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Election season 2020 draws to a close

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff writer

Eight thousand votes. That's the number of ballots needed to be cast on Election Day in Citrus County to equal the entire 2016 turnout.

With early voting and vote by mail accounting for more than 72,000 votes already cast, Citrus County is looking at a potential record turnout in a presidential election year.

Supervisor of Elections Susan Gill, overseeing her final election during 24 years in office, said she expects a voter turnout of 82% to 85%.

The turnout was already close to 62% in early voting and vote by mail.

"That tells me we have a lot of interest in this election," she said.

Turnout in 2016 was 76.6%, or 80,973 votes.

Along with the president, voters will also choose local races: sheriff, property appraiser, school board, mosquito control board; plus, state House of Representatives and U.S. House. And Crystal River voters will choose candidates for two council seats.

Unlike the first few days of early voting, Gill said voters on Election Day shouldn't expect lines unless they show up at 7 a.m. when polls first open. Polls close at 7 p.m.

A few other election-related tidbits:

- Citrus County Transit is offering voters a free ride to the polls and back home on Election Day. Call 352-527-7630.
- Firearms are not allowed inside polling locations. Gill said poll clerks are directed to call the sheriff's office if there are any problems at polling sites.

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Board approves CARES grant plan

May use funds to pay employees

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff writer

Citrus County officials are facing such a time crunch to disburse millions of dollars in CARES Act grants that they may give a large chunk to government employees.

During a special meeting Monday, Nov. 2, commissioners approved a plan to pump more

money into CARES Act grants, but only to businesses that have already received funds.

Others whose job categories were left out of the mix, such as home-based businesses, were turned aside by commissioners who said they'd like to help but no longer have time to add categories because of a state-mandated Nov. 16 deadline to

complete all paperwork.

Because of that, County Administrator Randy Oliver suggested the county use CARES funds to pay sheriff's deputies, freeing up salary money from the general fund that can be used for other purposes, including business-related grants.

The board directed County Attorney Denise Dymond Lyn to seek a legal



Randy Oliver
 Citrus County administrator.

opinion whether the county can do that — pay deputies with CARES funds, and then use the general fund money dedicated to salaries for another purpose.

Former Commissioner Josh Wooten, president and CEO of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, said he would prefer nearly all the CARES

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Ingram family home demolished



Sandra Ingram looks to the sky and speaks to her father Monday, Nov. 2, 2020, while watching an excavator demolish her family's home. "Sorry Dad. They had to take your room." Ingram's mother and father, along with her brother and sister all passed away inside the home that she helped her father build in 1971. "I have mixed emotions," she said. "My dad's standing over there looking at me smiling and my mom's over there shaking her fist at me." After living in a camper for years with her two grandchildren, many community members have come together to help the Homosassa family secure a new home. "It was very emotional and bittersweet to see the house come down — my family lived there for 52 years. I was 18 when I helped my dad build the four rooms around a 30-foot Arrow travel trailer that became the house. My mom lived there for about 46 years after my dad died. I know my dad would be happy because I did it for the kids."

Photos by Matthew Beck



Ingram is white-knuckled as she clinches her hands while watching her home being torn down.



RIGHT: Heavy equipment from Hensley Grading, Inc. is used to demolish this home in Homosassa that has been in Sandra Ingram's family since the early 1970s. A new mobile home will soon take the place of the structure that had become unsafe to occupy.

Local jail sees COVID-19 cases past week

Two jail housing pods in quarantine

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

COVID-19 broke out inside the local jail this past week as Citrus County's 7-day average of infections continues to rise.

County Administrator Randy Oliver said Monday, Nov. 2, 2020, the Citrus County Detention Facility, run by CoreCivic, reported eight inmates testing positive for the novel coronavirus since Monday, Oct. 26.

Of those cases, one is an inmate from the U.S. Virgin Islands, Oliver said.

Oliver said the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) in Citrus County is addressing the issue.

"CoreCivic has implemented the appropriate protocols," he said in an email.

Due to lessen the spread of recent inmate cases, CoreCivic spokesman Ryan Gustin said Monday, two housing pods of the

jail were placed on quarantine, and visitations were suspended for 14 days.

For security reasons, CoreCivic won't disclose the number of current inmates, Gustin said, adding jail pods can house roughly 60 people each; however, fewer inmates are placed there on purpose if there ever needs to be an isolation.

From when the pandemic began impacting the county to this latest report from the Lecanto jail, there had been one non-county inmate who tested positive for the disease after getting outside treatment.

There has been no change in

Citrus COVID-19 update

Twenty new positive cases were reported in Citrus County since the latest FDOH update. Two new hospitalizations were reported; no new deaths were reported.

To date in the county, 3,328 people have tested positive (including 14 non-residents), 336 have been hospitalized and 135 have died.

the number of coronavirus cases within CoreCivic staff at the jail, according to Gustin on Monday.

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County Transit offers free ride to the polls

Citrus County Transit is offering a free ride to vote today. Home pickup and return to home from poll locations. Advanced reservation is the best way to secure a time. Transit staff will be taking same day requests Nov. 3 on a first come, first served basis. For reservations, call 352-527-7630.

No-cost COVID-19 testing coming to Homosassa

The state of Florida is opening a one-time mobile COVID-19 testing site from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Homosassa Public Library, 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave.

The walk-up/drive-thru test site will be available at no cost on a first come, first served basis for Florida residents with or without symptoms. ID required for adults. There is no age requirement.

It will be a nasopharyngeal (nasal) swab and individuals will be called or emailed within two days with results.

For information about the Florida Department of Health, visit www.floridahealth.gov.

Festival of the Arts slated for Nov. 7-8

The Inverness Festival of the Arts will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020, at the Depot at 300 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness.

The special celebration of art will feature approximately 40 exhibitors with works in mediums such as watercolors, oils, acrylics, pottery, sculpture, mixed media, jewelry, photography, drawings and textiles.

For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yxw4mof7>.

Former SEAL guest speaker at veterans service

Former U.S. Navy SEAL Chad Williams will be the guest speaker at two Veterans Day services, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020 at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 1100 W. Highland Blvd., Inverness.

Serving his country proudly through multiple deployments as a U.S. Navy SEAL, on SEAL Teams One and Seven, Williams continued to hone the qualities and values that our nation's best adhere to. In an ironic final operation in Iraq, his SEAL team was set up on a pre-meditated ambush similar to the location and scenario that took the life of his mentor, Scott Helvenston.

However, on that occasion, Williams and his team were able to overcome the enemy and complete the mission.

Drawing from his experiences as a SEAL, Williams illustrates and instructs the SEAL mindset and ethos that involve: mental toughness, discipline, teamwork, leadership, safety and motivation.

For more information, call the church office at 352.726.7335, visit online at www.atthecorner.church or email info@atthecorner.church.

— From staff reports

TDC to discuss Riverwalk funding

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

The city of Crystal River will ask the Citrus County Tourist Development Council (TDC) on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020, to commit \$1 million in tourist development funds over the next 10 years to help pay for the second phase of the Kings Bay Riverwalk project.

Due to COVID-19 budget shortfalls and increased construction costs, there is a \$2 million funding gap the city needs to fill before it starts breaking ground on the Riverwalk boardwalk.

Crystal River City Manager Ken Frink said he believes he money would be an appropriate use of TDC money and fits the agency's mission of promoting

tourism.

Citrus County Visitors Bureau Director John Pricher said there is not \$1 million in the coffers right now so the board may have to discuss other options, such as a contract between the county and city committing a certain amount given annually until it's paid off.

"There are mechanisms that could do it if (the board members) move forward," Pricher said.

But the board has not been comfortable in committing money it doesn't have.

Crystal River Mayor Joe Meek said recently the city currently has \$1.7 million in RESTORE Act funding from Citrus County and the city is contributing \$750,000.

Meek said the city is

looking at many funding options, including the county, other organizations and bonds.

Also at Wednesday's meeting:

■ The Friends of Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge will update the board on its expansion program and ask for another \$100,000.

The TDC in March unanimously approved committing \$100,000 from its bed tax-generated capital improvement projects fund to help defray costs for installing interactive displays and exhibits at the soon-to-open new Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge Complex and visitor center at 1520 SE King's Bay Drive.

■ Tournament angler Chris Kingree will present the annual fishing report



Special to the Chronicle

Due to increased construction costs and a lack of state funding, Crystal River modified its Riverwalk route to a more feasible one. In its updated design, the city removed the boardwalk in between Cracker's Bar & Grill and Charlie's Fish House, and added another Riverwalk sidewalk along U.S. 19 to connect prior routes.

to the board.

The Citrus County Tourist Development Council will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, in Room 166 of the Lecanto Government

Center, 3600 W. Sovereign Path.

Contact Chronicle reporter Michael D. Bates at 352-563-5660 or mbates@chronicleonline.com.



Crystal Auto sponsors football toss contest

MATT PFIFFNER/Chronicle

Former Lecanto student Ryan Rogers gets set to make a throw Friday, Oct. 30, 2020, during halftime of Lecanto's home game against Citrus at Lecanto High School, as the Panther mascot cheers him on. Crystal Chrysler Dodge Jeep of Homosassa sponsored a contest where two participants got a chance to win up to \$1,000 for throwing a football into a truck window at different spots on the field.

Inverness City Garden fails to live up to hopes

FRED HIERS
Staff writer

Inverness' hopes that its new City Garden on Martin Luther King Boulevard would attract residents to garden in a communal setting withered on the vine as few participated after the initial excitement over the project.

City Manager Eric Williams is asking his council member bosses during this Wednesday's council meeting to partner with the nonprofit Key Training Center to allow its clients to utilize the 22-bed gardening center.

The initial hope was for a community nonprofit to manage the gardening facility and rent out its gardening beds, overseeing operations and hosting educational programs at the

site.

That didn't happen and the city had to oversee the garden, its operations, marketing, and rentals. That costs the city about \$21,000 annually.

"Over the past several years, we have had some great gardeners who have grown a variety of vegetables and plants utilizing their garden bed to the fullest. However, in the last year we have seen a decline in the participation with the City Garden from both volunteers and gardener's renting beds," Williams wrote the council members regarding the City Garden built two years ago.

Currently only 10 of the 22 beds are rented, he said, noting "of the 10 about half are being maintained to the desired

standard."

Given the decline, Williams said city staff looked for options to reinvigorate the garden, host educational formats about gardening and have the center managed by a single organization. Williams will propose to the city council that the Key Training Center fits that bill.

The nonprofit provides education and work for people who are mentally disabled in addition to housing to others who qualify.

Inverness paid nearly \$300,000 to build the garden center in 2018. The council meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020.

The Key Training Center is proposing to restore and have its clients utilize the beds as well as host

educational programs there, and sell City Garden grown produce at the city's farmers' market.

"(The key Training Center) brings. ... infrastructure and (a) business model needed that fits with the garden," Williams told the Chronicle.

Under the memorandum of understanding, the city would continue to provide free water service to the City Garden and make repairs. The city would also reimburse those who rented beds and allow them to continue maintaining and harvesting until Dec. 4, 2020. The cost to reimburse those who rented beds is a total of \$340, Williams said.

Williams said given the cost of the garden, the city must protect its investment. Currently, the city is

using too much of its manpower and financial resources to maintain the garden, Williams said.

"Basically, we're getting the city out of the business of having to operate the garden," he told the Chronicle. "It's not a good cost fit for the city."

Williams said unless someone lives in an apartment or condominium, most gardeners prefer to garden at their residence.

"We really need to get it in the hands of someone who could operate it in its entirety," he said.

As for those losing their garden beds, Williams said the Key Training Center is looking for garden volunteers and gardeners would be welcomed.

"This is the only way the garden can achieve what we put in," Williams said.

