

Times photo

Grant Grogan.

## Group home still needs more funds

Staff reports

The drive to gather the last few thousand dollars for the Bushnell SCARC Inc. group home continues.

Make sure to read this week's guest column from SCARC Inc. President Lee Krauss on the editorial page.

The community has continued to work to make up a shortfall in last year's house budget.

Four SCARC, Inc. clients are residents in the home. Earlier this year, the home was running with the funding from only three clients, which put residents in danger of being forced to be transferred to nursing homes for residency.

During those months, the shortage began to pile up until it reached in the tens of thousands of dollars. The community has been donating in an effort to cover the difference and it's almost done, as shown by the gauge.

Grant Grogan is one of four clients living in the home.

In an earlier interview, done by a staff member at

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# Kids Central Inc. reports data breach

Employee accidentally mailed client names to 65 parents

Special to the Times

Kids Central Inc., the Circuit 5 lead community-based care agency, advises the public of a breach of protected health information. On Dec. 19, 2018, an employee emailing approximately 65 parents inadvertently sent an attachment containing client names, their dates of birth and Medicaid numbers. Please note

that the file did not include Social Security numbers, credit card numbers or personal financial information.

Immediately, Kids Central Inc. thoroughly investigated the incident and took the necessary precautions to contain the breach, according to a news release from Kids Central. This included contacting all recipients of the email to ensure that they promptly

deleted it. The agency also sent notification letters via First Class Mail to everyone.

Potentially affected clients are advised to immediately take the following steps:

1. Carefully review any Medicaid statements you receive for your child. If you believe a statement includes services your child did not receive, Please see BREACH/Page A2

# Wildwood brothers charged with sexual battery

Special to the Times

Two Wildwood brothers are facing sexual battery charges after their arrests last week, by the Wildwood Police Department (WPD).

Juleo Devion Pressoir and Juluis Davon Pressoir, both 18, were arrested Monday,

Feb. 11, by

WPD detectives investigating an alleged incident of sexual battery that occurred at a Wildwood residence, according to a news release by Wildwood Chief of Police Paul Sireci.



Juleo Pressoir

Both were released on a bond of \$10,000 each, hours after they were booked into the Sumter County Detention Center, according to a center report.

WPD investigators were notified Feb. 10 when a 16-year-old girl reported that the Pressoir brothers had non-consensual sex

with her at their residence in Wildwood, according to the WPD news release. Detectives accompanied the victim

to a forensic interview at The Children's Advocacy Center in Leesburg and the minor victim provided details about the offense.

The investigation revealed that the victim knew both suspects personally and attends school with them, according to Sireci. The victim was picked up by the suspects and they drove her to their residence. The victim stated that once they arrived at the residence, both brothers had non-consensual sex with her.

The victim was then taken back to the Brownwood

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# PICKIN' IN THE PARK



MARTIN STEELE/Sumter County Times

The Back Porch Pickers on Saturday, February 9, performed in Bushnell's downtown park. Left to right are Donna Gibson, Terry Wooley, Gene Hannah, Steve Bradley and Mary Lee Martinson. Vocalist Jan Ladd is not shown. See more photos on Page A7

## 'Pickers' entertain in downtown Bushnell

BY MARTIN STEELE  
Staff writer

The wind and sometimes threatening clouds apparently kept the listeners away, but it couldn't stop The Back Porch Pickers as they delivered another concert in Bushnell's Music in the Park series.

The "Pickers," a group of both local and winter retirees, have been playing around the central Florida area for a number of years and deliver a unique blend of gospel, bluegrass and "olde tyme country" music.

Guitars, a bass, mandolin and banjo make for

a lively pace in the music with each musician and one extra vocalist harmonizing for a traditional sound. This performance, in Bushnell's downtown park, was sponsored by the city and produced by Hal Ballew.

If you missed this performance of the "Pickers," they have another local public performance scheduled for Saturday afternoon, March 9, during the Webster Extravaganza in downtown Webster: Live music is 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be more activity in Bushnell's park, 4 p.m. - 8 ap.m., Saturday, Feb. 16, when the city presents another event in its Classic Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show series.

# Soul Food Fest features Blanche J

## Event kicks off Feb. 23 in The Villages

Special to the Times

Young Performing Artists (YPAs), Inc. is hosting its third annual Soul Food Fest, Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Rohan Recreation Center in The Villages.

This year's event will feature the soulful sounds of Blanche Johnson (Blanche J), a Wildwood High School graduate, who is rocking the scenes in the music industry.

Along her journey to create a name for herself, Blanche J has had the honor and privilege of singing alongside or accompanying such great names as Kim Burrell, Kelly Price, Vanessa Bell Armstrong and Blanche McAllister-Dykes. Blanche J's background in soul, R&B, gospel and classical music shines through in

everything she sings. She is currently working on her new album, which will be produced by the mastermind, Micki Miller.

Also, local caterers, David and Katrina Lyons of the Lyons Den will prepare a soul food menu of barbecue, baked or fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, perlo rice, collard greens, green beans, cornbread, dinner rolls, sweet potato bread, 7-Up pound cake, peach cobbler and sweet and unsweet tea.

You're invited to come, dance to the music of Jero Greene the 'King Of Line Dancing' - KOLD and have a memorial photo taken by Quenton Jones of Q Stop/Jones - the members of Phenomenal Sisters will assist you.

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# Shooting for charity



Special to the Times

Inverness shooting enthusiast Joe Mulvey shoots from one of the stations scattered throughout the Blackjack Sporting Clays course in Sumterville. Mulvey, an Inverness winter resident, was among about 100 shooters participating in the Shooting With Sheriff Farmer charity event. See more photos on Page 8

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## Lake Panaosoffkee Elementary announces spelling bee winners



Special to the Times

Lake Panaosoffkee Elementary School announced their annual school spelling bee winners recently. This year's classroom winners are shown (left to right): Lexi Wills, Emily Sclafani, Kyvan Caine, Audrey Perkins, Sariah King, Layla Moran, Hannah Roach, Julian Chang, and Heaven Raymond.



Special to the Times

Lake Panaosoffkee Elementary School announced their annual school spelling bee winners recently. The overall school winners were Sariah King in first place, Kyvan Caine in second and Lexi Wills in third.

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Tickets are \$30 person; call for reservations.

"We're gearing up for our annual spring break youth enrichment activities, planned for Monday, March 4 - Thursday, March 7, from

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.," said YPAS Inc. founder Beverly Steele.

The summer program will include free lunch and snacks for the children who attend and the Soul Food Fest will help fund the four days of activities.

"We greatly appreciate your support," she said. The signature sponsor of the event is The Hometown Civitan Group

of The Villages.

The address for the event is 850 Kristine Way in The Villages.

For tickets and more information, The Villages contacts are Anne Timoner, at 203-927-3102 or Carol Broos at 847-845-5151. Call the Young Center at 352-748-0260 or send an email to young artists@aol.com.

## HOME

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SCARC, Grant shared his concerns if the group home should close.

"What makes me fearful is being in an institution. They stick you in a room, might give you breakfast and lunch, but there's

no interaction with people. Interaction with others is the cornerstone of an individual's life and well-being. Here, every day is a new day. You never know what's going to happen, from one minute of every day to the next."

For those interested in making a donation, SCARC is located at 213 W. McCollum Avenue in Bushnell. For more information, call 352-793-5156.

## BREACH

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immediately call the telephone number listed on the statement and report your concern to Medicaid.

2. Although your child's Medicaid number is not directly related to credit status, consider taking

additional steps to prevent identify theft.

3. Order your credit reports. By establishing a fraud alert, you will receive a follow-up letter that will explain how you can receive a free copy of your credit report. When you receive your credit report, examine it closely and look for signs of fraud, such as credit accounts that are not yours.

4. Continue to monitor your credit reports. Even though a fraud alert has been placed on your account, you should continue to monitor your credit reports to ensure an imposter has not opened an account with your personal information.

This public notice follows the federal requirements regarding breaches

of information. Kids Central Inc. is committed to maintaining confidential information. Moving forward, staff will receive intensive training on securing confidential information, including the encryption of all sensitive data.

"We take the confidentiality and security of our clients' personal data very seriously," said John Cooper, CEO of Kids Central.

"We have acted as quickly as possible to limit risk to our clients. We sincerely regret that this has happened and offer our apologies as we continue to work to address the incident."

Kids Central made every effort to send a letter regarding this breach to all potentially affected clients. If you did not receive a letter and believe you should have, please

contact Kids Central to provide your current information or call during regular business hours to update your contact information.

If there are any questions regarding this information breach or if you feel you may have been impacted, contact privacy@kidscentralinc.org or call toll-free 833-849-7250.

## CHARGED

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Square by the brothers, according to the press release. The girl eventually told a friend what had happened and the friend contacted law enforcement.

When detective interviewed the brothers, both Juluis and Juleo admitted that they had sexual intercourse with the victim, according to WPD.

The investigation is ongoing, according to Sireci.

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# Youth center raising funds with raffle

**BRENDA LOCKLEAR**  
Times editor

Win a Gravely ZT 50 - or you might at least get in on the action and take a chance. The Sumter County Youth Center has a brand new way to raise funds, thanks to their Gravely ZT 50 raffle.

Tickets are \$25 each and the mower is valued at \$2,700.

The drawing will be held on May 1 or whenever the last ticket is sold, whichever comes first. There are only 250 tickets being sold and all proceeds will benefit the youth center.

"We serve about 280 students daily in our programs, between our two centers," said center director Della Boushley.

They serve the county through a center in Bushnell and a center in

Wildwood, offering parents summer and after-school child care, with a variety of educational and recreational options.

"We must raise approximately 60 percent of our budget," for their annual operations, Boushley said. That's over what they make from thrift store sales.

The program and annual budget is about \$380,000 total, to operate maintain the program in both centers.

"It's a safe, economic place to keep the kids safe, with a variety of things to keep them interested and active," Boushley said.

That includes sports and other recreational activities, a computer lab and more.

Right now, the cost is \$20 per week, per child

for the after-school program and \$40 per week, per child for the summer program, because of the county's free lunch designation. The cost will remain that low, as long as the school district maintains the free lunch status.

The after school program runs from afternoon until 6 p.m. and the summer program runs from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

They provide free snacks in the after-school program.

The center does a variety of fund-raisers each year, including hosting a circus, a dance in The Villages, classic car shows and more.

She said they also have repairs and upgrades that need to be done at the Bushnell facility, so that means they need to raise an additional

\$10,000 to cover the work.

For more information on the center

Contact Times editor Brenda Locklear at 352-793-2161 or blocklear@sctnews.com.

**Della Boushley shows off the Gravely ZT 50 up for raffle - \$25 a ticket, only 250 tickets being sold as part of a Sumter County Youth Center fund-raiser. The mower is valued at \$2,700 and the drawing will be held on May 1 or whenever the last ticket is sold, whichever comes first. All proceeds will benefit the youth center. Tickets are available at either youth center, the thrift shop on Main Street in Bushnell, Howie's Restaurant or Center State Bank.**

Special to the Times



## Sumter County Master Gardeners to host annual horticulture show

Special to the Times

Come join the fun and enter your favorite plants or dish gardens in the 2019 UF/IFAS Master Gardener Horticulture Show.

The annual show is part of the Sumter County Fair, an event that is enjoyed by thousands of residents and visitors, each year.

This year's Sumter County Fair theme is Masquerade Ball and your plant may be the one to win the best of show. There is a youth division that includes a special gift for the winner.

Plant check in is slated from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27 and Thursday, Feb. 28. Bring plants to the 4-H Building at the Sumter County Fairgrounds - 7620 S.R. 471, Bushnell. Judging will be

completed the morning of Friday, March 1, just before the fair opens. Plants must remain on exhibit for the duration of the fair, which runs through March 9. Please follow the list of horticulture show rules that are included here.

Horticulture Show Rules

1. Competition is open to all residents and amateur gardeners of Sumter County.

2. There is also a youth division for gardeners 18 years and younger.

3. Only one (1) plant in a container is permitted (exceptions: dish gardens and collections).

4. Exhibitors must have grown the plant for at least two months.

5. Dish gardens and youth entries must have been grown for one month.

6. Entries must be in

clean containers.

7. Exhibits must have the plant name, along with exhibitor's name, address and phone number.

8. The plant must be clean and free of pests, insects, diseases and weeds.

The classification committee checks and approves plants for entry and may create a new division or class.

The management will exercise all possible care but cannot be responsible for damage or loss.

Exhibits are judged for perfection as follows: cultural perfection is worth 40 points, color - 20, conditioning and grooming - 20, form - 10 and size - 10 for a total of 100 possible points.

For more information, contact Donna Lester at dmlster@ufl.edu or call 352-569-6864.



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CAP representatives Rozanne Grady (center) and Darla Huddleston (second from right) are shown accepting the award. Left to right are: Pat Castillo, director of National Coalition Institute and vice president of training operations with CADCA; Retired U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Arthur Dean - chairman and CEO with CADCA; Grady, Sumter CAP Prevention Coordinator; Huddleston, director of E3 Family Solutions; Jerilyn Simpson Jordan, vice Chair and CADCA, founder, past president and CEO of San Bernardino Communities Against Drugs Inc.

