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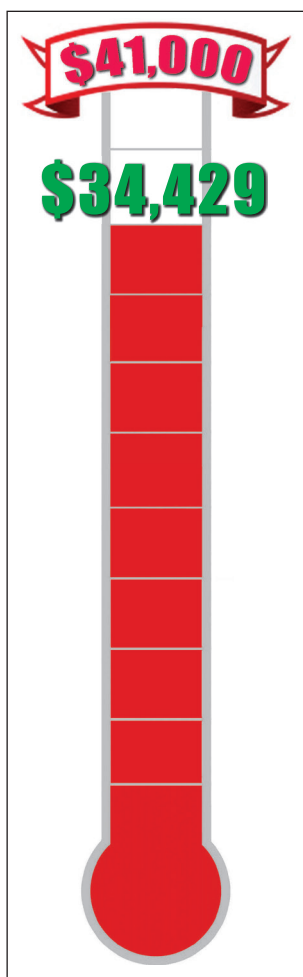


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Grant Grogan.

Save Grant's Home nears its goal

BRENDA LOCKLEAR
Sumter County Times

The tally is holding steady in the goal to "Save Grant's Home" — just a few thousand dollars more.

Ever since they learned about the challenges to Grant Grogan and his roommates and the possibility of them losing their home, the community has been contributing to the funds to help.

Donations have come from groups and individuals, totaling tens of thousands of dollars to cover a shortfall in the funding from past months.

Grant Grogan and three other residents live in the home and are hoping the final funds come in that will allow them to stay where they are.

They were short funding for the home when they were short one person in the home. The state took several months to fill the empty bed at the house, according to SCARC Inc.

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Keeping his faith



Emery King is shown with all those in attendance on the Sunday morning celebrating his 40th anniversary as Faith Baptist's pastor.

'Kid' pastor still preaching after more than 40 years

BY BRENDA LOCKLEAR
Sumter County Times

For the past four decades, Pastor Emery King has been preaching at the same little church where his parents, J.D. and Jeanene King, accepted Christ as their savior, back in the 1950s.

And that might make for an interesting lead in to King's story.

But then again, it might be the fact that King started preaching when he was only a teenager — sometimes the names "kid preacher" or

"shirttail kid," coming from within the congregation.

Or it could simply be the fact that he's been preaching at the same little church for more than 40 years now. That, in itself, is notable.

Growing up

Little Emery King had a Holy Bible in his hand before he could even read - with his bow tie on and his Bible tucked up under his arm, he and his family went off to Faith Baptist Church in Webster - every Sunday morning ... every Sunday night and ... every Wednesday

night.

The King family lived in Dade City, where J.D. worked with Lykes Pasco.

"But we came to church here. It was a 60 to 70-mile round trip, Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday - we didn't miss a service," said King of his youth and his parents' leading.

At age 13, he accepted Christ as his savior. In the Christian religion, the main tenet is that followers believe that Jesus Christ is their savior.

But King said long before he Please see **FAITH/Page 8**

Racers heat up streets of Inverness

Grand Prix in its eighth year

KIMBERLY KELLY
Special to the Times

More than 70 racers from across the eastern part of the United States converged on the fan-lined streets of downtown Inverness on a recent Saturday hoping to win the eighth annual Inverness Grand Prix.

The race included a challenging 3/8-mile race course that snaked its way through the streets of downtown Inverness with five turns and saw speeds in excess of 80 miles per hour.

"I think it is cool that they shut the streets down for us," Raymond Leonard said.

Leonard traveled from New Hampshire to compete.

"This was my second trip down here for the Inverness Grand Prix," he said. Last year he broke in qualifying.

This year, Leonard was able to



Larry Sampson (5) holds off Josh Smith (123) during the eighth annual Inverness Grand Prix, through the streets of downtown Inverness. The two were competing in a blended division. Sampson won the UGP Medium while Smith finished fifth overall in the IFP Heavy.

not only win his qualifying event, but take the Tag title for 2018.

Seven karts started the feature event with Leonard on the pole. He wasted little time in securing the lead, but after two laps, fell to a familiar competitor.

"I knew I had some other New

England boys here," he said noting that he had raced with Jimmy Glich last year. "I knew he was going to be a tough competitor."

By lap No. 3, Glich was in contention to take over the helm.

"I got loose and he passed me," Please see **RACERS/Page 2**

Correction: Coleman road changes meeting

The Florida Department of Transportation will conduct a public hearing for the proposed improvements to U.S. 301 (from C.R. 470 East to S.R. 44 on Monday, Dec. 3 at Trinity Baptist church Fellowship Hall - 3505 E. C.R. 468, Wildwood. The hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m.

as an informational open house during which time project displays and other information will be available for review.

A presentation will begin at 6 p.m., after which, participants may provide verbal comments.

The proposed improvements consist of widening U.S. 301 from a two-lane highway to a four lane, realigning a portion of U.S. 301, south

of the city of Coleman and reconstructing the Florida Turnpike interchange at U.S. 301. The alternatives also consider roundabouts and a diverging diamond interchange at Florida's Turnpike.

It is an opportunity for interested persons to express their views.

The date and current focus of the meeting was incorrect in the Nov. 22 edition of the Sumter County Times.

Holiday Calendar

Winterfest in the Courtyard

The city of Wildwood will host their annual Winterfest event on Friday, Nov. 30, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

There'll be food trucks, music by DJ Janice, barrel train rides, inflatables, face painting and crafting your own ornament.

Letters to Santa and photos with Santa from 6 to 8 p.m.

There will even be arts and crafts vendors.

Royal Holiday Parade

Young Performing Artists (YPAs) Inc. will host its fourth annual Royal Holiday Parade & Open House on Saturday, Dec. 1. The event will be held at the Alonzo A. Young Sr. Enrichment & Historical Center.

The day will begin with a holiday parade at 10 a.m. The parade will begin at the corners of C.R. 462 and C.R. 231, traveling on to C.R. 235A and then C.R. 222, to the Royal park and the enrichment center for other activities.

After the parade, there will be a holiday concert with live singers, dancers and DJ. There will also be holiday holiday art, jewelry, African wear and food vendors.

Viewing sites for the parade include the corner of C.R. 462 and C.R. 235 and at Ebenezer AME Church -390 East Highway 462.

For a parade application or more information, call 352-748-0260 or email at youngartists@aol.com or royalproject@cfl.rr.com. Visit www.youngperformingartists.org.

Christmas on the Florida Frontier

3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1.

Step back into an 1800s Christmas scene and experience firsthand, wassail making, popcorn over a fire, pioneer toys, corn grinding, basket making, candle-making, punch tin art, soap carving, grapevine wreaths and swags, doll making, corn husk creations, period music and living history demonstrators.

Enjoy on-site food and old-time general store vendors to make the day complete. Cost is \$5/vehicle.

Webster lighted night parade

Webster will hold their annual lighted night parade slated for Saturday, Dec. 1.

Applications are available on their website www.websterfl.com

The event will also include vendors and fun for pre-parade activities.

For more information, call Webster City Hall at 352-793-2073.

Entries usually range

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15th Annual Laura Vickers Christmas for Kids Party

Saturday, December 8, 2018, 12pm-3pm



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RACERS

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Leonard said. "A few laps later I passed him back."

Leonard went on to win the event over Weston Duchak, Brian Duchak, Dylan Ragstad and Scott Mitchelltree, respectively. Glich finished sixth.

"It really went well all day," Leonard said of his No. 331 Apex Kart Sports sponsored kart. "I plan on coming back next year. I gotta defend my title."

For second place Weston Duchak, "the course was very bumpy and abusive, but a very good track to run and definitely a fun track."

"It was something different," Brian Duchak said. "(The Inverness Grand Prix is) a great thing for the racers, the fans and the sport."

Brian Duchak finished third behind his nephew Weston Duchak in the Tag division.

The IGP Heavy and Medium divisions were blended to make one 11-kart field with Larry Sampson taking the IGP Medium division after race winner Nick White was disqualified in the post-race technical inspection. Jamie Whealton and last year's Junior Predator champion Trenton Henick rounded out the top three. Carl Whitehouse topped the IOGP Heavy division over Daniel Gray, David Cook, Greg Johnson and Josh Smith.

Last year's Junior-Clone champion, Lacy Kuehl, fell shy of a win after Cooper Gail was able to take the IPG Junior division wire-to-wire. Kuehl finished second ahead of Jaycee Reeves.

John Whealton took the IGP Masters event flag-to-flag as well



KIMBERLY KELLY/Special to the Times

Seventy-three racers from across the eastern part of the United States, converged on the fan-lined streets of downtown Inverness this month, to participate in the Inverness Grand Prix. The race included a 3/8 of a mile course that snaked through the streets, with five turns and speeds in excess of 80 miles per hour.

to finish the event over Graham Kimbel, Hector Rodriguez, Ryan Harp and Joe Carter.