Thieves steal Crystal River church's food pantry trailer

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Ralph and Ruth DuBall had been transporting donated goods to their local church for roughly nine years.

Now operations are on pause after their utility trailer was stolen from the grounds of the Life Tree Church of Crystal River, also known as the First Presbyterian Church of

Crystal River.

"I don't know what we'll do now," said Ruth DuBall, who's lived with her husband 13 years in the city, a couple blocks from their church at 1501 SE. U.S. 19.

Twice a month, the DuBall's go to the Community Food Bank of Citrus County to pickup food with their trailer for their church's own community pantry, DuBall said.

According to the Citrus County Sheriff's Office and

DuBall, a woman with the church contacted authorities at around 11:45 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020, after noticing the DuBall's trailer missing from the parking lot.

A sheriff's office case report states the trailer was last seen at around 10 p.m. Saturday. It was secured with a lock on its tow bar, and locking cables around its tires.

Thieves tried to steal the trailer about a year ago as

well.

"The lock was cut on the front of the trailer," DuBall said.

According to DuBall and the sheriff's office, the 6-by-8 trailer with the license plate tag Y793CP is white and enclosed with the words "Crystal River Presbyterian Food Pantry" written in black, boxed lettering on the side.

"Haulin' for Jesus" is also written on the trailer's rear, DuBall said.

Those with information about the theft could be eligible for a cash reward by contacting Citrus County Crime Stoppers at 888-269-8477. Tipsters also remain anonymous.

Tips can also be reported to the sheriff's office by calling the agency's non-emergency line, 352-249-2790.

Contact Chronicle reporter Buster Thompson at 352-564-2916 or bthompson@chronicleonline.com.

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Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Keep an open dialogue to offset accusations.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you say something in haste, you will regret it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Make positive changes at home that will add to your comfort.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you are too quick to react, you will upset someone you love.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Take a closer look at places you want to visit.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — You'll be offered invalid information from someone you thought trustworthy.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Your charm and flirtatious ways will work wonders for you.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Don't get upset over things you cannot change.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Align yourself with reliable people.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Offer suggestions, but don't force your opinions on others.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Learn all you can and look for ways to improve.

Distance yourself from individuals who are demanding, excessive or disruptive.

ENTERTAINMENT

Report: Britain's Prince William had coronavirus in April

LONDON — Britain's Prince William tested positive for the coronavirus, apparently around the same time as his father Prince Charles earlier this year, BBC reported.

The report cited unidentified palace sources and The Sun newspaper, which said William kept his telephone and video engagements without revealing his diagnosis because he didn't want to worry anyone.

Kensington Palace declined to comment Sunday but did not deny the report. The newspaper said William was treated by palace doctors and followed government guidelines by isolating at the family home Anmer Hall.

Prince Charles had mild COVID-19 symptoms in March. In his first public engagement after recovering, Charles revealed he lost his sense of taste and smell while he was sick.

William made a public appearance in mid-October with his grandmother Queen Elizabeth II, who was making her first public engagement outside of a royal residence since early March. They met with scientists at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory at Porton Down in southern England.

Johnny Depp loses UK libel case over 'wife-beater' claims

LONDON — Johnny Depp lost his high-stakes libel case Monday against The Sun tabloid newspaper for labelling him a "wife beater," as a British judge said he believed the actor had abused ex-wife Amber Heard to such an extent that she frequently



Associated Press

Wearing a face covering to curb the spread of coronavirus, Britain's Prince William meets pharmacist Joyce Duah as he and his wife Kate the Duchess of Cambridge visit St. Bartholomew's Hospital Oct. 20, 2020, in London, to mark the launch of the nationwide "Hold Still" community photography project. Prince William tested positive for the coronavirus, apparently around the same time as his father Prince Charles earlier this year, BBC reported.

feared for her life. In a decision that has been cheered by campaigners against domestic abuse, Justice Andrew Nicol said the defendants proved during the trial in London that their allegations against Depp were "substantially true."

Depp's lawyers said they would appeal the decision. Over the course of nearly three weeks this summer, Nicol heard lurid — and irreconcilable — accounts from Depp and Heard in which each accused the other of abuse.

"I have found that the great majority of alleged assaults of Ms. Heard by Mr. Depp have been proved to the civil standard," Nicol wrote in his ruling. In one of the biggest English libel trials of the 21st century, Depp sued News Group Newspapers, publisher of The Sun, and the newspaper's executive editor, Dan Wootton, over an April 2018 article that accused him of assaulting

fellow actor Heard. The ruling deals a big blow to Depp's reputation that could imperil his movie career, which has seen the actor take the lead in some of the most popular family movies in recent times, from "Edward Scissorhands" to most lucratively the "Pirates of the Caribbean" franchise.

That reputational cost clearly comes with an indeterminate financial cost on top of the several millions pounds in legal costs he will likely be required to pay, including his own as well as a chunk of The Sun's. A lawyer for Depp, 57, described the decision as "perverse as it is bewildering."

"The judgment is so flawed that it would be ridiculous for Mr. Depp not to appeal this decision," Jenny Afia said in a statement. An attorney for Heard, meanwhile, said the verdict was "not a surprise" for anyone who followed the trial.

— From wire reports

Today in HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 3, the 308th day of 2020. There are 58 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight: On Nov. 3, 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won a landslide election victory over Republican challenger Alfred "Alf" Landon.

On this date: In 1900, the first automobile show in the United States opened at New York's Madison Square Garden under the auspices of the Automobile Club of America.

In 1911, the Chevrolet Motor Car Co. was founded in Detroit by Louis Chevrolet and William C. Durant. (The company was acquired by General Motors in 1918.)

In 1992, Democrat Bill Clinton was elected the 42nd president of the United States, defeating President George H.W. Bush.

In 2004, President George W. Bush claimed a re-election mandate a day after more than 62 million Americans chose him over Democrat John Kerry; Kerry conceded defeat in make-or-break Ohio rather than launch a legal fight reminiscent of the contentious Florida recount of four years earlier.

In 2014, 13 years after the 9/11 terrorist attack, the resurrected World Trade Center opened for business, marking an emotional milestone for both New Yorkers and the nation.

Ten years ago: The Federal Reserve announced a plan to buy \$600 billion in Treasury bonds over the next eight months in an attempt to boost lending and stimulate the economy.

Five years ago: U.S. auto safety regulators fined Japan's Takata Corp. \$70 million for concealing evidence for years that its air bags were prone to explode with potentially deadly consequences.

One year ago: Authorities in Southern California lifted all evacuation orders as firefighters made progress on a large blaze that sent thousands fleeing homes and farms northwest of Los Angeles.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian-actor Roseanne Barr is 68.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

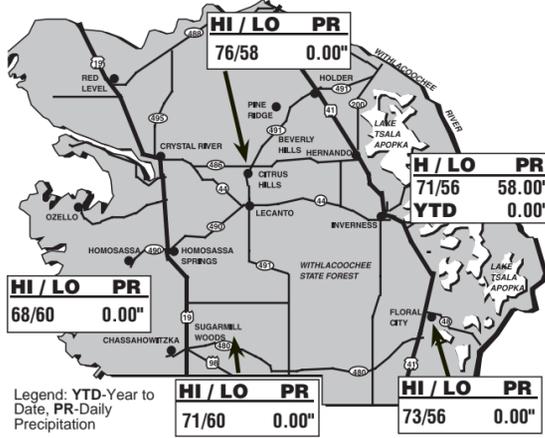


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Table with 2 columns: Day and Value. Rows: Temperature (Yesterday, Record, Normal, Mean temp, Departure from mean), Precipitation (Yesterday, Total for month, Total for year, Normal for year), UV Index, Barometric Pressure.

Table with 2 columns: Date and Time. Rows: Solar tables for minor and major sunrises and sunsets for 11/03 and 11/04.

Table with 2 columns: Day and Time. Rows: Celestial Outlook for sunset, sunrise, moonrise, and moonset today.

BURN CONDITIONS: Today's Fire Danger Index is: MODERATE. There is no burn ban.

Table with 2 columns: Watering Rules and Addresses with house numbers ending in.

TIDES: *From mouths of rivers, **At King's Bay, ***At Mason's Creek. Table for Tuesday tide schedule.

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Table with 3 columns: City, High, Low, Forecast. Lists temperatures for cities like Daytona Bch, Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Ocala, Orlando, etc.

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Northeast winds around 20 knots diminishing to 10 to 15 knots in the late morning and afternoon. Seas 2 to 4 feet. Bay and inland waters choppy.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Monday, Sunday, Full. Shows lake levels for Withlacoochee, Tsalala, etc.

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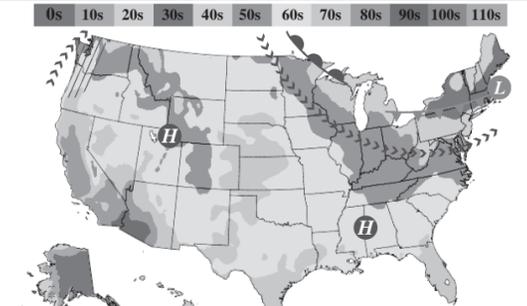


Table with 3 columns: City, Monday, Tuesday. Shows forecast for 3:00 P.M. Tuesday for various cities.

Table with 3 columns: City, Monday, Tuesday. Shows weather forecast for 3:00 P.M. Tuesday for a wide range of cities across the US.

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW: HIGH 97, Big River, Calif. LOW 2, Gorham, N.H.

Table with 3 columns: City, Monday, Tuesday. Shows world cities weather forecast for Tuesday.

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Around the COUNTY

Friends of Library to host sale

The Friends of the Citrus County Library System will host a 2-Day Sidewalk Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, and Sunday, Nov. 8, at the Village West Plaza, 593 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway.

This sidewalk sale will feature a broad selection of used fiction and non-fiction books. There will also be an assortment of puzzles, DVDs and CDs. New books will be added throughout both days, allowing everyone a chance to see the most popular titles.

The proceeds from this sale will benefit the Citrus County Library System.

To stay up-to-date on when and where sales are

happening, follow the Friends of the Citrus County Library System or Citrus County Library System on Facebook. For more information, call 352-513-4935 or email friendsofccls@gmail.com. For information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y3x77h24>.

County seeks CRAB applicants

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners is seeking applications for two vacancies on the Code Review and Appeals Board (CRAB). The Board is seeking two regular position members and for terms beginning Feb. 1, 2021 and ending on Jan. 31, 2025.

The Code Review and Appeals Board reviews any locally proposed technical

amendments to building standards or regulations and makes recommendations to the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners. It also hears appeals of code interpretations and makes decisions on variations and modifications concerning technical codes and standards. It makes recommendations to the BOCC on changes to Article II, Chapter 18 of the Citrus County Code.

Applications should be received by Dec. 7, 2020, and those applications, which meet the eligibility requirements, will be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for evaluation, nomination and selection. Applications can be found at tinyurl.com/yxu6327x.

Submit your application to: Citrus County Board of County Commissioners,

Attn: Denise Gallagher, Citrus County Administration
3600 W. Sovereign Path,
Suite 267, Lecanto, FL, 34461

Senior Friends For Life to meet

Senior Friends for Life will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Citrus Hills Country Club.

Attendees will be honoring veterans. Visitors are welcome. For reservations or meal choices, call 352-489-9408 or 352-344-8256. For information, call 231-629-0143.

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ELECTION

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■ While the total percentage of voting early for each major political party is only slightly higher than the overall turnout — 67% of registered Democrats and 65% of registered Republicans voted early — how they voted is much different. For Democrats, 71% of the early votes cast came by mail; Republicans, 43% of early votes were by mail.