## Sumter CAP honored at national forum

Special to the Times

On February 5th, Sumter CAP (Community Action Partnership) Drug Free Coalition was one of 112 community coalitions that were honored during a special event ceremony of Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) National Leadership Forum.

The event, a graduation ceremony, was held just outside of Washington, D.C. and the 100-plus coalitions received graduation certification for completing CADCA's National Coalition Academy - a rigorous training program designed to increase the effectiveness of community drug prevention leaders.

"We are so proud of our coalition for investing the time and resources to take advantage of the best community coalition training in the world. To graduate from this yearlong intensive course is no small feat and Sumter CAP Drug Free Coalition is more prepared today to be an effective, sustainable coalition because of this training," said Rozanne Grady, CAP prevention coordinator.

"We look forward to

applying our knowledge and strategies to ensure the youth in our community live drug free."

The coalition remains busy and involved in the community. They recently worked on implementing underage alcohol compliance checks with the Wildwood Police Department. They are also continuing with their monthly Friday Night Done Right events - for students to enjoy a "fun, alcohol and drug free" event in local communities.

CAP partners with the Sumter County Sheriff's Office on the prescription take back boxes, educating residents in the community on the proper and safe way to dispose of unused prescription drugs.

"In the past year we have had 213 parents attend parent education events and 1,446 teens reached with 32 education programs," said Grady.

She notes that CADCA's National Coalition Academy (NCA) is a comprehensive, yearlong training program developed by CADCA's National Coalition Institute. The NCA incorporates three, weeklong classroom sessions, a web-based distance learning

She component, an online workstation where participants network and share planning products and free ongoing coalition development technical assistance. To graduate, coalitions must complete a rigorous curriculum. They must participate in all components of the NCA and complete five essential planning products that serve as the foundation of their comprehensive plan for community change.

CADCA's National Leadership Forum is a four-day event, packed with opportunities to learn the latest strategies to address substance abuse and hear from nationally-known prevention experts, federal administrators and concerned policymakers. The forum brings together approximately 3,000 attendees representing coalitions from all regions of the country and world - government leaders, youth, prevention specialists, addiction treatment professionals, addiction recovery advocates, researchers, educators, law enforcement professionals and faith-based leaders. It is the largest training event for the prevention field, Grady said.

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# Sumter County Times Opinion

## Editorial

### Buy a ticket to win lawn mower and help a child

An “economic and safe” place for children in the community — a place where they’re active and involved. A place where they don’t have to be home alone.

It sounds like the Sumter County Youth Center might be a good place for kids to be — after school or on summer days.

\$20 a week for after-school care for a child and \$40 a week for all-day care is an amazing bargain.

But it also sounds like the Sumter County Youth Center has to work hard to make their annual budget and keep the fees as low as possible. They have several fund raisers each year, so

there are opportunities for residents to take part in helping. Right now, they’re selling tickets for a chance to win a brand new, \$2,700 Gravely lawn mower. Tickets are \$25 each and only 250 tickets are being sold, total.

And what a cause — something that’s working for the entire community, helping to insure these youth are safer and gaining knowledge as they go.

It’s a great opportunity to help out and who knows, summer’s just around the corner and when all’s said and done, you might just have yourself a brand new lawn mower.



Brenda Locklear  
EDITOR

## Letters to the editor

### Habitat for Humanity and United Way host food drive

Thursday, March 7th Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter will partner with the United Way of Lake & Sumter Counties to collect food for individuals and families who have been directly affected by the recent government shutdown. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter’s ReStore locations — 6761 C.R. 148, Wildwood.

After a five-week government shutdown, federal employees have returned to work, but the loss is still felt by those in our community who experienced over a month without reliable sources of income. Unexpected loss of income can impact many; even as the recovery process begins. In an effort to offset some of that impact, United Way of Lake & Sumter Counties has rallied local non-profit partners to collectively hold food drives in support of those who have continued to feel the effects of withheld wages.

“With speculation and uncertainty about another possible government shutdown, the timing seemed right. Our ReStores are in ideal locations spread evenly throughout both counties — it made sense to act as one of the community

partners.” says Danielle Stroud, Director of Development

As an incentive, community members who donate food to any ReStore location may visit the cashier to receive a 10% off coupon for ReStore purchases valid through March 9th, 2019.

United Way is working to advance the common good by focusing on education, income and health. These are the building blocks for a good life — a quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement, and good health.

Habitat for Humanity Lake-Sumter ReStores are non-profit home improvement stores and donation centers that sell new and gently used furniture, appliances, home accessories, building materials and more to the public at a fraction of the retail price. Proceeds are used to help build strength, stability, self-reliance and shelter in our hometown community. All donations are tax deductible and better yet we offer FREE, easy pickup! 100 percent of the sales from Habitat for Humanity ReStores support our Hometown projects.

United Way Lake and Sumter

### SSMS health students to compete at state level

A total of 21 South Sumter Middle School Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) participated in regional competition at Winter Haven High School — all came home with medals and will be continuing to the next level of competition.

They are now eligible for the State Leadership Conference where they will compete against HOSA members from

all over the state.

We are excited for our members and so proud of all the hard work that they have put into their events. The parents and the community have been so supportive. We are extremely appreciative to all the support that Sonny’s BBQ has given to our club.

Kimberly Beserock  
SSMS HOSA sponsor

## BEYOND SUMTER



## Letters to the editor

### SCARC Inc. needs the public’s help

We are well into the new year already and we’re so close to reaching our goal. Our “Save Grants Home” campaign has been very successful; the new roof has been installed and the funding gap left to us because of an empty bed is nearly filled. So first let me say, if you have made a donation thank you. If you’ve been thinking of making a donation, but just haven’t done it, yet let me encourage you to do so now.

Hello, I’m Lee Krauss, the current president of SCARC Inc. let me tell you a little about our organization.

SCARC Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that was founded in 1974 by a small group of Sumter County residents with a singular purpose in mind. That was to provide services, care and education to adults with developmental disabilities. Although we have grown over the years our goal and focus has never changed.

Grants house is one of two, four-bed group homes that we operate in Bushnell. We provide 24-hour-a-day care for

the most severely handicapped of our clients. We also operate a day program to provide evaluation, education and life skill training and other services, for nearly 50 other adults that live in nearby communities. And we provide work for those who are able, such as lawn crews and some minor assembly work. This provides some extra income and a sense of accomplishment to those who are able to work.

Raising funds has always been necessary to maintain our program. A common misconception among many people is that “the government” takes care of adults with developmental disabilities. Unfortunately, that is simply not true.

Yes, there are state-funded programs and we take advantage of any that we qualify for.

And yes, Sumter County has always been a good friend and partner to us, but even with that assistance, we fall far short of meeting the needs of these individuals.

We are the only program of its kind in Sumter County and there are literally hundreds

of residents on a waiting list for our services — more than 20,000 waiting for services statewide. We are always looking for compassionate people with a heart, to help individuals less fortunate than themselves. Your gifts are greatly appreciated - we ask that you please keep them coming.

We are also always looking for individuals, civic organizations and businesses that would be willing to come alongside and partner with us through monthly contributions.

That would help us stabilize our finances and help us keep looking to the future. Many in our program have little or no family support systems.

If you are willing to help us or need more information, please contact us - Lee Krauss at 352-303-0845 or SCARC Inc. at 352-793-5156,

Please make checks payable to SCARC Inc., 213 W. McCollum Ave., Bushnell, FL 33513.

Lee Krauss  
president, SCARC Inc.

## Showcase your art at Sumter County Fair

If you can paint it, build it, sew it, grow it, cook it or collect it, then most likely, you can enter it into the Sumter County Fair Family Living Exhibit! The exhibit hall is open to all youth and adults.

Now is the time to get your projects in motion, or gather the treasures you’ve made over the past year and prepare them for entry. All items are judged and earn a ribbon - blue, red or white. Youth who enter have the opportunity to earn premium money for items that win first place and best of show.

You’ve still got plenty of time before the county fair starts Friday, March 1, but it’s definitely time to start your projects and make your plans to enter. All items must be checked in between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 25 at the Sumter County Fairgrounds. The facility is located at 7620 SR 471 Bushnell. No early or late items will be accepted.

Entry forms and rules are now available online at [www.sumterfair.net](http://www.sumterfair.net) or at <http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/sumter/4-h-youth-development/events-and-activities>.

Hard copies can be picked up at the UF/IFAS Extension Office 7620 SR 471, Suite 2 Bushnell.

Please choose the “2019 Family Living Exhibit Rules & Entry Form” on the websites.

There are two sets of rules and entry forms, one for all youth participants and another for all adult participants. Please make sure you select the correct set of rules and entry forms.



For more information or questions, please contact the UF/IFAS Extension Sumter County 4-H Office at 352-569-6863. Thank you and hope to see you on February, 25th!

Family Living Expo coordinators

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# Two face drug, weapons charges

By **MARTIN STEELE**  
Staff writer

An Oxford man and Webster woman face multiple drug and weapons charges, after their joint arrest, last week, by the Sumter County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) Special Investigations Squad.

Early in the evening on Monday, Feb. 11, squad officers were waiting at the Wildwood Commons apartments on Lee Street, in Wildwood, to serve an arrest warrant for Neomi Estrellita Contreras, 20, of Webster, according to SCSO arrest reports. She was wanted for alleged narcotics sales.



**Neomi Contreras**

While officers maintained surveillance, she reportedly left the apartment with Nicholas Gene "Nick" Darnell, 22, of Oxford. When officers stopped their vehicle, they reported an "overwhelming odor of unburned marijuana emitting from within the vehicle" and conducted a warrantless search.



**Nicholas Darnell**

The search revealed two glass smoking devices – "bongs" – behind the front passenger seat occupied by Contreras, according to the report. Inside a purse that she identified as hers, they also found an electric "stun gun."

Contreras was found to have two prior Florida felony convictions, according to the report.

The search also

revealed a backpack containing a locked security safe. Investigators obtained a court-issued warrant to search it the next day, where they reportedly found bags of methamphetamine, a small "baggie" of heroin, packages of Suboxone – a controlled substance, small baggie of cocaine, a folded twenty-dollar bill containing methamphetamine, a baggie with cardboard LSD squares, a glass jar containing a green leafy substance (marijuana), a digital scale, four broken glass smoking pipes with methamphetamine residue and a loaded .22 caliber with a box of ammunition.

Darnell also was found to have a prior felony conviction in Florida. As he was removed from the vehicle, he advised the only thing belonging to him within the vehicle was a small brown bag which was inside a book bag he was seen carrying, according to the report. Darnell told investigators there was a grinder with marijuana inside the bag which would be causing the odor. During a search of the bag, detectives found a grinder commonly used to grind up raw marijuana for smoking, according to the report. Officers found a small in the grinder and an "Altoids" tin a small amount of green, leafy substance.

Darnell is charged with

marijuana possession; marijuana possession with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver; amphetamine traffic, heroin possession with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver; synthetic narcotic possession with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver; hallucinogen possession with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver; possession of weapon or ammunition by convicted felon; and two counts possession or use of drug equipment, according to a Sumter Detention Center report. He is detained with total bond set at \$88,000.

Contreras is charged with sale of methamphetamine; possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver; keep shop or vehicle for drugs; use of a two-way communication device to facilitate a felony; amphetamine traffic; possession of synthetic narcotic with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver; possession of hallucinogen with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver; possession of heroin with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver; possession of cocaine with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver; marijuana possession with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver; and two counts each possession or use of drug equipment and possession of weapon or ammunition by convicted felon, according to a Sumter County Detention Center Report. She remains in detention with bond set at \$113,000.

## Arrest REPORTS

### Sunday, Feb. 10

**Kelly Michelle Brown**, 37, Lk. Panasoffkee, arrested for driving while license suspended.

**Stephen Alan Cefaratti**, The Villages, arrested for possession or use of drug equipment.

**Ryan William Kindel**, 43, Sumterville, arrested for possession or use of drug equipment.

**Leroy Lee Pierce**, 60, Webster, arrested for DUI.

**Monday, Feb. 11**  
**Torence Demetrics Billings**, 40, Wildwood, arrested

for contempt of court.

**Eli Russell Carroll**, 34, Nobleton, arrested for withholding support and probation violation.

**Neomi Estrellita Contreras**, 20, Webster, arrested for sale of methamphetamine; See **REPORTS/Page A13**

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So, this is the last time I'm writing about Jonah — I promise. Maybe.

It's just that his story is so chock-full of things that smack me between my eyes.

Last week I wrote about being inside the fish. This week, Jonah's been spit out onto the shore, alive.

My pastor said of this recently: "The grace of God spins you like a tornado, then it throws you out."

He added, "It throws you back in the fray," back in the game, back in the battle.

Once Jonah is no longer fish food, God tells him again to go to Ninevah, to Jonah's hated enemies, to tell them that certain destruction is coming their way unless they repent.



**Nancy Kennedy**  
Special to the Times

## Oh, that Jonah, Part 3 Grace notes

This time Jonah goes. He preaches, the people and even the king repents, and God spares them and everyone is happy.