Peyton Carroll held off Paco Gonzalez to win the Senior Champ BSP Clone division. Craig Coleman, Angelo Nizzardo and Joe Kornacki rounded out the top five.

Carl Whitehouse was the eventual winner of the Yamaha Challenge after the unnamed driver of the No. 33 kart was disqualified in the post-race technical inspection just after he took the checkered flag. Tom Boddie Sr. finished second, Happy Hudskins third, Jake White fourth, and Justin Greene fifth. Greene had topped the Yamaha Animal Challenge division in 2017.

Chris Sine and Jake White battled side-by-side all day and finished one-two with Sine with the win and White disqualified in tech. Bob Anderson moved to second, Tyler Ulrich third, BJ Lopez fourth and Lou Cordova fifth.

The AKD Modified win went to Liam Davis over Shane Betow, Rick Knechtel, Amber Knechtel and Brandon Watson. Last year's champion, Tom Mitchell, fell short of a top five and finished sixth.

Proceeds from the Inverness Grand Prix & Motorsports Festival benefit local Filter Youth Development which provides local children and families with mentoring build strong healthy relationships.

DIVISION STATS: 7 cars. 8 laps. Race Leaders: (331) Raymond Leonard*
 2. (291) Weston Duchak
 3. (290) Brian Duchak
 4. (00) Dylan Ragstad
 5. (69) Scott Mitchelltree
 6. (9) Jim Glich
 7. (216) Evan Mitchelltree

DIVISION STATS: 7 cars. 8 laps. Race Leaders: (331) Raymond Leonard, laps 1,2, 5-8; (9) Jim Glich, laps 3,4. *Qualifying Race Winner:

IGP Medium
 1. (5) Larry Sampson*
 2. (66) Jamie Whealton
 3. (60x) Trenton Henick

IGP Heavy
 1. (107) Carl Whitehouse
 2. (12) Daniel Gray
 3. (81) David Cook
 4. (20) Greg Johnson
 5. (123) Josh Smith*
 6. (711) Wayne Heater, did not start

IGP MEDIUM/IGP HEAVY BLENDED DIVISION STATS: 11 cars. 8 laps. Race Leaders: (5) Larry Sampson, laps 1-4; (12) Nick White, laps 5-8. *Qualifying Race Winner: Post-race technical inspection disqualifications: (12) Nick White, (94) Keenan Burr.

IGP Junior
 1. (88) Cooper Gaul*
 2. (4) Lacy Kuehl
 3. (31) Jaycee Reeves
 4. (12) Nick White, did not start

DIVISION STATS: 4 cars. 8 laps. Race Leaders: (88) Cooper Gaul, laps 1-8. *Qualifying Race Winner:

IGP Masters
 1. (26) John Whealton*
 2. (912) Graham Kimble
 3. (89) hector Rodriguez
 4. (8) Ryan Harp
 5. (76) Joe Cartier
 6. (01) Chris Dougherty, did not start

DIVISION STATS: 6 cars. 8 laps. Race Leaders: (26) John Whealton, laps 1-8. *Qualifying Race Winner:

Senior Champ BSP Clone
 1. (62) Peyton Carroll*
 2. (81) Paco Gonzalez
 3. (4) Craig Coleman
 4. (71) Angelo Nizzardo
 5. (58) Joe Kornacki
 6. (5) Donnie Golgan
 7. (17) Harold Robers
 8. (62d) David Carroll
 9. (54) Robert Brennan, did not start
 10. (88) Sabrina Heffner, did not start

DIVISIONS STATS: 10 cars. 8 laps. Race Leaders: (62) Peyton Carroll, laps 1-8. *Qualifying

Race Winner:
 Yamaha Challenge
 1. (192) Carl Whitehouse
 2. (69) Tom Boddie Sr.
 3. (78) Happy Hudskins
 4. (F97) Jake White
 5. (87) Justin Greene
 6. (02) Chuck Bonic
 7. (62) Frank George
 8. (60x) Trenton Henick

DIVISION STATS: 9 cars. 8 laps. Race Leaders: (192) Carl Whitehouse, laps 1-5; (33) no name provided*, laps 6-8. *Qualifying Race Winner:

AKC Heavy
 1. (112) Tom Kent
 2. (413) Elizabeth Phillips
 3. (912) Graham Kimble

DIVISION STATS: 7 cars. 8 laps. Race Leaders: (112) Tom Kent, laps 1-8. Post-race technical inspection disqualifications: (521) Jack Brooks, (50) Charlie Beetow, (14) Amber Knechtel*, (24) Jacob Rose *Qualifying Race Winner:

Senior Champ Briggs/Animal
 1. (91) Chris Sine
 2. (4) Bob Anderson
 3. (16) Tyler Ulrich
 4. (24) BJ Lopez
 5. (69) Lou Cordova
 6. (22) Justin Schron
 7. (43) Craig Coleman, did not start
 8. (66) Jeff Sine, did not start
 9. (1) Robert Schultz, did not start

DIVISION STATS: 10 cars. 8 laps. Race Leaders: 91, laps 1-8. Post-race technical inspection disqualifications: (F97) Jake White*. *Qualifying Race Winner:

AKC Modified
 1. (5) Liam Davis
 2. (21) Shane Betow
 3. (51) Rick Knechtel
 4. (14) Amber Knechtel
 5. (18) Brandon Watson
 6. (40) Tom Mitchell
 7. (85) Kasey Gouge*
 8. (112) Tom Kent
 9. (23) Butch Martin

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Sumter County Times Opinion

Letters to the editor

City of Bushnell hosting children's angel tree

This will be our 14th year in helping to spread joy to local children for the holiday season through the Sumter County Christmas Angel program. For the past years the city of Bushnell has partnered with the Children's Home Society and with the help of the amazing community we have make wishes come true. So, once again we are asking for the

assistance of our amazing community to help make these 60 children's wishes come true. You can come and pick up your angel tag at Bushnell City Hall and please return your unwrapped gift and tag by Dec. 12.

Kellie M. Mason
Customer service
specialist/staff assistant
city of Bushnell

Animal rescue group is fur-ever thankful

As we approach this time of annual reflection, our gratitude must shine on all of you, our community. Without you, we would not have been able to honor our Humane Society/SPCA's mission of rescue, adoption, spay/neuter, humane education and more. For this ... we're fur-ever thankful.

Each year brings us new challenges. And you have continued to be there to support us. Our shelter has continued to grow in outreach and in facility expansions and improvements. Whether it is in giving funds needed to pay medical bills and other expenses, supplies to operate our shelter or "Leaving a Legacy of Compassion" in your estate planning, each gift is appreciated as it allows us to accomplish the goal of helping local animals in need. For this ... we're Fur-ever thankful.

To those businesses, clubs and churches who sponsored and hosted events, you have shown the real meaning of community and contributed to lifesaving results. To all our local media, you have helped spread the word of our vital work and thus saved lives. For this ... we're Fur-ever thankful.

Fur-ever thankful for the support

Because of your generosity, this year we have been able to provide so much for the animals in our community. As of the writing, 1,693 animals were adopted into loving, permanent homes or transferred to other no-kill shelters and rescue groups.

In 2018, we reached 100 cat adoptions at each of the major pet supply retailers, where we are Adoption Partners. But it does not stop there; 76 qualifying Sumter families received a grand total of over 20,000 lbs. of free dry dog/cat food from our "Kibbles" Pet Food Pantry. That's 85 cats and 102 dogs not going hungry or being at risk of surrender, euthanasia or abandonment. Additionally, we provided 758 free "Big Fix" spay/neuter vouchers to help reduce the homeless pet overpopulation in Sumter County. For this ... we're fur-ever thankful.

And you, our community, have continued to be there knowing the truth of how we carry out our mission to save and improve the lives of Sumter County animals as demonstrated by your supportive gifts of time, loving permanent homes and critical funding. We have no affiliation

with HSUS or the ASPCA as there are no such things as "local chapters" of these organizations. We receive no financial donations from them or any level of government. Your contributions have meant the difference between life and death for animals within Sumter County. For this ... we're fur-ever thankful.

We are a no-kill shelter, fortunate to have a dedicated staff, wonderful volunteers and a volunteer board to guide our organization as we complete our 36th anniversary year. We are grateful to have added a talented executive director to our team this year, who will take us to our next stage of growth.

To our volunteers, from children to seniors, your commitment to help on all levels is so appreciated. Your contributions of over 400 hours of love and care, monthly, at our five-acre campus, at our off-site adoption partners and special events or, in your own homes as foster families, are all needed and so much appreciated. You are guardians, foster homes, comfort givers, exercise partners, office helpers, fund raisers, educators and ambassadors of our HS/SPCA and its animals. We always welcome more people like you! For this ... we're fur-ever thankful.

