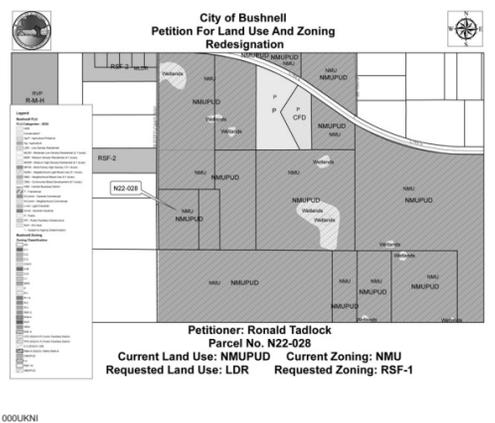
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City of Bushnell

Christina Dixon
City Clerk



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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BUSHNELL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following Ordinances were approved by the City Council of the City of Bushnell, Florida on the first reading and shall be acted upon for the second and final reading at their regularly scheduled meeting to be held October 1, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Bushnell City Council Chambers located at 117 E. Joe P. Strickland, Jr. Ave. The proposed Ordinances may be inspected prior to the second and final reading at 117 E. Joe P. Strickland, Jr. Ave., Bushnell, FL 33513. Any interested party may appear at said time and place to be heard. If any person decides to appeal any decision of the City council, with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of such proceeding, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be heard.

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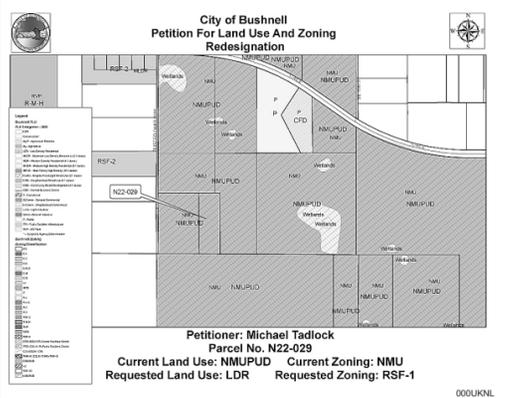
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Join us over the coming weeks as we share just a few of the many stories of success from Lake-Sumter State College students, alumni, faculty, staff, and community partners.



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The annual dinner meeting draws a crowd, as members vote on their officers for the year and learn about other new business and legislative decisions that will impact their farms and ranches.



James Sutton serves as the organization president and led the annual dinner meeting for 2018.

Photos by Brenda Locklear/Times

FARM

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Sydney Aikens, Riley Shirley, Wyatt Fussell and 4-H agent, Kalan Taylor, shown saying the Pledge of Allegiance, worked the dessert table, earning funds to be used for youth, through the 4-H program.



Raelynn Moses, Randon Senn and Jenna Mears.

The bureau does everything from organize programs to better farm and ranch productivity to actually battling for ranch and farm rights at the legislative level.

They remain aware and keep members aware, of what's happening at the state and federal levels.

Sumter representatives, including President James Sutton, headed to Washington to speak before lawmakers over issues they were concerned about.

Along with local members, the dinner typically draws the interest of local and state politicians.

This year, the audience included guests like Sumter County Circuit Judge William Hallman, III and Florida Senator Dennis Baxley. Both of them participated in the cake auction, supporting the local effort.

This year's board includes James Sutton, Shirley Revels, Cody Hensley, Shawn Shurley, Tim Foster, Kelly Rice, Anna Jameson, Reba Mazak, Gerald Maddox and Tim Edwards, Scott Stephens, Jennifer Boyett, Clay Newcomb, Colleen Martin.

For more information about the local bureau, call 352-793-4545.



Valerie Ansell and Linda Brown worked the front tables at the annual dinner meeting, checking people in.

Fifth Judicial Circuit Judge William H. Hallman III always attends the annual dinner meeting. His winning bid sealed the purchase of one of the cakes from the auction. He's shown here with his wife, Cathy.



Sherry Trowell and Bre Putnam are shown at the entrance to the Sumter County Fairgrounds, where the annual dinner was held.

RETIRES

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South Florida and he worked Indian River and Dade County.

After a while, though, the high traffic volume and travel got to him.

"I Love what I'm doing," he told his boss, but he wanted to move north. It wasn't long before he had the Sumter, Citrus, Polk counties area and they found a house to rent.

And not long after that, Ray and Lynn Crawford found a 20-acre parcel in Bushnell, where they have been ever since 1982.

Crawford is proud his years with the organization and he takes special pride in the fact that several of the state winners for the honor came from his district, which included Polk and Sumter counties.

Of his time with the Florida Farm Bureau Federation, he said some of the most remarkable

moments come in working with others.

"It was my privilege and my honor to work with some of the most outstanding young farmers," he said.

He also had the pleasure of working with eight contestants who won the farmer/rancher in the Sunbelt Expo competition — a challenge that includes 10 states, he said.

"I have been blessed to work with some really, really great people."

Crawford has earned some honors of his own over the years.

He was the third recipient to ever be awarded the Pat Cochran Lifetime Achievement Award - the highest honor the state organization has.

He takes pride in the years he spent working for the group.

And the programs he was a part of starting.

That includes the Ag Alliance.

Crawford said they began in Pasco County, then Citrus, then Sumter.

The alliance was formed to "get the leaders of all the



BRENDA LOCKLEAR/Sumter County times

Sumter County Farm Bureau board members Anna Jameson and Reba Mazak (back, left to right) and Cody Hensley (front left) are shown with member Ray Crawford who retires from Sumter County Farm Bureau this year. He was honored for his years of service during their annual business dinner, held on Thursday, Sept. 13.

groups together, talking about things that impact their county," he said.

That means representatives from the Cattleman's Association and the vegetable growers and the Farm Bureau, all coming together to meet.

And an idea that came from Pasco County deputies has become a statewide initiative - deputies are put through a training

course that teaches them some basics on animal agriculture, so when they're called out on a case, they can make an informed assessment.

For example, knowing the difference between a cow that is nursing a calf and is showing lean and a cow that is malnourished.

Crawford said there was a group of deputies who were already getting their

certification, but they were leaving the state to do so. The new initiative will allow training in the state of Florida, for all deputies.

In the past few years, he's been volunteering on the board, but said he feels like it's time to give someone younger a chance.

He said he is as busy now as he was when he was working - selling a little cattle here and there, working out with the tractor.

"When I first retired I didn't even have a phone," Crawford said, noting he was getting away from all the years of working as a field services director.

Back then, if he wasn't in front of a computer, he was on Blackberry phone and travelling.

He was working on his little parcel of 20 acres - using a tractor, riding a horse.

He said his wife Lynn told him he needed to get a phone, concerned about something happening.

Since his career retirement, he was injured back

in November of 2016, it involved one of the two horses he had. Crawford ended up with broken leg.

And while he used to work a little cattle ranchers he knew, these days he trail rides and has only one horse.

Adding that it's hard for him to find the time for one horse, let alone two.

He said he stays really busy every day and he believes that's a good thing.

"I think that keeps you young. I told a lot of people your jobs important, but it's also important to have other things in your life." While he's busy on their land, his wife is busy volunteering — at their church's Hope thrift shop and with the Fruit Pickers, playing music in nursing centers and other locations.

Earlier this week, when he chatted on the phone, he was fixing equipment - some damage that was done to his tractor while mowing.

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Wildwood defeats Umatilla 54-7

JEFF HAMILTON
Times correspondent

The Wildwood Wildcats travelled to Umatilla last Friday night, to face off against the Bulldogs. The Wildcats set out to improve their 1-3 season and redeem themselves after a narrow loss to Crescent City the week before.

Wildwood brought the battle to Umatilla right from the beginning and in the end their efforts paid

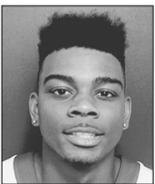
off with a rousing 54-7 victory.

Wildwood leapt onto the scoreboard in the first minute of the game when quarterback Nate Mikell connected with JaQuan McCants on a 32 yard touchdown pass play. Wildwood kept it going three minutes later when T.J. Snowden punched through into the end zone from the eight yard line.

Mikell connected with Rodney Mitchell on a 17 yard touchdown pass play



JaQuan McCants



Nyaeer Lucas



Nate Mikell

with three minutes on the clock. The Wildcats rounded out the quarter when Marcus Niblack and Mikell hooked up on a 57 yard touchdown pass play

to end the quarter 26-0 for Wildwood.

Wildwood kept the pressure on in the second quarter when Mitchell ran 25 yards for a touchdown

four minutes in. The Wildcats kept the scoreboard going less than two minutes later when Snowden scored on a 53 yard punt return.

The Bulldogs finally managed to get on the scoreboard with a seven yard run with less than five minutes on the clock. The Wildcats answered with an 87 yard return by Niblack on the ensuing kickoff to go into halftime leading the Bulldogs 47-7.

The Wildcats pulled

their starters for most of the second half with the clock running. Both teams held off the other for the majority of the half with the only exception being four minutes into the fourth quarter when Buster Corbin connected with Nyzeer Lucas on a nine yard touchdown pass play to end the game 54-7 for the Wildcats.

The Wildcats travel to Pierson to face off against the Taylor Wildcats. Kick-off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Racing

Wayne Anderson going out on his terms

KIMBERLY KELLEY
Special to the Times

Thirty years ago Wayne Anderson decided it was time to go racing. After all, he was the son of Dick Anderson — who was better known as Florida's Short Track King — and grew up in the time when his father promoted races at Citrus County Speedway. Racing was in his blood. It's what he knew.

Last weekend Anderson, now 50, announced that he was officially retiring from the sport at the very race track where he got his first start.

"At the time I was building a Street Stock to race at Citrus," Wayne Anderson said of those early years. "I sold it for enough money to buy an old late model. I sold my truck to buy an engine and had to ride the school bus the last two years of high school."

He even spent a brief period as part of the sweep crew.

"It wasn't easy growing up," he said. (My dad) had knowledge. I was able to reap that knowledge. I busted my butt working in the race car shop to learn. I knew what to change in my race car to make it go faster without a crew chief. A lot of people don't have that ability."

Nor can they race without a spotter, something Anderson never had in the beginning of his career, but was forced to do without for the last 39 laps of the Full Throttle 100 at Citrus County Speedway.

"I've taken fifth-place cars and won with them, a personal achievement I am proud of," he said.

His race record dates back to his first win in 1987 at Bronson Motor Speedway and is proof that he knows how to set



Wayne Anderson claimed the Full Throttle 100 at Citrus County Speedway last weekend, in Inverness. After the race, he announced that he plans to retire from racing.

KIMBERLY KELLEY/Special to the Times

up and drive a race car.

Anderson has raced across the country making a name for himself and a living for his family.

"What people don't understand is that I raced for a living," he said. "I did not go to the track to make friends. I was approached with opportunities to drive for other people. One ride stepped me to another until I was racing for Binweal, Porter Cable and then JaniKing."

Anderson traveled across the country chasing the checkered flag at over

30 tracks like Texas, Bristol, Daytona, Loudon, Michigan, Fontana, Homestead, Milwaukee, Nazareth, Pikes Peak, IRP, Richmond, and his favorite, Nashville.

He competed against some of the best drivers in the sport including Rusty Wallace, Jeff Gordon, Tony Stewart, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Kevin Harvick,

Dale Jarrett, Joe Nemechek, Kurt Busch, Martin Truex and Jimmy Hensley.

Anderson's resume includes a two-time NASCAR Slim Jim All Pro Series champion title where he was voted Most Popular Driver, a Florida Sunbelt Series championship, a FASCAR championship, and two Speedweek's Super Late Model championships. He is listed 23rd of 51 top drivers in the World Series of Asphalt Stock Car Racing.

He's won the Governor's Cup three times, the Powell Memorial six times, the Marion Edwards Memorial twice, and has won the Pete Orr Memorial, the Snowball Derby and the Texas Big Shot. In 1993 he won the Track and Triple Crown Championships at both New Smyrna Speedway and Orlando Speedworld. Two years later he won

the Florida Pro Series Budweiser 125.

If that's not enough, he's also raced in NASCAR's former Nextel Cup, Busch, Craftsman Truck, Busch North, and Southwest Touring divisions, the United Stock Car Alliance, FASCAR Series, Florida Pro Series, American Speed Association (ASA) Series, and ARCA Re/Max Series. He helped create the Florida All Stars Tour along with his father and Alan Bruns.