Except Jonah. Jonah is not the hero in this story. He is not held out as a shining example of faith and obedience.

Yes, when God gives him a second chance - God is the hero in the story because he doesn't leave Jonah to die inside the fish but has mercy on him - Jonah obeys.

But, as we soon find out,

he obeys because he really wants the Ninevites to refuse to repent so he can watch God destroy them.

When God doesn't destroy them and instead shows them compassion, Jonah blows a gasket. He yells at God, "I knew it! I knew that you're gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity" (Jonah 4:2).

Can't you hear him spitting out his accusations? Instead of being happy

that God shows grace to Ninevah, happy that his preaching brought revival to an entire city, Jonah is furious, "angry enough to die," he tells God.

Then, in his fury, Jonah sits on a hill outside the city to pout, hoping that God will change his mind and destroy the Ninevites after all.

That doesn't happen.

Instead, God confronts Jonah about his anger, and as my pastor pointed out in his sermon last week, he confronts us about our

anger, our own lack of compassion for people we would rather see be destroyed than receive the grace of God.

Up on that hill, Jonah cares more about a plant that dies than he does about a city with 120,000 people.

"Do you do well to be angry?" God asks him.

Other Bible translations say, "What right do you have to be angry?" or "Does being angry make you right?" or "Do you have good reason to be

angry?" The book of Jonah ends with God asking Jonah, "Should I not have compassion on Ninevah?"

My pastor ended the sermon series on Jonah with God's question turned on us:

"Should I not have compassion on (insert the name of your enemy or the name of someone you think doesn't deserve grace)?"

Do you - do I - do well to be angry with God if he does?

*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

### Women's Spring Fling — Kennedy to speak

First Baptist Church of Webster will host a Women's Spring Fling, "Bloom Where You Are Planted" event on Saturday, March 9.

Set from 9 a.m. to noon, the event will include brunch, music, fun and guest speaker Nancy Kennedy, as well as music by Shirley Bradner.

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.

Her weekly columns also appear in the Sumter County Times newspaper.

The event cost is \$5 per person. Contact Kay Wall at 352-254-1131 to RSVP.

### Priscilla Shirer Simulcast event in Wildwood

The Ladies Ministry of First Baptist Church of Wildwood is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Priscilla Shirer Live Simulcast ("Going Beyond Simulcast with Priscilla Shirer") and worship with Anthony Evans, on April 6. The event is set

from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the church. Doors open at 9 a.m. and the simulcast begins at 10 a.m. The address is 402 Oxford Street in Wildwood.

Tickets are \$25 each and include your booklet for the simulcast and a boxed lunch. Tickets can be purchased online at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fbc-wildwood-ladies-ministry-host-priscilla-shirer-live-simulcast-tickets-54344584114>

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### Florida Bible Institute new term starting

The FBI (Florida Bible Institute) at Cross Connection

Church, Bushnell, will be offering Hermeneutics 2, Assembly of God History and Intro to Homiletics (Preaching), beginning Tuesday, March 19. The cost of each course is \$90, which includes the textbook, tuition and study materials. The one-time new student fee is \$30.

FBI is a ministry of the Assemblies of God, using the Berean School of the Bible curriculum and evening classroom settings.

The Bushnell campus meets on Tuesday nights with classes at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

All courses meet the academic requirements of the AG for ministerial training.

The campus is located at Cross Connection Church - 11451 W. C.R. 476 Bushnell.

The website for FBI is [www.fbitampa.org](http://www.fbitampa.org).

Call Director Rev. Jo Wiley at 352-568-8034 for more information.

### Weekly 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,

### 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.

### JOY 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.

### Young At Heart

The Young At Heart meet at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of every month.

The gathering includes potluck dinner and is hosted at First Baptist Church of Lake Panasoffkee, 352-793-5510.

### 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

See CHURCH/Page A14

### Ladies of Bushnell Baptist hosting spring lunch

The ladies of First Baptist Church, Bushnell, will host a salad luncheon/tea on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019. The event will begin at 11:59 a.m. in the former church sanctuary, 125 W. Anderson in Bushnell.

Admission is a dish of your favorite salad to share. All ladies and girls kindergarten and up are invited.

Child care is provided for all other children. Babies up thru pre-kindergarten will be gathered in the nursery area. Boys kindergarten through fifth will be gathered in the children's wing.

Call the church office at 352-793-4612 to reserve a spot for your child.

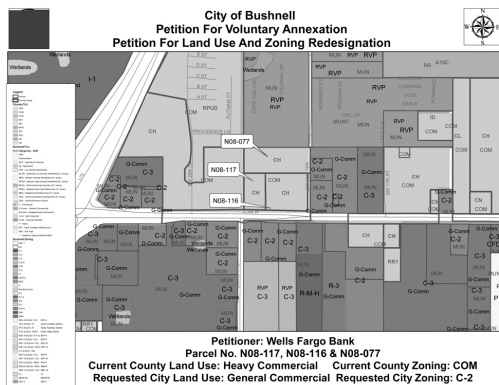
This luncheon pays honor to Annie Armstrong, a Virginian who was instrumental in establishing the Southern Baptist women's mission ministries.

— From staff reports

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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 March 4, 2019 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 2019-07

Parcel Numbers: N08-077, N08-116, N08-117

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 2019-08

Parcel Numbers N08-077, N08-116, N08-117

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

### ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-09

Parcel Numbers N08-077, N08-116, N08-117

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

City of Bushnell

Christina Dixon  
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Pastor Randy Alonso

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Public Worship: 10:30 A.M.  
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**352-793-4202**

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125 W. Anderson Ave. 793-4612  
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• Sunday Worship.....6:00 P.M.  
• Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 P.M.

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The Back Porch Pickers are, left to right, Donna Gibson on the mandolin, guitarist Terry Wooley, vocalist Jan Ladd, bass player Steve Bradley, guitarist Mary Lee Martinson and banjo player Gene Hannah.

# Pickin' in the park

*Photos by Martin Steele/Sumter County Times*



Istachatta resident, guitarist and vocalist Mary Lee Martinson energizes another performance by The Back Porch Pickers, playing Saturday, March 9, in Bushnell's downtown park.



Bass player Steve Bradley keeps a steady rhythm with his elegant instrument.



Fingers strumming and plucking at The Back Porch Pickers' instruments produce an exceptional blend of traditional old-time music.



Terry Wooley, one of the two primary guitar players in The Back Porch Pickers, keeps the tunes flowing during a Saturday afternoon performance by the group.



Musician Steve Bradley brings his own fan when he's performing. Thirteen-year-old "Buddy" in his stroller, does "everything that I do," Bradley said.



With shooting partner John Henry at the trap controls, shooter Dick Arnold has got a bead on a clay target coming out of the trees in front of him. Both of The Villages residents were participating in the Shooting With Sheriff Farmer fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 9, at Blackjack Sporting Clays in Sumterville.

# Shooting with the sheriff



Sumter County Sheriff Bill Farmer, center, Blackjack Sporting Clays owner Dale Walker, right, and Bill Frye, president of Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches, Inc., on Saturday, Feb. 9, welcome participants to the inaugural Shooting With Sheriff Farmer fundraiser in Sumterville. About 100 participants turned out for the shotgun-shooting event.

**RIGHT:** Shooters waiting for their turn at the station scan the sky for one of the highest flying targets presented on the Blackjack Sporting Clays course in Sumterville.

**FAR RIGHT:** Carts and shotgun shooters Saturday, Feb. 9, filled the trails of Blackjack Sporting Clays for the first Shooting With Sheriff Farmer event, organized to help raise money for Sumter County youth programs and the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Inc.



From one of the many Blackjack Sporting Clays shooting stations, Justin Parrish takes aim at a flying clay target while his brother Jarrett operates the trap controls. They were among the many participants enjoying the often challenging fun of the Shooting With Sheriff Farmer event.

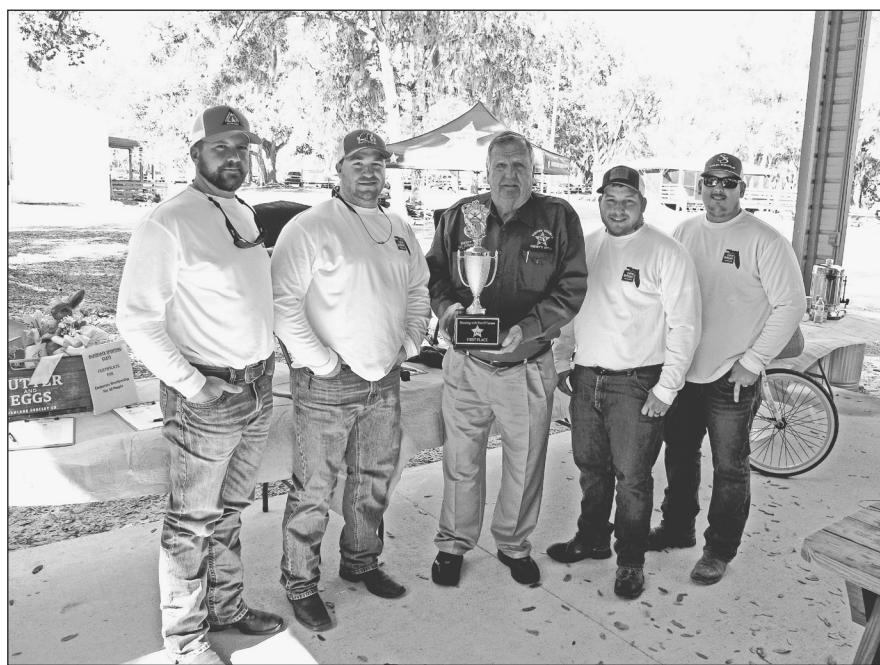


Sumter Sheriff Bill Farmer, left, presented the second place trophy in the Shooting With Sheriff Farmer charity event to Eco-2000 Team 2 at the close of the fundraiser shooting competition.