If you are new to us, we extend an invitation to visit our shelter and learn how we carry out the important work accomplished here. We encourage you to discover how you can become a part of this lifesaving mission. It is only possible because our community works together. For this ... we're fur-ever thankful.

On behalf of everyone at the HS/SPCA and the animals we strive to protect, we wish you and your pets a safe, healthy and love-filled holiday season.

The Humane Society/SPCA of Sumter County, Inc.

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

Visitors are always welcome!

Humane Society/SPCA

BEYOND SUMTER



Letters to the editor

CAP lists success of compliance checks

Editor's note: Community Action Partnership (CAP) and the Wildwood Police Department have been performing quarterly compliance checks on local businesses, in an effort to prevent minors from purchasing alcohol at local businesses.

The Wildwood Police Department completed their last quarter Underage Alcohol Compliance Checks. All nine



Rozanne Grady

of the Wildwood retail stores that were checked, passed, not selling to a minor. These retailers are: Save-a-Lot, Dev's Discount and Beverage, Wildwood Drive Thru, Oakwood Express restaurant, Murphy Express, WaWa,

Sammy's Italian Restaurant, SNJ Liquors Discount Beverage, Publix Traverse Trail.

After Thanksgiving Chief Valentino, Sgt. Daniel Button and I will present these retailers with a certificate of appreciation for not selling to a minor.

Sincerely

Rozanne Grady
Community Action Partnership
coordinator

Daughters of 1812 learn about Chalmette

The Land of Lakes chapter of the United States Daughters of 1812 met on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Leesburg library at 10:30 a.m. Those in attendance were Joyce White, Peggy Sloan and Glorianne Fahs. After the invocation was given by Chaplain Joyce White, President Fahs led the 1812 ritual, which includes the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag, the American's Creed and the Salute to the Flag of 1812.

Mrs. Fahs gave a Flag Minute presentation about how the "Star Spangled Banner" became our national anthem. The 1812 Minute was about the USD 182 insignia, which was adopted in January 1892. The blue part of the ribbon represents the U.S. Navy and the gray part, the U.S. Army.

Joyce White read the National Defense report about the Black Hawk 3 Drone that is the army's "tiny spy in the sky." It looks like a tiny helicopter, can fit in the palm of a soldier's hand, weighs about as much as a baseball, and can fit in a pocket. These tiny

drones are called UAV's-unmanned air vehicles.

Vice President White read the Fort McHenry and Star Spangled Banner reports. Fort McHenry was built between 1798 and 1802 and was named after James McHenry, the Secretary of War at that time. The Flag House and Museum is within walking distance of Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

Built in 1793, this is the home of Mary Pickersgill where she sewed the "Star Spangled Banner" that flew over Fort McHenry in 1814, during the Battle of Baltimore.

The registrar reported that two applications are being completed for submission. A total of 60 books were sent to the American Merchant Marine library to be used by those service men and women. Members will meet on Nov. 3 to place flags in the Lone Oak Cemetery for Veterans' Day, which used to be called Armistice Day, after the treaty was signed on Nov. 11, 1918, at 11:00 a.m.

in Paris.

This chapter will continue to award medals to students in the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Leesburg High School and the National Navy Defense Cadet Corps at South Sumter High School.

Some members plan to attend the 109th Annual State Council on February 10, 2019, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Lake Buena Vista.

President Fahs presented a program about Chalmette which was the last battle of the War of 1812. Chalmette is located near New Orleans, La. The word "Chalmette" means pasture or fallow land." Hurricane Katrina did a lot of damage to this National Park in 2005 but it has been restored since then.

The next meeting will be held on Jan. 15, 2019, at the public library in Leesburg. Anyone interested in joining the USD 1812 may contact Joyce White at 793-8119.

Joyce White
USD 1812 Land of Lakes

Delta Gamma says thank you to Bushnell

The Delta Gamma chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa would like to thank the community for their support at their annual yard sale on Saturday, Nov. 3. All proceeds from the yard sale will go toward two scholarships for seniors at the two Sumter County high schools.

The chapter members who helped in the day event were Joyce White, Dottie Harris, Viki Ferrell, Sue Miller, Linda Mims, Kay Wall, Carolyn Stephens, Nancy Rogers, and Josephine Simons.

The next chapter meeting will be the Christmas meeting at the home of Nancy Rogers on Thursday, Dec. 6 at 5:30 p.m.

The Delta Gamma chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa



Special to the Times

The Delta Gamma members who spent the day, hosting the yard sale are shown here, left to right. They were: Sue Miller, Carolyn Stephens, Viki Ferrell, Linda Mims, Dottie Harris, Nancy Rogers, Joyce White, Jo Simons and Kay Wall.

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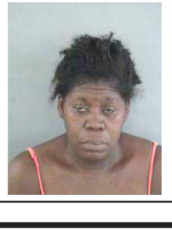

School district honors resource officers



Special to the Times
The Sumter County School District honored the Sumter County Sheriff's Office Resource Officers earlier this month, for their work in Sumter County schools. Officers are shown with district representatives and Sumter School Supt. Rick Shirley (center, right).

Sumter County Most Wanted

<p>1. Name: JONATHAN MOODY Sex/Gender: W/M Address: 12700 SE HWY 441 DOB: 12/22/1974 BELLEVIEW, FL Charges: CT I-LARC-300 LESS 10K DOLS FROM 65 YOA OLDER CT II-FRAUD-CHEATING OR GROSS FRAUD</p>	
<p>2. Name: ABRAHAM GRADY III Sex/Gender: B/M Address: 519 JACKSON ST. DOB: 04/22/1985 WILDWOOD, FLORIDA Charges: VOP / CT 1 POSSESSION OF COCAINE</p>	

<p>3. Name: KATHLEEN JEFFRIES Sex/Gender: W/F Address: 343 SR 44 DOB: 01/02/1974 WILDWOOD, FLORIDA Charges: 2 CTS-POSS METH W/I 1000 FT WORSHIP/BUSN; 2 CTS-SELL METH W/I 1000 FT WORSHIP/BUSN</p>	
<p>4. Name: KAYTIA MICHELLE EDWARDS Sex/Gender: B/F Address: 10390 NE 12TH DR DOB: 09/16/1977 OXFORD, FL Charges: VOP-POSS MDMA</p>	
<p>5. Name: ANGEL ENRIQUEZ Sex/Gender: H/M Address: 153 W ORANGE ST DOB: 8/2/1979 CENTER HILL, FL Charges: CT1 SEXUAL BATTERY PERSON 12-18YOA CT2 AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE CT3 BATTERY</p>	

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Arrest REPORTS

<p>Sunday, Nov. 18 Dustin Don Baker, 36, Lake Panasoffkee, arrested for possession or use of drug equipment. Jahmar Roderick Rich, 36, Wildwood, arrested on out-of-county warrant. Thomas James Vanert, 67, Wildwood, arrested for possession or use of drug equipment.</p>	<p>trespassing.</p>	<p>residence change.</p>
<p>Monday, Nov. 19 Andrea Nicole Carn, 24, Bushnell, arrested for possession or use of drug equipment, marijuana possession and probation violation. Stephon Marcel Flowers, 27, Wildwood, arrested as out-of-state fugitive. Kyle G. Kahler, 29, Bushnell, arrested for aggravated battery, aggravated assault with weapon and kidnapping-false imprisonment. Steve Henry Mazak, 48, Webster, arrested for failure to register motor vehicle, fraud – display handicap parking permit that belongs to another, driving while license suspended, knowingly driving while license revoked, resisting officer, fleeing/eluding police, possession of methamphetamine and possession or use of drug equipment. Morris Hirsch Wolff, 81, The Villages, arrested for contempt of court, battery and</p>	<p>Tuesday, Nov. 20 Bruce Edward Barnwell, 54, Webster, arrested for possession of weapon or ammunition by convicted felon. Crystal Gaynell Cummings, 38, Wildwood, arrested for marijuana possession. Alexander Joseph Lynch, 56, Bushnell, arrested for battery. Jennifer Lynn Mikeals, 34, Wildwood, arrested for withholding support. Alice Kay Wallace, 40, Bushnell, arrested for failure to appear.</p>	<p>Thursday, Nov. 22 Cora Chandra Flowers, 50, Wildwood, arrested for two counts battery. Michael Allen Green, 55, Wildwood, arrested for two counts possession or use of drug equipment. Alexander Joseph Lynch, 56, Bushnell, arrested for conditional release violation. Christopher Charles Root, 35, Webster, arrested for aggravated assault with weapon, battery, kidnap-false imprisonment and probation violation. Jez Kaunta Stewart, 24, Wildwood, arrested for marijuana possession.</p>
<p>Wednesday, Nov. 21 Tomasina Marie McKnight, 26, Coleman, arrested for aggravated assault with weapon. Ronald R. Moon, 64, Webster, arrested for sex offender violation – fail to report name or</p>	<p>Saturday, Nov. 24 Robert William Hines, 32, Lake Panasoffkee, arrested for probation violation and failure to appear.</p>	

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FINALLY - Floridians voted to end a sport that is cruel and inhumane to the greyhounds that have been forced to literally run for their lives.