■ Speaking of mail ballots, voters who still haven't turned in that ballot have until 7 p.m. Election Day. They can be

submitted only at the Supervisor of Elections office at Meadowrest; don't bring those ballots to your precinct because they won't be accepted there.

■ And vote-by-mail ballots must be in the elections office by 7 p.m., not post-marked as is the case in some other states.

■ Because early votes and vote-by-mail ballots are counted by the canvassing board early, the elections office will release the results of those ballots shortly after 7 p.m. Check out the elections office website, www.vote Citrus.com, for updates.

Contact Chronicle reporter Mike Wright at 352-563-3228 or mwright@chronicleonline.com.

Countywide races on the Nov. 3 ballot

CITRUS COUNTY SHERIFF

■ **WHO:** Republican incumbent Mike Prendergast; no-party affiliation Lee Alexander.

■ **TERM:** 4 years.

■ **SALARY:** \$138,491.

CITRUS COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

■ **WHO:** Republican Cregg Dalton; no-party affiliation Rick Schroeder.

■ **TERM:** 4 years.

■ **SALARY:** \$129,064.

CITRUS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 2

■ **WHO:** Incumbent Ginger Bryant, Danielle Damato Doty. Race is nonpartisan.

■ **TERM:** 4 years.

■ **SALARY:** \$35,194.

■ **NOTE:** Though they run in districts, school board members are elected by voters countywide.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 11

■ **WHO:** Republican incumbent

Daniel Webster; Democrat Dana Cottrell.

■ **TERM:** 2 years.

■ **SALARY:** \$174,000.

■ **COVERS:** All Citrus County, plus all or parts of Hernando, Lake, Marion and Sumter counties.

■ **ON THE BALLOT:** Nov. 3 election.

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 34

■ **WHO:** Republican incumbent Ralph Massullo; Democrat Dushyant Gosai.

■ **TERM:** 2 years.

■ **SALARY:** \$29,697.

■ **COVERS:** All Citrus County, plus part of Hernando County.

■ **ON THE BALLOT:** Nov. 3 election.

MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD SEAT 2

■ **WHO:** Stephanie Adams, Theresa Foster West and Timothy Langer. The race is nonpartisan.

■ **TERM:** 4 years.

■ **SALARY:** \$4,800.

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Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Arrests

■ **Seth Risner**, 18, of Homosassa, at 1:46 a.m. Oct. 28 on a felony charge of burglary and misdemeanor charges of petit theft and criminal mischief. His bond was set at \$11,500.

■ **Scott Miller**, 30, of Hernando, at 1:57 a.m. Oct. 28 on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance. His bond was set at \$2,000.

■ **Jason Moshier**, 34, of Crystal River, at 7:49 a.m. Oct. 28 on a felony charge of aggravated battery. His bond was set at \$5,000.

■ **Matthew Horne**, 33, of West Orange Lane, Crystal River, at 8:03 a.m. Oct. 28 on an active warrant for felony violation of probation stemming from an original charge of possession of methamphetamine.

■ **John McGahan**, 30, of Dunnellon, at 10:56 a.m. Oct. 28 on a felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and a misdemeanor charge of resisting an officer without violence. He was also charged with misdemeanor failure to appear.

■ **Barbara Rose**, 45, of Chicago Avenue, New Port Richey, at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 28 on an active warrant for felony violation of probation stemming from an original charge of possession of a

controlled substance. She was transported from the Pasco County Jail to the Citrus County Detention Facility.

■ **Corey Ross**, 29, of West Grant Street, Homosassa, at 1:18 p.m. Oct. 28 on an active warrant for felony violation of probation stemming from an original charge of possession of a controlled substance.

■ **Chase McClelland**, 30, of West Inverness Boulevard, Inverness, at 8:46 p.m. Oct. 28 on an active Marion County warrant for battery.

■ **Constance Louramore**, 58, of CR 749, Webster at 9:52 p.m. Oct. 28 on a felony charge of giving a false name to law enforcement and a misdemeanor charge of resisting an officer without violence. According to her arrest affidavit, Louramore is accused of giving a deputy a fake name during a traffic stop. She reportedly attempted to walk away from the officer during her arrest. Her bond was set at \$6,000.

Burglaries, thefts, vandalism

Here are the reported burglaries, thefts and vandalism released Monday, Nov. 2, 2020, by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office:

■ Theft, 1:04 p.m. on Nov. 1 at 70 N. Suncoast Blvd., Crystal River;

■ Theft, 11:45 a.m. on Nov. 1 at 1501 SE. U.S. 19, Crystal River;

ON THE NET

■ For more information about arrests made by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, go to www.sheriffcitrus.org and click on the Public Information link, then on Arrest Reports.

■ Also under Public Information on the CCSO website, click on Crime Mapping for a view of where each type of crime occurs in Citrus County. Click on Offense Reports to see lists of burglary, theft and vandalism.

■ Misdemeanor retail theft, 12:54 p.m. on Oct. 31 at Walmart, 6885 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa;

■ Vehicle burglary, 10:50 p.m. on Oct. 30 at 1936 N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto;

■ Burglary, 2:10 p.m. on Oct. 30 at 7525 E. Applewood Drive, Inverness;

■ Burglary, 1:48 p.m. on Oct. 30 at 4672 E. Spruce Drive, Dunnellon.

Those with information about these offenses could be eligible for a cash reward by contacting Citrus County Crime Stoppers at 888-269-8477. Tipsters remain anonymous.

Tips can also be reported to the sheriff's office by calling the agency's non-emergency line, 352-249-2790.

VIRUS

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Since the pandemic's onset, five CoreCivic personnel tested positive before being cleared to return to work.

Each of the 14 Cypress Creek Juvenile Offender Correctional Center and Treatment Center employees who contracted COVID-19 also returned to their jobs at the Lecanto facility, according to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice on Oct. 27.

Every one of the infected 24 youth inmates has also left medical isolation.

FDOH reported a total 67 cases Monday for inmates housed at correctional centers in the county, and for staff who live locally but could also work at an outside facility.

COVID-19 data on the FDOH dashboard is subject to change as epidemiological investigations reveal new information about a case.

An average of 21 cases was being reported each day between Oct. 26 and Nov. 2 in Citrus County, bringing the county's total case count up 150 to 3,328, according to the FDOH.

FDOH had recorded an average 18.57 cases a day during Oct. 19-26.

A dozen more local COVID-19 hospitalizations were reported by the FDOH since Oct. 26, increasing the total count to 336. Documented deaths also went up five since Oct. 26 to 135.

According to the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) on Monday, Citrus County had 23 people in hospital with a primary diagnosis of the disease.

There was also 32% of hospital beds available in the county, according to AHCA, and 17% of local adult intensive care units were open.

As of Oct. 30, since the 2020-21 academic year began Aug. 20, there have been 114 COVID-19 cases on Citrus County School District Campuses, up five since Oct. 26. Of those cases, 69 were students and 45 were school staff.

Long-term care facilities in the county have documented a total 583 cases, up 15 since Oct. 26.

Here are the number of COVID-19 cases ranked by Citrus County's 15 zip codes:

■ 34452 (Inverness, Floral City, Inverness

Highlands North and Inverness Highlands South): 559, an increase of seven since Oct. 26.

■ 34465 (Beverly Hills, Black Diamond, Citrus Springs, Lecanto and Pine Ridge): 339, up 13.

■ 34461 (Black Diamond, Citrus Hills, Homosassa Springs, Lecanto, Pine Ridge and Sugarmill Woods): 330, up 18.

■ 34446 (Homosassa, Homosassa Springs, Lecanto and Sugarmill Woods): 303, up 17.

■ 34429 (Crystal River, Ozeilo, Homosassa Springs, Lecanto and Black

Diamond): 260, up 17.

■ 34453 (Inverness, Citrus Hills, Hernando, Inverness Highlands North and Lecanto): 258, up five.

■ 34442 (Citrus Hills, Citrus Springs, Hernando, Lecanto and Pine Ridge): 245, up 29.

■ 34428 (Crystal River, Red Level and Inglis): 229, up 10.

■ 34434 (Dunnellon, Citrus Springs, Hernando and Pine Ridge): 209, up 12.

■ 34450 (Inverness and Inverness Highlands South): 148, up four.

■ 34433 (Dunnellon,

Citrus Springs and Pine Ridge): 137, up nine.

■ 34448 (Homosassa, Homosassa Springs, Sugarmill Woods, Lecanto and Crystal River): 131, up four.

■ 34436 (Floral City): 128, up two.

■ 34445 (Holder, Citrus Springs, Hernando and Pine Ridge): Five, no change.

■ 34449 (Inglis and Yankeetown): Less than five, no change.

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Around the COUNTY

Sunshine Poets meet monthly, welcome new members

Sunshine Poets will meet at 10 a.m. on the second Thursday, monthly, at the Central Ridge Library in Beverly Hills. Bring poems to share or just attend to listen. If you wish a gentle critique, bring several copies. For information, visit the Sunshine Poets Facebook page.

Crystal Oaks Civic Association hosts community sale

The Crystal Oaks Civic Association will host its annual indoor Garage Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at 4958 W. Crystal Oaks Drive, Lecanto.

The gated communities in Crystal Oaks will also host garage sales outside of their homes. For information, call 267-939-3724.

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CITRUS COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 9:00 AM
Lecanto Government Building
3600 West Sovereign Path, Room 166
Lecanto, Florida 34461

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- A. CALL TO ORDER
B. INVOCATION
C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
D. ROLL CALL
E. CHAIRMAN TO READ THE APPEAL PROCESS AND MEETING PROCEDURES
F. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Receive comments from the public
G. APPROVE MINUTES – Approval of available minutes
H. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS
I. EX PARTE COMMUNICATION: County Attorney
J. APPLICATIONS

1. DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT APPLICATION

a. **DA-20-02 Clark A. Stillwell, Esq. for Crystal Point Investments, LLC**

REQUEST: This request is to amend the extension of an existing Development Agreement with Citrus County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, to the year 2040. A copy of the proposed Development Agreement amendment can be obtained from the Citrus County Land Development Division, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 140, Lecanto, FL 34461.

LOCATION: Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 17 East; further described as Crystal Point Subdivision Phases II and III, in the Citronelle area, Citrus County, Florida. A complete legal description is on file with the Land Development Division.

STAFF CONTACT: Michael Sherman, AICP, Director, Department of Growth Management

2. LAND USE APPLICATION

a. **V-20-07 Alan Whetsel**

REQUEST: This request is for a two-part Variance from the Citrus County Land Development Code (LDC) for the placement of a single-family dwelling (1) having less than the required 50-foot setback from the mean high water line pursuant to Section 3501, **Surface Water Protection Standards**, and (2) having less than the required 50-foot setback from the centerline of a right-of-way pursuant to Section 2300, **Building Setback Requirements and Height Requirements For All Land Uses**, as specified in the LDC.

LOCATION: Section 15, Township 19 South, Range 16 East; specifically, Lot 131 of Rocky Ripple unrecorded subdivision (AK 1011094), which address is 14189 W. Hibyrd Ct., Crystal River, FL. A complete legal description of the property is on file with the Land Development Division.

STAFF CONTACT: Joe Hochadel, Principal Planner, Land Development Division

3. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

a. **CPA/AA-20-19 Clark A. Stillwell, Esq. for VBRL Land Holdings, LLC**

REQUEST: This request is to amend the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) of the Citrus County Comprehensive Plan and to amend the Land Use Atlas Map (LUAM) of the Land Development Code from LDR, Low Density Residential District, to GNC, General Commercial District.

LOCATION: Section 34, Township 19 South, Range 20 East; more specifically, Parcel 34300, of an unrecorded tract; also known as Alternate Key Number 1843910, which address is 4986 S. Florida Ave., Inverness, Florida. A complete legal description of the property is on file with the Land Development Division.