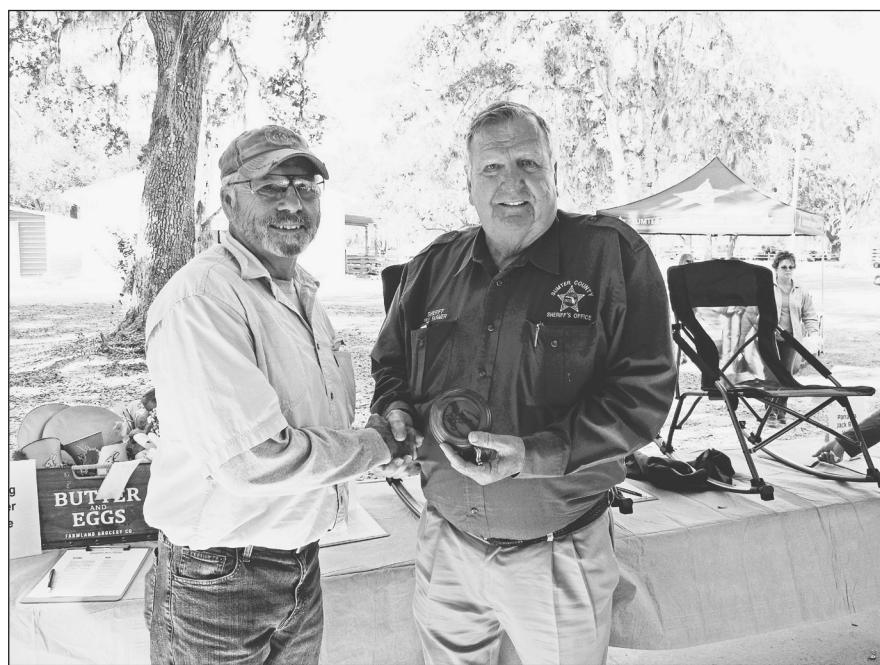




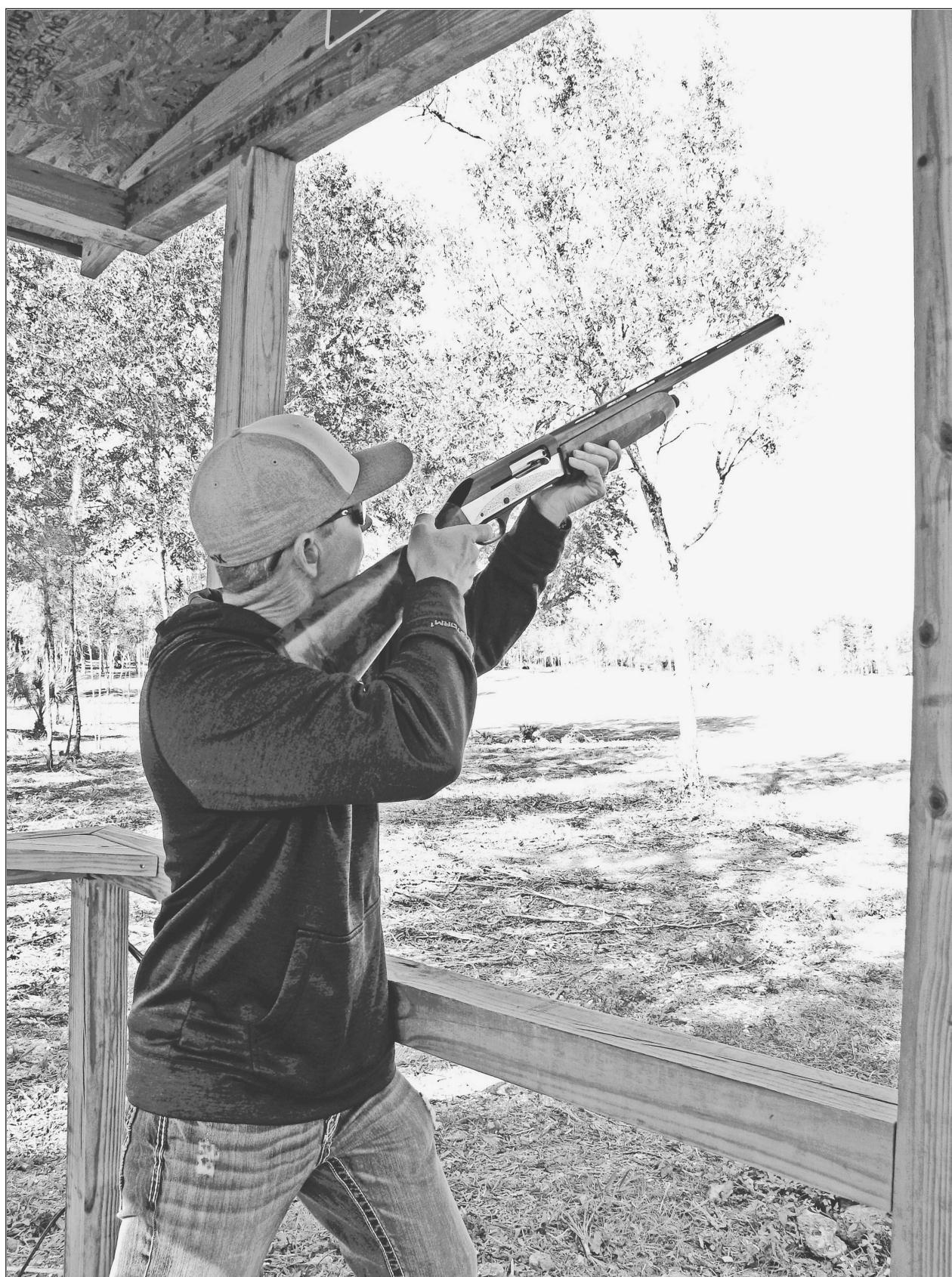
A shooting station by a lake provides some challenging, high-flying targets during the Saturday, Feb. 9, Shooting With Sheriff Farmer event.



Sumter Sheriff Bill Farmer presents the trophy for the top-scoring team from Florida Farm Bureau at the close of the Shooting With Sheriff Farmer charity shooting event.



The top shooter in the Shooting With Sheriff Farmer fundraiser was Wesley Plath. He hit 48 out of 50 flying targets launched during the event at Blackjack Sporting Clays in Sumterville.



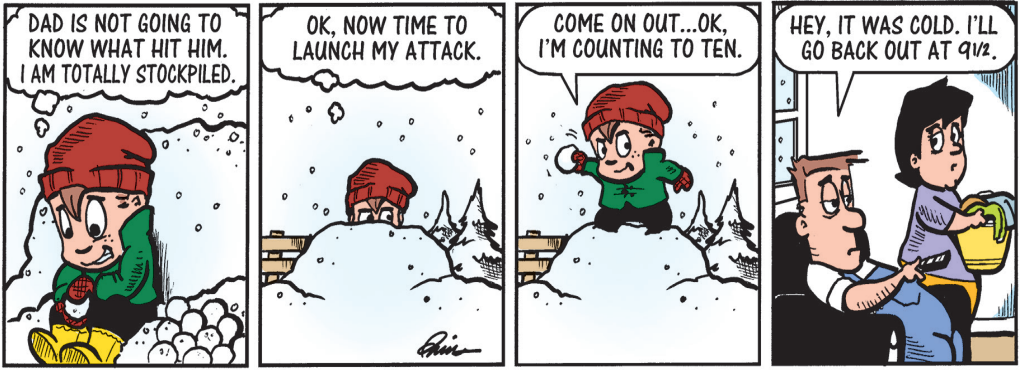
Eco-2000 Team 1 took the third-place trophy in the Shooting With Sheriff Farmer event on Saturday, Feb. 9. Sheriff Bill Farmer, second from left, presented the trophy.

*Photos special to the Times*

Jarrett Parrish prepares to fire at one of the aerial clay targets during the Saturday, Feb. 9, Shooting With Sheriff Farmer fundraiser.

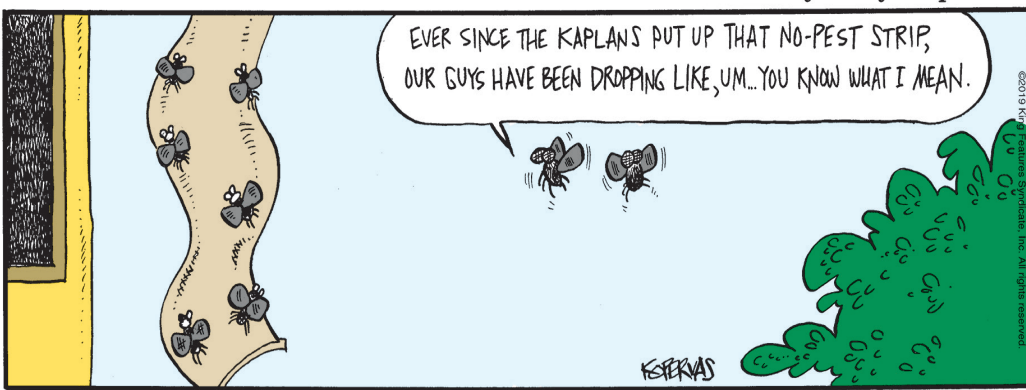
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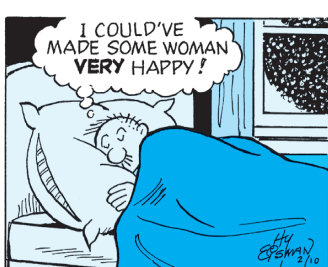
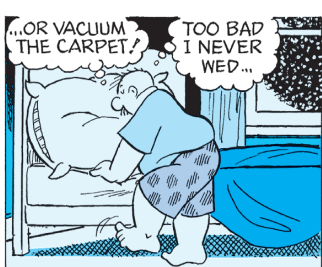
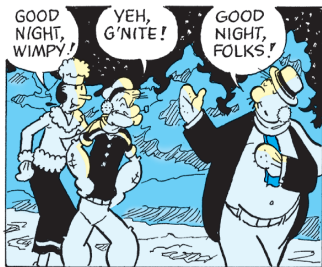
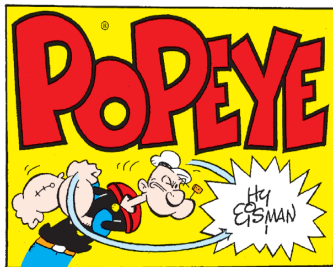
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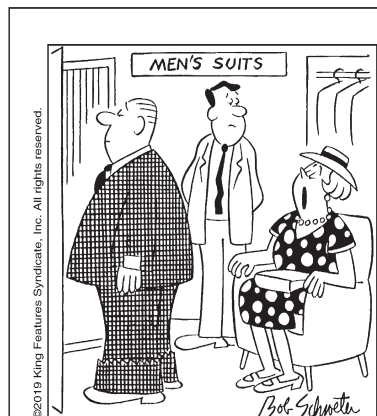
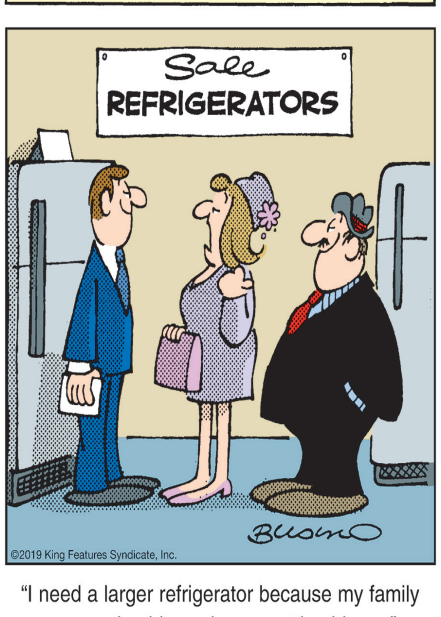


# Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



# LAFF-A-DAY



# SCRAMBLERS

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

Grasp **RENAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Revise **DEMAN** \_\_\_\_\_

Steal **ATREPI** \_\_\_\_\_

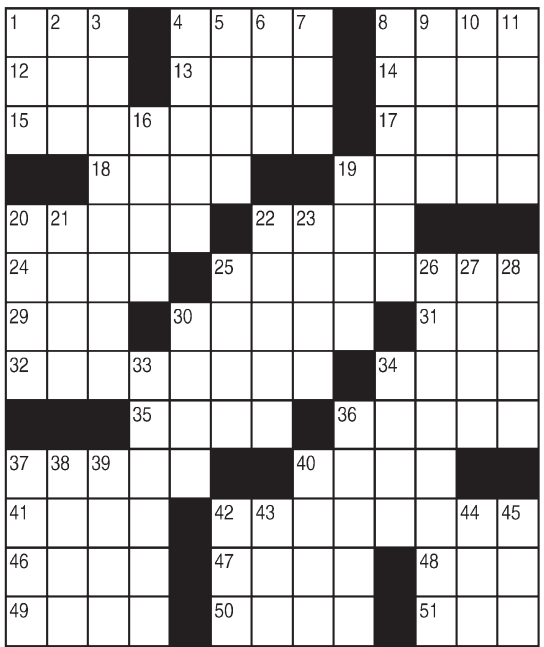
Assist **EVERS** \_\_\_\_\_

**TODAY'S WORD** \_\_\_\_\_

# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Beavers' structure
- 4 Second letter
- 8 Wild and crazy
- 12 Indivisible
- 13 Mideast airline
- 14 Sheltered
- 15 Gin, e.g.
- 17 Grad rags?
- 18 First murderer
- 19 Iron
- 20 Suitor
- 22 Paddock parent
- 24 Long-running Broadway musical
- 25 Pheasant or grouse
- 29 Fuss
- 30 Dental filling
- 31 Ultramodern (Pref.)
- 32 Backyard attraction
- 34 Somewhere out there
- 35 Feedbag fodder
- 36 Surprise big-time
- 37 Engine
- 40 Unwanted email
- 41 On in years
- 42 Morning garb
- 46 Entreaty
- 47 "Super-food"

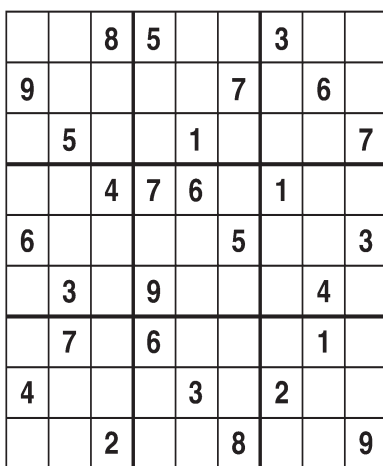


- 27 Caboose's place
  - 28 Collegian quarters
  - 30 Construction piece
  - 33 Gizmo
  - 34 Winged Garden intruder
  - 37 3-Down's creations
  - 38 Leering look
  - 39 Adolescent
  - 40 Luminary
  - 42 "Humbug!"
  - 43 Expert
  - 44 Lingerie item
  - 45 Conclusion
- berry uct  
 8 Capital of Croatia  
 9 Shaving cream additive  
 10 Information  
 11 Longings  
 16 Speaker's spot  
 19 Quarry  
 20 Wound cover  
 21 Gully  
 22 Soda shop orders  
 23 Asian nurse  
 25 Summertime pest  
 26 Notorious

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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

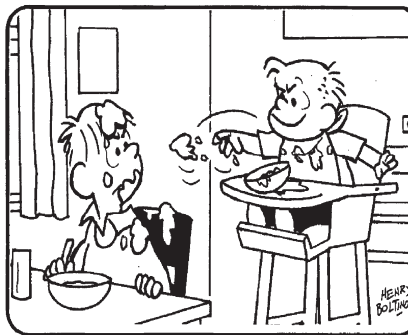
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MEDICAL: What is the condition that carries the official name "diaphoresis"?
2. MOVIES: Who played the president in the film "The American President" (1995)?
3. HISTORY: What was the nickname of the Haitian president Francois Duvalier, who died in 1971?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many future presidents of the United States signed the Declaration of Independence?
5. TELEVISION: Who was the nemesis of Detective Steve McGarrett in the original "Hawaii 5-0" TV drama?
6. SCIENCE: What is the name of the ocean current that warms the eastern seaboard of North America?
7. LITERATURE: What was the name of the bank in the "Harry Potter" book series?
8. ANATOMY: Where is the pinna in the human body?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state is nicknamed the "Cornhusker State"?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the common commercial name of the drug called diazepam?