He has Racing Champion diecast replicas of his truck series rides and has taught others his skill as a racing school instructor.

At Citrus County Speedway his record stands strong in the Super Late Model division where he currently holds the track record of 13.015 seconds set Oct. 15, 2016. He earned two track championships (2010 and 2017). In 2004 he posted a sixth overall place

in the year-end standings. He followed that with an eighth-place finish (2009), sixth (2013), second (14), and second (2016). This season he is listed ninth overall. In Open Wheel Modifieds he is currently 11th.

"The bottom line is I've won everything there is to win," he said. "I've been heading to this decision for a long time. I wanted to go out as a winner. There are other things in my life I want to do."

That includes focusing on his local powder coating business, and spending time with his wife Laurie and two sons, Randy and Ricky, as they ramp up their own racing careers.

"They've been burning the candle at both ends between the shop and the race car," he said of his family. "They sacrificed their time. I could not have done it without them. I just felt like I didn't put

forth the effort for the kids all so I can race. I've robbed them of their time to race."

Both Randy and Ricky have set impressive standings of their own over the last few years at Citrus County Speedway. In Super Late Models Randy has two championships (2014, 2016), one sixth place (2012) and one 10th place (2015). Ricky earned his first championship in 2015, and finished fourth in 2016 and second in 2017. He is listed 14th overall this season. Both also have Open Wheel Modifieds.

Anderson also acknowledged that he couldn't have raced without the support of the local business community.

"Without Steve Lamb and his family, I wouldn't have raced as much as I have," Anderson said. Crystal Chevrolet's sponsorship dates back to 1992 and has been a consistent supporter since. This year, they put the Crystal Harley-Davidson name on Anderson's No. 84 race car.

"I've had a long line of fans throughout the years too," he said. "You either hated me or you loved me, but I was always the last one to be signing autographs on the track."

Everyone knows that a true competitor never truly gives up the sport they have spent a lifetime in so to say he is 100 percent out of racing is an expectation that even he acknowledged he probably won't be able to meet.

"I'd say I'm 90 percent retired. I've just got to the point for me that I have to turn my focus on my retirement," he said. "This was just the right place at the right time. I won and everybody was there. How can it get any better than this?"

Outdoors CALENDAR

GET YOUR GARDEN ON

This fall, the UF/IFAS Sumter County Master Gardeners are hosting a two-day Plantoberfest at the Sumter County Fairgrounds. The event is slated from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be vendors selling landscape plants including perennials, annuals, shrubs and trees, crafts and yard ornaments, food trucks and much more!

The Saturday Plantoberfest will feature a silent auction and several classes, including Plant Propagation, Fall Container Gardening, Fruit and Vegetable Flavored Waters and more.

Garden Tours and lectures will be held on Saturday and Sunday.

Admission is \$1 for the event, which will include youth activities sponsored by Sumter County 4-H.

Parking is free.

ASK THE MASTER GARDENER

Ask The Master Gardener Plant Clinic is available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first Tuesday and third Saturday of each month, from October through May. Please feel free to bring samples and/or pictures with your horticulture questions or for general information about events. Check location on the date you are interested in -352-569-6862. email: askthemastergardener@ifas.ufl.edu

SOUTH SUMTER MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Sept. 20 - 4 p.m. - The Villages - away; Sept. 24 - 3 p.m. - Inverness - away; Oct. 1 at 4 p.m. - Wildwood - home; Oct.

SOUTH SUMTER MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Tuesday games all scheduled to start at 6 p.m.
Sept. 25 - against Lake Highland - home; Oct. 2 - Citrus Springs - home; oct. 9 - Wildwood - away; Oct. 16 - Lecanto - home; Oct. 23 - The Villages - home.

WILDWOOD MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Sept. 26 - 5:30 p.m. - South Sumter - home; Oct. 2 - 5:30 - Leesburg - home; Oct. 6 and 7 - Big House Tournament; Oct. 10 - South Sumter - 5:30 p.m. - away; Oct. 12- 5:30 p.m. - Lake Weir - home; Oct. 17 - Legacy Charter - away.

WILDWOOD MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL - MIDDLE SCHOOL

All Tuesday games begin at 6 p.m.
Sept. 25 - Lecanto - home; Oct. 2 - Inverness - away; Oct. 9 - South Sumter - home; Oct. 16 - The Villages - away; Oct. 23 - Crystal River - away.

Dade Park CALENDAR

Pine Needle Basket Class For Adults

Oct. 9, Tuesday
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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.

Fall Wildflower/Butterfly Walk

Oct. 13, Saturday
10 a.m. - Noon

Join park staff as we walk the park trails and look at fall wildflowers and butterflies during this peak season for both. Cost is \$3/vehicle or annual Florida park pass. Bring a hat, sunscreen, and insect repellent.

Clay Art: Air Dry Clay & Pots with Carol Applegate

Oct. 14, Sunday
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Join local artist Carol Applegate as we work with clay pots and clay to create masterpieces! All materials provided. Cost is \$3/vehicle or annual park pass plus \$5/person; 12 and under free.

Haunted Trail and Creepy Carnival

Oct. 26 - 27, Friday and Saturday
7 p.m. - 9:30 pm.

Join us for a fun evening filled with scary surprises meeting you along a Haunted "Toxic Waste" Trail and walk through a Creepy Carnival.

Cost is \$3/person, 6 and under free. Tickets for games, foods and crafts only 50 cents or 13 for \$5.

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.

Homecoming - Raiders vs. Hornets

The South Sumter Raiders faced off against the Bishop Moore Hornets last Friday night in the South Sumter Homecoming game. Despite a promising start and a strong second half, the Raiders were unable to overcome the Hornets and fell 27-42.

The Raiders leapt onto the scoreboard within the first minute of the game when Billy Wallace ran halfway down the field for a touchdown. Ezekiel Lopez successfully kicked the extra point. Bishop

Moore answered less than ten seconds later with a touchdown run and extra point of their own to end the first quarter tied 7-7.

Things got rough for the Raiders in the second quarter. The Hornets defense shut down the Raiders offense at every turn. Bishop Moore also managed two touchdowns in the second quarter. One two yard run four and a half minutes in, and a 35 yard run just before the buzzer. The Raiders went into halftime trailing the Hornets 21-7.

The second half started off slowly for the Raiders. Bishop Moore scored the first touchdown three and a half minutes in with an 18 yard run. The Hornets pulled further ahead with a 45 yard punt return for a touchdown with less than three minutes on the clock. The Raiders were unable to finish a promising drive before the buzzer, ending the third quarter 35-7 behind the Hornets.

The Raiders really came alive in the final quarter of the game. The

Raiders comeback started when Trenton Taylor finished the Raiders third quarter drive by diving across the goal line less than a second in. The Raiders kept it going when Garhett Miller connected with Andra Hart on a 65 yard touchdown pass play. Bishop Moore answered less than a minute later with a three yard touchdown run. The Raiders continued fighting to the end when Taylor ran 12 yards for a touchdown with two minutes left on the clock.

Lopez successfully kicked two of the three extra points to end the game 27-42 against the Raiders.

"I'm proud of the boys. The effort was there and we're getting better every week," said South Sumter Raider Coach Ty Lawrence. "We had a great week at practice. The guys kept fighting until the end, it was exactly what you like to see. We've just got to keep trusting the process, it's working."

Raider Billy Wallace

had a great game. He had six carries for 71 yards and one touchdown. The coaches have named him Offensive Player of the Week.

Raider Jozeph Hejkoop also played a great game. His five solos, eight assists, four tackles for loss, and one pass break up have earned him Defensive Player of the Week.

The Raiders hit the road this Friday, September 28, to face the Trinity Catholic Celtics. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m..

Tips to improve your bow season

The 2018-19 hunting season is already underway in south Florida's Zone A, and will soon be opening in the other three hunting zones. To make the most of your time afield, Becky Shuman, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) assistant deer program coordinator and biologist, offers the following tips about deer and hunting on Florida's wildlife management areas.

"Before I ever set foot on a potential hunting area, I like to look at aerial imagery to find transitional zones between different habitat types," Shuman said. "Deer like to bed during the day in areas with dense vegetation and move out into more open areas at night to feed. The edge between these habitats is a good place to catch deer heading to and from feeding areas at dusk and dawn."

After Becky pinpoints a couple of spots she wants to scout, she checks it out on foot.

"I look for all types of deer sign - well-used game trails, tracks, scat, buck rubs and scrapes," Shuman said. "You can tell a lot about the deer in the area without even using a game camera. Rubs not only indicate that bucks are in the area, but a line of them all on one side of the tree show the direction the buck was walking. Scrape lines also can indicate direction of movement, and the size of the scrape often correlates with the number of bucks using the area."

Once she finds a spot that has a lot of deer sign, she then looks for the right tree to hang her stand.

"I look for a straight mature tree with some vegetation in front and behind it to break up my silhouette," Shuman said. "I then can do a quick internet search to learn what the predominant wind direction is for that area in the fall and winter and

position my stand so that it is downwind from where I think the deer are coming from. I also make tree stand safety a priority and inspect my tree stand, all safety devices and my fall-arrest system/full-body harness before each use."

Florida has one of the largest WMA systems in the country at nearly 6 million acres. There's a lot of opportunity and you can make hunting Florida's public land even more rewarding by following this advice.

"Take the time to scout an area before the season opens, and try getting off the beaten path," Shuman said. "With some of our WMAs, areas near roads and trails can get crowded, especially on weekends. Spending the extra time and effort to find the more remote locations can really pay off and add to your overall hunting experience."

WMAs that don't require a quota permit

Florida's WMAs offer a wide range of hunting opportunities from quota/limited entry hunts, special-opportunity hunts, and public hunting areas where hunters can walk on to hunt. There are 59 public hunting areas statewide where hunters don't need a quota permit to hunt some or all of the archery season. So, if you didn't apply or get drawn for an archery quota hunt, don't worry, 'cause there's still plenty of hunting opportunity spread throughout the state. You can find those WMAs not requiring a quota permit during archery season at the bottom of this webpage: MyFWC.com/WMA brochures.

To help you get ready, the FWC manages archery and shooting ranges across the state. Information on these public ranges is at MyFWC.com/Ranges. Also, the FWC offers a bowhunter education course and some

classes are still available this fall. You can register and get more information about this course at MyFWC.com/HunterSafety.

For those new to hunting, you can get information about how to get started at MyFWC.com/NewHunter. Another great resource for teens and young adults is Bowhunting360.com. This website features articles and videos on stuff like how to shoot, hunting basics, scouting, shot placement and field dressing. It even has a bowhunting 101 checklist.

Bow season and the rut — best times to hunt

Besides hunting the rut, early bow seasons provide a great opportunity to take a mature whitetail and are among the best times to do so. In northwest Florida, bow seasons offer a different experience because bucks are still hangin' out in their bachelor groups. Historically, during September the rut is in full swing southeast and west of Lake Okeechobee, and in the counties of Dixie, Levy, Nassau, Duval and St. Johns, so you really have an advantage when hunting there. Find out when the deer rut where you hunt by checking out the FWC's updated rut map at MyFWC.com/Deer.

If you've followed some of Becky's advice by doing your pre-season homework and hunt a favorable wind, you have a good chance of success. Early in the season, before deer are subjected to significant hunting pressure, they are more active during daylight hours.

Season dates by zone
The boundary line between zones A and C begins at the Gulf of Mexico and runs northeast through Charlotte Harbor and up the Peace River until it intersects with State Road 70. The line then follows S.R. 70, running east until it meets U.S. 441 north of Lake Okeechobee. It then follows U.S. 441 south, where it proceeds around the eastern shore of Lake Okeechobee. The line

then turns off U.S. 441 and onto S.R. 80 and runs just a few miles before turning east and following County Road 880, running just a few miles before joining back up with U.S. 98/441/S.R. 80/Southern Boulevard until it reaches the Atlantic Ocean. Archery and crossbow seasons south of that line started July 28 in Zone A.

This year, archery and crossbow seasons in Zone B start Oct. 13. Zone B's northern boundary line is S.R. 50, the eastern border is U.S. 441 and the Kissimmee Waterway, the southern boundary is S.R. 60 and the western boundary is Interstate 75.