STAFF CONTACT: Joe Hochadel, Principal Planner, Land Development Division

b. **CPA-20-11 Board of County Commissioners – Cardinal Mixed Use Category**

REQUEST: This request is to amend Chapter 10, the Future Land Use Element, of the Citrus County Comprehensive Plan by adopting a new land use category entitled Cardinal Mixed Use (CMU) in relation to the Suncoast Parkway Interchange at W. Cardinal Street.

STAFF CONTACT: Michael Sherman, AICP, Director, Department of Growth Management

4. LAND USE APPLICATION

a. **V-20-10 Maurice and Christina Ryman – CONTINUED**

REQUEST: This request is for a Variance from the Citrus County Land Development Code (LDC) to allow for the construction of a pool and pool deck having less than the required 50-foot minimum building setback from the Mean High Water Line and the Jurisdictional Wetland Line (35-foot with a berm or swale), pursuant to Section 3501, **Surface Water Protection Standards**, as specified in the LDC.

LOCATION: Section 25, Township 19S, Range 16E; Lot 12 of Riverhaven Village, PB 9, Pg 31, (AK 1012261), which address is 12070 W Broad Jump Ct., Homosassa, FL.

STAFF CONTACT: Miranda Anaya, Planner I, Land Development Division

- K. ADDITIONAL ITEMS
L. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS
M. ADJOURN

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the County Administrator's Office, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, FL 34461, (352) 527-5210, at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, dial 7-1-1, 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service.

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Florida high school principal in Holocaust controversy fired again

Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH — A Florida high school principal was fired again on Monday over a comment he made to a student's parent last year regarding the Holocaust.

The Palm Beach County School Board's vote on Monday morning reversed an earlier decision to reinstate Spanish River High School Principal William Latson.

Latson was fired in October 2019 after sparking outrage when he told a parent he "can't say the Holocaust is a factual, historical event" because he wasn't in a position to do so "as a school district employee."

He appealed his firing and an administrative law judge ruled in August that the school board had gone too far in firing him. That prompted the school board's 4-3 vote to reinstate him last month.

On Monday, the board reversed course and voted 7-0 to fire Latson following

outrage in the Jewish community, the Palm Beach Post reported.

A formal rejection of the recommendation to rehire Latson is expected to come via a "final order" in a separate vote Nov. 10, the newspaper reported.

"I am so at peace that I am going to rescind my vote from the Oct. 7 meeting," board member Barbara McQuinn said as the meeting began. "What Dr. Latson did was open the door for the students whose parents are Holocaust deniers for generations to come to deny the atrocity of the Holocaust."

The Germans under Nazi rule killed 6 million Jews during the Holocaust. The Nazis also exterminated another 5 million people during World War II, including Slavs; Roma, also known as Gypsies; gays and people with disabilities.

The board initially agreed to fire last year Latson on ground of ethical misconduct and failure to

carry out his job responsibilities. The official justification for his termination was failure to return messages from school district officials in the days after his comments made international news.

Latson was reassigned from the Boca Raton school to a district office job because of the outcry over his email to a mother who inquired whether the school's students study the Holocaust.

Latson, who had been at Spanish River for eight years, replied to the mother that as an educator his job was to be "politically neutral."

The mother, thinking Latson had expressed himself poorly, wrote back, saying, "The Holocaust is a factual, historical event. It is not a right or belief."

Latson replied, "Not everyone believes the Holocaust happened." He added, "You have your thoughts, but we are a public school and not all of our parents have the same beliefs."

CARES

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grants go to businesses that are struggling to stay afloat during the pandemic.

CARES funds were directly sent to counties with populations over 500,000. For the remaining 55 Florida counties, including Citrus, the money was sent to the state and then provided to the counties in chunks. The first was \$6.5 million; a second allotment expected any day is \$5.2 million. Plus, another \$14.3 million is available on a reimbursement method.

The federal government set a Dec. 30, 2020, deadline for local governments to spend the money, but a consultant hired by the state said counties must

submit their final spending reports by Nov. 16 — two weeks away.

The county now is winding down the third phase of funding with the deadline Friday for day care centers, nursing homes, boat captains and others.

Commissioners said they will provide more funding for businesses that have applied for and received CARES grants. Especially hard hit, they said, are bars and restaurants.

Oliver said the criteria allows the government to use CARES funds to pay salaries of sheriff's deputies and firefighters, whether the expense is coronavirus-related or not.

Wooten said paying deputies should only occur if Florida counties are not able to convince the state to extend the deadline.

"We maintain that should be a last resort," he said following the meeting.

Commissioner-elect Ruthie Schlabach, who along with Holly Davis will take office Tuesday, Nov. 17, suggested the county provide CARES funds to SCORE, an organization of volunteer business mentors. She said SCORE then could provide funding to businesses.

Commissioner Scott Carnahan, who is likely to become chairman, said government funds should stay with the government because SCORE does not operate in the open.

"There's no way I would even fathom doing that," he said.

Contact Chronicle reporter Mike Wright at 352-563-3228 or mwright@chronicleonline.com.

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UNDERMINING DEMOCRACY

We cannot tolerate foreign interference in elections

Shivers ran down the spines of registered Citrus County voters on the receiving end of threatening emails sent out in mid-October, demanding that local citizens change their party affiliation, vote for a select candidate or “we will come after you.”

In an already emotional election season, these emails amplified negative partisan feelings and spurred anger, fear, distrust and hurt.

Emails targeted members of major U.S. political parties through access of registered voter’s public record information and even included the recipient’s physical address. Unlike what the emails stated, the elections system in Citrus County was not hacked, and U.S. officials have accused Iran of being behind the flurry of threatening but fake emails sent to voters in battleground states including Florida, Alaska, Arizona and Pennsylvania.

Intimidation like this from outside the United States aims to spread falsehoods and sway voters. It is a significant threat to democracy and the integrity of U.S. elections. We cannot and must not tolerate it.

No matter what your partisan political identity is, we can all stand united together today, Election Day, and take a stance against foreign election interference. It’s terrorism. It’s spreading misinformation in delicate times critical to the future of our proud democracy, and must be identified and punished appropriately.

The internet, which has turned into a daily habit for most Americans over the past 30 years or so, only amplifies the ability of those foreign bodies to easily access our personal spaces. We

move forward into uncharted territory in creating strategies to recognize foreign interference and propaganda aimed to undermine our elections, and must remain committed to the fight against disinformation.

Citrus County Supervisor of Elections Susan Gill says she was disgusted by the emails sent. Many who received them felt scared, angry and concerned. Those are fair feelings to have under harassment by international trolls looking to undermine American democracy. Gill said how someone votes is never made public. The trolls can’t get into our voter system, but they can get into our heads with actions like this.

These forces are trying to create more distrust and hatred in American politics. And if trust in the integrity of the electoral system is lost, so may our representative democracy be lost.

Cyber defense and countermeasures so far haven’t deterred the threats coming in, so more stern action needs to be taken. This could include diplomatic or economic sanctions.

It’s very sad that there are people working so actively to destroy faith in American democracy, but these emails serve as a reminder that there are people out there who want to destroy faith in our country and government.

We can further fight these international threats by exercising our right to vote, as it is essential to being a good American citizen committed to the health and wealth of our country and community.

Today we stand proud of America and of our democracy. Please take the time today, if you already haven’t, and vote. God Bless America and God Bless Citrus County.

Vote for a leader you admire

Donald Trump is the heir to great wealth and privilege and has the power to manipulate the American people and our government. We, the people, have limited power as individuals, but our collective votes are a mighty force. Our votes should be for leaders we truly admire.

Ask yourself, do you admire someone who: as a 6-foot 2-inch healthy athlete and like many sons of wealthy parents sought five deferments during the Vietnam War; citing his elite college education and bone spurs; mocked American citizens with physical and/or mental challenges; repeatedly insulted Sen. John McCain, a war hero and member of the U.S. Senate; shamelessly bragged that he could shoot a man on a public street and not lose one vote; called global warming a hoax in spite of worldwide scientific evidence to the contrary; lied when he said he would release his tax returns as soon as an IRS audit was completed; repeatedly labeled news media as “fake news” for having the audacity to question him; branded those who serve in the military “suckers” and “losers;” transferred funds from the military to build a “wall Mexico will pay for;” separated children from immigrant parents and locked up the kids in cages; installed unqualified family members to sensitive positions with top security clearances; planned to abolish the Affordable Care Act, which included coverage for pre-existing conditions; claimed that COVID-19, which has killed 200,000 Americans of all ages, would magically disappear on its own; praised the status of the economy which has benefited the rich and large corporations while millions of Americans are unemployed or underemployed and living paycheck to paycheck; ignored the advice of U.S. intelligence agencies while pandering to Putin. This is a man who would say or do anything — truth or falsehood, legal or illegal — to insure his reelection.

Your vote is valuable. It represents your values, your conscience and your commitment to the survival of our democracy.

Vi Nero
Inverness

Don’t let politics affect friendship

Recently, one of your readers wrote a letter to the editor in which she stated, “If you support Donald Trump, our friendship must be sacrificed. Friendship requires respect and trust, and how can I

■ I get the Sound Off in Friday’s paper (Oct. 30, 2020), “Wearing a mask shows care.” It says that real men wear masks. I agree with that; just like real men know God. But I see in the stores and everywhere I go, husbands and wives walking together and the wife’s got a mask on and the man don’t have a mask on. I mean, doesn’t he love his wife? That shows ignorance. I wear a mask because I care about people and I care about myself, even though I don’t have a wife. I just don’t understand it. But I see a lot of men be the big macho man and they don’t need a mask, but their wife’s got one. It just shows they don’t care about their wife that much. Have a great day. God bless.

■ I’m responding to the Sound Off, “Wearing a mask shows care,” with the shout-out to the real men wearing a mask. It says, “Us ladies were talking” and said that wearing masks was showing that we care about others and showing strength. And it said that we need to do it today because there may not be tomorrow. You

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respect someone who supports a man who has done — continues to do so much damage?”

The reader goes on to say, “Please let us return to human decency and caring for each other.” Does anyone see the disconnect between these two statements? Does she realize that in a moment of clouded judgment, she has excluded 50% of the population from being her friend? Has she considered that perhaps she’s wrong about the president and that her ex-friends could have been right all along? Has she stopped to reflect that perhaps she doesn’t know what she doesn’t know?

I am a staunch conservative, but I have many liberal friends. Some of them will vote for Joe Biden. I personally think they’re making a monumental mistake that will have broad ranging consequences, many of which may be irrevocable (such as packing the U.S. Supreme Court with 13 or perhaps 15 or more justices). While I vehemently disagree with my liberal friends, I will not sacrifice my friendship with them because of our disagreement, and I hope they will not stop being my friend because I voted for Donald Trump. I understand that others don’t always know everything that I know, and that I don’t know everything that they know.

What I have a hard time accepting are those people who think they know everything, and that no one else knows anything. It’s that combination of ignorance and arrogance that has been so destructive for our species over time. Nowadays, people get their information from left-wing or right-wing news sources. People who get their news from only one source, will be doomed to “not know what they don’t know.” They will make presumptive statements about President Trump such as, “it comes down to right versus wrong, good versus evil, compassion, empathy and integrity versus bullying, divisiveness and selfishness.”

I am voting for President Trump because I believe he is a good man, who is compassionate and cares deeply about the American people. But for my liberal friends who are voting for Biden, I

Hot Corner: MASKS

know what? If I don’t have a tomorrow, that’s fine. If I don’t wear my mask, I live life to the fullest and I embrace it. So if I wasn’t here tomorrow, at least I died being very, very happy, not frightful and scared. So you need to get off the mask issue.