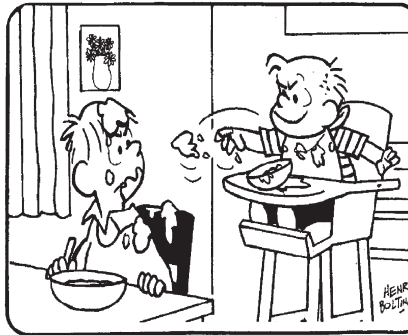
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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

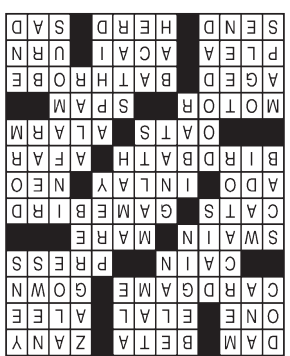


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



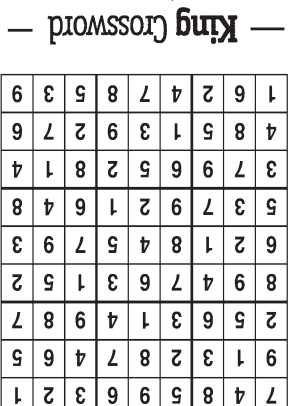
Differences: 1. Baby's shirt has stripes. 2. Picture is different. 3. Curtain covers window. 4. Boy's bowl is larger. 5. Wall outlet is missing. 6. Boy's glass is missing.

1. Sweating
2. Michael Douglas
3. Papa Doc
4. Two: Thomas Jefferson and John Adams
5. Wo Fat
6. The Gulf Stream
7. Gringotts Wizarding Bank
8. The outer ear, which is made of cartilage
9. Nebraska
10. Yodium



Solution time: 27 mins.

## Answers



## Answer

# 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: E equals F

- RPMR ESOOK WSHSF RVFWB RPS
- OTZPR BCTRLP KEE CPSW TR'B
- WKR TW VBS. PS'B ZKR M CMRR
- KE WSFHS!

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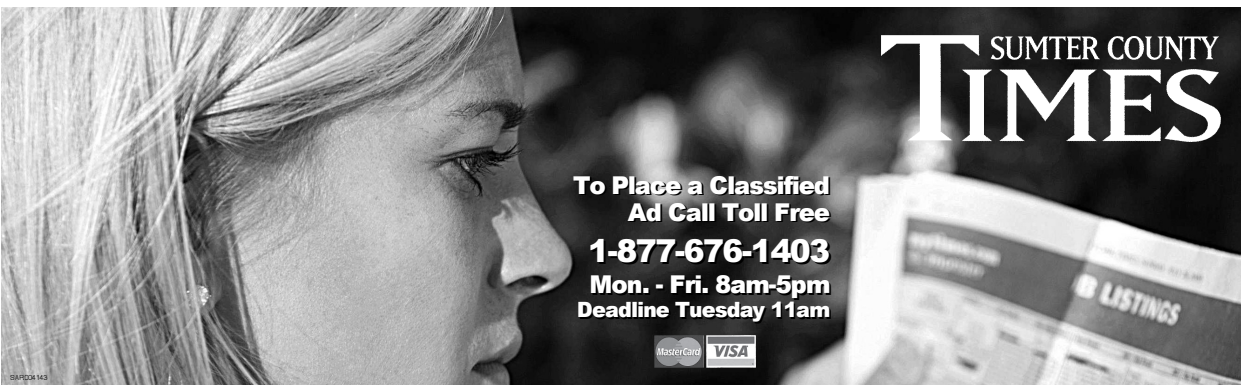
# SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Learn; 2. Amend; 3. Pirate; 4. Serve

# Weekly SUDOKU

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6132-0228 SCT Notice of Application for Tax Deed # 4601 THOMAS J WITMAN FAMILY ESTATE LLC... the holder of the following tax certificates has filed the certificates for a tax deed to be issued.

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6176-0221 SCT (3.2 Auction) PUBLIC NOTICE A public auction of stored personal property from Burns Self Storage...

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# 'Peanut' trades cowboy hat for racing helmet

**KIMBERLY KELLY**  
Special to the Times

Citrus County is rich in history and family names. The early days of farms and cattle are still evident in families like David Waller's, who has continued the family tradition south of Floral City in Istachatta.

But just as cattle and farming run in the family, so does racing. First it was Boyd Waller, Dennis Waller and Jason Waller. Today, two more members of the Waller family tree are finding their way around the Inverness race track that is rich in its own history and now in its 64th season.

Brothers A. J. and Jacob Waller have both recently hit the pavement at Citrus County Speedway in the hopes of finding speed and excitement.

A. J., the oldest of the two, competed in his first race three weeks ago, during the season opener, driving in the Don's Plumbing Pure Stock division.

Last week, 12-year-old Jacob — or "Peanut" as he goes by — traded his



**Jacob "Peanut" Waller stands beside his No. 62 Beginner Bandolero racecar at Citrus County Speedway while giving his "W" hand signal for "Waller." The 12-year-old raced for the first time Monday, Feb. 11 in the Little Gator Motorsports U.S. Legends Cars Winter Nationals.**

KIMBERLY KELLY/Special to the Times

cowboy hat in for a racing helmet to compete in the Little Gator Motorsports U.S. Legends Cars Winter Nationals.

"It makes your heart start beating faster," Jacob Waller said.

Driving the No. 62 Beginner Bandolero, complete with a hood that strikingly resembles the design of Talledega Nights driver Ricky Bobby — only with a local family flair and a photo of their bull "Itchy"

on it — Waller took to the asphalt 1/4-mile oval for the first time.

"I was real nervous," Waller said of his first time on the track. "I didn't want to mess up the beautiful paint."

Despite being nervous, Waller felt comfortable enough in the car to set 48.71 mph qualifying time, sixth overall in his division.

"In the first race, the sun blinded me and I ended up hitting the back of (another car)," Waller said "I spun out, hit the rumble strips and broke an axle."

Despite not being able to finish the event and posting a seventh place finish, Waller's father, and Richard Dinkins were able to make the necessary repairs to race the day's second Beginner Bandolero event.

Waller started the second event third and set his fastest lap time of 18.072 seconds, or 49.80 mph, a noticeable improvement over the first event. He eventually drifted back to seventh — one lap down to the leader at the end of 20 laps.

"I want to win," Waller said. "And I want to go fast."

But even more so, by the end of the week he wants to be a better driver and make some race friends along the way.

"It's hard to breathe," said David Waller when he sees his son on the race track. "I'm nervous. I'm the protector."

"I am definitely proud of these boys," his mother Sabrina Waller said.

Powered by a Briggs & Stratton V-Twin motor; the car is sponsored by Jerome Davis.com, Monsters Pizza, Allgritnoquit.com, Waller Brothers Cattle Company and EHV.

Waller has long-range plans to stay in the Beginner Bandoleros for two years before moving up to stock cars and compete at Citrus County Speedway throughout the season.

"I want to move up where A.J. is and race with him," Waller said. "Those cars have more power and look fun."

Citrus County Speedway is located two miles south of Inverness at the Citrus County Fairgrounds. Main grandstand gates open at 11 a.m. Race action begins at noon. The main grandstands will be open for spectators all week. Cost is \$5 per person.

## Dade Park CALENDAR

<b>Thursday, Feb. 21</b> 10 a.m. - noon <b>Zipper jewelry art</b> Learn how to make zipper jewelry from recycled metal zippers and other materials. Cost is \$3/vehicle or annual Florida State Park pass plus \$5/person; 12 and younger are free.	<b>Friday, Feb. 22</b> 10 a.m. - noon <b>Silk scarf printing</b> Join expert volunteers as we learn how to imprint designs from silk ties on to white silk scarves. All materials are provided. Cost is \$3/vehicle or annual pass plus \$5/person, 12 and under free. Pre-registration required for class.	<b>Friday, Feb. 22</b> 6 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. <b>Jam night</b> Bring your musical instrument (optional), camp chair, campfire food (optional) and flashlight and join us around the campfire. Cost is \$3/vehicle or Annual Florida State Park pass.	<b>Tuesday, Feb. 26,</b> 10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. <b>Invasive species awareness walk</b> Join a park ranger on a guided hike along the park's trails and learn about invasive species common to the area. Cost is \$3/vehicle or annual pass.	<b>Saturday and Sunday</b> March 2 and 3 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (4 p.m. Sunday). <b>World War II weekend</b> Commemorating the most widespread armed conflict in history and celebrating both military and popular civilian culture during the war years. The weekend will include Allied and Axis uniformed reenactors, authentic camps and equipment and mechanized military vehicles. Enjoy USO-style music and live comedy acts, food, food vendors. Cost is \$4/person; children age 6 and younger and all WWII & Korea Vets free.
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possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver; keep shop or vehicle for drugs; use of a two-way communication device to facilitate a felony; amphetamine traffic; possession of synthetic narcotic with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver; possession of hallucinogen with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver; possession of heroin with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver; possession of cocaine with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver; marijuana

possession with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver; and two counts each possession or use of drug equipment and possession of weapon or ammunition by convicted felon.

**Nicholas Gene Darnell**, 22, Oxford, arrested for marijuana possession; marijuana possession with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver; amphetamine traffic; heroin possession with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver; cocaine possession with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver; synthetic narcotic possession with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver; hallucinogen possession with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver; possession of

weapon or ammunition by convicted felon; and two counts possession or use of drug equipment.

**Lance Daniel Nelson**, 33, Wildwood, arrested for driving while license suspended and resisting officer — flee or elude law enforcement officer with lights and siren active.

**Juleo Devion Pressoir**, 18, Wildwood, arrested for sexual battery.

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**Juan Pablo Torres**, 40, Center Hill, arrested for battery.

**Tuesday, Feb. 12**  
**Donald Vernon Chapman**,

37, Coleman, arrested for possession or use of drug equipment and marijuana possession.

**Shane Allen Pepperman**, 31, Lake Panasoffkee, arrested for larceny and dealing in stolen property.

**Tisha Leigh Quilling**, 49, The Villages, arrested for battery and possession or use of drug equipment.

**Wayne Allen Seekell**, 55, Webster, arrested for contempt of court.

**Wednesday, Feb. 13**  
**Donald Mark Nelson**, 50, Coleman, arrested for probation violation.

**Denzel Devon Smith**, 28, Bushnell, arrested for driving

while license suspended.

**Jacqueline Elizabeth Webber**, 49, Wildwood, arrested for probation violation and driving while license suspended.

**Thursday, Feb. 14**  
**Briseno Jose Martinez**, 48, Center Hill, arrested for possession or use of drug equipment, marijuana possession, driving while license suspended and methamphetamine possession.

**Allen Michael Scott**, 29, Wildwood, arrested for larceny and probation violation.

**Friday, Feb. 15**  
**David Junior Abrams**, 55, Webster, arrested for aggravated assault with deadly

weapon and battery.

**Kenneth Kyle Giddens**, 24, Webster, arrested on out-of-county warrant.

**Ernest Weddle**, 29, Webster, arrested for marijuana possession.

**Saturday, Feb. 16**  
**James Michael Fournier**, 41, Lake Panasoffkee, arrested for driving while license suspended and probation violation.

**Tamera Michelle Mahan**, 41, Webster, arrested for drug possession.

**Jarvis Lamar Webster**, 31, Wildwood, arrested for conditional release violation and driving while license suspended.

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# CHURCH

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6 p.m. 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.

## Bible over Breakfast

Bible over Breakfast, or BoB, is a men's breakfast devotional meeting, at Mo's Restaurant in Lake Panasoffkee. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, unless there is a date change or cancellation.

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

## Time of prayer

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

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

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

## Ladies Bible study

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

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

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

## Wednesday evening Bible study

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

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

Come 5:30 p.m. and join in



on the group prayer meeting in the sanctuary. The church is located at 589 C.R. 470, Lake Panasoffkee.

## Food pantry

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

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

Please call 352-793-3438 for more information.

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

## Children's Awana

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

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

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

For more information, call the church at 352-748-1822.