The line that divides zones C and D begins at U.S. 27 at the Florida-Georgia state line (in Gadsden County) and runs south on U.S. 27 until it meets S.R. 61 in Tallahassee. From there, it follows S.R. 61, running south until it hits U.S. 319. There, the line follows U.S. 319, continuing south to U.S. 98; it then runs east along U.S. 98 until it gets to the Wakulla River, where the river becomes the line, heading south until it meets the St. Marks River and continues going downriver until it meets the Gulf.

If you hunt west of that line, you're in Zone D, where archery and crossbow seasons begin on Oct. 20 this year. In Zone C (east of that line), archery and crossbow seasons open Sept. 15.

License and permit requirements

Before you go, you need to make sure your license and required permits are up to date. To hunt during archery season, you may hunt only with a bow and you must have a Florida hunting license and an archery permit. During crossbow season, you may use either a crossbow or bow, but you must have a crossbow permit along with your hunting license. On WMAs, only hunters with a persons with disabilities crossbow permit are allowed to use crossbows during archery season. If you're a Florida resident, an annual hunting license costs \$17. Non-residents have the choice

of paying \$46.50 for a 10-day license or \$151.50 for 12 months. Archery and crossbow permits are \$5 each, and all deer hunters must have the \$5 deer permit.

Anyone planning on hunting one of Florida's many WMAs must purchase a management area permit for \$26.50. And don't forget to study up on the rules and regulations for the area you wish to hunt. You can download these brochures at MyFWC.com/WMA brochures.

You can obtain all the licenses and permits you'll need at a county tax collector's office, any retail outlet that sells hunting and fishing supplies, by calling 888-HUNT-FLORIDA or at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com.

But if you're 15 years old or younger, 65 or older or have a resident persons with disabilities hunting and fishing certificate, you're exempt from needing any of these licenses and permits.

Legal to take

During archery season and that part of crossbow season that runs concurrent with archery, you may take legal-to-take bucks (as defined by the regulations within the Deer Management Unit you're hunting in) and antlerless deer, which are does and bucks with less than 5-inch antlers. You may never take spotted fawns. After archery ends, during the remaining portion of the crossbow season, you may only take legal-to-take bucks according to the specific DMU antler rules. The daily bag limit on deer is two. Bag limits for deer on WMAs can differ, so check the specifics of the area before you hunt.

You may hunt wild hogs on private lands year-round with no bag or size limits. On most WMAs, there's also no bag or size limits, and hogs are legal to take during most hunting seasons except spring turkey. But on a few WMAs, bag and size limits do apply so, to be certain, check the brochure for the specific area.

In addition to hunting big game, it's also legal to

shoot gobblers and bearded turkeys during archery and crossbow seasons, assuming you have a turkey permit (\$10 for residents, \$125 for nonresidents) or are exempt from the permit requirement. You may take two turkeys in a single day on private lands, but the two-bird combined fall-season limit still applies. The daily bag is one on WMAs, however, on many of them, you may take hen turkeys during the archery season. It's against the law to hunt turkeys in Holmes County in the fall, and it's illegal to shoot them while they're on the roost, when you're within 100 yards of a game-feeding station when bait is present or with the aid of recorded turkey calls.

Additional regulations you need to know

All bows must have a minimum draw weight of 35 pounds, and hand-held releases are permitted. For hunting deer, hogs and turkeys, broadheads must have at least two sharpened edges with a minimum width of 7/8 inch.

As far as legal shooting hours go, you're allowed to let your arrow fly between a half-hour before sunrise and a half-hour after sunset. Except for turkeys, you're permitted to take resident game over feeding stations on private property. It's against the law to use bait on WMAs.

You may not use dogs to hunt deer or turkeys, but you may use bird dogs if you're quail hunting. To help you trail any wounded game, you may use a dog on a leash.

Happy hunting!
Here's hoping your preparation and persistence pay off and wishing you a great hunting season. To keep informed of hunting opportunities and regulation changes, follow our "HuntFlorida" social media pages at Facebook.com/HGM.FWC and YouTube.com/HuntFloridaTV, and sign up to receive the monthly Hunting Hot Sheet. As always, have fun, hunt safely and ethically, and we'll see you in the woods!

Water management district to hold hog hunts

Special to the Times

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) land managers plan to hold a series of hog hunts on district lands throughout the year to help reduce the feral hog population.

Feral hogs, which are not native to Florida, can cause damage with their broad snouts and can leave an area looking like a plowed field. They also prey on native wildlife, compete with native species for food and transmit diseases to other wildlife, livestock and humans. Additionally, hogs may facilitate the spread of exotic plant species by transporting seeds and/or providing germination sites through rooting.

The District has a three-phased hunting system. The first two phases of hunts will have separate registration processes. The single top producer from each Phase 1 and Phase 2 hunt will be asked to participate in hog management activities for Phase 3.

All hunts will adhere to the hog-dog format. No still hunts will be available. The program works like this:

Phase 1 Hunts

Registration will occur 9 a.m. Oct. 2,

2018.

Includes six hunts that occur October through December 2018.

Permits are transferable.

The top producer of each Phase 1 hunt will be placed on the District's "top producer" list and will be contacted between March and October 2019 to take part in feral hog management hunts on an as-needed basis, free of charge. We no longer award free admission into Phase 2 for our top two producers of the Phase 1 hunt.

Phase 2 Hunts

Registration will occur 9 a.m. Dec. 18, 2018.

Includes six hunts that occur January and February 2019.

Permits are transferable.

The single top producer of each hunt of Phase 2 will be placed on the District's "top producer" list and will be contacted between March and October 2019 to take part in feral hog management hunts on an as-needed basis, free of charge.

Phase 3 "As-Needed" Management Hunts

Includes management hunts that may occur March through October 2019.



South Sumter High School Farm Bureau

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

"vs. Bishop Moore"

DEFENSE



This Week's South Sumter Defensive Player of the Week is Senior Linebacker Jozef Hejkoop. Jozef had a very productive night vs. Bishop Moore stuffing the stat sheet with 13 tackles, 5 Solo and 8 Assists, 5 Tackles for Loss, and 1 Pass Break-Up.

OFFENSE



This Week's South Sumter Offensive Player of the Week is Sophomore Power Back Billy Wallace. Billy played a great game vs. Bishop Moore providing fantastic lead blocking, along with 6 Carries for 71 Yards and 1 Touchdown.

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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 re-election to any of the following offices:
(1) Florida representative,
(2) Florida senator,
(3) Florida Lieutenant governor,
(4) any office of the Florida cabinet,
(5) U.S. Representative from Florida, or
(6) U.S. Senator from Florida

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

NO. 5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 19

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

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

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

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

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

BALLOT TITLE:
Rights of Crime Victims; Judges

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

FULL TEXT:
ARTICLE I
DECLARATION OF RIGHTS
SECTION 16. Rights of accused and of victims.—
(a) In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall, upon demand, be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, and shall be furnished a copy of the charges, and shall have the right to have compulsory process for witnesses, to confront at trial adverse witnesses, to be heard in person, by counsel or both, and to have a speedy and public trial by impartial jury in the county where the crime was committed. If the county is not known, the indictment or information may charge venue in two or more counties conjunctively and proof that the crime was committed in that area shall be sufficient; but before pleading the accused may elect in which of those counties the trial will take place. Venue for prosecution of crimes committed beyond the boundaries of the state shall be fixed by law.
(b) To preserve and protect the right of crime victims to achieve justice, ensure a meaningful role throughout the criminal and juvenile justice systems for crime victims, and ensure that crime victims' rights and interests are respected and protected by law in a manner no less vigorous than protections afforded to criminal defendants and juvenile delinquents, every victim is entitled to the following rights, beginning at the time of his or her victimization:
(1) The right to due process and to be treated with fairness and respect for the victim's dignity.
(2) The right to be free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse.
(3) The right, within the judicial process, to be reasonably protected from the accused and any person acting on behalf of the accused. However, nothing contained herein is intended to create a special relationship between the crime victim and any law enforcement agency or 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.

FULL TEXT:
ARTICLE X
MISCELLANEOUS
Death benefits for survivors of first responders and military members.—
(a) A death benefit shall be paid by the employing agency when a firefighter, a paramedic, an emergency medical technician, a law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer, or a member of the Florida National Guard, while engaged in the performance of their official duties, is:
(1) Accidentally killed or receives accidental bodily injury which results in the loss of the individual's life, provided that such killing is not the result of suicide and that such bodily injury is not intentionally self-inflicted; or
(2) Unlawfully and intentionally killed or dies as a result of such unlawful and intentional act or is killed during active duty.
(b) A death benefit shall be paid by funds from general revenue when an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces is:
(1) Accidentally killed or receives accidental bodily injury which results in the loss of the individual's life, provided that such killing is not the result of suicide and that such bodily injury is not intentionally self-inflicted; or
(2) Unlawfully and intentionally killed or dies as a result of such unlawful and intentional act or is killed during active duty.
(c) If a firefighter, a paramedic, an emergency medical technician, a law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer, or an active duty member of the Florida National Guard or United States Armed Forces is accidentally killed as specified in paragraphs (a)(1) and (b)(1), or unlawfully and intentionally killed as specified in paragraphs (a)(2) and (b)(2), the state shall waive certain educational expenses that the child or spouse of the deceased first responder or military member incurs while obtaining a career certificate, an undergraduate education, or a postgraduate education.
(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.
(e) The legislature shall implement this section by general law.
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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.
(e) The legislature shall implement this section by general law.
(f) This section shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

FULL TEXT:
ARTICLE V
JUDICIARY
SECTION 8. Eligibility.—No person shall be eligible for office of justice or judge of any court unless the person is an elector of the state and resides in the territorial jurisdiction of the court. No justice or judge shall serve after attaining the age of seventy-five seventy years except upon temporary assignment or to complete a term, one-half of which has been served: No person is eligible for the office of justice of the supreme court or judge of a district court of appeal unless the person is, and has been for the preceding ten years, a member of the bar of Florida. No person is eligible for the office of circuit judge unless the person is, and has been for the preceding five years, a member of the bar of Florida. Unless otherwise provided by general law, no person is eligible for the office of county court judge unless the person is, and has been for the preceding five years, a member of the bar of Florida. Unless otherwise provided by general law, a person shall be eligible for election or appointment to the office of county court judge in a county having a population of 40,000 or less if the person is a member in good standing of the bar of Florida.
SECTION 21. Judicial interpretation of statutes and rules.—In interpreting a state statute or rule, a state court or an officer hearing an administrative action pursuant to general law may not defer to an administrative agency's interpretation of such statute or rule, and must instead interpret such statute or rule de novo.

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

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

BALLOT TITLE:
First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits; Public Colleges and Universities

BALLOT SUMMARY:
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NO. 8 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION ARTICLE IX, SECTION 4, NEW SECTION ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION

BALLOT TITLE:
School Board Term Limits and Duties; Public Schools

BALLOT SUMMARY:
Creates a term limit of eight consecutive years for school board members and requires the legislature to provide for the promotion of civic literacy in public schools. Currently, district school boards have a constitutional duty to operate, control, and supervise all public schools. The amendment maintains a school board's

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

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

BALLOT TITLE: State and Local Government Structure and Operation

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

FULL TEXT:

ARTICLE III LEGISLATURE

SECTION 3. Sessions of the legislature.—

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE

SECTION 4. Cabinet.—

(a) There shall be a cabinet composed of an attorney general, a chief financial officer, and a commissioner of agriculture. In addition to the powers and duties specified herein, they shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by law. In the event of a tie vote of the governor and cabinet, the side on which the governor voted shall be deemed to prevail. (b) The attorney general shall be the chief state legal officer. There is created in the office of the attorney general the position of statewide prosecutor. The statewide prosecutor shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the state attorneys to prosecute violations of criminal laws occurring or having occurred, in two or more judicial circuits as part of a related transaction, or when any such offense is affecting or has affected two or more judicial circuits as provided by general law. The statewide prosecutor shall be appointed by the attorney general from not less than three persons nominated by the judicial nominating commission for the supreme court, or as otherwise provided by general law.

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

shall keep all state funds and securities.