■ I have a little sketch about the masks. I was in (a store recently). Everyone had their masks on, but the guy that works there was the only wearing his mask below his lower lip. He is supposed to be catching shoplifters. He stuck out like a sore thumb. Wearing that mask was the dumbest thing I ever saw, but he did get a lot of attention. Not much of a gumshoe — very dumb action for security. Also, there’s a No. 2 guy who walks around with a ball cap on backwards. I guess he thinks he’s a cool dude, but he’s a dead giveaway. All you’ve got to do is watch him for about a minute and you’ll see some of the dumb actions that they do on the security routes. I worked security in the military and know quite a bit about security and how to act. These guys really need to go to some kind of

understand why they believe that their candidate stands for the same things. After the election is over, I hope that we will still be friends.

Eloy Nunez
Inverness

Judge Barrett a breath of fresh air

On Sept. 26, President Trump nominated a woman to the Supreme Court — Judge Amy Coney Barrett — to fill the vacant seat of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Confirming Judge Barrett should be a no-brainer, for those who oppose her confirmation will have a tough time arguing that.

Judge Barrett isn’t qualified to become Justice Barrett. Senate Democrats — try as they may — have been unable to compel Judge Barrett to violate judicial canon and give her opinion on hypothetical cases. It has become clear from her performance that in Judge Barrett we have a woman who is both an intellectual giant and a forthright individual. Judge Barrett has also proven to me that she is a woman who is committed to her family, her faith, her country and the Constitution. These are the values that live loudly within her.

Judge Barrett is a woman who doesn’t have an agenda to attack any specific laws. She, like myself, values a Supreme Court that will interpret the law brought before it, not one that delves into playing politics. Our elected legislators in Congress are the ones responsible for writing and passing legislation, not the judicial system.

Is Judge Barrett qualified to become Justice Barrett? The obvious answer to this simple question is a resounding yes, as Judge Barrett’s brilliant mind and extensive academic and judicial background were on full display during the recent confirmation hearing. Judge Barrett’s confirmation hearing also proved beyond a doubt that she decides cases based on where the law leads her, not on her political preferences. In these turbulent times, I find Judge Barrett is a breath of fresh air.

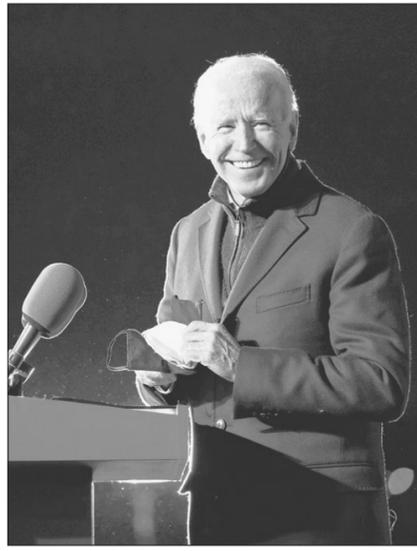
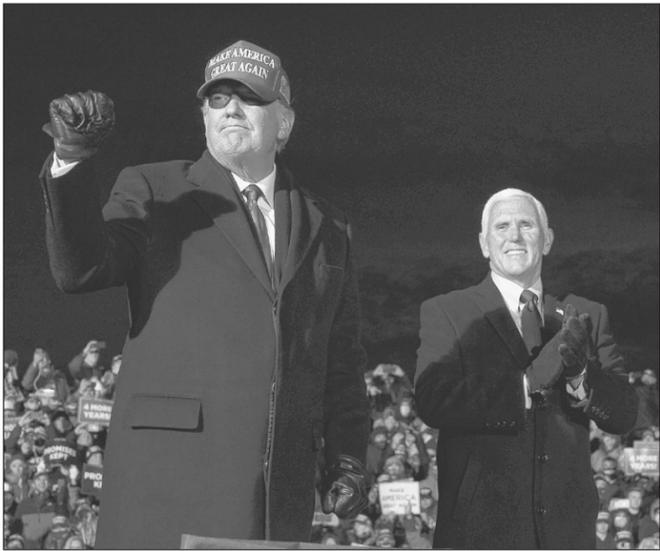
I will close with these words spoken before the Senate confirmation hearing by Laura Wolk, the first blind woman — and a former student of Judge Barrett — to served as a clerk on the Supreme Court: “Judge Barrett will serve this country with distinction not only because of her intellectual prowess but because of her ability to treat everyone as an equal deserving of respect.”

Bill Claustre
Inverness

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Nearing 2020 finale



Associated Press
President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence arrive for a campaign rally at Cherry Capital Airport, Monday, Nov. 2, 2020, in Traverse City, Mich.

Associated Press
Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden smiles as he arrives to speak at a drive-in rally at Lexington Technology Park, Monday, Nov. 2, 2020, in Pittsburgh.

Trump talks vote fraud, Biden's on offense

JONATHAN LEMIRE, ZEKE MILLER, WILL WEISERT AND ALEXANDRA JAFFE
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — In the final day of a campaign unlike any other, President Donald Trump charged across the nation Monday, delivering without evidence his incendiary allegation that the election is rigged, while Democratic challenger Joe Biden pushed into states once seen as safely Republican, looking to secure his path to the White House.

America stood at a crossroads. Never before in modern history have voters faced a choice between candidates offering such opposite visions as the nation confronts a once-in-a-century pandemic, the starkest economic contraction since the Great Depression and a citizenry divided on cultural and racial issues.

The two men also broke sharply Monday on the voting process itself while campaigning in the most fiercely contested battleground, Pennsylvania.

The president threatened legal action to stop counting beyond Election Day. If Pennsylvania ballot counting takes several days, as is allowed, Trump charged that "cheating can happen like you have never seen."

Biden, in Pittsburgh, pushed a voting rights message to a mostly Black audience, declaring that Trump believes "only wealthy folks should vote" and describing COVID-19 as a "mass casualty event for

Black Americans." "We're done with the chaos, we're done with the tweets, the anger, the hate, the failure, the irresponsibility," said Biden, whose campaign has focused on increasing turnout for Black voters, who could prove the difference in several battleground states.

Both campaigns insist they have a pathway to victory, though Biden's options for winning the required 270 Electoral College votes are more plentiful. Trump is banking on a surge of enthusiasm from his most loyal supporters in addition to potential legal maneuvers.

Trump spent the final full campaign day sprinting through five rallies, from North Carolina to Pennsylvania to Wisconsin. Biden devoted most of his time to Pennsylvania, where a win would leave Trump with an exceedingly narrow path. He also dipped into Ohio, a show of confidence in a state that Trump won by 8 percentage points four years ago.

Trump, meanwhile, made only passing mention of what his aides believe are his signature accomplishments — the nation's economic rebound, the recent installation of Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett — in favor of a torrent of grievance and combativeness. He angrily decried the media's coverage of the campaign while complaining that he also was being treated unfairly by, in no particular order, China, the Electoral College system and rock singer Jon Bon Jovi.

"I have been under siege illegally for three-and-a-half years. I wonder what it would be like if we didn't have all of this horrible stuff. We'd have a very, very calm situation," said Trump at an evening rally in Michigan. "People see that we fight and I'm fighting for you. I'm fighting to survive. You have to survive."

Biden announced an unusual move to campaign on Election Day, saying he would head to Philadelphia and his native Scranton on Tuesday as part of a get-out-the-vote effort. His running mate, Sen. Kamala Harris, will visit Detroit, a heavily Black city in battleground Michigan, and both of their spouses will hit the road too. Trump, at least for now, was not scheduled to travel on Tuesday.

More than 93 million votes have already been cast, through early voting or mail-in ballots, which could lead to delays in tabulation. Trump has spent months claiming without evidence that the votes would be ripe for fraud and refusing to guarantee that he would honor the election result.

Trump also rallied in Scranton on Monday, underscoring the importance of the state's vote-rich northeast counties, and zeroed in on the state's process to count votes. He has used stark terms to threaten litigation to stop the tabulation of ballots arriving after Election Day — counting that is allowed with earlier postmarks in some states.

He has said that "we're going in with our lawyers" as soon as the polls close in Pennsylvania and on Monday spoke ominously about the Supreme Court decision to grant an extension to count the votes after Tuesday.

Nation & World BRIEFS

Day of the Dead



Associated Press
Traditional "Tantawawas" bread shaped like children sit on a grave as a Day of the Dead offering at the Villa Ingenio cemetery in El Alto, Bolivia, Monday, Nov. 2, 2020.

Trump threatens to fire Fauci in rift with disease expert

OPA-LOCKA — President Donald Trump is suggesting that he will fire Dr. Anthony Fauci after Tuesday's election, as his rift with the nation's top infectious disease expert widens while the nation sees its most alarming outbreak of the coronavirus since the spring.

Speaking at a campaign rally in Opa-locka, Florida, Trump expressed frustration that the surging cases of the virus that has killed more than 231,000 people in the United States this year remains prominent in the news. That sparked his supporters to begin chanting "Fire Fauci."

"Don't tell anybody but let me wait until a little bit after the election," Trump replied to thousands of supporters early Monday, adding he appreciated their "advice."

Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden tweeted later Monday in response: "We need a president who actually listens to experts like Dr. Fauci."

Biden has sought to keep the campaign focused on what he says is a disastrous federal response to the pandemic. Trump is countering by using the race's final hours to accuse Biden of wanting to force the country back into a lockdown to slow the spread of the virus.

Judge rejects effort to throw out 127,000 Houston votes

HOUSTON — A federal judge on Monday rejected another last-ditch Republican effort to invalidate nearly 127,000 votes in Houston because the ballots were cast at drive-thru polling centers established during the pandemic.

The lawsuit was brought by conservative Texas activists who have railed against expanded voting access in Harris County, where a record 1.4 million early votes have already been cast. The county is the nation's third-most populous and a crucial battleground in Texas, where President Donald Trump and Republicans are bracing for the closest election in decades on Tuesday.

U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen's decision to hear arguments on the brink of Election Day drew concern from voting rights activists, and came after the Texas Supreme Court rejected a nearly identical challenge over the weekend.

"We cannot allow participation to be limited simply because there are those who choose to think that they have the ability and the authority to decide who votes," Democratic Rep. Al Green, of Houston, said outside the courthouse after the ruling. "It's the Constitution that determines who votes."

Hanen said those who oppose drive-thru centers — who were represented by former Harris County GOP Chairman Jared Woodfill — had no standing to bring a lawsuit. He added that people had already voted and that conservative activists had months to bring a challenge sooner.

IS attack on Kabul leaves 22 dead, 22 wounded

KABUL, Afghanistan — Islamic State militants in Afghanistan stormed Kabul University on Monday as it hosted a book fair attended by the Iranian ambassador, sparking an hours-long gunbattle and leaving at least 22 dead and 22 wounded at the war-torn country's largest school.

Most of the casualties were students and there were fears the death toll could climb further with some of the wounded said to be in critical condition.

It was the second attack on an educational institution in Kabul in as many weeks.

The Taliban promptly issued a statement denying they took part in the assault, which came as the insurgents continue peace talks with representatives of Kabul's U.S.-backed government, with the aim to help the United States finally withdraw from Afghanistan. Later in the day, the Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack.

As the attack unfolded, students and teachers were seen fleeing the part of the campus where law and journalism schools are located, while hand grenades exploded and automatic rifle fire could be heard. Scores of Afghan special forces surrounded the campus, shepherding teachers and students to safety.

The chaos subsided as the sun set over the Afghan capital and the Interior Ministry's spokesman, Tariq Arian, said all three attackers involved in the assault were killed.

— From wire reports



Associated Press
People watch from a playground the debris of a collapsed building, in the coastal city of Izmir, Turkey, Monday, Nov. 2, 2020.

