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### Florida Sheriff pushed candidate to resign 'Resign-to-run' law doesn't apply in Sgt. Dalton's case says elections supervisor breaks

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STAFF WRITER

the resignation of a deputy who is a candidate for office, basing the decision on a state law that he learned afterward doesn't apply, according to interviews and records.

veteran of the Citrus County Sher- ida Sheriff's Association attorney, after Prendergast told him the run for office because he's a counsel, that it doesn't apply.

state's "resign-to-run" required it, both men said in interviews.

Dalton is one of four candidates Sheriff Mike Prendergast forced in the Aug. 18 Republican primary for property appraiser. The winner faces no-party affiliation candidate Richard "Rick" Schroeder in the November election. Incumbent Les Cook is retiring.

Prendergast said he based his Prendergast said he learned Sgt. Cregg Dalton, an 11-year decision on advice from the Flor-

Mike

only on Tuesday from the association attorney, after checking with he said he spoke with Supervisor iff's Office, resigned last week who said Dalton must resign to the Secretary of State's general of Elections Susan Gill who said

office.

"It's

Prendergast

sheriff's deputy seeking elective pretty clear that Sgt. Dalton falls into that category, Prendergast said.



The next day Cregg he emailed Pren-Dalton dergast a letter

rescinding the resignation. In it, See RESIGN/Page A5

9,500 new COVID-19 cases reported

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daily

record

More than

MIAMI — The state of Florida set on Satuday another record in daily confirmed coronavirus cases.

Florida health officials reported more than 9,500 new COVID-19 cases, surpassing the previous day's total by more than 600 confirmed cases. The figures come as officials move to reclose beaches and discourage bar gatherings.

Experts say the true figure is undoubtedly higher. This is both because of incomplete testing and because it is becoming clearer to scientists that a significant number of people become infected with the virus but do not feel sick or show symptoms.

The state's Department of Health said 24 more people have died with COVID-19, raising the death toll to 3.390.

Hospitalizations for COVID-19 also are ticking upward statewide. Although they are not rising as dramatically as the reported number of cases, they are approaching the levels of new admissions seen in April and May. New hospitalizations this week have been between about 160 and 170 per day, according to figures compiled by covidtracking.com. Miami-Dade County announced late Friday it would reclose beaches from July 3 to July 7 to prevent large gatherings and the spread of the new virus during Fourth of July celebrations in the state's hardest hit area. Earlier Friday, state officials said they would ban alcohol consumptions at bars as health officials attribute the new outbreak to young adults flocking to establishments after reopening three weeks ago.

# Shucks, it's that time of year

Scallop season begins July 1

MICHAEL D. BATES STAFF WRITER

he word on the water is that scallops are so abundant right now that shrimpers are catching more of these tasty mollusks in their nets than shrimp.

That bodes well for the start of scallop season July 1 and "Kokomo Joe" is ready.

Kokomo, also known as Joseph Bari, owns Keep on Shuckin' and he cleans scallops for folks dockside at the Florida Cracker Riverside Resort in Homosassa.

"Shrimpers tell me it's the most scallops they've seen in 10 years in their nets," Bari said.

They can't keep the mollusks so they throw them back in



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#### **DOH offers free COVID-19 tests**

The Citrus County Department of Health will offer no cost COVID-19 testing to those with or without symptoms.

Tests check samples from a person's respiratory system to tell if you currently have an infection; it is not an antibody test. Test results usually take three to seven days and, in some cases, up to 10 days.

Testing is done by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call 352-527-0068.

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Crystal River, but it does take them time to detach them from their nets.

Bari, a commercial fisherman, said an abundant scallop season would be welcome after last year's sparse pickings. He's hoping the rain stays away and the weather accommodates for what he thinks will be a big opening crowd in the waterways and the cities of Homosassa and Crystal River.

Right now, the scallops are between 7 to 10 feet of water so they're still pretty deep, Bari said. This is the time of year, he said, when the money is to be made.

"We average on weekends from 250 to 300 gallons per day during scallop season," Bari said.

Last year, it was so slow he was able to do about 4 gallons daily.

Bari's been cleaning scallops so long it's second nature.

You've got to be fast," he said. "If I'm shucking, I can do 10 gallons in 40 minutes or less," he said.

#### CAUTIOUSLY **OPTIMISTIC**

Captain Kyle Messier, owner Messier said. of Reel Florida Fishing

Charters, said he's not basing the season on shrimpers' tales. Last year was dreadful, he said, and he's waiting for this week's start to see if things have turned around.

'I'm still very optimistic that it will be a successful season,"

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Once collected, scallops are put in cold water with ice to keep them fresh before cleaning.

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will open the 2020 scallop season beginning July 1. The season is set to close Sept. 24.

## ABCs of scalloping

#### MICHAEL D. BATES STAFF WRITER

Q: When does scallop season open in Citrus County and how long does it last?