(d) The commissioner of agriculture shall have supervision of matters pertaining to agriculture except as otherwise provided by law.

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

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

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

SECTION 11. Department of Veterans' 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 or pursuant to Article V, section 16, the clerk of the circuit court shall be ex officio clerk of the board of county commissioners, auditor, recorder and custodian of all county funds. Notwithstanding subsection 6(e) of this article, a county charter may not abolish the office of a sheriff, a tax collector, a property appraiser, a supervisor of elections, or a clerk of the circuit court, transfer the duties of those officers to another officer or office, change the length of the four-year term of office, or establish any manner of selection other than by election by the electors of the county.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 6. Schedule to Article VIII.— (a) This article shall replace all of Article VIII of the Constitution of 1885, as amended, except those sections expressly retained and made a part of this article by reference.

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

(c) OFFICERS TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE. Every person holding office when this article becomes effective shall continue in office for the remainder of the term if that office is not abolished. If the office is abolished the incumbent shall be paid adequate compensation, to be fixed by law, for the loss of emoluments for the remainder of the term. (d) ORDINANCES. Local laws relating only to unincorporated areas of a county on the effective date of this article may be amended or repealed by county ordinance.

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

valid, and any amendments to such charter shall be valid; provided that the said provisions of such charter and the said amendments thereto are authorized under said Article VIII, Section 11, of the Constitution of 1885, as amended.

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

(g) SELECTION AND DUTIES OF 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, 2005.

NO. 12 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: 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, 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.

(i)(4) 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)(4).

(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.

(b) Following the adoption of rules pursuant to subsection (a), the legislature shall enact implementing legislation establishing penalties for violations of the prohibition against abuse of public position to take effect December 31, 2020.

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

BALLOT TITLE: Ends Dog Racing

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

FULL TEXT: 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 X MISCELLANEOUS

Prohibition on racing of and wagering on greyhounds or other dogs.—The humane treatment of animals is a fundamental value of the people of the State of Florida. After December 31, 2020, a person authorized to conduct gaming or pari-mutuel operations may not race greyhounds or any member of the Canis Familiaris subspecies in connection with any wager for money or any other thing of value in this state, and persons in this state may not wager money or any other thing of value on the outcome of a live dog race occurring in this state. The failure to conduct greyhound racing or wagering on greyhound racing after December 31, 2018, does not constitute grounds to revoke or deny renewal of other related gaming licenses held by a person who is a licensed greyhound permit holder on January 1, 2018, and does not affect the eligibility of such permit holder, or such permit holder's facility, to conduct other pari-mutuel activities authorized by general law. By general law, the legislature shall specify civil or criminal penalties for violations of this section and for activities that aid or abet violations of this section.

ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE

Prohibition on racing of or wagering on greyhounds or other dogs.—The amendment to Article X, which prohibits the racing of or wagering on greyhound and other dogs, and the creation of this section, shall take effect upon the approval of the electors.

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. Dicha reducción fiscal ad valorem se establecerá de la forma y en el monto que disponga la ley general. (d) El poder legislativo podrá, de conformidad con la ley general, permitirles a los condados o municipios, para efectos de sus gravámenes fiscales respectivos y con sujeción a las disposiciones de la ley general, conceder cualquiera de las siguientes exenciones fiscales adicionales para la vivienda familiar o ambas: (1) Una exención que no supere cincuenta mil dólares para una persona que tenga titularidad legal o equitativa sobre bienes raíces y mantenga en los mismos la residencia permanente del propietario, que haya cumplido la edad de sesenta y cinco años, y cuyos ingresos del hogar, según lo 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 reside si la discapacidad hubiera sido causada por el combate y el veterano hubiera sido dado de baja con honor tras retirarse del servicio militar. El descuento se expresará en un porcentaje equivalente al porcentaje de 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

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

N.º 2 ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO XII, SECCIÓN 27

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

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

Se propone una enmienda a la Constitución

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

TEXTO COMPLETO:

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

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

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

DECLARACIÓN DE IMPACTO FINANCIERO:

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

TEXTO COMPLETO:
EL ARTÍCULO X DE LA CONSTITUCIÓN DE FLORIDA se enmienda para que incluya la siguiente nueva sección, que establece el Control de Apuestas en Florida por parte de los Votantes.

(a) La presente enmienda garantiza que los votantes de Florida tengan el derecho exclusivo a decidir si autorizar o no las apuestas en casinos en el Estado de Florida. La presente enmienda requiere del voto mediante una iniciativa de los ciudadanos de conformidad con el Artículo XI, Sección 3, para que las apuestas en casinos sean autorizadas conforme a la ley de Florida. Esta sección enmienda el presente Artículo, y además afecta al Artículo XI, al hacer que las iniciativas de los ciudadanos sean el método exclusivo de autorizar las apuestas en casinos. (b) 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, dispositivos de apuestas simuladas, dispositivos de apuestas simuladas, 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 votantes, 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 en los costos del gobierno estatal y local no pueden determinarse. Sin embargo, la vigencia de las leyes actuales de inscripción de votantes, así como el mayor número de personas condenadas por delitos graves que se inscriban para votar, producirá mayores costos generales en relación a los procesos que 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. (i) 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 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.

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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 Públicos

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 muera 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 los institutos de formación profesional y colegios estatales públicos. Una junta directiva local deberá gobernar cada institución del sistema de colegios estatales y la junta de educación del estado deberá supervisar el sistema de colegios estatales según lo estipule la ley.

(c) JUNTAS DIRECTIVAS LOCALES. Cada institución del sistema de colegios estatales estará gobernada por una junta directiva local dedicada a los propósitos del sistema de colegios estatales. Un miembro de la junta directiva debe ser residente del área en el cual el colegio preste sus servicios. Los poderes y deberes de las juntas directivas serán provistos por la ley. Cada miembro será designado por el gobernador en términos escalonados de 4 años, sujeto a la confirmación del Senado. (d) PAPE

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

- Accidentalmente asesinado o reciba un accidente accidental que resulte 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;
- Muera o sea asesinado ilícita e intencionalmente como resultado de tal acto ilícito e intencional o sea asesinado durante el servicio activo;
- 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 de 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;
- 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;
- La legislatura implementará esta sección por ley general.
- 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 todas las escuelas gratuitas públicas establecidas por la junta escolar del distrito dentro del distrito escolar y deberá determinar la tasa de impuestos del distrito escolar dentro de los límites establecidos en este documento. Dos o más distritos escolares podrán operar y financiar programas educativos comunes.

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

ARTÍCULO XII APÉNDICE

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

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

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

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

Prohíbe la perforación para la exploración o extracción de petróleo y gas natural 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 o vapor de tabaco.

(a) PROHIBICIÓN. Como una iniciativa de salud para proteger a las personas de los riesgos de salud del humo y del vapor de tabaco de segunda mano, el consumo de tabaco y el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor están prohibidos 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:

- "Fumar" significa inhalar, exhalar, quemar, o cualquier otro acto que produzca un producto de tabaco encendido, incluidos cigarrillos, habanos, tabaco para pipa y cualquier otro producto de tabaco encendido;
- "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;
- "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;
- "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;
- 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;
- "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;
- "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;
- "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;
- "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;
- "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;
- 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 contraterrestre 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.

- 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 comunicación del gobernador, o que se introduzca con el consentimiento de dos tercios de los miembros de cada cámara.
- Una sesión especial de la legislatura podrá ser convocada según sea dispuesta por ley.
- LA 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.
- 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.
- 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.

(g) 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 Contraterrestre se crea dentro del Departamento de Aplicación de la Ley. La Oficina de Seguridad Doméstica y Contraterrestre 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 ~~la organización 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 sea adoptada, enmendada, o revocada 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 a un meso que. Cuando no por ley especial aprobada por la carta orgánica o voto de los electores o de conformidad con el Artículo V, Sección 16,~~ disponga lo contrario, el secretario de la corte de circuito será secretario ex officio de la junta de comisionados del condado, auditor, registrador y custodio de todos los fondos del condado. Sin perjuicio de la subsección 6(e) de este artículo, la carta del condado no puede abolir la oficina de un alguacil, un recaudador de impuestos, un tasador de propiedades, un supervisor de elecciones o un secretario del tribunal de circuito; transferir los deberes de esas oficinas a otro oficial u oficina; cambiar la duración del mandato de cuatro años o establecer cualquier forma de selección que no sea de 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 junta de comisionados de un condado sin carta orgánica podrá promulgar, en manera prescrita por ley general, ordenanzas de condado que no sean inconsistentes con ley general o 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 presasadas 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 mandato de dicho artículo 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 sea cambiado 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 ley general, El Gobierno Metropolitano del Condado de Dade podrá ejercer todos los poderes conferidos ahora o de aquí en adelante por ley general a los municipios.

(g) SELECCIÓN Y OBLIGACIONES DE LOS OFICIALES DEL CONDADO. —

(1) Salvo lo dispuesto en esta subsección, la enmienda a la Sección 1 de este artículo relacionada con la selección y obligaciones de los funcionarios del condado, entrará en vigencia el 5 de enero de 2021, pero regirá con respecto a la calificación y la celebración de las elecciones primarias y generales para oficiales constitucionales del condado en 2020.

(2) Para el Condado de Miami-Dade y el Condado de Broward, la enmienda a la Sección 1 de este artículo, relacionada con la selección y obligaciones de los oficiales del condado, entrará en vigencia el 7 de enero de 2025, pero regirá con respecto a la calificación y la celebración de las elecciones primarias y generales para oficiales constitucionales del condado en 2024.

(h) 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. —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 de transporte terrestre de alta velocidad, 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:

Expende 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 recuperación y daños adicionales pueden ser previstos por ley.

(d) Cualquier funcionario público o empleado que haya sido condenado por un delito grave por violar el fondo público estará sujeto a perder sus derechos y privilegios bajo el sistema de retiro público o plan de pensión en la manera en que pueda ser provisto por ley.

(e) Ningún miembro de la legislatura u oficial estatal electo podrá representar bajo pago a otra persona o entidad ante una agencia o cuerpo gubernamental del cual el individuo fue funcionario o miembro por un período de dos años después de vacar su cargo. Ningún miembro de la legislatura personalmente representará bajo pago a otra persona o entidad durante el plazo de su cargo ante cualquier cuerpo 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 no cabildeará para el gobierno estatal.

(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 secretario, 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 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) (a) 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 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 APÉND



FAMILY FEATURES

Take your tailgating game to new heights this season with fresh dishes that are easy to make and serve, whether your tailgating tradition takes place at the game or at home.

Fast prep times and short ingredient lists make these recipes a cinch to prepare in advance and have ready to go as soon as you reach the parking lot or before guests arrive. The star ingredients are naturally hardwood-smoked sausages and seasoned deli meats from Eckrich, which offers a variety of smoked sausage flavors in traditional ropes and bun-length links as well as gluten-free deli meats such as Black Forest ham and oven-roasted turkey, all with just the right blend of seasonings for a rich, savory taste.

You can switch up the flavors of these recipes by substituting in different varieties of smoked sausage, such as replacing the original rope-style smoked sausage with Eckrich Jalapeno & Cheddar Links. The roll-ups are also easy to customize for guests using any type of deli meat, and they're easy to enjoy on the go if you need a quick bite on the way to the stadium.

Find more game-day recipes at Eckrich.com.

Grilled Sausage Skewer Sandwiches

Cook time: 15 minutes
Servings: 6

- 1 regular size package Eckrich Smoked Sausage
- 1 small red onion, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 6 wooden skewers, 10 inches long
- 1/2 cup Italian salad dressing, divided
- 6 bolillo or sandwich rolls, split
- 1 avocado, cut into 1/2-inch thick slices
- 1/4 cup cilantro leaves

Heat grill to medium-high.

Cut sausage into 1/2-inch thick slices. Thread sausage, onion and bell peppers alternately onto skewers. Brush 1/4 cup salad dressing on skewered sausage and vegetables.

Grill until sausage is golden brown and vegetables are crisp-tender, about 10 minutes, turning once.

Brush remaining salad dressing on rolls. Fill rolls with grilled sausage and vegetables. Divide avocado and cilantro onto each.

Tip: To broil sausage rather than grill, heat broiler to medium-high, follow the same skewer preparation instructions and broil about 10 minutes, or until sausage is golden brown and vegetables are crisp-tender.