2 children pulled alive in Turkey quake rescues

MEHMET GUZEL AND SUZAN FRASER
Associated Press

IZMIR, Turkey — When firefighter Muammer Celik reached a 3-year-old girl trapped for three days under the rubble of a deadly earthquake in a Turkish coastal city, his heart sank. She was lying motionless, covered in dust, and he asked a colleague for a body bag.

But as Celik extended his arm to wipe her face, the child opened her eyes and grabbed hold of his thumb.

"That's where we saw a miracle," Celik of the Istanbul fire department's search-and-rescue team told The Associated Press, recounting Monday's operation 65 hours after the quake hit, killing at least 94 people in Turkey and Greece.

It was the second dramatic rescue Monday after a 14-year-old was

also pulled out alive. Onlookers applauded with joy and wept with relief at both scenes in the Turkish city of Izmir, where the vast majority of the deaths and nearly 1,000 injuries have occurred. Two teenagers also died and 19 people were injured on the Greek island of Samos, near the quake's epicenter in the Aegean Sea.

The U.S. Geological Survey rated the quake 7.0, though other agencies recorded it as less severe. Many buildings were completely reduced to rubble or saw several floors pancake in on themselves in Turkey, which has a mix of older buildings and cheap or illegal construction that do not withstand earthquakes well.

On Monday, authorities detained nine people for questioning about six building collapses, including contractors and officials who approved plans, the state-run Anadolu Agency reported.



Associated Press
A police officer stays in position at the scene after gunshots were heard, in Vienna, Monday, Nov. 2, 2020.

2 dead, 15 wounded in Vienna terror attack

PHILIPP JENNE AND FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

VIENNA — Gunmen opened fire on people enjoying a last night out at Vienna's cafes and restaurants before a coronavirus lockdown Monday in what authorities said was a terrorist attack that left at least two dead — including one of the assailants — and 15 wounded.

"We are victims of a despicable terror attack in the federal capital that is still ongoing," Austria's Chancellor Sebastian Kurz said hours after the gunfire erupted.

"One of the perpetrators was neutralized, but several perpetrators appear to still be on the loose," he said. "They seem to also, as far as we know, be very well equipped, with automatic weapons. So they were very well prepared."

Police said that several shots were fired shortly after 8 p.m. on a lively street in the city center and that there were six shooting locations. Unverified footage on social media showed gunmen walking through the streets, apparently shooting at people at random, wounding several.

The motive was under investigation, but Kurz said the possibility it was an anti-Semitic attack cannot be ruled out, given that the shooting began outside Vienna's main synagogue.

Interior Minister Karl Nehammer said the army had been asked to guard key locations in the city as hundreds of heavily armed police hunted for the gunmen. He urged people in Vienna to stay indoors and avoid the city center and encouraged parents not to send their children to school on Tuesday.

HEALTH NOTES

Friends slate events for youths facing grief

Children and teens who have experienced the loss of a loved one will discover ways to address their grief and learn to cope at Camp Good Hope and Teen Encounter, scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14, in Homosassa Springs. This event brings together grief professionals and caring volunteers to help children learn about loss and healing and move forward during a day of group discussion, recreation, arts and crafts and fun.

To register a child for Camp Good Hope (for ages 6 through grade 5) or Teen Encounter (for middle and high school students), call 352-249-1470 or email info@friendsofcitrus.org.

Camper applications must be completed by Nov. 6. A \$10-per-child registration fee reserves your space(s). Grants are available upon request. Camp observes CDC guidelines for safety and gatherings. Since space therefore may be limited, be sure to reserve your spot soon.

Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast is a charitable organization providing community grief support workshops for anyone who has experienced a loss; telephone support; grief support resources for all ages; educational materials for parents and teachers; and children's grief support camps. For details about camp and other programs or for ways you can help, call 352-249-1470 or visit www.friendsofcitrus.org or Friends of Citrus on Facebook.

Want to lose weight? TOPS 401 meets in Hernando

Tops FL401 is currently meeting at a new time: 8:30 a.m., at First Baptist Church, 3790 Parson's Point Road, Hernando, for weigh-ins and a very short program starting while weigh-ins are in progress. We use COVID-19 precautions: masks are

required, and no more than two members per table. The meeting room is cleaned and sanitized prior to our meetings.

New members are welcome, there is no obligation for your first meeting. Those interested may call Nancy at 352-637-7196 or go to www.tops.org for other meetings in our area.

Virtual seminar: Managing Diabetes coming up

Managing diabetes can be stressful. During the National Diabetes Awareness Month, Bayfront Health Seven Rivers Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center wants to give you the tools to understand the changes that may occur after a diagnosis.

From the comfort of your home join, Amy Giles, program director for Bayfront Health Seven Rivers Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center, for this virtual seminar to learn

more about:

- Common skin care problems
- Skin care do's and don'ts
- Basic foot care and skin care
- When to seek medical help

The seminar is from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13. Virtual Seminar Google Meet link can be accessible via smartphone, tablet or computer.

Registration is required; visit ManagingDiabetes2020.eventbrite.com.

Free ABC of Dementia workshop on tap

The Homosassa Public Library, 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave., will host an ABC of Dementia workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 18, 2020.

The workshop, conducted by Debbie Selsavage, president of Coping with Dementia LLC, will define Alzheimer's and dementia, explain how

dementia affects individuals, discuss ways to interpret dementia behaviors for better communication and results, and show how compassion and the proper use of voice, approach, and appropriate touch can result in more effective and less-stressful caregiving.

Seating will be limited because CDC rules will be followed, and masks are requested. With seating limited, registrations are required. To make a reservation, call 352-422-3663 or email deb@coping.today.

Quit tobacco your way with a little help, tools

Tobacco Free Florida offers free tools and services to help you get started, with Quit Your Way. During the COVID-19 pandemic, quitting tobacco is more important than ever for your health and peace of mind. Get the support you

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Gulfcoast North Area Health Education Center and Florida Health continues its free virtual Tools to Quit classes in November:

- Wednesday, Nov. 4 — 1-3 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 6 — noon to 2 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 9 — 6-8 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 10 — 10 a.m. to noon
- Thursday, Nov. 12 — 1-3 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 13 — noon to 2 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 16 — 6-8 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 17 — 10 a.m. to noon

Wednesday, Nov. 18 — 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 18 — 6-8 p.m. in Spanish

Friday, Nov. 20 — 1-3 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 23 — 10 a.m. to noon

Monday, Nov. 23 — 6-8 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 24 — 10 a.m. to noon

Wednesday, Nov. 25 — 10 a.m. to noon

Monday, Nov. 30 — 6-8 p.m.

Register by calling 813-929-1000; preregistration is required. You will be emailed a link to join by Zoom conference via video or audio.

Tools to Quit will provide you with information about the effects of tobacco use, the benefits of quitting and will assist you in developing your personal quit plan.

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Upcoming doctor shortage

By some estimates, we will be short of doctors in the neighborhood of 125,000 by the year 2030, a mere 10 years from now.

A number of things are being done and enacted to combat that shortage. Physician assistants and nurse practitioners, to name a few groups, are becoming physician extenders to assist in patient care.

This group of health care providers is mainly in the primary care system, but there are physician extenders to work with specialists as well, to help shore up the lack of health care providers.

Medical schools are growing in numbers; unfortunately, the residency programs are not growing at the same rate.

As a result there are doctors who graduate and do not match (a program each spring not unlike how the NFL picks new players) with a residency program. This issue adds to the problem.

Medical schools themselves are trying to see if a shortened period of time in school (three years versus four), will help the shortage.

Cutting noncritical classes, the use of patient simulators and, of course, using technology and artificial intelligence are some of the techniques being looked at and implemented.

Residency programs — which are the graduate level training that a doctor takes after completing medical school — could arguably be shortened, but could that be at a cost of turning out an inferiorly trained doctor?

Eliminating paperwork and instituting electronic medical records remains to be seen if that was a smart move or not.

In the future, computers and artificial intelligence may very well take a larger role in diagnosis and treatment.

This may turn out to be a good thing, as in 2006 reforms were instituted that shorten the working hours for U.S. doctors and training, thinking that a tired doctor would be more apt to make mistakes.

So far, evidence suggests it has made no difference and caused no harm. Researchers looked at data of patient deaths, re-admissions and costs.

As America ages, and we look toward that shortage of 2030, let us hope that the endangered species of doctors is revived and resuscitated.

As a 65-year-old physician practicing for 30 years in Citrus County, I have concern that semi-rural areas like our community are going to be hit the hardest.

Denis W. Grillo, D.O., FOCOO, is an ear, nose and throat specialist in Crystal River. Call him at 352-795-0011 or visit CrystalCommunityENT.com.

Let's not scare our care partners

Providing care for a loved one living with dementia is one of the most exhausting care partner tasks there is, because the disease is progressive and ultimately requires attention 24/7.

To drive this message home, speakers about Alzheimer's and dementia — including acknowledged experts — often assert that 70% of family care providers will die before their loved one with dementia.

I cannot count the times I have heard this claim, in both lectures and casual conversation among people who are trained in this field. It is an apocryphal story that has become deeply woven into the folklore of dementia, but it is simply not true! Surely, when the experts report

this grim but erroneous statistic, they intend to encourage care partners to be more mindful to take care of themselves; to care for their own health as much as that of their loved one. But I fear the result may be the opposite.



Debbie Selsavage
COPING WITH DEMENTIA

To tell a group of care partners that 70% of them will die before their person with dementia likely only demoralizes them and fills them with even more despair about the grim road ahead, thus pushing their stress levels even higher.

A 2018 study reported by the National Institute of Health concluded, "Although a handful of studies have examined mortality among caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia, the

proportion of caregivers who die before their cognitively impaired care recipients remains unknown."

In these previous studies, the database was either too small or the conditions to uncontrolled to make the results reliable, and none supported the 70% claim for caregiver mortality that is so casually thrown around in conversation.

To the contrary, the 2018 NIH study, which is rigorous and based on 17 years of data, found that 18% of care partners die before the loved one they are caring for. This means that more than 80% of care partners survive their loved one with dementia, which is quite the opposite from the belief that 70% of caregivers die first!

The referenced study can be found at www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6292823/.

So, I appeal to all in the medical industry and care community

to stop telling care partners that they are 70% more likely to die first and leave their loved one with dementia behind and alone. Their task is stressful enough, and they don't need to be frightened with unfounded warnings of impending doom.

We want to encourage care partners to seek and welcome help, such as the advice and companionship one can find in a support group. Positive motivation is always better than trying to frighten someone into taking action.

Debbie Selsavage is a certified trainer and consultant in the Positive Approach to Care, and a certified dementia practitioner. Her company, Coping with Dementia LLC, is dedicated to making life better for individuals living with dementia. Contact her at deb@coping.today to learn about free support groups online.

What's he saying about me?

More U.S. patients soon to have easy, free access to doctor's notes

CARLA K. JOHNSON
AP Medical Writer

More U.S. patients will soon have free, electronic access to the notes their doctors write about them under a new federal requirement for transparency.

Many health systems are opening up records Monday, the original deadline. At the last minute, federal health officials week gave an extension until April because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Britta Bloomquist of Duluth, Minnesota, has been reading her clinical notes for years, first struggling through red tape and more recently clicking into a secure online patient website.

"It means information about your care can no longer be hidden from you. And you have a say in your care," said Bloomquist, 32, who has a rare type of arthritis that took years to diagnose.

WHAT'S CHANGING?

Patients have long had a right to their medical records, including doctor notes, but obtaining them could mean filling out requests, waiting for a response and paying fees. A 2016 law said delays and barriers must be removed.

If you already use a patient portal such as MyChart to email your doctor or schedule an appointment, you may soon see new options allowing you to view your doctor's notes and see your test results as soon as they are available. You may get an email explaining where to look, how to share access with a caregiver and how to keep other eyes off your information.