Since 2013, there have been 483 recorded deaths of racing greyhounds directly related to the sport. High voltage lures that caused electrocution, broken necks and bones and heart attacks have been recorded causes of death. Allegations of drugging the dogs to enhance performance and/or to conceal pain has marred the industry.

For some of the

thousands of racing greyhounds that remain in the industry, they endure pain, suffering and isolation, spending most of their days in cages; many left with injuries. When they can no longer win races, they are no longer useful to the industry and are euthanized.

With the passing of Amendment 13, these social dogs will be able to be rescued and adopted to loving homes. They will hopefully be able to play in a yard, sleep in a comfy bed and finally know what it is like to be in a loving home.

In strong support of Amendment 13 was Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi, an avid animal lover herself. Also very vocal in her support of the Amendment was Lara Trump (animal rights supporter and President

Trump's daughter-in-law), along with the HSUS, ASPCA and many other humane groups.

Commercial dog racing is illegal in 40 states for good reason. With commercial dog racing phased out

by the end of 2020 in Florida and the closing of Florida's 11 dog racing tracks, we can proudly add our

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Nodi is a three-year-old male Dachshund mix. He is very sweet and loves to play. Nodi is current on all vaccines, microchipped and neutered. If you are interested in meeting Nodi or any of the available pets at the Humane Society/SPCA of Sumter County (HS/SPCA) you can view them at www.hsspc.org, or visit the facility from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday at 994 C.R. 529A in Lake Panasoffkee. For more information, email at adoptsmall@hsspc.org or call the office between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at 352-793-9117.

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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 December 3, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Bushnell City Council Chambers located at 117 E. Joe P. Strickland, Jr. Ave. The proposed Ordinances may be inspected prior to the second and final reading at 117 E. Joe P. Strickland, Jr. Ave., Bushnell, FL 33513. Any interested party may appear at said time and place to be heard. If any person decides to appeal any decision of the City council, with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of such proceeding, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be heard.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-27
Parcel Number J14-026

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

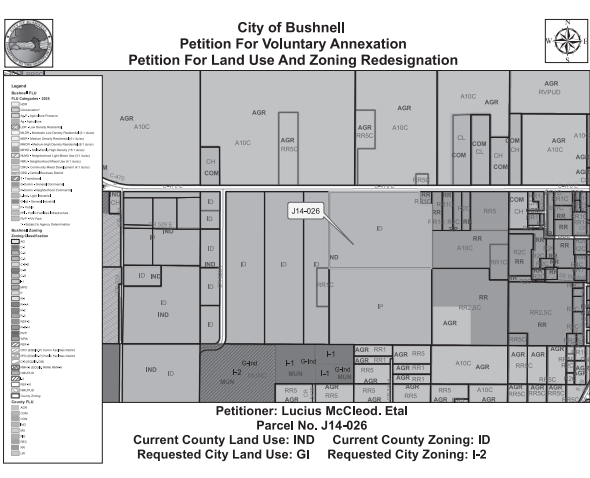
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-28
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BUSHNELL, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A SMALL SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT DESIGNATING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY ANNEXED INTO THE CITY AS G1, GENERAL INDUSTRIAL, ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-29
Parcel Number J14-026

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FAITH

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was a Christian. "I always loved the church" and "had a heart for it."

"By the time I was 16, I was youth director, choir director and I worked the bus route."

"I always loved kids — I've always worked around kids, all my life."

With humor, he said today he tells congregation members, "I don't have kids, but I have yours."

That love for children and God is what drives his desire to see them become believers and then grow in their faith.

While he has no doubt he was called to be pastor, his work as a teen sparked from frustration.

"I would hear adults stand up and give a testimony on how we need to do something for the young people," he said, noting that people would commit to do it, but then not follow through.

He was just a kid himself, but he decided he would make it happen.

He said he told God, "If you help me get a car, I promise you that my car will be in the (church) parking lot on Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday."

"Everything I have, the Lord provides," he said of his commitment about the vehicle.

King ended up with a 1962 Chevy and he kept his promise to God. Not only was the car in the church parking lot when it was time for service, it was loaded with kids that he wanted to make sure had a ride to church.

As for the kids, "they were like brothers and sister to me," he said, adding they were about the same age.

He remembers one night when he was taking a car full of them home — they were stopped at the stop sign in Tarrytown and all the kids jumped out of the car and starting running around. They were playing a game, "I was hollering at them," he said.

"I had to be the bad guy, because I used to have to do the discipline. I never got to go to church camp as a camper, always as a counselor," he said noting he had the responsibility.

But "That was God's plan," and "I loved it."

To raise money for the kids, they would take orders from church and he would drive to Tampa in the middle of the night and purchase hundreds of Krispy Kreme doughnuts from the bakery on Nebraska.

He said the farmer's market was also generous enough to give them a spot where they would sell the doughnuts and raise their money. People who came to their car washes were also generous, he said.

As for him, "I wanted to make sure the kids got to camp."

He was concerned for their future and their "walk with the Lord."

"That others may come to the Lord and those that are Christians, will grow in their faith," he said.

The Crossroads

But as much as he did for the church back then, he notes he still had not wholly submitted to the will of God.

He was working a great job, had a nice car, money — everything the world said would make a person happy.

"I was not happy. I was miserable."

And so one night, he was at crossroads in his life — he wanted peace and love and happiness.

"All that's in Christ. People are looking in all the wrong places for those things," he said.

Back then, nobody knew, but he had also been using a tape recorder to tape himself preaching sermons.

"God put that desire in my heart. It as a desire that was growing in my soul — in my spirit, to preach."

"God had been dealing with me," at that time, "I didn't understand how God worked in areas like



Pastor Emery King shown with his parents, J.D. and Jeanene King and sisters, Shirley, Martha and Janet.

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that — this was all new to me."

"I told the Lord, whatever I have to do to enjoy you and your fellowship I'll do and that's when the green light came on, calling me to preach."

"I rededicated my life to the Lord that night."

And as a teenager, he walked down the aisle and told his pastor where he was headed.

"A ton of bricks was lifted off my chest," he said.

His parents were in the background, always the spiritual mentors.

"Especially my dad."

"He never pushed anything on us, he led us. He didn't make us go to church, we just went."

And it makes sense; his father has been teaching Sunday school for 60 years.

His parents had also found the tape of his son's practice sermons, but never said anything.

King said his father "knew that God was dealing with me. He said he had known that for a while."

King has three sisters, his older sister Shirley and two younger sisters, Martha and Janet.

He went to a church in Tampa, where he served and had the opportunity to get behind the pulpit — the first time it was official was in 1976.

The Pastor

He was serving in Tampa when "One of the men of the church here called and the preacher had resigned," he said.

They "wanted me to be their pastor. They needed somebody they knew and trusted. I knew right then it was the will of God."

"I thought I would be here two or three years, to heal and love the church and then go to college, but the Lord had other plans."

"I had no idea the Lord would keep me here."

He said when he went to college, it took him five years to get through, as he drove from Webster to Orlando every day.

That first Sunday he preached in Webster, in September, 1978, there were only a handful of people there, he said.

These days, it's not uncommon to find a hundred people on Sunday morning and sometimes, it's been 175 or 200.

For their last anniversary celebration, his 40th anniversary as the preacher there, they had more than 300 people there, he said.

The challenges

In those early years, being young and a preacher was a challenge in many ways.

He had a congregation member who had a massive heart attack and he went to visit him.

When young Emery arrived, one of the pink ladies — volunteers that served in reception and other areas of the hospital — gave him a hard time when he identified



Pastor Emery King in his early days as a pastor, performing a wedding.

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himself and his reason for being there.

"Well you don't look like a preacher," he quoted her as saying.

"He needed me," King said of the congregation member and his frustration with the situation.

He made a choice and walked past the pink lady to get on the elevator.

"We closed the elevator door," and the next thing you know, the door opened again and he was face-to-face with the same pink lady.

"I told you, you don't look like a preacher."

"You don't either," he said, closing the door again and heading up to the next floor.

After visiting with the church member, he approached the same woman downstairs, introduced himself, apologized and handed her a track.

For King, the pastor, the priority was the church member.

"Respect is earned not given," he said, noting that the congregation he had grown up with "knew me as Emery."

So when he started, he was Emery.

"Then Brother Emery, then Preacher or Pastor," he said.