A Fresh Tailgate Menu

Quick and tasty ideas for game day

Ham and Turkey Roll-ups

Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 2

- 4 ounces Eckrich Deli Oven Roasted Turkey Breast
- 4 ounces Eckrich Deli Black Forest Ham
- lettuce leaves
- 2 tablespoons chunky guacamole
- 1/4 cup chopped cucumbers
- 1 tablespoon shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled

Layer turkey and ham slices. Layer lettuce, guacamole, cucumber, cheese and bacon crumbles. Roll meat and secure with toothpick.



Potato Salad with Smoked Sausage

Cook time: 30 minutes
Servings: 6

- 3/4 regular size package Eckrich Smoked Sausage, halved lengthwise, cut into 1/2-inch thick slices
- 3 small red potatoes (about 2 1/2 pounds), cooked and quartered
- 1 can (4 ounces) pitted ripe olives, drained and halved
- 2 cups Italian dressing
- 1 green onion, sliced (about 1/4 cup)
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons ground black pepper

In large skillet over medium heat, cook sausage 6 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in potatoes; cook until heated through, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat.

Add olives, dressing, onions, garlic and pepper; mix lightly.

Tailgate Like a Pro

Try New Toppings

Smoked sausage and deli meats are easy to add to a bun for an instant meal, and there's plenty of ways to dress your tailgate menu up or down based on the preferences of your guests. Be sure to keep some basics on hand for those who prefer traditional preparation, but for the more adventurous types, try out these ideas for toppings that create a new dimension of flavor.

- Grilled onion
- Grilled peppers
- Grilled, roasted or sauteed mushrooms
- Spicy mustard
- Flavored ketchup (think spicy, fruity or sweet)
- Ethnic flavors like curry or marinara sauce
- Hot sauce
- Roasted corn relish
- Crumbled or shredded cheese
- Bacon crumbles

Handy Hacks

- Repurpose coffee filters as holders for your sandwiches. They're easy to hold and help keep your favorite toppings contained.
- Up-cycle an empty six-pack container into a convenient cookout caddy to hold napkins, condiments and utensils. Not only is it quick to grab and place on the table, but it helps keep napkins from blowing away in a breeze.
- For kabobs, keep wooden skewers from charring by soaking them in water before threading on ingredients.
- Prepare toppings the night before and arrange them in a disposable foil pan for a quick and easy DIY topping bar.

Million Dollar Moment

This season, Eckrich – the official smoked sausage and deli meat sponsor of the College Football Playoff – is once again hosting the Road to the National Championship sweepstakes. Fans around the country will have the chance to make a 20-yard throw for \$1 million at some of the biggest college football games of the season, including the 2018 College Football Playoff National Championship in Atlanta. Visit EckrichFootball.com for your chance to win.



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Special to the Times
A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Monday, Sept. 10, for the grand opening of the Leesburg Regional Medical Center expansion. With more than 47,000 people going to the Leesburg Regional Medical Center emergency department each year, the hospital just completed a \$29-million expansion that was started in May of 2017. The new department opened on Wednesday, Sept. 12 and the hospital is now able to accommodate double its former patient load.

Leesburg Regional Medical Center expansion complete

"The residents of Lake and Sumter counties count on Leesburg Regional Medical Center for excellent, high-quality emergency services," said Don Henderson, president and CEO of Central Florida Health (the not-for-profit parent organization of LRMC) regarding the new emergency department at Leesburg Regional Medical Center. The new emergency department features expanded triage capability with fully-equipped triage rooms, 24 new patient beds, state-of-the-art Philips monitoring equipment, trauma-sized rooms for critical care, enhanced security and a spacious waiting room and atrium-like lobby.



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John Johnson (shown) and Nolan Hamm performed live and K Country was on hand to spin some music for the crowd, during last year's event.

Night Out event builds community

Special to the Times prevention event. The event is slated from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Lake Sumter State College Campus where everything is free, from food to live entertainment. There are also more than 100 door prizes and a single grand prize that will be given away that night.

Touted as a community-building campaign, designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; to generate support for and participation in local anticrime efforts and to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

America's Night Out Against Crime™ is set for next week. The Tuesday, Oct. 2 event is an invitation to the residents and businesses around the county to join forces for the 35th Annual National Night Out — a crime and drug

Arrest REPORTS

Sunday, Sept. 16

Steve Ronnell Christian, 54, Webster, arrested for driving while license suspended.

Amy Jo Gleason, 35, Webster, arrested for possession of cocaine and possession or use of drug equipment.

Monday, Sept. 17

Mikari Deon Harrison, 21, Wildwood, arrested for failure to appear and probation violation.

Bradley Craig McCormick, 28, Oxford, arrested for driving while license suspended, possession of methamphetamine and possession or use of drug equipment.

Joshua Thomas Rhoades, 26, Center Hill, arrested for disturbing the peace.

Ralph James Rucinski, 77, The Villages, arrested for battery and resisting officer.

Lauren Renee Tidwell, 20, Webster, arrested for marijuana possession.

Tuesday, Sept. 18

Austin Christopher Felner, 22, Wildwood, arrested as out-of-state fugitive.

Michael Carl Hinton, 43, Webster, arrested for marijuana possession.

Anthony John Howe, 48, Wildwood, arrested for failure to appear.

Robert Louis Jericho, 48, Center Hill, arrested for aggravated assault with weapon, battery-cause bodily harm, battery-touch or strike and contempt of court.

Brooklyn Michelle Minton, 19, Bushnell, arrested for battery and marijuana possession.

Teresa Lynn Snyder, 44, The Villages, arrested for two counts DUI.

Alyssa Rayne Stewart, 18,

Center Hill, arrested for marijuana possession.

James Russell Stiles, 24, The Villages, arrested for two counts sexual battery of victim 16 or 17 years of age, use of a two-way communication device to facilitate a felony, three counts drug possession, methamphetamine possession, cocaine possession, marijuana possession, heroin trafficking and possession or use of drug equipment.

Wednesday, Sept. 19

Darrell Jerome Brutton, 24, Wildwood, arrested on four out-of-county warrants.

James William Edwards, 38, Wildwood, arrested for failure to appear.

Kerri Ann Halchuk, 49, The Villages, arrested for battery, possession or use of drug equipment and drug possession.

Thursday, Sept. 20

Markas William Bedgood, 33, Webster, arrested for failure to register motor vehicle and driving while license suspended.

Jacqueline Elizabeth Cline, 33, Oxford, arrested for conditional release violation.

David Alan Combs, 29, Lake Panasoffkee, arrested for drug possession and failure to appear.

Aaliyah Sonea Glover, 22, Wildwood, arrested for resisting officer and driving while license suspended.

Brittany Martia Johnson, 29, Oxford, arrested for altering or removing serial number from firearm, child neglect, possession of cocaine with intent to sale, keep shop or vehicle for drugs, drug trafficking, possession or use of drug equipment, drug possession

and three counts synthetic narcotic possession.

Tracy Lynn Johnson, 47, Oxford, arrested for simple assault.

Rebecca Dee Vincent, 54, Oxford, arrested for possession or use of drug equipment.

Friday, Sept. 21

Jesse Othur Cottengim, 62, Webster, arrested for aggravated assault with weapon and battery.

John Terrell Jackson, 39, Wildwood, arrested for possession of marijuana and possession or use of drug equipment.

Hannah Marie Mooty, 26, Lake Panasoffkee, arrested for probation violation.

Saturday, Sept. 22

Malik Shamar Barnwell, 21, Bushnell, arrested for larceny.

Skiey Lakinight Bennett, 20, Bushnell, arrested for larceny.

William Michael Bohrer, 47, Bushnell, arrested for battery.

Jackquelyn Kelly Dowd, 29, Wildwood, arrested for drug possession.

Robery K. Dupont, 42, Sumterville, arrested for possession of marijuana and possession or use of drug equipment.

Christine Marie Lackey, 50, Lake Panasoffkee, arrested for aggravated assault with weapon and obstructing justice.

Joshua Ruiz, 23, Wildwood, arrested for driving while license suspended, possession or use of drug equipment and drug possession.

Megan Leann Woods, 23, Lake Panasoffkee, arrested for driving while license suspended.

LRMC opens expanded emergency department

*Includes
24 new
patient beds*

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The new emergency department (ED) at Leesburg Regional Medical Center officially opened for patient care this month.

The ED features expanded triage capability with fully-equipped triage rooms, 24 new patient beds, state-of-the-art Philips monitoring equipment, trauma-sized rooms for critical care, enhanced security, and a spacious waiting room and atrium-like lobby.

More than 47,000 people visit the emergency department at Leesburg Regional Medical Center each year, and that number is escalating as the community continues to grow. With the expansion open, the hospital can now accommodate double the number of emergency patients.

"Area residents count on Leesburg Regional

Medical Center for excellent, high-quality emergency services," says Don Henderson, president and CEO of Central Florida Health, the not-for-profit parent organization of LRMC. "Increasing our emergency department capacity not only serves the needs of our community, but also builds on our promise to provide quality healthcare in a modern environment that promotes healing and restoration."

If you have a condition that is life-threatening or could cause disability, go to the emergency department as soon as possible. If the problem is not that serious, the LRMC Urgent Care Center may be a better choice. Urgent Care treats minor illnesses like colds,

the flu, earaches, sore throats, and low-grade fevers. It can also treat non-life-threatening injuries such as sprains, minor broken bones, or minor eye injuries. The LRMC Urgent Care Center is open every day from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. If you experience chest pain, call 911 immediately. Chest pain is the most common symptom of a heart attack, and a heart attack is always an emergency.

Patients may now utilize the new emergency department entrance on Lake Street. Additionally, an expanded ED patient parking lot is under construction across the street from the main entrance that is expected to open by Nov. 1, 2018.

Sumter County Most Wanted-Updated

1.	Name: JONATHAN MOODY Sex/Gender: W/M Address: 12700 SE HWY 441 BELLEVIEW, FL DOB: 12/22/1974 Charges: CT I-LARC-300 LESS 10K DOLS FROM 65 YOA OLDER CT II-FRAUD-CHEATING OR GROSS FRAUD	
2.	Name: ABRAHAM GRADY III Sex/Gender: B/M Address: 519 JACKSON ST. WILDWOOD, FLORIDA DOB: 04/22/1985 Charges: VOP / CT 1 POSSESSION OF COCAINE	
3.	Name: KATHLEEN JEFFRIES Sex/Gender: W/F Address: 343 SR 44 WILDWOOD, FLORIDA DOB: 01/02/1974 Charges: 2 CTS-POSS METH W/ 1000 FT WORSHIP/BUSN; 2 CTS-SELL METH W/ 1000 FT WORSHIP/BUSN	
4.	Name: SHELLY ELLIOTT Sex/Gender: W/F Address: 343 SR 44, 321 WILDWOOD, FLORIDA DOB: 05/11/1983 Charges: LARCENY-GRAND THEFT \$300 OR MORE LESS THAN \$20000	
5.	Name: ANGEL ENRIQUEZ Sex/Gender: H/M Address: 153 W ORANGE ST CENTER HILL, FL DOB: 8/2/1979 Charges: CT1 SEXUAL BATTERY PERSON 12-18YOA CT2 AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE CT3 BATTERY	