## Men's, coed open gym basketball

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

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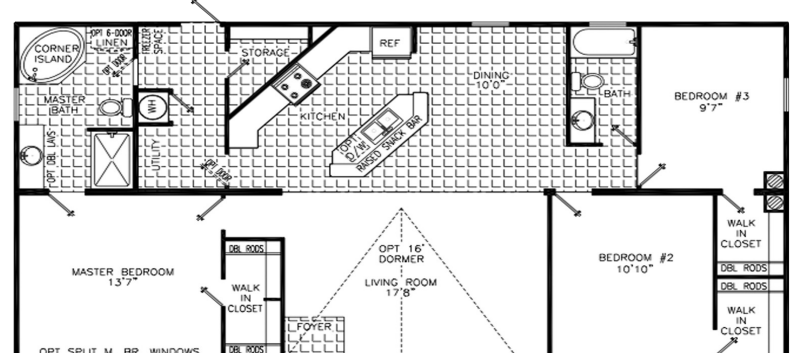
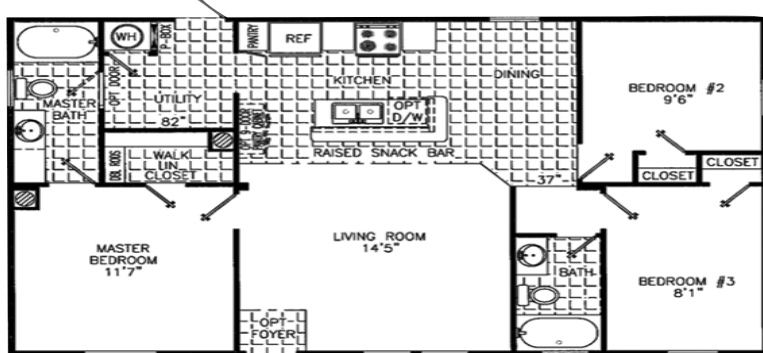


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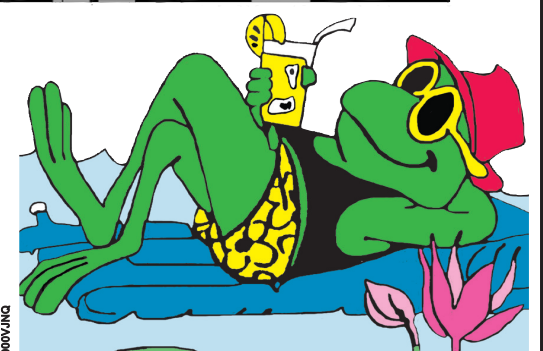
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# FARMING



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## Sumter County in bloom

All-time low temperature records were dropping like snowflakes in the Midwest in early February but you wouldn't know it from walking the fields of Sumter County's fruit tree fields.

Peaches and blueberries have benefitted from this winter's cool – but not freezing – weather. Fruit trees, like many perennials, are a bit like us; they need their rest, and they have a hard time getting a good sleep if it's 80 degrees. These trees require a certain number of hours of cold weather – called chill hours – in order to properly go through their winter dormancy. If they experience too much warm weather, they start to

burn through the reserves they stored up throughout the past year and have less energy available to make fruit.

Now that flowers are blooming, honey bees will be busy pollenating throughout the county and will be vulnerable to pesticide sprays. The product label will tell you if a pesticide is toxic to bees and will give instructions on how to safely use it.

Any expense taken now to mitigate bee colony collapse pales in comparison to the possibility of pollenating via humans with cotton swabs.

Expect to start seeing fresh blueberries in stores now and

peaches as we get closer to the summer months. Consider sweetening your blueberry tea with honey to bring things full circle.

Matt Smith  
Sustainable Agriculture  
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Commercial blueberries in bloom in South Sumter County



Peach blossoms in at Fuller's Nursery and U-Pick in Bushnell

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# Sumter County Extension Office

## Extension office provides a simple tip to help protect your green treefrogs



Did you know that some amphibian species are quickly declining around the world? Amphibians are a very good environmental indicator.

The observation of amphibians in different habitats gives scientists a glimpse into the health of the ecosystem.

This is being done in the Everglades. The green treefrog, *Hyla cinerea*, is a common amphibian in our area. Aside from being excellent environmental indicators, they are also efficient in pest control.

Green tree frogs actively feed on crickets, beetles, ants and stinkbugs. Treefrogs also

maintain populations of spiders and roaches.

Like all amphibians, they like to hang out in a shady, moist area during the day. Areas of natural protection can include palm leaves, tree holes and under rocks. Unfortunately, these natural areas may be scarce in residential areas. This is when we can give these little bug catchers some help.

Many homeowners like to plant butterfly gardens and have bird houses. Did you know that you can build a treefrog house? It is incredibly easy. You will need a three-foot piece of PVC pipe; preferably, the thin-

walled type.

The diameter should be about 1.5 inches. Next, pick out the perfect place. I would recommend putting it near a flowerbed or vegetable garden.

Once you select the perfect site, use a rubber mallet and hammer one end of the pipe in the soil. You will be surprised how quickly the new home will be occupied.

For more information visit <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/uw308>

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and Hernando Counties

## Sumter UF/IFAS recommends scouting for insects in squash

Warmer weather is approaching, and many homeowners are looking to plant a vegetable garden. Summer squash is a favorite.

Relatively easy to grow and always tasty. Unlike the name though, summer squash actually does best from February to May in Central Florida. More information can be found at <http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/edibles/vegetables/summer-squash.html>

Like most veggies, pests can be a nuisance. UF/IFAS recommends that homeowners scout for bugs. Scouting is often an overlooked component of pest control.

Most gardeners react to an already infested situation. It is much more efficient to catch the problem before it gets out of control.

Scouting basically means looking at your plants on a daily or weekly basis. You will be looking for any signs of insects or leaf discolor-

ation. When scouting, make sure to look under the leaf.

Insects such as whiteflies and aphids favor the undersides of leaves for its micro-climate and protection from predators. It is also beneficial to invest in a magnifying loop. You can find one from \$10 to \$20. These are what professionals use to inspect their crops in larger



nurseries. Once you find the bug, you need to identify it. Is it a good bug or bad bug?

If you need help, all you have to do is contact the Sumter County Extension office. Collect the insect and place it in a vial of rubbing alcohol. Bring the sample to 7620 SR 471, Ste 2 in Bushnell. This is our local UF/IFAS Extension Sumter County office. We will identify the insect for you for free. If it is a pest, we will provide some solutions for you.

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## Eating heart healthy

February is appropriately named Heart Health Month. Heart health is related to so many different factors. Diet can impact our heart, along with stress, exercise, genetics and more. But in the past few years, the USDA Dietary Guidelines have changed to the point of adding the Mediterranean Diet as a heart healthy food model.

As with most healthy recommendations, it is recommended we eat vegetables and fruits and whole grains.

The Mediterranean Diet includes healthy meats but somewhat new is the recommendation to eat more fat. Use caution with this and other "diets" that push too much fat.

The types of fats that are preferred in quantity are monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats.

According to Linda Bobroff, UF Extension Specialist Emeritus, "PUFAs (polyunsaturated fats) lower LDL cholesterol, and there is strong evidence that replacing Saturated with these fats in one's diet is associated with reduced risk of heart disease.

Omega 3 fats (like in salmon, herring, albacore tuna, flax seeds, walnuts) also lower triglycerides as well

as LDLs and are considered heart healthy."

Saturated fats from coconut oil, palm kernel oil and animal products should still be consumed in controlled amounts.

This does not mean to stop eating them, just limit them to no more than 10 percent of your calories per day.

On a 2,000 calorie diet, that would be 200 calories from saturated fats. So, in honor of heart health month and staying well, eat a few more healthy oils and enjoy the flavor they bring to the food you eat.

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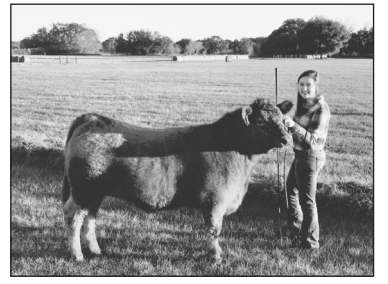
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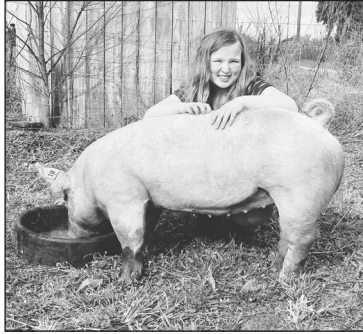
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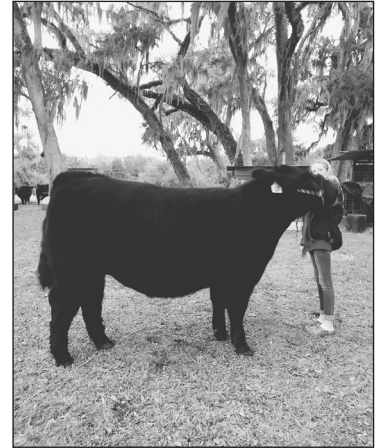
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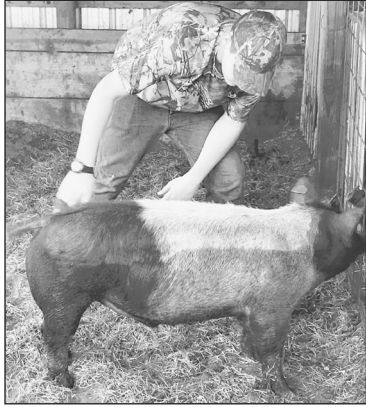
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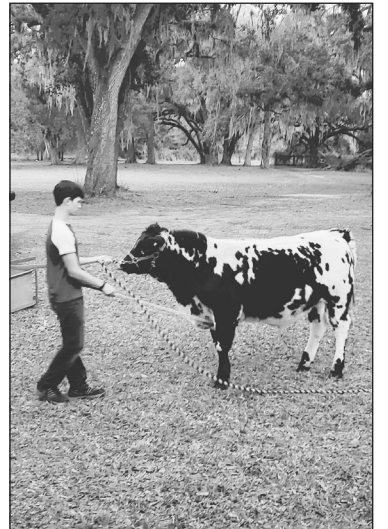
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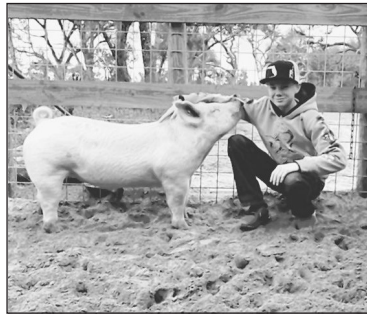