Many people won't notice a



Associated Press file photo

This May 2020 photo provided by Britta Bloomquist of Duluth, Minn., shows her with an infusion to treat a rare type of arthritis called ankylosing spondylitis. Bloomquist has been reading her clinical notes for years, first struggling through red tape and more recently clicking into a secure online patient website.

change. About 15% of health care systems already are letting patients read doctor notes online without charge. That means about 53 million patients already have access to their doctor's notes.

WILL THIS HELP ME?

Studies have shown that patients who read their notes understand more about their health, take their medications as prescribed more often and feel more in control of their care.

That's true for Bloomquist. Diagnosed with a rare type of arthritis called ankylosing spondylitis, she had extensive surgery to straighten her right leg in 2018. She gets regular drug infusions and sees multiple specialists. It's a lot to remember.

WHAT'S THAT JARGON?

You may have to look up terms. Or ask your doctor to translate at your next visit. And doctor's notes tend to use

abbreviations. "SOB" means short of breath, by the way. "BS" can mean bowel sounds.

And brace yourself if your weight is an issue.

To Bartel, who became more involved in her care after getting an infection in the hospital, reading notes means she's doing what she can to prevent errors and stay healthy.

WHAT ABOUT ERRORS?

Patients do find mistakes in their notes and some errors are serious enough to affect their care, research has found.

"A clinician has eyes on thousands of notes, but a patient has eyes only on one, so it has powerful safety implications," said Cait DesRoches, director of OpenNotes, a Boston-based group working for greater access to patient notes.

ANY EXCEPTIONS?

Psychotherapy notes don't need to be shared with patients. And doctors can hold back a note if they think it will cause physical harm, such as a note about domestic violence if the abuser has access to the patient's health information.

As for parent access to teenagers' information, state laws vary, DesRoches said. That means some health systems allow parents to see at least some of their teenager's notes, while others do not.

Parents can check with their children's doctors to find out how it works in their states.

WHAT DO THEY THINK?

Some doctors worry this will mean more phone calls from confused patients, but not all have had that experience.

Does CBD work for a cancer patient's nausea?

Cancer patients often experience varying degrees of nausea related to treatment or stress related to their diagnosis.

A great deal of discussion is going on regarding the benefits of cannabidiol (CBD) to treat or assist in the treatment of nausea. Cannabis (marijuana) contains a variety of compounds called cannabinoids. One of these compounds is called cannabidiol (CBD). Emerging research suggests that CBD may provide relief for nausea and vomiting.

While there is active discussion around the subject, some people claim that CBD helps with nausea. Most of the research that exists on CBD and nausea centers on the benefits for people with cancer. Although current

research is limited, some experts believe that CBD may benefit a range of symptoms stemming from various conditions, including nausea, pain and anxiety.

One important note: CBD does not result in the "high" that many people associate with cannabis.



Dr. C. Joseph Bennett
NAVIGATING CANCER

Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), which is another cannabinoid from the Cannabis sativa plant, is responsible for this high.

Today, let's examine the available research on CBD for nausea, look at the possible side effects and discuss the differences in CBD products available on the market today.

Again, there is limited research on the use of CBD for nausea. People with cancer may experience nausea and vomiting. This is often due to the side effects of

chemotherapy.

Animal research from 2011 suggests that CBD may help with nausea because of its interaction with serotonin receptors. Serotonin is a hormone that affects well-being, mood and behavior.

However, researchers also conclude that THC is more likely to reduce nausea and vomiting than CBD, and THC is not available over the counter. THC is what we know of as either medical marijuana or traditional marijuana.

As a matter of fact, a small 2016 study on humans found that people with nausea due to chemotherapy found relief after taking Sativex, a medicine containing CBD and THC. Participants in this study found the Sativex had a more significant impact on their symptoms than other antiemetic treatments. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to date has not approved Sativex in the U.S.

Today, most cancer organizations list cannabinoids as a treatment option for

chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting when other treatments do not work. They explain that cannabinoids may also help stimulate appetite in people with cancer.

And always remember, you should talk to a doctor or health care provider before trying alternative treatments, including CBD.

Good-quality, full-spectrum CBD products typically contain high levels of CBD, very low levels of THC and trace amounts of minor cannabinoids. Make sure you do your research before investing in these products so that you get high-quality CBD products.

Dr. C. Joseph Bennett Jr. is a board-certified radiation oncologist. If you have any questions for topics, or have any questions, contact him at 522 N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461, or email cjbennett@rboi.com.

**THE NUMBER:
\$1.4 MILLION**

A Honus Wagner rookie baseball card recently sold at auction for more than \$1.4 million, a record for the rare card.



SPORTS

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SEC fines Mullen \$25K for role in brawl

Some players for Florida, Missouri suspended a half

MARK LONG
AP sports writer

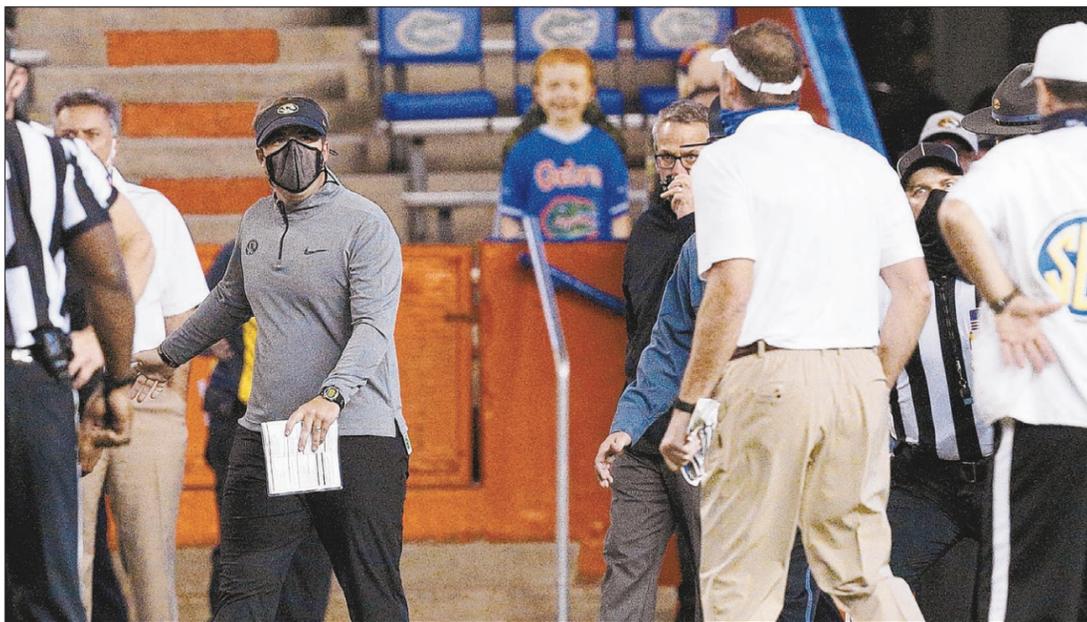
GAINESVILLE — The Southeastern Conference fined Florida coach Dan Mullen \$25,000 on Monday for his role in a benches-clearing brawl against Missouri.

The league also reviewed video of the fight and issued half-game suspensions for Missouri linebacker Chad Bailey, offensive lineman Dylan Spencer and defensive lineman Markell Utsey. Each of them will sit out the first half of Missouri's next game, against No. 5 Georgia on Nov. 14.

Florida defensive lineman Zach Carter and linebacker Antwan Powell, who were ejected from the game for fighting, will be suspended for the first half against the Bulldogs next week in Jacksonville. NCAA fighting rules mandate an automatic half-game suspension for the ensuing game.

Missouri linebacker Tre Williams was ejected for a flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct foul and will not be punished further.

"There is no place in college football for the kind



Missouri coach Eliah Drinkwitz, left, and Florida coach Dan Mullen, right, yell at each other after a fight broke out at the end of the first half of a college football game in Gainesville, Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020. Mullen was fined \$25,000 by the SEC on Monday and players on both teams will miss their first half of their next games.

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Escape from NY



Tampa Bay's Mike Evans, left, catches a ball in the end zone for a touchdown in front of New York Giants' James Bradberry during the second half Monday, Nov. 2, 2020, in East Rutherford, N.J. The Buccaneers won 25-23.

Bucs survive 2-point conversion attempt, onside kick for 25-23 win

BARRY WILNER
AP pro football writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Lackluster for much of the game, Tom Brady did what he does best in the second half Monday night.

Brady threw touchdowns passes to Rob Gronkowski and Mike Evans, lifting Tampa Bay to a 25-23 victory over the New York Giants, and giving the Buccaneers quarterback the career lead in TD throws once more.

The Saints' Drew Brees had passed Brady on Sunday, but now the six-time Super Bowl champ is back on top with 561. Evans' diving 8-yard catch provided

the go-ahead points.

But Tampa Bay (6-2) had to sweat it out. Daniel Jones drove New York (1-7) 70 yards in 13 plays and connected with Golden Tate for a 19-yard touchdown with 28 seconds remaining. The 2-point conversion failed as the officials called up a flag presumably for defensive pass interference.

Brady and Gronkowski earlier combined for a 3-yard scoring pass on which Gronk barely held onto the ball long enough. That made the old New England combination second in TDs for a duo with 93, 21 behind Peyton Manning and Marvin Harrison of the Colts.

Unable to connect with Evans on a

2-point conversion, Brady still had the Bucs on top 15-14.

After New York went back ahead on Graham Gano's 33-yard field goal, Daniel Jones was pressured into an unwise throw to Tate that Sean Murphy-Shuttlesworth picked off at the Tampa 33. That set the stage for the 66-yard drive to the touchdown by Evans.

Jones had two costly picks, helping negate a strong effort by New York's defense.

New York got an early break — and soon after a touchdown — when Brady's pass was tipped by Dalvin Tomlinson and caught by Bucs running back

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Morris claims High Kick 99

KIMBERLY KELLY
For the Chronicle

INVERNESS — Brandon Morris traded the monkey that has been on his back all season for the kiss of a donkey after winning the High Kick 99 at Citrus County Speedway Saturday night.

Thirty competitors entered the Wheel Man Sportsman Series event that included three 33-lap races. The accumulation of points from each decided the overall event finish.

Brooke Storer set the night's fast time in qualifying and started on the pole with Jesse Henley on the outside. The pair battled throughout the segment with three lead changes between the pair. At the finish, Henley had the win with Storer 0.300 seconds behind at the line. Brandon Morris, Jake Perkins and Devin McLeod followed.

A full inversion of the field put Jason Vail on the pole for the second segment. Vail went on to lead 17 laps before Daniel Webster was able to get a run on the low side of Vail's No. 407 and become the only other leader to win the segment. Storer worked her way to second by the finish. Perkins finished third, Sivils fourth and Morris fifth.

By the end of Segment No. 2 there were only 17 cars left on the track out of the original 30 entries and, just like the second segment, they too inverted for the final time.

Patrick Thomas took early command with Tim Sozio glued to the rear of his No. 67 race machine. On lap No. 16, McLeod drove around Sozio for second and set his sights on the race leader. Caution came eight laps later for debris after Sozio and Kevin Macy bounced off each other in the turn and set the stage for a 10-lap sprint to the finish with Thomas and McLeod on the front row.

McLeod got the best of Thomas on the restart and drove his way to the finish. Morris and Webster followed 0.300 seconds behind. Thomas finished the event fourth ahead of Sozio, who was fifth.

All combined there were seven race leaders

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TUESDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 3, 2020. Table with columns for time slots (6:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WESH, WEDU, WUFT, WFLA, etc.).