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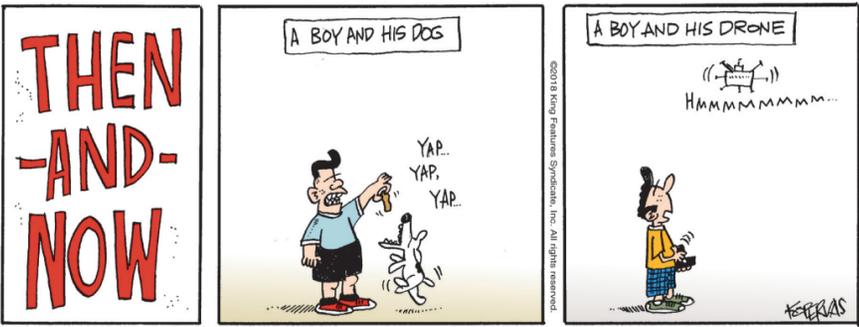
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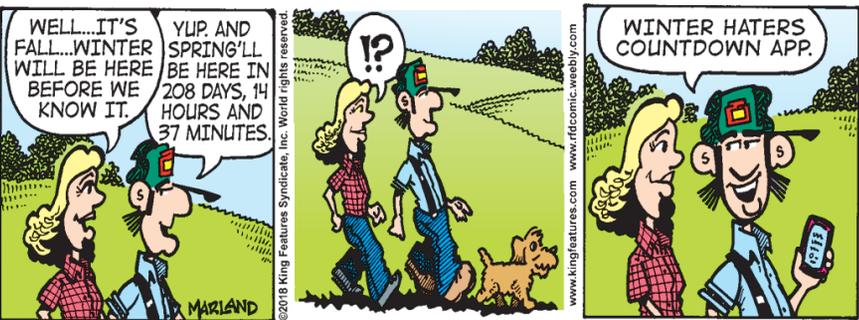
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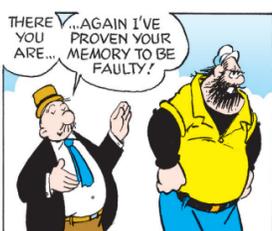
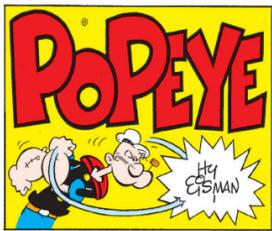
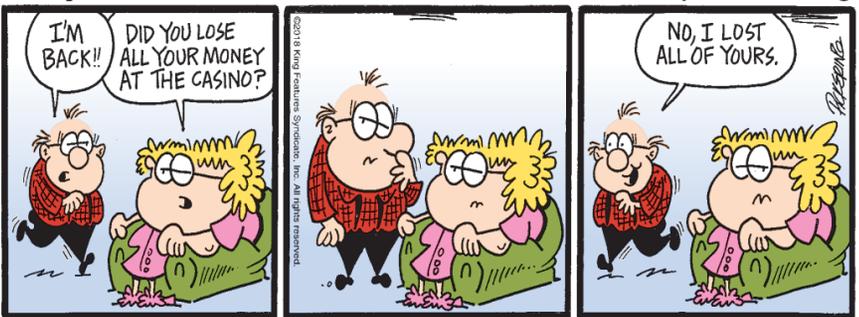
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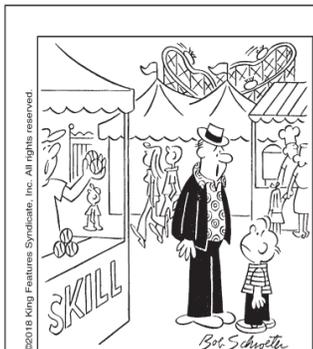


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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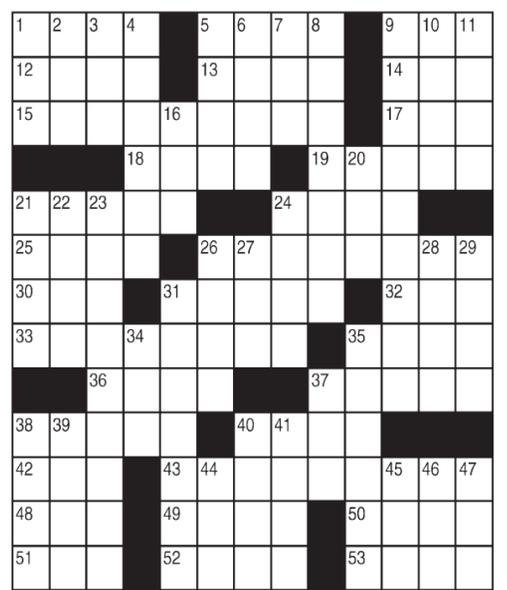
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ACROSS

- 1 Eastern big-wig (Var.)
- 5 One-on-one battle
- 9 Scoundrel
- 12 Rice-A-—
- 13 Paquin or Faris
- 14 Raw rock
- 15 Over
- 17 Pen point
- 18 Vagrant
- 19 Ticket
- 21 Aspect
- 24 Idea that spreads on the Web
- 25 48-Across' counterparts
- 26 Room-to-room access-
- 30 Convent dweller
- 31 Great praise
- 32 Old card game
- 33 Wine pourer
- 35 Existed, Biblically
- 36 Do as you're told
- 37 Expos
- 38 Cease-fire
- 40 Noble title
- 42 Melody
- 43 Ecclesiastical compact
- 48 See 25-Across



- 49 Soon, in verse
- 50 "Do — others ..."
- 51 Shelter
- 52 Sit for a photo
- 53 Unaltered
- 10 Operatic solo
- 11 Credit card user's problem
- 16 Parcel of land
- 20 Coal diggers' org.
- 21 Ward (off)
- 22 Chills and fever
- 23 Open area at a terminal
- 24 Othello, for one
- 26 Responsibility
- 27 Praise in verse
- 28 Days gone by
- 29 Drunkards
- 31 Patella
- 34 Jimmy Kimmel's network
- 35 Tusked mammal
- 37 Buddy
- 38 Party-game pin-on
- 39 Go by train
- 40 Son of Seth
- 41 Pimples
- 44 Yoko of music
- 45 "CSI" evidence
- 46 \$ dispenser
- 47 Pirouette pivot

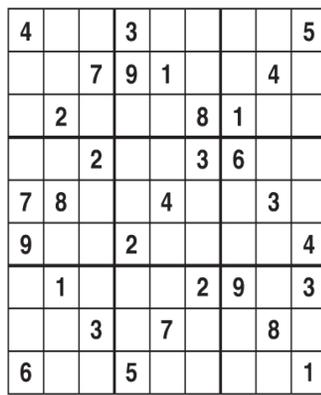
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- 1 Joan of —
- 2 Cattle call?
- 3 Hostel
- 4 Wealth
- 5 Paint amateurishly
- 6 Ruin
- 7 Compass pt.
- 8 Firetruck gear
- 9 Skin-tone cosmetic

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who was the first African-American woman to be crowned Miss America?
2. SCIENCE: What temperature does water boil in Celsius?
3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of ladybugs called?
4. MEDICAL: What type of blood does a universal donor have?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Armenia?
6. HISTORY: When did the Spanish Civil War end?
7. TELEVISION: How does the title to this 1990s drama series end: "Beverly Hills, ..."?
8. GAMES: How many dots are on a standard, six-sided die?
9. MOVIES: What was the name of the father lion in "The Lion King"?
10. MONEY: What is the basic currency of Iceland?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Towel is missing; 2. Facket is missing; 3. Arm is moved; 4. Aprons is missing; 5. Sand trap is smaller; 6. Club head is different.

- 1. Vanessa Williams
- 2. 100 C
- 3. A loveliness of ladybugs
- 4. O negative
- 5. Yervan
- 6. 1939
- 7. 90210
- 8. 21
- 9. Mifasa
- 10. Krona



Solution time: 21 mins.

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: S equals L

- K CJB'I, SKUX IJ EPC-OJTV
- OXIPSRJFUXFH EXZPTHX K
- IVKBU WXJWSX HVJTSK
- FXHWXZI IVXKF RXSCXFH.

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COLD FEET

Today's Word

3. Thirder; 4. Source

1. Secret; 2. Feral;

solution

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Answer

I don't like to bad-mouth metalworkers because I think people should respect their welders.

Answer

Answers

King Crossword

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



Cheryl Sheldon, Susan Scott and Gail King (left to right) were among the ladies to attend the luncheon. This particular event drew groups from Sumter and Citrus county and included local resident and author, Lee Ethel Steedley as guest speaker.



Group coordinator Aldene Thomas (left) gets her copy of *From Grief to Glory* autographed by author Lee Ethel Steedley during the monthly luncheon, hosted by and for residents who are facing grief because of the loss of a loved one.

From grief to glory

Group helps widows cope with the death of their spouse

BY **BRENDA LOCKLEAR**
Times editor

"We're a support group," said Aldene Thomas, coordinator for a local support and grief group hosted at the First Baptist Church of Bushnell.

The group meets at 12:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at Beef O'Bradys and is open to the public.

"Some meetings, we actually have a speaker who

tells about a loss and the way that she has overcome some of the problems of widowhood," she said.

Last month, the group hosted Lee Ethel Steedley — an author who lost both her son and husband to death.

She has since remarried and authored a book on the spiritual journey she experienced as she moved through her grieving process and eventually, into a new relationship.

Those they have shared

with range from a widow of 24 years who learned her husband passed away over a scanner radio.

Along with the loss of her husband, she was left "with a business she knew nothing about and two small children," Thomas said.

And they have shared with young women who have only been widowed for a few months.

Their main effort is to share and be support at the meetings.

Thomas said it might be a matter of solving how they shared their own solutions to problems — things they don't even think about until the spouse is not there.

From figuring out a checkbook to working on the family car.

"We open with prayer, then an inspirational reading," which might even come from a card because it's something one of the members liked.

If there's not a speaker that month, they go around the group and ask how things are going.

The members share what they've learned or if they need ideas and how things are going.

Thomas said there are members that are available to take late night calls too, "if they feel the need to call."

The Bushnell group has

18 members, but their church has 34 widows and one widower, she said.

This particular group is for widows, rather than widowers, "because men and women grieve differently," she said.

Thomas is the one coordinated the group.

"Well, after my husband died, being a counselor, I knew lot about the grieving process. I had volunteered for 12 years with Hospice," she said.

Sometimes it's something unemotional, like nobody to take out the trash or put up shelves.

She said she began talking to another lady who was also a widower.

They started the group last spring, after learning from the church how many members were widows.

"We were shocked, so we got out a message."

They asked if the members were interested and if so, how did they want the group run.

Even now they are still shaping the group.

Some of those who gather have said, "All I really want to do is have a safe place to come," and just cry if they need to.

They also provide booklet information, including the steps of what they will go through and what to expect during the grieving process.



Lee Ethel Steedley shared her story of life from grief to glory, from the death of her son and first husband to life she now shares with her second husband. Steedley has written a book that is available, titled *From Grief to Glory*. She spoke during the luncheon meeting of grief groups from the area.

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The luncheon included dishes brought in by the those who attended the meeting — everything from salads and sides to desserts.



Bonnie Estell and Martha Williams gathered up samples from the potluck for lunch.