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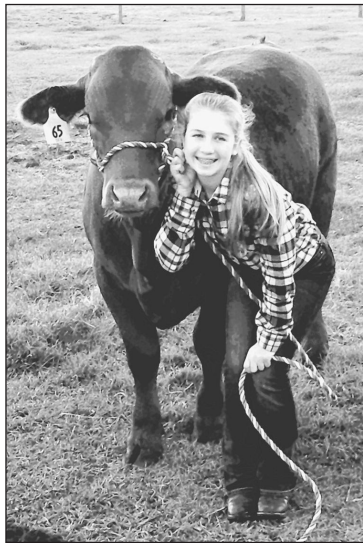
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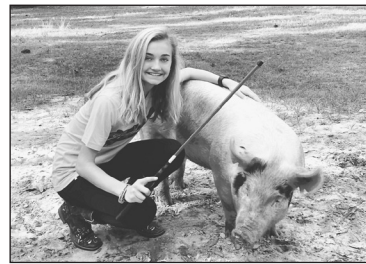
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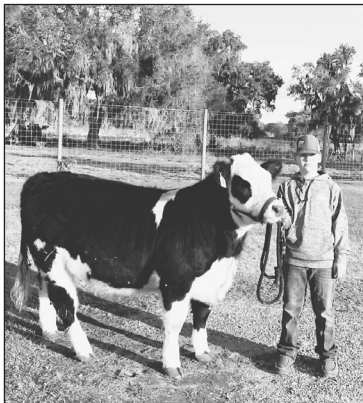
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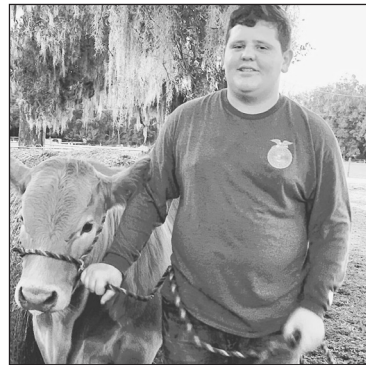
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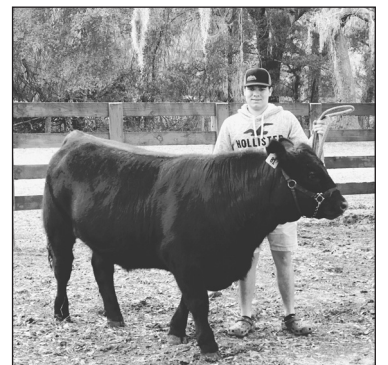
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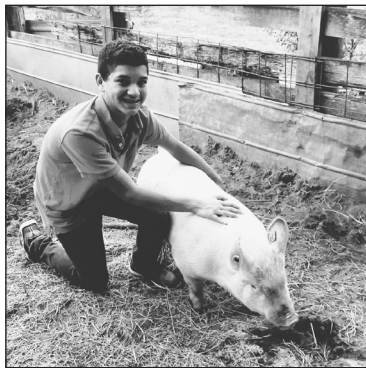
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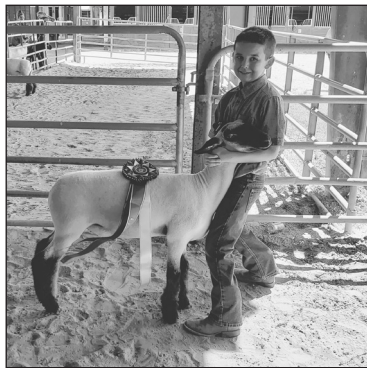
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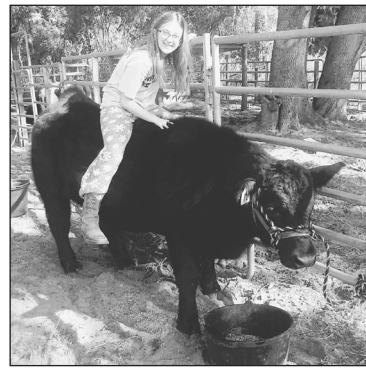
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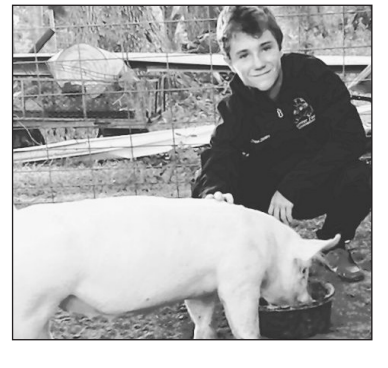
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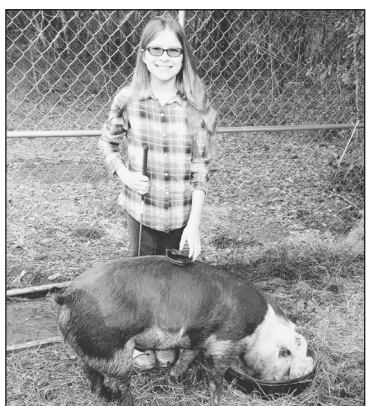
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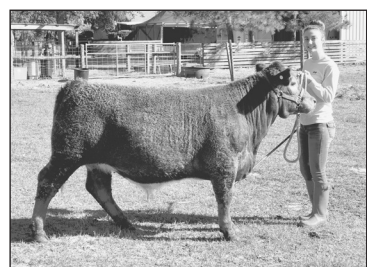
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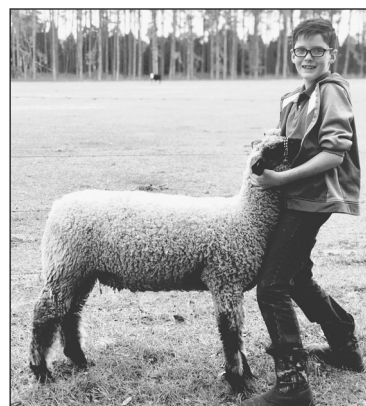
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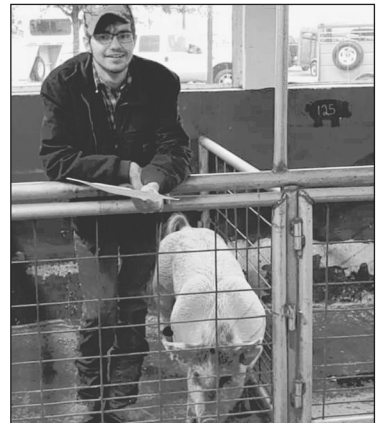
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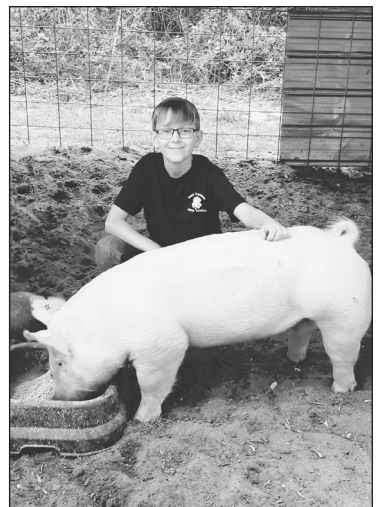
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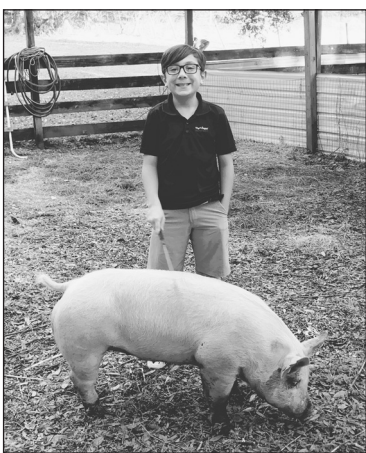
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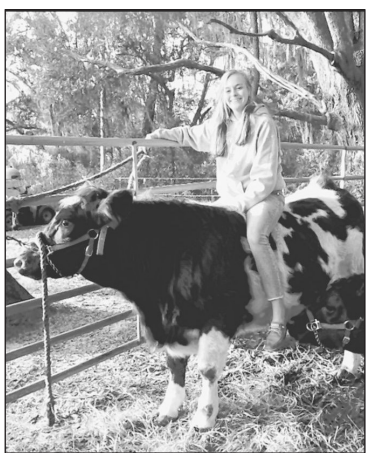
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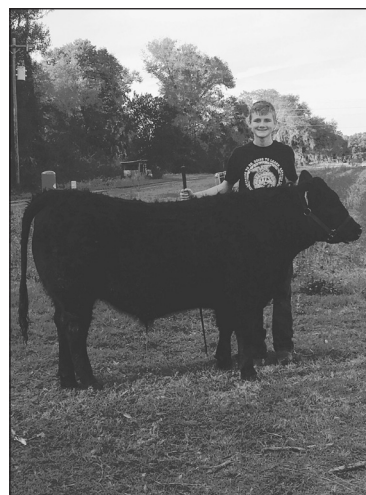
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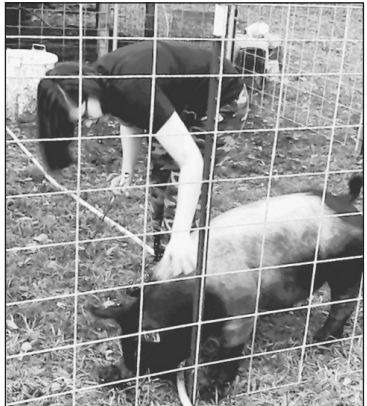
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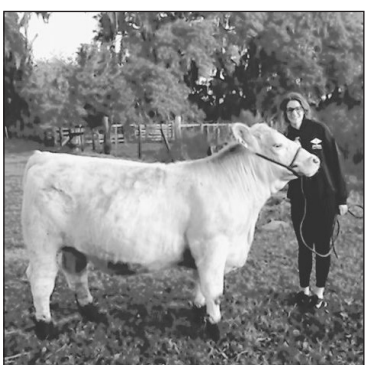
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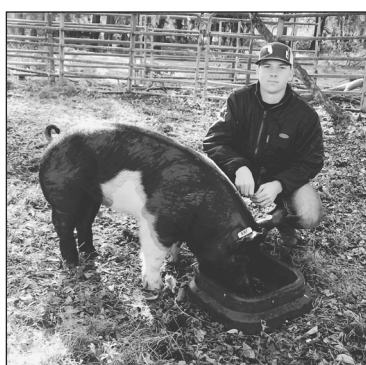
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# FARMING

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## What exactly is organic farming?

The word “organic” calls to mind a variety of buzzwords like “eco-friendly” and “pesticide-free.” But beneath the clever marketing lingo, what exactly is organic food?

Organic food, whether from a plant or animal source, is produced or processed in a way that aims to safeguard the environment, preserve biodiversity, respect the natural cycle of the land and prioritize the health and well-being of livestock.

The techniques used in organic farming often exclude the use of pesticides, chemical-based fertilizers, antibiotics and growth hormones, and chemical preservatives. Instead, organic farmers abide by sustainable methods such as recycling and crop rotation, and use renewable resources, organic

livestock feed and cover crops (plants that help enrich the soil).

Such practices help preserve the soil’s fertility in the long term as well as reduce soil erosion, protect the health of livestock and decrease the risk of soil and water contamination.

Furthermore, organic farming contributes to local economic development, particularly because it creates numerous jobs.

The methods it involves require more hands on deck to control the spread of weeds and combat pests, for example.

Finally, organic farming offers consumers food choices (dairy products, maple syrup, fruits and vegetables, meat, cereals, etc.) that are healthy, nutritious and delicious!

What more can you ask for?



## What is citrus greening disease?

Oranges, lemons, limes, pomegranates, pomelos, tangerines — whether enjoyed as marmalade or in a fresh summer salad, tangy citrus fruits never fail to delight. Unfortunately, a devastating disease is currently threatening America’s citrus production.

Citrus greening disease, also known as HLB, is a rapidly spreading pathogen that has proven exceptionally difficult to control. Impervious to chemical treatments, the disease lies deep inside the fruit’s vascular tissue.

### SYMPTOMS

Early detection and rapid response are critical to mitigate the spread of citrus greening disease. Common symptoms include:

- Yellowing of the plant’s veins and tissue
- Premature defoliation
- Root decay
- Stunted growth
- Small, irregularly shaped fruit
- Thick, pale peels that remain green at the bottom

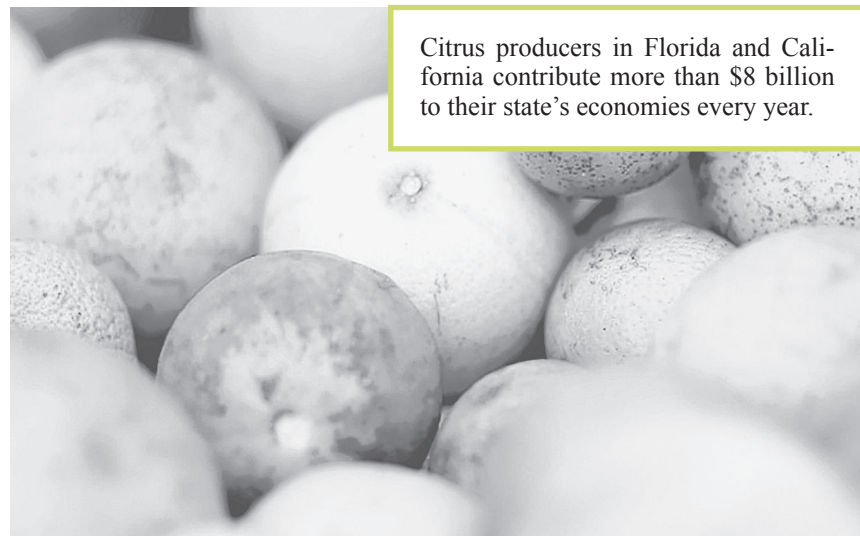
### IMPACT

It’s estimated that at its current rate of progression, HLB could destroy America’s citrus industry in this very lifetime. The devastating disease, believed to have originated in Asia, was first discovered in the United States in 2005 on a Florida farm. It has since led to a 75 percent decline in the Sunshine State’s \$9 billion citrus industry.

### A SILVER LINING

In early 2017, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced a \$13.6 million investment to combat HLB and ensure the long-term viability of America’s citrus groves. Innovative solutions already in place include the use of naturally resistant citrus trees to create new varieties that aren’t vulnerable to the disease, while new research will focus on HLB bactericides and even chemotherapy.

Investments in citrus greening disease research are critical to encourage farmers to replant with confidence, because a world without the exploding freshness of citrus fruit is a world not worth imagining.



Citrus producers in Florida and California contribute more than \$8 billion to their state’s economies every year.

*Investments in citrus greening disease research are critical to ensure the survival of America’s citrus industry.*

## Update on bees



Bees have been in the news a lot in recent years, not only because of the ominous decline in their numbers but also because of their important role in maintaining plant biodiversity.

Nevertheless, they are still not a protected species.

Until recently, bees were the only domesticated species that did not have a gene conservation bank or a sperm bank. However, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is trying to correct the situation and has just opened the first bee gene bank.

Thanks to the technique of cryogenics, embryos and bee sperm are now being stored in Colorado.

First cooled to -250°F in the vitrification stage, the bee embryos are then stored in liquid nitrogen at -320°F.

In the future, an embryo can be taken from this bank to make a queen who is inseminated with

sperm that was also preserved by cryogenics.

The preservation of genetic lines is also being studied.

Is human activity the cause?

Many bees are affected by the deformed wing virus, which is native to Europe and transmitted by the Varroa mite.

European bees of the *Apis mellifera* species are the source of all the cases, and it is the transportation of hives for the pollination of crops that causes widespread transmission.

This threat adds to all the concern for the future of bees, which the colony collapse disorder has been stirring over the past ten years.

Although the precise cause of this disorder has never been fully understood, some other causes may be involved, such as insecticides and monoculture.

## Bringing the farm closer to America’s schools - veggies, fruits and grains

Is there anything more scrumptious than fresh veggies, succulent fruit, hearty whole grains and energy-boosting lean meats?

Kids across the United States (an estimated 23.6 million of them, to be more precise) are eating more and more wholesome, locally sourced ingredients thanks to a nationwide movement that invests in the well-being of America’s youth.

Farm to School, an initiative commissioned by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), is making a big impact on the health of students and local economies alike.

By bringing fresh, nutritious foods to school cafeterias across the country, Farm to School helps develop positive eating habits among youth in both rural and urban communities.

The movement aims to combat childhood obesity by encouraging kids to eat healthier and to avoid those processed menu items that are high in sugar, sodium and trans fat.

And that’s not all — the positive effects extend far beyond the school cafeteria.