Over time, "I would pick up on it, that people were accepting me as not just Emery but as Pastor."

The secret of success

King said their success in remaining strong as a church is because, "We've stayed a church — we don't play church, we are a church and Jesus has stayed the head or our church. He is the focus. He is the reason — he's allowed us to be a part of it."

While he has faced opposition over the years, the overwhelming majority of the members have supported him, he said.

He has also faced the challenge that any pastor might face — "keeping your self up."

The key is to "stay close to God."

"People will hurt you, but God never does."

And "I live in a spirit of prayer," he said, noting that he goes through the day in prayer, which is "talking to God and God talking to us."

"God placed me here and I believe that's the only way you can be happy. It's like a marriage. God



Pastor Emery King with his father, J.D. King on the anniversary Sunday, this year.

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gives you a love for them and I believe it works the same way for the church. "The bottom line is, God never moved my heart."

The Miracles and the rewards

Over the years, he's seen plenty of miracles too.

One was the time they set a goal of 121 for Sunday school attendance.

"People just kept coming and coming — the final count was 176," right at 200 for the service, he said.

"And that was just unheard of for around here. That was a miracle."

In the years he has been there, he said he has seen "over 3,000 people profess their faith in Jesus Christ."

"How many churches can say they've had more professions of faith than the population of your town?"

And, there are special moments. He remembers, times when he knows God has used him and the church members to make a difference in people's lives.

There was the little boy who had been attending church and in the middle of service one day, stepped up to King.

"He gave me a crucifix magnet," King said, quoting the little boy as telling him, "I want to give this to you, I'm not going to see you anymore."

King was touched.

Their family was gone the next day, "But I will see him again," he said, noting that the little boy is probably around 30 today.

And then there was the teenage girl who accepted Christ as her savior. Her



Pastor King with his parents and sisters when he was just a little boy. Even as a little tyke, he wore a tie to church and carried his Holy Bible.

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family also left without warning.

"But God allowed our church to reach those kids while they were here," he said.

"That's life itself," the "spirit of the Christian life and one of the joys of being a Christian — those spiritual relationships we all have in Christ and we're going to be together in Heaven. We may say goodbye, but we are going to say hello one day."

Favorite verses

When he first began serving as a pastor, King said it was Romans 1:16: For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ.

Midway through the years, it was only natural that he would have had

some disappointments by then.

"I had been hurt and people left," he said, noting he couldn't understand.

It was then that "God gave me the Proverbs verse." Proverbs 3:5,6: trust in the LORD with all thine heart...

These days, the verse he focuses on is Hebrews 11:6 and he quotes: But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

That is "my crutch that holds me up and keeps me going."

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City hosts the Wildwood Success Makers 26



The students attended the official public meeting, until 11 a.m. and then got a chance to participate in the public forum, question and answer segment. They were even treated to lunch in the courtyard, that was provided by Oakwood Express. Along with attending the meeting, students were able to chat with public officials, who shared lunch in the courtyard.

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attended the official public meeting, until 11 a.m. and then got a chance to participate in the public forum, question and answer segment. They were even treated to lunch in the courtyard, that was provided by Oakwood Express. Along with attending the meeting, students were able to chat with public officials, who shared lunch in the courtyard. This is the fourth year the city of Wildwood has hosted the Wildwood Success Makers 26. This program was set up between Principal John Temple and event planner Erika Corley. The students are the top 13 from the fourth and fifth grade classes, selected to attend a city entity field trip.



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Savannah Hanna, Jaxson Weober, Kobe Eland and Madison Swainbank checked out the Wildwood Police Department "gator."

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Kobe Eland, Elijah Green, Kellen Oconner, Jacob Clayton and Gary Albarran settled in on the outdoor transportation for a little fun during their visit to Wildwood City Hall.

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Locals help out after Hurricane Michael

Staff report

Helping out in time of need, local residents made the effort for victims of Hurricane Michael. From the residents of Sumter, Citrus and surrounding counties, to the Sumter County Sheriff's Office, SECO and Sumter County Times sister paper, the Citrus County Chronicle.

Goods were purchased, donated and transported north. At the same time, law enforcement personnel and electric company workers were on call and on duty in the northern part of Florida, helping the recovery effort.

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office opened up two donation drop locations, where they collected tarps, gas cans, coolers, generators and non-perishable food items. They then transported the items north.



SECO Energy sent several rounds of employees to the area for the power restoration effort.

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Many of the law enforcement personnel were there as well, assisting with needs.

SECO Energy sent more than one group of employees to help with the power restoration

effort. It was a category 4 hurricane with 155 mile per hour winds when it made landfall near Mexico Beach on Wednesday, Oct. 10.

According to SECO

Energy, at landfall, Hurricane Michael was stronger than hurricanes Katrina and Andrew. Weeks after the hurricane ravaged North Florida's gulf coast, thousands of Floridians remained without power.

Over those three weeks, teams of SECO employees and contractors assisted Tri-County and Talquin Electric Cooperatives with their restoration efforts.

has been a long, time-consuming process. As a cooperative, SECO believes in helping its neighbors and answering the call when our fellow utilities need assistance. SECO and its employees are honored to be in a position to lend our resources and help where we can," said SECO Energy CEO.

"Working with energized lines is inherently dangerous and power restoration after a major hurricane is even more dangerous. In Florida, 35 deaths have been attributed to Hurricane Michael, including three of our fellow line personnel who were killed while working in Chipley. My thoughts and prayers go out to the families of these linemen," as well as the crews, contractors and residents, he said earlier, as they were sending crews to the area.



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ABOVE: Sumter County Sheriff's Office personnel bowing for a word of prayer before leaving to assist.

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LEFT: Sumter sheriff's Deputy Michael Cassidy and Chief Deputy Gary Brannen shown facing as they prepare to leave for the Panhandle with the sheriff's mobile office emergency operations center, back in October, when they went to assist in the restoration efforts after Hurricane Michael.



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Sweets and Snacks to Celebrate

Impress guests with dishes made for entertaining

FAMILY FEATURES

Dazzle guests this holiday season with delicious dishes that only taste like you spent hours in the kitchen. These recipes, created in partnership with lifestyle and cooking expert Sandra Lee, show how using high-quality, like scratch ingredients such as Bob Evans' refrigerated side dishes lets you create perfectly prepared holiday recipes in minutes.

Find more recipes ideal for sharing and gifting this holiday season through Farm Fresh Ideas, an online club featuring recipes and tips, at www.bobevans.com/recipes.

Sweet Potato Cookies

Prep time: 28-33 minutes
Cook time: 10-12 minutes
Makes: 36 cookies

- 3/4 cup vegetable shortening
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 cup Bob Evans Mashed Sweet Potatoes
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 3 cups powdered sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon maple extract
- Chopped honey roasted pecans, optional
- Mini marshmallows, optional

Heat oven to 350 F.

In large bowl using hand mixer or paddle attachment, cream together shortening and brown sugar. Add egg and sweet potato and mix until combined.

In small bowl combine flour, baking soda, salt and pumpkin pie spice. With mixer on low speed, slowly add flour mixture until well mixed. Use a small cookie scoop and drop rounds onto greased baking sheets.

Bake 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely before frosting.

In separate bowl, beat together butter, powdered sugar and maple extract until frosting is light and fluffy. Frost each cooled cookie with maple butter cream frosting. Sprinkle with pecans and mini marshmallows, if using. Carefully toast marshmallows with a culinary torch, avoiding melting frosting, if desired.



Bacon Wrapped White Cheddar Jalapeno Poppers

Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 25-35 minutes
Makes: 40 poppers

- 2 packages Bob Evans Thick Sliced Bacon, slices cut in half
- 1 package Bob Evans White Cheddar Mashed Potatoes
- 1 package garlic herb cheese spread
- 20 jalapeno peppers, halved and seeded with membranes removed
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper, ground

Heat oven to 400 F.

Bring bacon to room temperature so it is pliable and easy to work with.

In mixing bowl, combine mashed potatoes and garlic herb cheese with rubber spatula. Stir until incorporated.

Spread approximately 1 teaspoon mashed potato mixture in each jalapeno half; level off with butter knife or spatula. Be sure not to heap potato mixture or it will spill out of peppers. Wrap each jalapeno with bacon; use 3 half slices for large jalapenos or 2 halves for smaller sizes. Be sure bacon is wrapped to seal in mashed potato mixture tightly.

In small mixing bowl, combine brown sugar and cayenne pepper. Generously sprinkle bacon with brown sugar and pat gently to make it stick to bacon.

Line cookie sheet with parchment paper and place wrapped peppers on sheet. Bake until bacon reaches desired crispiness, about 25-35 minutes.

Let peppers cool slightly before serving, about 5 minutes.