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Notice of Application for Tax Deed # 4521
STEWART SHRIVER, 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. 2322 Year of Issuance 2011
 Description of Property: **LOTS 28 & 29 BLK 92 LINDEN UNIT 1 PB 2 PG 27**
Parcel Number T194019 Section 19 Township 22 Range 23
 Name in which assessed: **JACK TRUDNACK**
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Certificate No. 1284 Year of Issuance 2015
 Description of Property: **NI/2 OF LOT 10 & LOT 9 BLK D THE WOODS PLAT BOOK 4 PAGES 2 & 3**
Parcel Number R12C310 Section 12 Township 22 Range 21
 Name in which assessed: **ROSS BY DAVIS**
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Certificate No. 367 Year of Issuance 2015
 Description of Property: **LOT 36 THE VILLAGES OF SUMTER UNIT NO 118 PB 8 PGS 12-12C**
Parcel Number D26F036 Section 26 Township 18 Range 23
 Name in which assessed: **COMMUNITY REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOUNDATION INC**
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6731-1011 SCT
Notice of Application for Tax Deed # 4524
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Certificate No. 1547 Year of Issuance 2014
 Description of Property: **LOTS 6 7 10 & 11 BLK 7 LINCOLN PARK SUBD PB 2 PG 1 1/2 AND THE W1/2 OF THE ALLEY WAY LYING E OF AND ADJ TO LOTS 6 7 10 & 11 BLK 7 AND THE N 1/2 OF ALABAMA ST LYING S OF AND ADJ TO ABOVE DESC**
Parcel Number N16R074 Section 19 Township 22 Range 22
 Name in which assessed: **GLORIA J LEWIS HUTCHINSON**
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Certificate No. 2092 Year of Issuance 2014
 Description of Property: **LOT 5 BLK 4 WEBSTER HEIGHTS PB 1 PG 110 REPLATED PB 2 PG 62 1/2**
Parcel Number S01C405 Section 01 Township 22 Range 22
 Name in which assessed: **CARLOS A LOPEZ URBINA**
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Certificate No. 1336 Year of Issuance 2015
 Description of Property: **LOT 78 RIVER RETREATS SUBD PB 3 PG 42**
Parcel Number L24A147 Section 24 Township 21 Range 20
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Notice of Application for Tax Deed # 4527
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Certificate No. 43 Year of Issuance 2014
 Description of Property: **W1/2 OF SE1/4 OF NE1/4 OF SW1/4 OF SE1/4 LESS N/LY 25 FT THEREOF TRACT 426**
Parcel Number C06-470 Section 06 Township 18 Range 22
 Name in which assessed: **GEORGE S P AWANA & VELMA AWANA**
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Certificate No. 1 Year of Issuance 2015
 Description of Property: **THE W1/2 OF NE1/4 OF SW1/4 OF SE1/4 OF N W1/4 LESS S/LY 25 FT THEREOF FOR RD R/W TRACT 203**
Parcel Number C06-038 Section 06 Township 18 Range 22
 Name in which assessed: **EDWARD NAGAMINE & CHARLOTTE NAGAMINE**
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Certificate No. 25 Year of Issuance 2014
 Description of Property: **W1/2 OF SW1/4 OF SE1/4 OF NW1/4 OF NE1/4 LESS N/LY 25 FT THEREOF TRACT 108**
Parcel Number C06-152 Section 06 Township 18 Range 22
 Name in which assessed: **HARUTO HAYASHI & KATIE HAYASHI**
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Certificate No. 35 Year of Issuance 2014
 Description of Property: **W1/2 OF SE1/4 OF SW1/4 OF NE1/4 OF NW1/4 LESS N/LY 25 FT THEREOF TRACT 108**
Parcel Number C06-241 Section 06 Township 18 Range 22
 Name in which assessed: **TSUNEO YOSHIKAWA TRUSTEE**
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Certificate No. 42 Year of Issuance 2014
 Description of Property: **THE W1/2 OF THE SE1/4 OF THE N W1/4 OF SW1/4 OF SE1/4 LESS N/LY 25 FT THE W/LY 25 FT TRACT 430**
Parcel Number C06-448 Section 06 Township 18 Range 22
 Name in which assessed: **GERRUDE TERUKIN**
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 By: Melissa Worrell, Deputy Clerk
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6739-1011 SCT
Notice of Application for Tax Deed # 4532
US BANK CUST FOR PFS FINANCIAL 1 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. 2132 Year of Issuance 2015
 Description of Property: **COMM AT NW COR OF SW 1/4 OF SEC RUN N 89 DEG 58 MIN 11 SEC E 1100 FT TO POB CONT N 89 DEG 58 MIN 11 SEC E 359.89 FT TO W/LY R/W OF US HWY 301 S 22 DEG 05 MIN 56 SEC W 534.10 FT S 89 DEG 58 MIN 11 SEC W 156.92 FT N 00 DEG 18 MIN 08 SEC W 123.83 FT N 89 DEG 41 MIN 52 SEC E 45 FT N 00 DEG 18 MIN 08 SEC W 247.50 FT S 89 DEG 41 MIN 52 SEC W 45 FT N 00 DEG 18 MIN 08 SEC W 123.67 FT TO POB**
Parcel Number S07-087 Section 07 Township 21 Range 22
 Name in which assessed: **VAUGHN DECKER**
 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, October 25, 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.
 Witness my hand and official seal on this Thursday, August 23, 2018
 Gloria R. Hayward, Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Sumter County, Florida
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6740-1011 SCT
Notice of Application for Tax Deed # 4533
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. 2152 Year of Issuance 2010
 Description of Property: **THE S 136 FT OF THE E 396 FT OF THE NE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 LESS R/W FOR SR 477**
Parcel Number S01-133 Section 01 Township 22 Range 22
 Name in which assessed: **BRENDA LONG**
 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, October 25, 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.
 Witness my hand and official seal on this Thursday, August 23, 2018
 Gloria R. Hayward, Clerk of the Circuit Court
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Notices to Creditors/ Administration

6765-1004 SCT
Weaver, Linda 2018-CP-51 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2018-CP-51 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF LINDA WEAVER Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Linda Marie Weaver, deceased, whose date of death was November 21, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Sumter County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 225 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.

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 September 27, 2018.

Personal Representative:
Stacey Weaver
5204 Don Pio Drive Woodland Hills, California 91364

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

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Notices to Creditors/ Administration

6766-1004 SCT
Mackenzie, Charles A. 2018CP000508 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2018CP000508

IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES A. MACKENZIE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Charles A. Mackenzie, deceased, whose date of death was May 22, 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 PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is September 27, 2018.

Personal Representative
Roger Gronblom
27 Mayflower Drive Plymouth, MA 02360

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

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Notices to Creditors/ Administration

6767-1004 SCT
Hunter, Lyle William 2018CP000532CPAXMX Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2018CP000532CPAXMX

IN RE: ESTATE OF LYLE WILLIAM HUNTER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of LYLE WILLIAM HUNTER, Deceased, whose date of death was May 21, 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 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 September 27, 2018.

Personal Representative
LORETTA HUNTER

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Scott R. Bugay, Esquire Florida Bar No. 5207
Cilicentre, Suite P600 290 NW 165th Street Miami FL 33169
Telephone: (305) 956-9040 Fax: (305) 945-2905
Primary Email: sbugay@srblawyers.com
Secondary Email: angelica@srblawyers.com

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Notices to Creditors/ Administration

6768-1004 SCT
Brumbaugh, Norman A. 2018 CP 000200 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2018 CP 000200

IN RE: ESTATE OF NORMAN A. BRUMBAUGH Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Norman A. Brumbaugh, deceased, whose date of death was August 19, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Sumter County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 215 E. McCollum Avenue, Room 266, 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 September 27, 2018.

Personal Representative:
Susan Powell Pettitioner
622 Cullum Street Meadville, PA 16335

Attorney for Personal Representative:
s/ Merideth C. Nagel, Esq. Florida Bar Number: 0113141
LANGLEY, NAGEL, CRAWFORD & MODICA, CHARTERED ATTORNEYS AT LAW
1201 West Highway 50 Clermont, Florida 34711
(352) 394-7408 (telephone) (352) 394-7298 (facsimile) Service@LNCMLaw.com

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Notices to Creditors/ Administration

6769-1004 SCT
Burdick, Rena Eads 2017-CP-000622 Notice to Cred./Summ.Admin.
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 2017-CP-000622

IN RE: ESTATE OF RENA EADS BURDICK, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the Estate of RENA EADS BURDICK, deceased, File Number 2017-CP-000622, by the Circuit Court for Sumter County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 2587, Bushnell, FL 33513; that the decedent's date of death was October 11, 2016; that the total value of the Florida estate is less than \$75,000.00, approximately, and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name Address
William White 1190 CR 482N, Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, 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 September 27, 2018.

Person Giving Notice:
William White
1190 CR 482N Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
Kimberly A. Schulte 127 N. 7th Street Leesburg, FL 34748 Telephone: (352) 787-7799

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Notices to Creditors/ Administration

6782-1004 SCT
Stern, Iona Mae 2018-CP-000380 Notice to Cred.(SummAdmin)
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2018-CP-000380

IN RE: ESTATE OF IONA MAE STERN Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Iona Mae Stern, deceased, File Number 2018-CP-000380, by

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the Circuit Court for Sumter County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 215 E. McCollum Ave, Bushnell, Florida 33513; that the decedent's date of death was July 11, 2017; that the total value of the estate is \$64,800.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

- Marsha K. Stern 1709 19th Avenue Sterling, IL 61081
- Ryan Marshall 2946 Ellsworth Dr. Yorkville, IL 60560
- Jason Cassens 1135 Long Street Dixon, IL 61021
- Pamela M. Pappoccia 1/k/a Pamela M. Marshall 1435 West 23rd Street Sterling, IL 61081
- Gloria J. Ivey 12578 Prairie Center Rd Morrison, IL 61270
- Crystal Buzzard 6023 CR 431 Bushnell, FL 33513
- Jaime Milligan 1206 CR 318 Bushnell, FL 33513
- Kendra Gullick 1036 CR 294 Ecur, MS 38841
- Ronald L. Stern 1113 CR 1121 New Albany, MS 38652
- Amber Gullick 1046 CR 104 New Albany, MS 38652
- Hannah Pappoccia 1905 E 6th Street Sterling, IL 61081
- Tamara L. Stockdale 1/k/a Tamara L. Vack 808 Avenue J Sterling, IL 61081
- Sandra L. Stern 1305 Locust Street Sterling, IL 61081
- Sydney Hogue 906 14th Street Post Byron, IL 61275
- Alex Stern 1305 Locust Street Sterling, IL 61081
- Nellie Burke 614 4th Avenue Dixon, IL 61021

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, 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 September 27, 2018.

Person Giving Notice:
s/ Marsha K. Stern 1709 19th Avenue Sterling, Illinois 61081
s/ Gloria J. Ivey 12578 Prairie Center Rd Morrison, IL 61270

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
s/ Jennifer Isaksen, Esq. Florida Bar No. 519081
E-mail Address: Jennifer@isaksenLawFirm.com
Law Offices of Jennifer Isaksen, PA PO Box 591 Bushnell, Florida 33513

Notices to Creditors/ Administration

6725-1004 SCT
Kessler, Keith K. 2018CA000292 Notice of Action
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 2018CA000292

BRENDA REED Plaintiff, vs. KEITH K. KESSLER, IF ALIVE, AND IF DEAD HIS UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, AND JUDGMENT CREDITORS OF DEFENDANTS, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANTS; AND ALL UNKNOWN NATURAL PERSONS IF ALIVE, AND IF DEAD OR NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, THEIR SEVERAL AND RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, AND JUDGMENT CREDITORS, OR OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, OR UNDER THESE UNKNOWN NATURAL PERSONS; AND THE SEVERAL AND RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN ASSIGNS, SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, TRUSTEES, OR ANY OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST ANY CORPORATION OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY NAMED AS A DEFENDANT; AND ALL CLAIMANTS, PERSONS OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, OR WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMED OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS OR PARTIES OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HERINAFTER DESCRIBED, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: KEITH K. KESSLER, IF ALIVE, AND IF DEAD HIS UNKNOWN SPOUSES, I HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, AND JUDGMENT CREDITORS OF G DEFENDANTS, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANTS; AND ALL UNKNOWN NATURAL PERSONS IF ALIVE, AND IF DEAD OR NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, THEIR SEVERAL AND RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, AND JUDGMENT CREDITORS, OR OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, OR UNDER THESE UNKNOWN NATURAL PERSONS; AND THE SEVERAL AND RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN ASSIGNS, SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, TRUSTEES, OR ANY OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST ANY CORPORATION OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY NAMED AS A DEFENDANT; AND ALL CLAIMANTS, PERSONS OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, OR WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMED OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS OR PARTIES OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HERINAFTER DESCRIBED, Defendants,

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title to the following property in Sumter County, Florida:

Lots 111 and 112, THUNDERBIRD MOBILE ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision more particularly described as: Commence at the Southwest corner of Government Lot 2, thence run S89°24'43"W 301.15 feet, thence S89°21'50"W 650 feet, thence N0°38'10"W 350 feet, thence N89°21'50"E 100 feet for a Point of Beginning; from said P.O.B., thence run N29°21'50"E 80 feet, thence N89°21'50"E 100 feet, thence S29°21'50"W 80 feet, thence run S89°21'50"W 100 feet to the P.O.B., lying and being in Section 32, Township 19 South, Range 22 East, Sumter County, Florida.

AND

Lot 166, THUNDERBIRD MOBILE ESTATES, That portion of Government Lot 1, Section 32, Township 19 South, Range 22 East, Sumter County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point that is 492.05 feet North and 1063.31 feet West of the Southeast corner of said Government Lot 1; (the bearing of the South line of said Government Lot 1 being N89°21'50"E), thence run N89°21'50"E a distance of 250.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence continue N89°21'50"E a distance of 50.00 feet, thence S30°38'10"E a distance of 97.32 feet, thence S89°21'50"W 50.00 feet, thence N30°38'10"W a distance of 97.32 feet to the Point of Beginning. LESS the North 15.00 feet thereof for right-of-way for County Road No. 434-A. TOGETHER WITH A 1984 PACE double wide Mobile Home bearing ID #GD0CFL458310248A & GD0CFL458310248B and Florida Title #22872831 & 22872832.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Felix M. Adams, the plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 138 Bushnell Plaza, Suite 201, Bushnell, Florida 33513 on or before October 15, 2018, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated on September 5th, 2018.