Annie offers advice

Dear Annie: I am 54, from Texas, married, and feel like I am in my 70s or 80s. My hair is almost all gray. I am out of shape and trying to raise a daughter through this pandemic. Staying home and doing homeschooling is not fun at all.



I really feel like I am going through a major depression stage, and my marriage is getting to that most hated word for s o m e — “divorced.” My wife and I have been together for almost 10 years. We have a daughter together, and she’s an exact duplicate of her mom in looks, attitude, moods and everything else.

My daughter and I are just fire and ice; we cannot get along. I love her very much, but she’s a mama’s girl big-time. My wife works and is the breadwinner of the house, and I do the housework.

I feel depressed and am scared I am losing my wife and my manhood. Our marriage has not been all that great. Yes, we have our ups and downs, but I feel like we are drifting apart.

Even though we may not be intimate, kiss each other or try to love each other, we are still together for our daughter. Call it an excuse or whatever you want, but it’s the truth. That’s the way our lives are.

My question to you is this: Why do I feel the way I do, facing what I face every day, with no energy for anything? I love my wife but the loving feeling is going away. What do I do? I need answers and your help.

Please be honest with me and tell me what to do before I really lose everything. — Lone-some in Texas

Dear Texas: Filing for divorce or ending your marriage is never a decision you want to make lightly.

It sounds like you are suffering from a major depression. You are in your 50s and deserve to feel your age, not like you’re in your 70s or 80s.

This is understandable, particularly during this pandemic, and it’s time to get professional help — not only for yourself but for the sake of your wife and daughter.

When your health is not good, it is really hard to make any good decisions, so focus on getting healthy first.

Tell your doctor about your depression and get yourself into a treatment plan immediately.

Once you have a handle on your health, you can see how to “bring back that loving feeling” with your wife.

Marriage takes work, but if you are too tired to even take care of yourself, how can you take care of your marriage?

Best of luck and please know that you are not alone. Many people are feeling sad and scared during this pandemic. But there is hope and help out there.

Always remember that this is just a moment in time, and this too shall pass.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com. To find out more about Annie Lane and read features by other Creators Syndicate columnists and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.

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Bridge

PHILLIP ALDER
Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

Did you see that the influenza numbers in Australia plummeted from 2019 to 2020?

As you can guess, today’s deal features players from that interesting country. It is taken from the match between Australia and Sweden at the 17th World Youth Team Championships, held in 2018 in Wujiang, China.

When Sweden sat North-South, its pair found the longest fit,

playing in six clubs with nine trumps instead of six diamonds with only eight. However, the contract had no chance after East led the heart ace. Declarer (North) did not have the communications to pick up both minors and finished down one.

In the given auction, East’s two-diamond overall was the equivalent of a Michaels Cue-Bid, showing at least 5-5 in the majors. (This permits a two-club overall to be natural.) South’s double promised length and strength in at least one major and interest in trying to extract a penalty from the opponents. North’s four no-trump indicated a minor two-suiter with longer clubs than diamonds. Then, when South preferred diamonds, North raised.

West led the heart eight. East won with his ace and shifted to a spade. Not good enough. The declarer, Francesca McGrath, won with her ace, took two diamond finesses, played a club to the ace, cashed the club king, ruffed a club, ruffed a spade, drew West’s last trump and claimed.

The winning defense against six diamonds was for East to lead his club at trick two. Stranded on the board, declarer would have been unable to reach her hand to pick up the diamond queen. Tough!

Bridge hand diagram showing North, South, East, West cards and dealer information.

JUMBLE

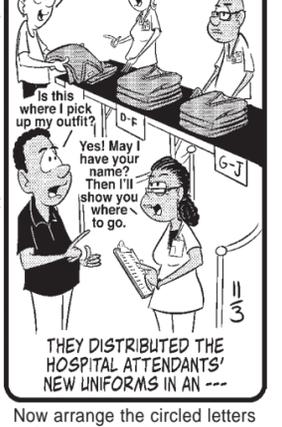
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

Jumble puzzle grid with words: SYLYH, ODMME, RRHOBA, FIYNAM.

Yesterday’s Jumbles: DITTO EVENT BOUGHT CEMENT
Answer: Because the abacus was old and falling apart, it couldn’t — BE COUNTED ON

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

MORE PUZZLES
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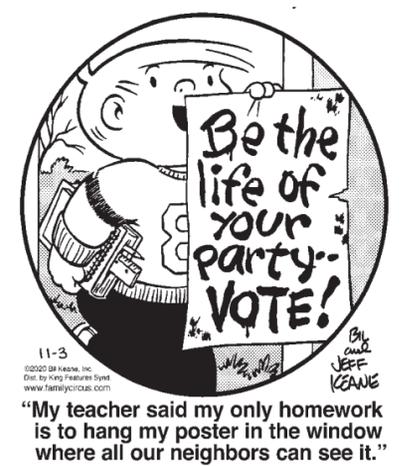
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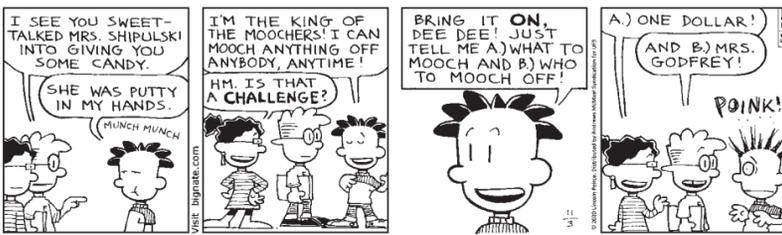
Doonesbury Flashbacks



Betty



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Christmas in Connecticut (NR) Nov. 29, 3 p.m.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: N equals U

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EXAPO YI UL ICFFYG MXOXCWE
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Previous Solution: "We're all of us guinea pigs in the laboratory of God. Humanity is just a work in progress." — Tennessee Williams

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3480-1124 TUCRN

NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

Citrus County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to Section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments throughout the unincorporated and all incorporated areas of the County, for the cost of providing fire protection services and facilities; roadway maintenance, improvements, associated services and facilities; neighborhood beautification; bicycle and pedestrian facilities, improvements and associated services; potable water services and facilities; sanitary wastewater services and facilities; solid waste disposal services and facilities; street lighting services and facilities; property nuisance abatement services and facilities; water and wastewater availability, maintenance services, facilities and programs; and stormwater management services, facilities, and programs commencing with the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2021. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 2:00 p.m. on December 1, 2020 in the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the Office of the County Administrator located at 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the County with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an

event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's Office, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, FL 34461, (352) 527-5210, at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, dial 7-1-1, 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service. If you need a Spanish Translator please make arrangements with the County by telephone within two days of the publication notice at 352-527-5370. Si necesita un traductor de español por favor haga arreglos con el Condado dentro de los dos días de la notificación de la publicación a 352-527-5370.

DATED this 27th day of October 2020.

By Order of:
CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Published November 3, 10, 17, & 24, 2020

3478-1110 TUCRN NOTICE OF DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY

Pursuant to Section 125.35, Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereby gives notice that it shall, on the 17th day of November, 2020 beginning at 1:00 P.M., in the Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Room, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida, consider approving a vacant land contract for the disposition of certain property owned by the County described as follows:

A portion of Lots 1, 9 10 and 11, Block A, POTTERFIELDS MAYFAIR GULF STREAM ACRES, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 6, Public Records of Citrus County, Florida.

More particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 24, Township 18 South, Range 17 East, Citrus County, Florida. Thence run North 89°49'02" East, along the South line of the Southwest quarter of said Section 24, a distance of 740.20 feet; thence departing

said South line, run North 00°10'58" West, a distance of 76.20 feet to a point on the Northwesterly line of Lot 1, Block A, POTTERFIELDS MAYFAIR GULF STREAM ACRES, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 6, Public Records of Citrus County, Florida and for a POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 40°22'27" East, along said Northwesterly line, a distance of 125.01 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 1; thence South 50°14'58" East, along the Northeasterly line of said Lot 1, a distance of 22.21 feet; thence departing said Northeasterly line, run North 00°15'55" West, a distance of 126.42 feet; thence South 89°51'23" East, a distance of 179.00 feet; thence South 45°03'39" East, a distance of 21.29 feet; thence South 00°15'55" East, a distance of 33.50 feet; thence South 44°45'06" East, a distance of 28.54 feet; thence South 89°14'18" East, a distance of 185.66 feet; thence South 00°11'47" East, a distance of 126.56 feet to the Northerly Right of Way line of County Road 486 and to a point on a non-tangent curve concave Southerly, having a radius of 7704.25 feet, a central angle of 03°34'00" and a chord bearing of South 88°47'55" West; thence Southwesterly a distance of 479.60 feet along the arc of said curve and said northerly Right of Way line; thence North 50°14'58" West, along said Right of Way line, a distance of 24.71 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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3482-1103 TUCRN NOTICE

The regular Board of Directors meeting of the Foundation Resolution Corporation f/k/a "Citrus Memorial Health Foundation Inc.", and of the Board of Directors will be held on Friday, November 6, 2020, 12:00 noon; at the Law Office of Clark A. Stillwell, Brannen Bank Building, Second Floor, 320 US Highway 41 S. Inverness, Florida 34452.

Copies of the Agenda for both meetings are available in the Law Office of Clark A. Stillwell, 320 US Highway 41 S., Inverness, Florida. Any person wishing to appeal any decision made by this Board, with respect to any matter considered at such meeting, must ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Published November 3, 2020

3483-1103 TUCRN PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CITRUS COUNTY AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2020 in Room 166 of the Lecanto Government Center, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, FL 34461.

Any person desiring further information regarding this meeting may contact the Engineering Division, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 241, Lecanto, FL 34461, or call (352) 527-5446.

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Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the Engineering Division, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 241, Lecanto, FL 34461, or call (352) 527-5446, at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, use the TDD telephone (352) 527-5312.

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3484-1103 TUCRN NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HERNANDO/CITRUS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will conduct a public meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2020, beginning at 1:30 p.m., at the Hernando County Government Center, 20 North Main Street, Board Room, Brooksville, FL. The following measures have been implemented in the Government Center/Courthouse and will apply to all persons entering the building:

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The MPO provides resources for citizens wishing to provide public comment remotely. Citizens may provide comment by email to MPO@hernandocounty.us. Comments will be accepted prior to and through the end of the meeting. Emails submitted should contain the sender's name and identify the agenda item topic in the subject line. Citizens' comments will be provided to the MPO Board and the official records keeper for the Board, to be added to the Minutes packet of the meeting. Citizens' comments will not be read at the meeting.

Items scheduled on the agenda include, but are not limited to:

- MPO Issue List and Media Release from September 10, 2020
- Meeting
- MPO Budget
- MPO Director Succession Plan
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) FY 2022-2026 Tentative Work Program Information for Online Public Hearing
- Public Transportation Agency Safety Performance Plan (PTASP) Performance Measures for Hernando and Citrus County - adoption
- Multi Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (MCORES)
- Status
- Proposed 2021 MPO Meeting Calendar

Approximately one week prior to the meeting the meeting agenda may be viewed online at: <http://hernandocountyfla.com/citizens/>. Any questions concerning this public meeting should be directed to Mr. Steve Diez, MPO Executive Director, Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, FL, 34601, telephone (352) 754-4082, extension 28013, or email mpro@hernandocounty.us.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) with regard to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, said person will need a record of the proceeding, and that, for such purpose, said person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based, s.286.0105, F.S.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact the County Administrator's Office, 20 North Main Street, Room 263, Brooksville, FL, 34601 (352) 540-6452, no later than three (3) days prior to the proceedings. If hearing impaired, please call 1-800-676-3777 for assistance at least 2 days prior to the meeting.

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MPO Executive Director

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