Loaded Mashed Potato Dinner Rolls

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Makes: 24 rolls

- 1 package Bob Evans Original Mashed Potatoes, divided
- 1 cup Bob Evans Thick Sliced Hardwood Smoked Bacon
- 2 cups cheddar cheese, shredded
- 2 green onions, small diced
- Salt and black pepper, to taste
- 1 package dinner roll dough (24 rolls)
- 4 tablespoons butter, unsalted and melted

Heat oven to 350 F.

To make filling, in mixing bowl combine mashed potatoes, bacon, cheese, onion, salt and pepper. Stir until combined.

Flatten dough into round using palm of hand, spoon 2 tablespoons of filling in middle. Place on baking tray.

Brush surface of rolls with melted butter and cut cross pattern with sharp scissor at middle until you can see filling.

Bake rolls until golden brown, about 20-25 minutes. Remove from pan and cool at room temperature for 5 minutes. While cooling, brush tops with melted butter.



Loaded Mashed Potato Poppers

Prep time: 25 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Makes: 48 poppers

- 1 package Bob Evans Sour Cream & Chive Mashed Potatoes
- 2 cups extra sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 6 slices Bob Evans Hickory Smoked Bacon
- 8 ounces nacho cheese flavored tortilla chips
- 2 large eggs, slightly beaten
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 6-8 cups vegetable oil, for frying
- 16 ounces sour cream for dipping, optional

Stir together cold mashed potatoes, cheese and bacon. Scoop 48 tablespoons of potato mixture onto parchment- or wax paper-lined baking sheet. Refrigerate 15-20 minutes.

Meanwhile, place tortilla chips in bowl of food processor and pulse to fine crumbs, or place chips in large resealable bag and smash using a rolling pin. Pour crumbs into shallow bowl.

Beat eggs and pour into another shallow bowl.

Pour flour into shallow bowl; set aside. Heat oil in fryer or Dutch oven to 350 F. Remove mashed potato scoops from refrigerator and roll into balls. Roll each ball in flour, tapping off excess.

Once all potatoes are coated in flour, dip each into egg, allowing excess to drip off, then into the tortilla chips, making sure to coat evenly with crumbs. Set on clean baking sheet. Discard excess flour, egg and tortilla chips.

Fry small batches of poppers until golden brown, 30-40 seconds. Remove from fryer and place on paper towel to drain excess oil. Serve hot with sour cream, if desired. Poppers can be reheated in 350 F oven for 6-8 minutes.

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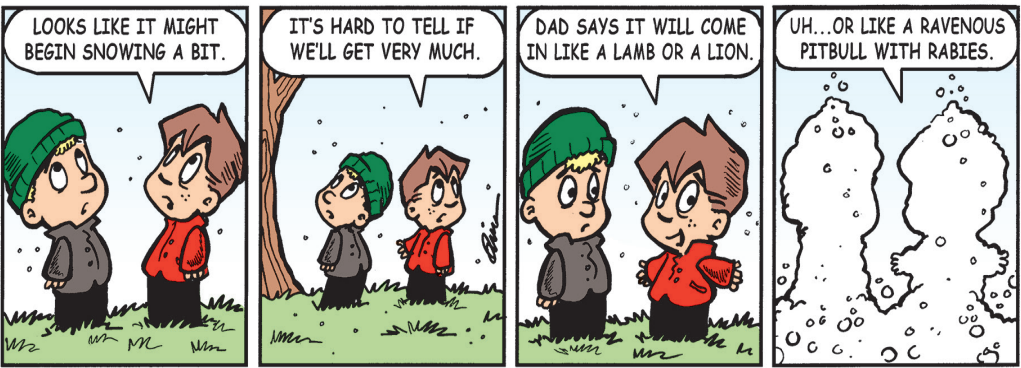
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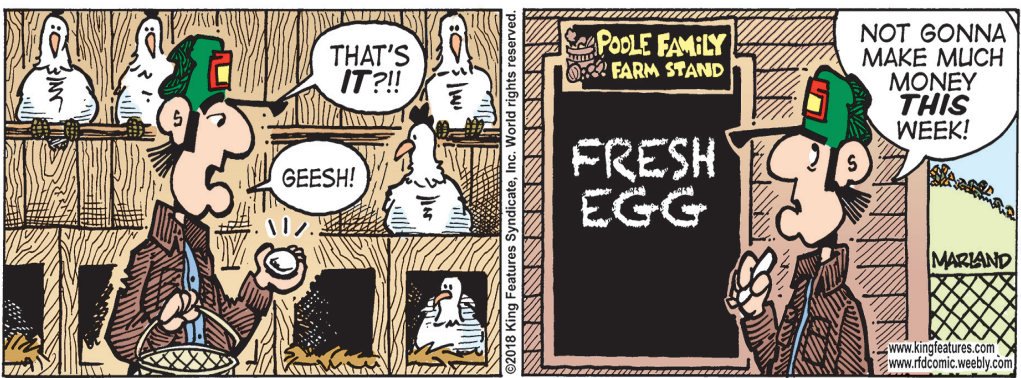
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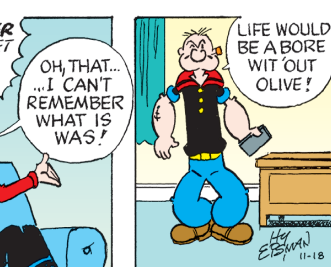
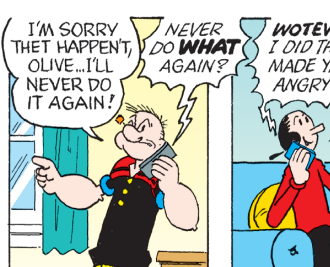
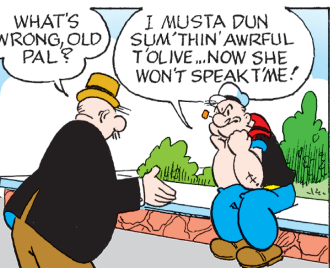
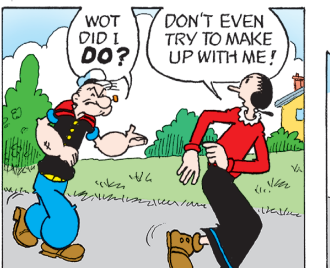
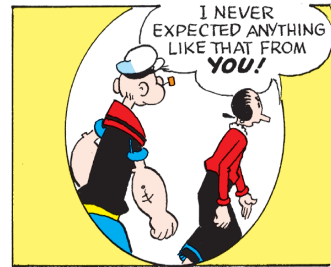
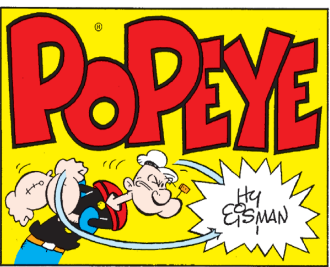
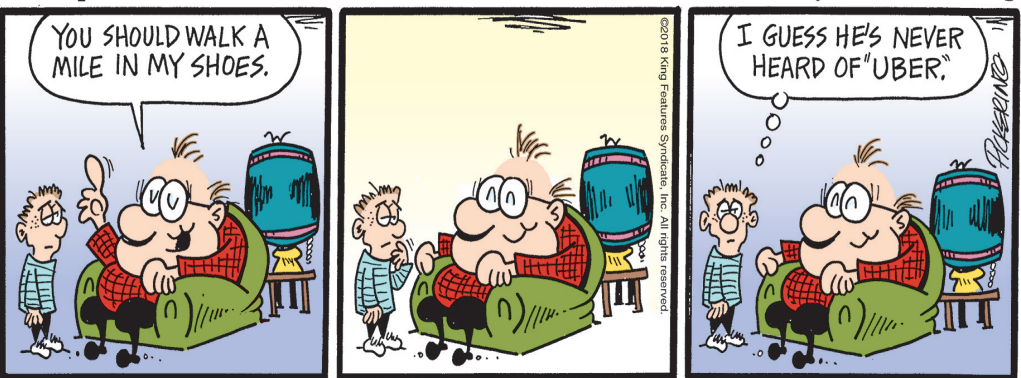
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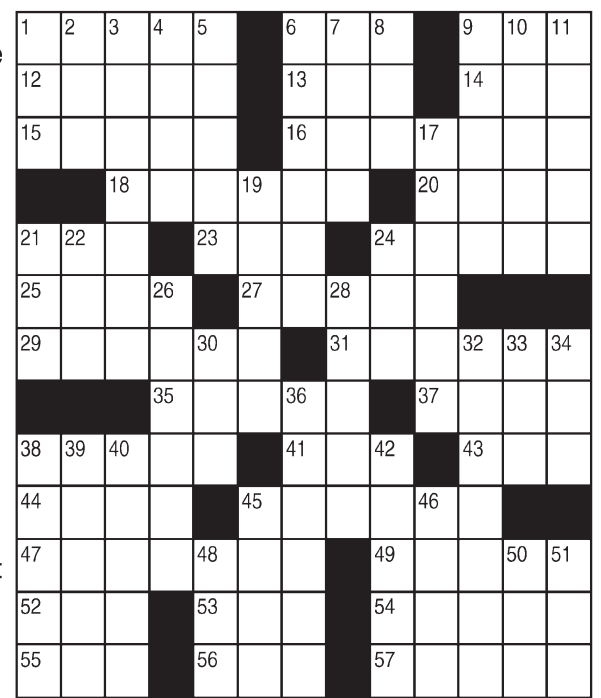
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TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Woodsy home
- 6 Buddy
- 9 Lawyers' org.
- 12 Russian pancakes
- 13 "— -la-lal"
- 14 CSA soldier
- 15 Big name in porcelain
- 16 Expression of regret
- 18 Find
- 20 Flightless flock
- 21 E.T.'s transport
- 23 Previous night
- 24 Wherewithal
- 25 Tatters
- 27 Robin Hood's missile
- 29 Tiers
- 31 Big river
- 35 Helicopter part
- 37 Bygone times
- 38 Go around the world?
- 41 Wager
- 43 Table scrap
- 44 Gaucho's weapon
- 45 Antenna
- 47 Green field?
- 49 Amorphous masses
- 52 Reggae-like music
- 53 Tiny