It starts July 1 and runs through Sept. 24.

Q: What are some of the nonos for scallopers?

They should not discard scallop shells in inshore waters commonly used for recreational activities, which includes the Homosassa and Crystal rivers.

Q: Why?

Piles of discarded scallop shells can create hazards for swimmers and damage seagrass habitat.

Q: So what do I do with the ing or dip net. shells?

Put them in a trash receptacle or in larger bodies of water where they are more likely to disperse.

**Q:** Can I bag all the scallops I want?

No. The daily bag limit is 2 gallons of whole bay scallops in the shell or 1 pint of bay scallop meat per person, with a maximum of 10 gallons of whole bay scallops in the shell or 1/2 gallon (4 pints) bay scallop meat per vessel.

Vessel limits do not allow an individual to exceed their personal bag limit.

**Q**: Are there any other restrictions?

■ Scallops can only be collected by hand or with a land-

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County, city tourism officials counting on scallops to bring in needed dollars. **Page C1** 



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## REV

#### LET FREEDOM FLY



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Peter Nickerson of Sugarmill Woods walks Wednesday, June 24, among some of the dozens of American flags that are planted in the ground in front of his home on Mayflower Court East. He and a neighbor began flying the flags around patriotic seasons of the year. In addition to his flags Nickerson said he also provides flags to some nearby homes encouraging them to get their display started.

#### GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

neighborhood in Sugarmill Woods is showing its patriotic pride in a good-natured "one upmanship" of residents planting and flying American flags in their yards.

"I gave letters to everybody and said let's get this thing going and put out flags for the four holidays: Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Veteran's Day," Sugarmill resident Peter Nickerson said. "I'm trying to get to where eventually, in a few years from now, we'll have every house in Sugarmill decorated on these four holidays with flags out front.'

#### **HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK**

People in Citrus Springs want is treated like the stepchild in this their roads repaired! The story county.' about the \$10 a year increase for the Citrus Springs Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU), which inroads, raised the hackles of some Citrus Springs residents on Facebook. The increase adds \$300,000 for resurfacing roads.

It's not that they're opposed to paying an extra \$10. They're just cynical about the money actually going toward fixing their roads.

■ Christina Louise Stone: "They roads in Beverly Hills. Citrus Springs the people actually live on?"

■ Clint Meyers: "I just want them to

put a stop to people riding on the sides of the road and tearing up the cludes resurfacing neighborhood sides of the road. And I would also like the county to do a better job of patching potholes."

■ Lisa Lofley: 'Just curious — Am I wrong or wasn't the gas tax intended to be for road maintenance?

■ Tommy Long: "No one is asking the real question: What will 300k do? 1/4 mile? 1/2 mile? And are they going to resurface where their buddies are used our money last time to pave selling lots again or going to fix roads

### THE MOST POPULAR STORIES FROM THE WEEK THAT WAS

#### **Sheriff candidates** lay out plans for agency if elected

Prior to the August primary election, the four Republican sheriff candidates sat down individually with the Citrus County Chronicle editorial board and discussed why they should be the county's top law enforcement officer.

If elected, Patirick Crippen said he would involve the CCSO more with the community, review the agency and change or stop programs that weren't working, create a citizen's advisory board, and post the sheriff's office budget online for all to review.

If elected, Mel Eakley said he would ensure deputies are trained to see and understand law enforcement behavior that violates agency policy and call out deputies that violate it.

One way to help address that is by the use of deputy body cameras. Currently, the CCSO does not use body camera



#### School district releases new school year instructions

For the upcoming 2020-21 school year, students have two choices when it comes to enrolling with the Citrus County School District: traditional brick-and-mortar classrooms or online with Citrus Virtual School.

"We are relying on families' prompt reply which will help us finalize our plans for the fall," stated a school district news release. "Working together, we can ensure that students start the 2020-2021 school year ready for success.'

Aug. 10, 2020, is the first day of school, but registration for Citrus Virtual School is due by July 11,



#### **Postscript: Jake** Tyler, Steven Sisk friends until the end

Jake was the quiet one, Steven the life of the party. On the surface, they seemed mismatched. But these friends since childhood had a bond that lasted until the day they

died together in a tragic car accident on March 24, 2020.

Together, and separately, they lived lives of adventure and risk, from skydiving and snowboarding to traveling to unknown places.

They had been living in Vancouver, Washington and working at the airport in nearby Portland, Oregon. Jake was 28 and Steven was 21.



#### **Board backs bump in Citrus Springs fee**

A unanimous vote by county commissioners resulted in a \$10 annual increase for Citrus Springs residents next year for a beautification fund that includes money for residential street resurfacing.

It's the first increase since the Citrus Springs Municipal Services Benefit Unit, or MSBU, was enacted in 1993, said Joan Dias, chairwoman of the MSBU board of directors.