Farm to School also works to stimulate local economic growth by supporting small-scale farmers and promoting traditional, all-natural foods from tribal communities na-

tionwide.

In fact, it extends market opportunities for agricultural producers of all kinds. During the 2013–2014 academic year, schools purchased nearly \$790 million in local food from farmers, ranchers, fishermen, food processors and manufacturers. That’s a 105 percent increase compared to the 2011–2012 school year!

Over the four years that Farm to School has been in operation, more and more local foods packed with nutritional benefits have been gracing students’ meal trays. Fruits, vegetables, beans, grains, meats, poultry, plant-based proteins, eggs, herbs, and low-fat dairy — healthy school meals are anything but bland!

How will you help bring local foods into the cafeteria?

*During the 2014–2015 academic year, more than 42,000 schools bought local food and integrated agriculture-related topics into their curriculum.*





## Five reasons to eat more tomatoes

Tomatoes are a versatile crop that can be used in endless mouth-watering dishes. Pasta sauce, tomato rosemary soup, spicy Mexican salsa — whether puréed, roasted or sliced fresh, tomatoes add a tangy burst of flavour to your favourite home-cooked meals. But there's more to tomatoes than their great taste. One of the most widely consumed foods in the world, this juicy red fruit (often mistaken for a vegetable) is brimming with health benefits! Tomatoes:

**1. Fight disease.** Have you ever wondered what gives tomatoes their vibrant colour? That would be a bright red carotene pigment called lycopene. Found primarily in the fruit's skin, lycopene contains powerful disease-fighting agents that reduce the risk of prostate and other cancers, as well as heart disease like atherosclerosis.

**2. Provide essential antioxidants.** In addition to potentially slowing down tumour growth, tomatoes are rich in antioxidants like vitamins A and C that cleanse the body of harmful free radicals.

**3. Strengthen your bones.** Tomatoes are also an excellent source of calcium and vitamin K, two nutrients essential for strengthening

*Whether you call them a fruit or a vegetable, tomatoes are delicious, healthy and packed with disease-fighting antioxidants.*

and repairing bone tissue.

**4. Improve eyesight.** The vitamin A found in tomatoes works wonders for improving vision (especially night vision) and protecting the eyes from infection.

**5. Help your skin.** Thanks to their high lycopene content, tomatoes are also used in a range of facial cleaners and other over-the-counter skincare products. Additionally, a healthy intake of vitamin C protects the skin from pollution and UV rays, reducing the risk of wrinkles, sagging skin, blemishes and other common conditions.

Remember, the redder the tomato, the more lycopene it contains. Cooked tomatoes release even more lycopene, so go ahead and whip up a batch of your famous roasted herb tomatoes!



## LIVESTOCK FARMING

### What are the dangers related to antibiotic resistance?

Antibiotics play a critical role in keeping both humans and animals healthy. In agriculture, they're used to treat and prevent various diseases that threaten livestock populations. However, the misuse of these often-unregulated medications represents a source of contention for world health, food safety and global development.

What is antibiotic resistance?

Antibiotic resistance occurs when bacteria become immune to the drugs commonly used to kill them.

For example, when you take antibiotics to cure a bout of pneumonia, a few bacteria might survive the treatment. Over time, the surviving bacteria could potentially develop into a new kind of pneumonia that typical antibiotics can't cure. Scenarios like this pose a real threat to humans and animals alike.

Preventive measures

To combat the spread of antibiotic resistance, there are a number of precautionary measures that farmers can take.

- Only administer medication to livestock according to a veterinarian's recommendations.
- Avoid using antibiotics solely to prevent disease.
- Regularly vaccinate livestock to reduce the need for antibiotics.
- Practice and promote healthy practices at every stage of production and transformation of animal and plant products.
- Adopt a sustainable system that favours biosecurity.
- Prioritize farming conditions that respect the well-being of animals.



## Agroforestry 101

Do you already have trees growing on your farm? If so, you might want to consider taking up agroforestry — one of the most environmentally friendly and profitable farming practices of the modern day. Agroforestry involves integrating trees in the tending of crops and pastures to benefit harvests while helping the environment. Read on to learn more!



### A WIDE RANGE OF BENEFITS

In addition to embellishing your farm's overall appeal — and increasing its market value — agroforestry provides a slew of other benefits. First, the presence of trees protects crops in a number of ways, primarily by serving as a barrier against strong winds, pests, dust and even noise pollution. In addition, trees help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants by preserving the quality of soil and water. Furthermore, they improve the quality of life of livestock by significantly reducing anxiety levels. Finally, various trees and shrubs can help increase revenue by producing fruits or nuts.

### WHERE TO PLANT

To ensure you reap all the benefits that

your trees and shrubs have to offer, it's crucial that you plant them in a strategic location on your farm. Not sure where to start digging? Consider these spots:

- Around fields
- Around buildings
- Bordering a stream
- Along roads
- On less fertile ground
- In pastures

Furthermore, you can plant different species of trees and shrubs (maple, oak, walnut, lime, elm, etc.) and contribute to maintaining your region's biodiversity at the same time!

## What do you know about urban farming?

Between community gardens, rooftop greenhouses and communal chicken coops, agricultural pursuits are increasingly popular away from the countryside. Today, urban farms are popping up in city centres across the world. As its name suggests, urban farming consists of cultivating plants (vegetables, herbs, seeds, etc.) or breeding animals right in the heart of a city, using the resources, products and services available in the region. So, what are the advantages?

First, urban farming — which can be privately, commercially or community-managed — provides city dwellers with locally produced food options that are fresh and nutritious. Better yet, these homegrown commodities are significantly more affordable than their store-bought equivalents — they're either produced for personal consumption or sold at a lower cost thanks to shorter travel distances. In the latter case, farmers not only save on the cost of transportation, but are also spared from paying packaging and storage fees. Additionally, by doing business directly with consumers — at a farmers' market, for example — farmers collect revenue that would have otherwise lined the pockets of various middlemen.

And that's not all! In addition to promoting healthy nutrition, urban farming

contributes to greener cities in a number of ways. It reduces the urban heat island effect, increases composting efforts and makes efficient use of rainwater.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), urban and suburban farming practices are carried out by 800 million people worldwide.



## Dairy: an industry in constant growth

Did you know that global dairy production has increased by more than 50 per cent over the last 30 years? According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), approximately 150 million households around the world play an active role in the dairy industry.

This impressive growth is due in part to the fact that numerous developing countries (primarily in South Asia) are becoming more involved in the production of milk and milk products.

### WHITE GOLD

It's common knowledge that milk is an excellent source of calcium, magnesium and vitamins, making it a much-appreciated staple on breakfast tables across the globe. Therefore, it comes as no surprise that more than six billion people consume milk and other dairy products (cheese, yogurt, butter, cream, etc.) on a regular basis.

Furthermore, in addition to creating millions of jobs across the world and contributing to both local and global economies, the dairy industry is in constant evolution. Technological advances in agriculture have allowed producers everywhere to develop new techniques that are more efficient and respectful of the environment and of animals' well-being.

Innovations in sustainable farming methods, have, for example, created superior quality products and successfully grown the industry's market share.

All in all, thanks to its constant development, the dairy industry certainly has a bright future ahead!

India is the largest producer of milk in the world, producing approximately one out of every five litres consumed worldwide.



## How to get your kids interested in the farm life

Do you often dream of the day your kids will be old enough to take over the family farm? Here are a few key pieces of advice to help pique their interest at a young age. After all, it's an essential prerequisite for any business owner looking to someday hand over the reins to their offspring.

First and foremost, it's important that your children feel that they play an integral role in your family's farming operations. Involve them in the farming process by delegating some of the easier tasks that are safe for a person of their age to handle with little to no help. For example, make them each responsible for the upkeep of a parcel of land and guide them in the right direction without giving too much away. Explain what you expect of them and help them find the appropriate means to accomplish the task at hand, but refrain from doing all of the work for them, even if what they're doing is far from perfect. Offer them sup-

port, but give them the freedom to learn from firsthand experience. And don't forget that your encouragement and congratulatory words are crucial!

Furthermore, remember that what passions you the most about the farming life doesn't necessarily align with your children's preferences. Be attentive, leverage their strengths and, above all else, show interest in their passions. Finally, focus on emphasizing the positive aspects of your line of work. You wouldn't want to get the kids discouraged from the get-go by re-capping the day's troubles every night over dinner.

*Your children need to feel that their participation is crucial to your family's farming operations. Get them involved!*





# FARMING

Roots that run deep

## Pulses: the food of the future

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A staple in traditional cuisines across the globe, pulses—which include beans, peas, lentils and chickpeas, among others—are packed with benefits for both people and the planet. Enjoyed in soups, stews, falafel, hummus, curries, tacos and more, these tiny powerhouses are high in protein, low in fat and loaded with vitamins and minerals. What's more, pulse crops are drought-resistant and have a low carbon footprint, providing a sustainable dietary staple to feed the planet's ever-growing population.

**Wholesome nutrition**  
Cultural groups around the world have been consuming pulses for centuries, and with good reason. A vital source of plant-based protein and dietary fiber, pulses are beneficial to our overall health. They contain a number of essen-

tial vitamins and minerals like iron, zinc, folate and magnesium. Furthermore, pulses can help achieve healthy cholesterol levels, reduce the risk of heart disease, stabilize blood sugar and improve gut health. A single cup of cooked pulses contains more than half of the recommended daily fiber intake.

**Eco-friendly farming**  
Beyond the human diet, pulses also have a positive impact on the environment. In addition to

requiring less water and energy to grow than other crops, they produce fewer greenhouse gas emissions, which are a common agricultural by-product largely caused by the use of nitrogen fertilizers. Pulse crops possess nitrogen-neutralizing properties and are able to convert nitrogen found in the air into a natural fertilizer that crops can use.

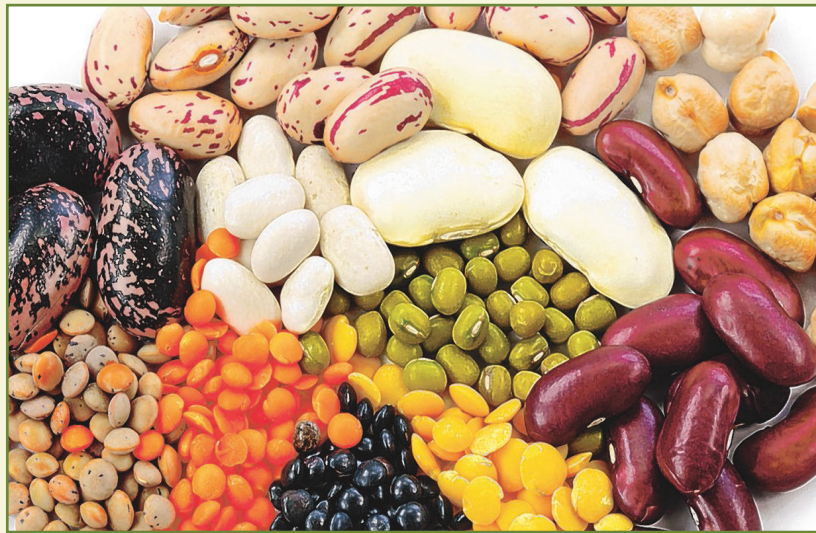
**Sustainable future**

*Did you know?  
Pulses contain more antioxidants than blueberries.*

Today's farmers face the challenge of producing more and more food to meet the demand of a growing population while leaving behind the smallest possible environmental footprint.

Pulses provide an affordable, nutritious and sustainable alternative to traditional sources of protein like red meat, poultry and fish.

Spicy chickpea burgers, red bean brownies, butterbean casseroles, baked curry lentil cakes—pulses aren't just good for soups! Visit [www.pulses.org](http://www.pulses.org) for a variety of healthy, mouth-watering recipes to try.



## Apps are a useful tool on the farm

Apps have become essential tools on the farm. They provide time-saving information and data that help farmers in a number of ways.

Apps designed for the agricultural industry cover markets, prices, crops, livestock, machinery, technology and news. Others allow farmers to correctly calculate feed rations, milk data, harvests, tank mixes and a long list of other vital activities.

**Ag Weather Tools**

A great deal of farm work is weath-

er-dependent. This app offers specific farm-level forecasts, GPS-based roaming alerts, weather risk notices and agricultural commentary.

**Ag Weed ID**

Described as "the ultimate scouting tool," this app has a database of over 70 common weeds. Its information and images of weeds (in three life stages) allow farmers to identify the problems and eliminate them.

**Farm at Hand**

An excessive amount of information

is necessary to successfully manage a farm operation. This free app organizes and stores farm data on acreage, seeding, spraying, harvesting, storage inventories, deliveries, machinery maintenance and more. The information that keeps farmers "organized, efficient and productive" is as close as their smartphone.

**A&L Plant DD**

Plant pathogens (including bacteria, nematodes, fungi and viruses) in the greenhouse or the field can

be diagnosed quickly and effectively with this app. If the disease cannot be identified, the lab will request plant tissue samples.

**Farms.com Classifieds**

There are hundreds of agriculture-related classified ads on this app. Easy to use, it encourages farmers to post classified ads for free.

They can also search and browse through ads that are listed "by category, location and price in all states and provinces."

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