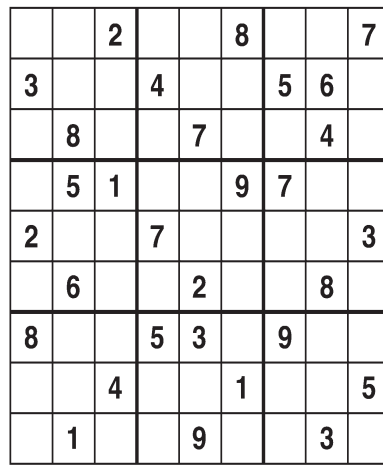
DOWN

- 1 "NCIS" airtel
- 2 Jungfrau, for one
- 3 High school science course
- 4 — -European
- 5 Family girl
- 6 Straw hat
- 7 Lasso
- 8 Discoverer's cry
- 9 Scent
- 10 Started
- 11 Big canyon
- 17 Maneuvering room
- 19 Sailor's "Halt!" address
- 21 Cyber-address
- 22 Air safety org.
- 24 Mid-May honoree
- 26 Soap opera, e.g.
- 28 Harder to find
- 30 Deteriorate
- 32 Fauna study
- 33 Bobby of hockey
- 34 Trawler need
- 36 Followed orders
- 38 Not just chubby
- 39 Ice cubes, slangily
- 40 Swell
- 42 Snug
- 45 Census data
- 46 Winged
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- 50 Clear the tables
- 51 Collection

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

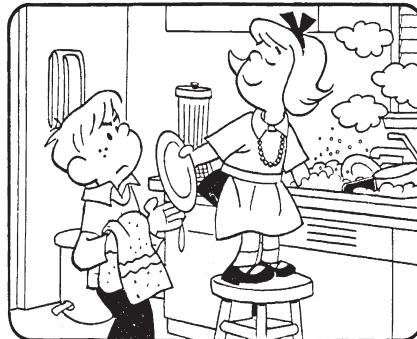
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANATOMY: What are the four lobes of the cerebral cortex?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which month is Black History Month?
3. LITERATURE: Which early American author wrote the "The Scarlet Letter"?
4. CHEMISTRY: Which element is represented by the designation Cl?
5. MEASUREMENTS: How long is a lunar month?
6. SCIENCE: What is the most abundant metal in the Earth's crust?
7. MUSIC: Who wrote the 1962 song "The Loco-Motion"?
8. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home of Great Bear Lake?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state claims to be the "birthplace of aviation"?
10. BUSINESS: What law requires banks to disclose the interest rates on loans?

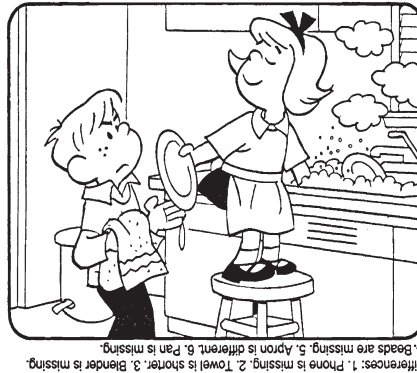
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF

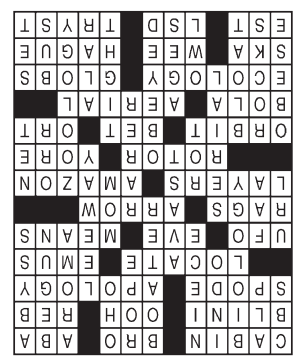


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



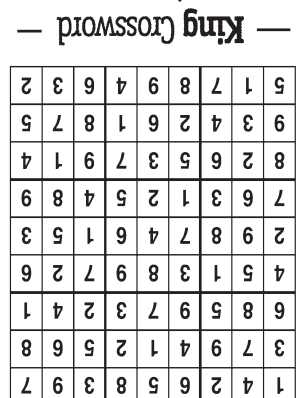
Differences: 1. Phone is missing. 5. Apron is different. 6. Pan is missing. 4. Bread is missing. 8. Apron is different. 9. Pan is missing.

- Trivia Test Answers
1. Frontal lobe, parietal lobe, occipital lobe and temporal lobe
 2. February
 3. Nathaniel Hawthorne
 4. Chlorine
 5. 29.5 days
 6. Aluminum
 7. Gerry Goffin and Carole King
 8. Canada
 9. Ohio
 10. Truth in Lending Act



Solution time: 27 mins.

Answers



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

If a legendary sea creature began using the doorbell more often, I'd say it's the Knock Less Monster.

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: U equals L

MO C URJRFNCDA XRC VDRCZGDR
YRJCF GXMFJ ZKR NSSDYRUU
WSDR SOZRF, M'N XCA MZ'X ZKR
QFSVQ URXX WSFXZRD.