Gloria R. Hayward, Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

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Notices to Creditors/ Administration

6752-0927 SCT
Quintero, Linda estate 2018CA000266AXMX Notice of Action
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
Case No. 2018CA000266AXMX

HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Wells Fargo Home Equity Asset-Backed Securities 2004-2 Trust, Home Equity Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-2 Plaintiff, vs. The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Linda Quintero a/k/a Linda T. Quintero a/k/a Linda Lee Quintero a/k/a Linda L. Taylor, Deceased, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: Ernesto Anton Quintero a/k/a Ernest A. Quintero a/k/a Ernest Quintero Last Known Address: 9330 SW 52 Terrace, Miami, FL 33165

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

LOTS 15 AND 18, IN BLOCK D, OF MEADOVISTA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, AT PAGE 83, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Bennett Kitterman, Esquire, Brock & Scott, PLLC., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 1501 N.W. 49th Street, Suite 200, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309, within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication on or before October 22, 2018, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED on September 13, 2018.

Gloria Hayward As Clerk of the Court

(CIRCUIT COURT SEAL) By: Winona Mitchell, As Deputy Clerk

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Notices to Creditors/ Administration

6753-0927 SCT
Green, Timothy A. 60-2018-CA-000240 Notice of Action
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 60-2018-CA-000240 DIVISION:

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. TIMOTHY A. GREEN, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: TIMOTHY A. GREENE
Last Known Address: 14391 SE 420 Street Webster, FL 33597
Current Address: Unknown

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS.

Last Known Address: Unknown
Current Address: Unknown

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

THE WEST 330.00 FEET OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA; LESS THE SOUTH 430.00 FEET THEREOF; TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER AND ACROSS THE NORTH 25.00 FEET OF THE SOUTH 635.00 FEET THEREOF; AND FURTHER THAT PORTION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING SOUTH AND EAST OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 719; AND FURTHER THE NORTH 330.00 FEET OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS THE WEST 330.00 FEET THEREOF; TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER AND ACROSS THE

Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

WEST 25.00 FEET OF THE SOUTH 75.00 FEET THEREOF; AND FURTHER THE NORTH 330.00 FEET OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED AS A 1991 SKYLINE BUDDY DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME BEARING TITLE NUMBERS 60269091 AND 49977324 AND VIN NUMBERS 3260414AD AND 32620414BD.

A/K/A 14391 CR 719, WEBSTER, FL 33597 FKA 14391 SE 42ND ST, WEBSTER, FL

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Albertell Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623, and file the original with this Court either before October 22, 2018 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.

This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Sumter County Times.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 13th day of September, 2018.

Gloria R. Hayward, Clerk of the Circuit Court

(COURT SEAL) By: Winona Mitchell, Deputy Clerk

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Misc. Notices

6751-1011 SCT
FLORIDA PACE FUNDING AGENCY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Florida PACE Funding Agency, a public body corporate and politic (the "Agency"), hereby provides notice, pursuant to Sections 163.08(2), (3) and (4) and 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments for more than one year to be levied within the area encompassed by the boundaries of every county in Florida, or any of the municipalities therein, subscribing to or served by the Agency's statewide provision of funding and financing to construct or pay for energy conservation and efficiency improvements, renewable energy improvements and wind resistance improvements in accordance with Section 163.08, Florida Statutes (collectively, the "Qualifying Improvements"). By law and resolution of the Agency, a property owner may apply to the Agency for funding and financing of a Qualifying Improvement. The non-ad valorem assessments contemplated by this notice are voluntary and are only imposed by the Agency with the prior written consent authorized by or on behalf of affected property owners who determine to obtain financing for Qualifying Improvements from the Agency. The Agency is authorized by law to fund and finance Qualifying Improvements and is required to annually collect repayment by non-ad valorem assessments. The Board will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 1:00 p.m. on October 30, 2018, at the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization Executive Conference Room, 2570 W International Speedway Boulevard, Suite 100, Daytona Beach, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property that may be subject to the levy - which is the entirety of the State of Florida. Copies of the proposed form of resolution are on file at the office of Counterpointe Energy Solutions (FL) LLC, Third Party Administrator for the Florida PACE Funding Agency, 2600 Maitland Center Parkway, Suite 163, Maitland, Florida 32751. email: gov@counterpointes.com. All interested persons are invited to present oral comments at the public hearing and/or submit written comments to the Board at the above address. Written comments should be received by the Agency on or before October 29, 2018. Any persons desiring to present oral comments should appear at the public hearing.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the Board with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in such public hearing should contact the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization at (386) 226-0422 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of the public hearing.

By Order of the Board of Directors of Florida PACE Funding Agency on August 14, 2018.

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6754-0927 SCT
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN OWNER:

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SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY: SGT. ATHENA ROSS

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
CITY OF COLEMAN PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD
WORKSHOP ON AMENDMENTS TO LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

The City of Coleman, Florida will conduct a workshop of the City of Coleman Planning and Zoning Board to discuss issues related to the update and amendment of the City of Coleman Land Development Code. The workshop will be held as follows:

Coleman City Hall
3502 E. Warm Springs Ave
Coleman, FL 33521
Immediately following the Planning and Zoning Board Meeting at 7:00 P.M., October 3, 2018

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

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

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Misc. Notices

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Coleman will hold a public meeting on October 3, 2018 at 6:00 PM at City Hall, 3502 East Warm Springs Avenue, Coleman, FL 33521, for the sole purpose of discussing a grant application to be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program for the development of Dunklin-Riser park located at 3631 Oak Street, Coleman, FL 33521. The Public and any interested persons are invited to attend.

For further information, please contact Akiko Teagle

Realtors donate



Special to the Times
The Realtors Association of Lake and Sumter counties donated funds to both Families in Transition (FIT) and Forward Paths Foundation for Lake and Sumter Counties recently. The funds were collected from the association's dues billing for 2018. Brenda Rodgers, left, is shown presenting a \$1,000 check to Ellen Coomer for Sumter County Schools, from member donations on the Association's 2018 dues billing. The Realtors Association of Lake and Sumter Counties, Inc. has a membership of over 2,200 members.

Our Little Market opens Saturday

Special to the Times

Our Little Market will be open for business on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Monday, Oct. 1 from noon to 6 p.m.

Fresh produce will be sold as well as handmade crafts, baked goods,

collectibles and quilts.

Come shop and enjoy a cup of coffee as you mingle and visit with friends and neighbors.

Our Little Market is located at the TriCounty Community Center, 28444 Forbes Ave. in Nobleton.

If you have any

questions or are interested in featuring your goods on a table at the sale, please contact Toni at 352-397-6652 or Dorrie at 352-587-4014. All proceeds from this event will be used to continue the rebuilding of the portion of the center destroyed by fire earlier this year.

6758-0927 SCT

CITY OF COLEMAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT TO UNIFIED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The City of Coleman, Florida, proposes to conduct a public hearing to take comment and consider transmission of an amendment to the Unified Comprehensive Plan of Sumter County/The City of Center Hill/The City of Coleman and The City of Webster to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and other reviewing agencies, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes.

Prior to its transmittal to DEO, two (2) public hearings on the proposed amendment will be held, as follows:

Local Planning Agency City of Coleman City Hall 3502 E. Warm Springs Ave. Coleman, FL 33521 7:00 P.M., October 3, 2018	City Council City of Coleman City Hall 3502 E. Warm Springs Ave. Coleman, FL 33521 7:00 P.M., October 8, 2018
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Case CP2018-0011 - The proposed action pertains to consideration of adoption of amendments to the City of Coleman/Sumter County Joint Planning Area as generally represented on the attached map.

The proposed amendments and related information may be inspected by the public at the City of Coleman City Hall at 3502 E. Warm Springs Ave., Coleman, FL 33521 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. weekdays or at the Sumter County Development Services Department, The Villages Sumter County Service Center, 7375 Powell Rd, Ste. 115, Wildwood, FL between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. weekdays.



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

Interested parties are encouraged to appear at these hearings and provide

comments regarding the proposed ordinance. Those requiring assistance may call 352-748-1017 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

APPEAL: NECESSITY OF RECORD

Notice is given that if any person desires to appeal any action taken by the City Council at the above hearing, a verbatim record of the proceedings may be necessary. The City Council assumes no responsibility for furnishing said record; however, the hearings will be audio recorded by the Council for public use.

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view them on at www.hsspc.org. Visiting hours at the HS/SPCA are Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The facility is located at 994 C.R. 529A in Lake Panasoffkee. Visiting hours at SCAS are Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday with an HS/SPCA escort. For more information email adoptsmall@hsspc.org or call the office Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (352) 793-9117.

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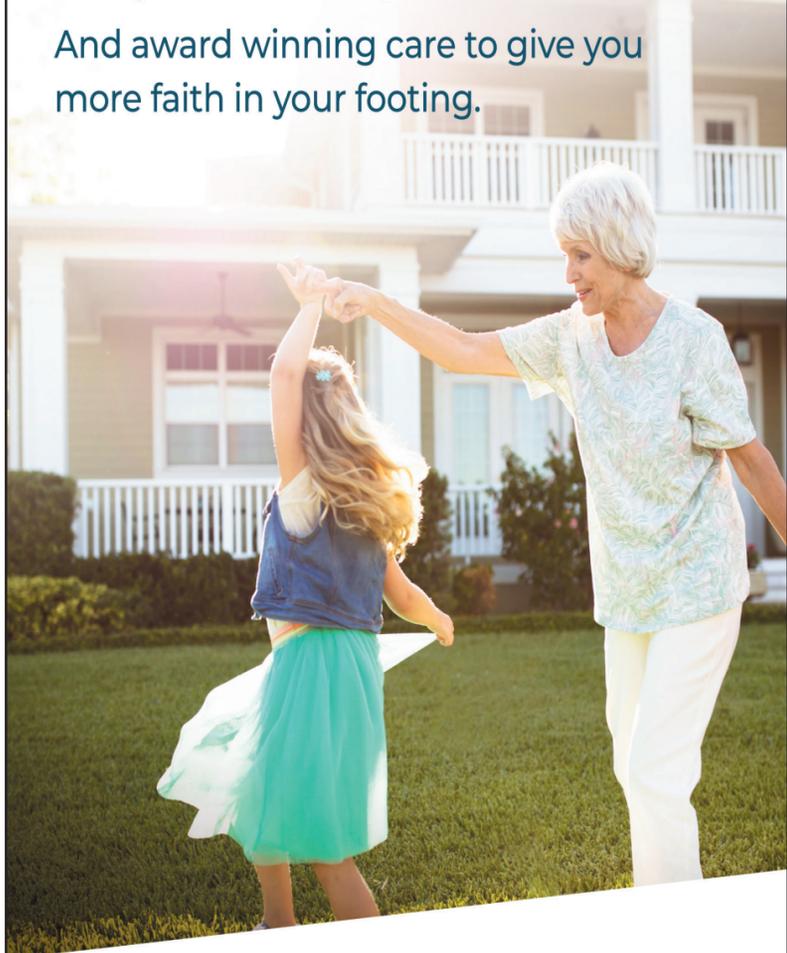
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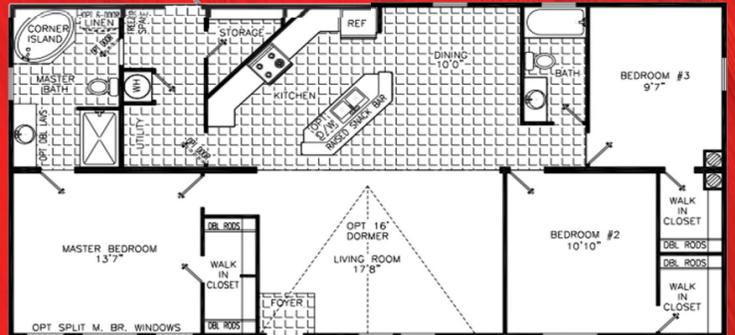


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