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PLUMBER

Today's Word
1. Ramp; 2. Blunder; 3. Loner; 4. Escape

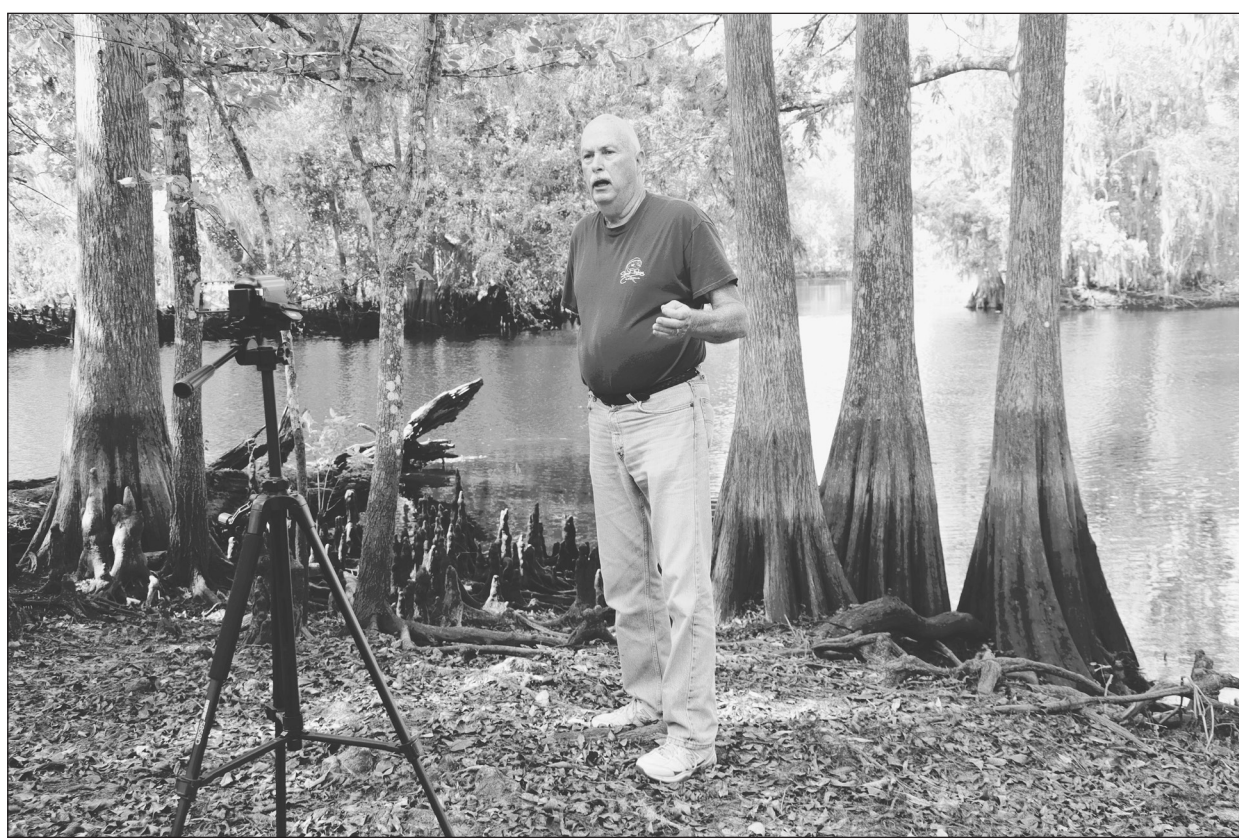
SCRAMBLERS

solution

Recording history



Special to the Times
 With another historical Sumter video in production, local history enthusiast Arthur Hayes with spouse Joy and other volunteer assistants on Monday, Nov. 12, headed deep into the woods of the Half Moon Wildlife Management Area to record a segment at the site of one of Sumter County's "ghost towns," the historic settlement of Alto. Little evidence of the community's former existence is evident except for the gravestones of the Alto Cemetery where Hayes was filming. Hayes' goal for the week was to wrap up location filming for the video based on Edgar Tomberlin's book, "The First 43 Schools of Sumter County - 100 Years Ago." Copies of Hayes' video will eventually be sold to raise funds for the Sumter County Historical Society.



Special to the Times
 Amateur historical video producer Arthur Hayes, on Monday, Nov. 12, was at the Withlacoochee River in Rutland recording a brief segment for his current project, "The First 43 Schools of Sumter County - 43 Years Ago," based on retired educator Edgar Tomberlin's book by the same title. The video project is a fundraiser for the Sumter County Historical Society and copies are likely to become available late this year or early next year.

Villages Regional receives 'Gold Seal' from Joint Commission

Special to the Times

The Villages Regional Hospital announced that it has earned recertification and The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Advanced Certification for primary stroke centers. This also includes the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Heart-Check mark.

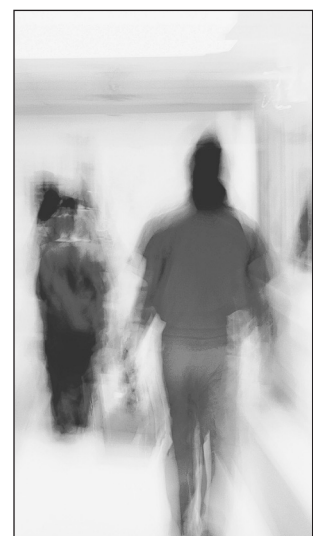
The hospital has been accredited since November 2016 and provides rapid treatment to more than 550 area residents annually, who suffer a stroke.

"Stroke is a brain attack and we should think of it in the same way we think of a heart attack. You need to seek medical treatment quickly," said Don Henderson, president and chief executive officer of Central Florida Health—the not-for-profit parent company of The Villages Regional Hospital.

"Being a certified advanced primary stroke center means we have trained staff and leading-edge technology in place to make an accurate diagnosis and provide our patients with the right care in a timely manner."

The hospital underwent a rigorous on-site review to achieve its recertification. An expert from The Joint Commission reviewed the hospital's compliance with stroke-related standards and requirements, including program management, the delivery of clinical care and performance improvement.

"We congratulate The Villages® Regional Hospital for achieving this designation," said Nancy Brown, chief executive officer, the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association. "By



adhering to this very specific set of treatment guidelines, The Villages® Regional Hospital has clearly made it a priority to deliver high quality care to all patients affected by stroke."

Stroke is the number four cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the United States, according to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 40 seconds; someone dies of a stroke every four minutes; and 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

The hospital is a 307-bed acute care hospital which has more than tripled in size since opening in 2002.

Parent company, Central Florida Health (CFH), is locally owned and governed not-for-profit healthcare system and the largest, most comprehensive provider of healthcare services in the region. CFH provides services to Lake, Sumter, and Marion counties through inpatient acute hospital services at The Villages Regional Hospital and Leesburg Regional Medical Center.

Blood drive slated for Walmart

The next Oneblood blood drive slated for the Walmart Bushnell will be held on Sunday, Dec. 2, from 11 a.m.

to 5 p.m. The Walmart is located at 2163 West C-48.

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LPES Science Superstars



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LPES Science Superstars for first quarter. Each quarter the fifth grade students are given a test on science vocabulary. The top scorers in each class are awarded the Science Superstar award. From left to right: Sariah King, Emily Sclafani, Hannah Roach. Not Pictured: Johiey Orozco.

Free spay/neuter vouchers available

Special to the Times

The Humane Society/SPCA of Sumter County has 100 free spay/neuter vouchers available to qualifying Sumter County residents' dogs and cats. Please remember that all breeds are eligible for this program. The added expense of feeding and vetting so many additional pets can put a large financial burden on a household, with limited income.

Did you know that puppies and kittens can reproduce as young as four months old? Be part of the solution, as a responsible pet owner, and have your pets spayed or neutered before you are facing a litter of unwanted puppies or kittens that are then

facing an uncertain future. Call the shelter or come by, to complete your application on the number of pets you need neutered, before it's too late. Please share this information with anyone you think could benefit from the free 'big fix' voucher program.

The Humane Society/SPCA of Sumter County is a 501(c)3 non-profit, no-kill shelter helping animals in need throughout Sumter County.

Donations directly help cover the cost of saving, treating and caring for neglected, abused and abandoned animals. Learn more about the HS/SPCA at hsspea.org, 352-793-9117, on Facebook or at the shelter located at 994 C.R. 529A, in Lake Panasoffkee.

Area BRIEFS

Environmental group to host next meeting

The Villages Environmental Group will host Steve Turnipseed as the guest speaker at their next event. The meeting will be held from 12:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the Belvedere Library, 325 Belvedere Blvd.

Turnipseed is the president of the Villages Florida Native Plant Society. Steve will describe proper design and installation of a drip irrigation system. He will discuss how this system results in saving water and improving plant health. Bring your gardening questions for him.

Amy Gianotti, lake division manager for the City of Winter Park will also serve as a guest speaker, focusing her talk on the Cambrian Foundation. She will discuss featured projects including: SS Commadore, Apopka Blue Sink, the Florida Springs Biodiversity Project and various watershed clean-ups.

The programs are free and those who attend are encouraged to invite others.

Please send an RSVP to resource.wisdom@gmail.com.

Birthday bash for Hector the patas monkey

Celebrating Florida International Teaching Zoo's second anniversary at their new facility includes a weekend birthday bash for Hector the patas monkey.

Hector is turning 15 and will be honored with birthday cake for all on the weekend of Dec. 15.

In addition, in anticipation of the FITZ Aviary's upcoming opening, they will be unveiling their new African Superb Starlings.

The Florida International Teaching Zoo (FITZ) student-guided tours start at

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Tri-County Community Center hosting events

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SCREA learns about Big Brothers, Big Sisters

JOYCE WHITE
Special to the Times

The Sumter County Retired Educators Association held its monthly meeting on Oct. 4 at the First Baptist Church of Bushnell.

Guest speakers were Donna Ledford and Nancy Larger who represented Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay. This organization is in need of volunteers to mentor local students in all schools. At the present time, 23 children are waiting for a Big Brother, Big Sister or Big Couple in Sumter County.

Their motto is "A Little Bit of Time can make a BIG difference." There are two types of service available: one is community based and the other is site based (meaning that you would meet the student at a local school). If you are interested in volunteering to mentor a child, please contact Donna Ledford at DonnaL@bbstampabay.org.

President Renée Carter called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. and membership chairman, Evelyn Hill, welcomed everyone. Jackie Peterson gave the thought for the day on the Old Testament book of Numbers. The point of the devotional

was that we should understand that difficult times happen to all people and we should try to stand in the gap for one another.

Ed Tomberlin gave a report on membership concerns and legislative issues. The District Workshop will take place on Oct. 19 at the Marion Technical College in Ocala. Vice President Debbie Barnes is working on the chapter scholarships for high school students to be awarded next May.

Members brought books to purchase with the donations going into the scholarship fund. Canned goods were brought to donate to the Hope Center, sponsored

by the church. The members enjoyed a luncheon prepared by Sonny's BBQ. The next chapter meeting will be December 6 at 10:45. The Fruit Pickers of First Baptist Church, Bushnell, will provide Christmas entertainment. At that time, the chapter will collect children's books and toys for various organizations.

Nancy Larger (left) and Donna Ledford, of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay are shown during the October meeting of the Sumter County Retired Educators Association.

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