The MSBU raises money for community beautification, such as maintenance on the water fountain at the community's entrance, and mowing rights of way. It also adds \$300,000 annually to the county's funds for resurfacing neighborhood roads, which in Citrus Springs are considered the

worst in the county.



#### **Board calls Smith's** critique of staff 'harassment'

At a recent county commission meeting, three commissioners called out Commissioner Jimmie T. Smith for his public ridicule of county land development employees, leading to a tense 30-minute exchange that stopped short of a resolution condemning his actions.

In a June 14 Citrus County Chronicle guest column, Smith accused Land Development Director Joanna Coutu — not by name, but by job title — of adding restrictions to developer's plans that are not supported by the county code.

The county, however, has

Michael Klyap said that if elected most of the qualified and hardworking senior officers would likely stay in their positions. But the agency is top heavy and could better utilize its financial resources to ensure higher salaries for rank-and-file deputies.

Sheriff Mike Prendergast said that when running for sheriff during the 2016 election he talked to county residents and learned their priority for him was addressing illegal drugs and traffic.

Since his election, Prendergast said drug arrests have increased 180% and his agency has overseen a decrease in traffic accidents through education and citations.

2020, according to the school district.

### Many families are just one unexpected expense away from being broke and two paychecks away from being homeless.

- TAMMY HARRIS, CITRUS COUNTY HOUSING SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR, REGARDING THE COUNTY'S \$70,000 STATE HOUSING INITIATIVE PROGRAM (SHIP) FUNDS FOR THE COLONNADE PARK AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT BEING BUILT IN INVERNESS AND SLATED FOR COMPLETION BY THE END OF 2020.



an ordinance, in fact, that prohibits commissioners from interfering with the county staff.

**Commissioner Ron** Kitchen Jr. said Smith is violating the ordinance.

'This kind of behavior cannot be tolerated by an elected official in Citrus County," he said. "If noth-ing else, we need to pass a resolution that says we condemn this type of action so it's on the record. It's harassment."

Commissioner Scott Carnahan said: "Your facts are really bad today. You're so far off base it's not even funny. You are accusing our staff of something they never even said. That's scary."

- compiled by Nancy Kennedy



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## Vote by mail for upcoming elections

SUSAN GILL Special to the Chronicle

Voting by mail is easy, convenient and safe.

■ How do I request a vote by mail ballot?

Go online at votecitrus.com, call, write, fax, or email the Supervisor of Elections Office to receive a vote by mail. (Phone 352-564-7120, Mail — PO Box 1870 Lecanto, FL 34460-1870, Email vote@votecitrus.com, Fax 352-564-7121) or online at: www. votecitrus.com.

elections within two election Elections office. cycles.

vote by mail ballot. Information required by law

are the requester's name, address, relationship to the elector and signature, if on a written request. Written request is required if the ballot is being mailed to an address not already on the voter's record at the Supervisor of Elections office.

■ How will I obtain my vote by mail ballot?

Your ballot will be mailed One request can cover all from the Supervisor of office before 7 p.m. Election Day,

The deadline to submit a vote Immediate family can order a by mail request to the Supervisor of Elections is no later than 5 p.m. on the 10th day prior to the election. F.S. 101.62.

■ Completing the return certificate envelope? The voter's signature is

required.

How do I return my vote by mail ballot?

By mail or in person at one of the Early Vote locations during early voting times or at the Meadowcrest Supervisor of Elections

Blvd., Crystal River.

A vote by mail ballot cannot be accepted at the polling place.

If you have obtained a vote by mail ballot but choose to vote in your precinct on Election Day, please take the ballot with you to the polls, whether or not it has been marked.

How do military or overseas civilians vote by mail?

Military personnel may apply for voter registration or request vote by mail ballots with a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) which may be obtained

located at 1500 N. Meadowcrest from the Unit Voting Officer or online at fvap.gov/eo/overview/ materials/forms.

> If the FPCA is not available, call, email, write or fax a request to the Supervisor of Elections Office.

> Spouses and dependents are considered to be of the same category as military members and generally should follow the same rules.

> The primary election is August 18. The general election is November 3. For more information, contact the Supervisor of Elections office.

## State makes changes on toll road sessions

Planners face backlash for webinars

cussions about controversial time, a Department of Transtoll-road projects from Collier County to the Georgia border.

the term "webinars" to describe the sessions amid complaints by open-government members to gather input advocates that in-person meetings should be held by the task forces.

State Transportation Development Director Christina Colon said Thursday the change was made as the three task forces move forward in efforts to hit a mid-November like a meeting, with real-time deadline to provide reports reliable public participation on the needs and potential as required by the Florida layouts of the projects.

The goal is to not just give information out to you but sure: The News Seralso provide an opportunity vice is a member of for the task force members to the First Amendment have an engaging conversation about the material that is presented," Colon said at the have been a priority start of a Northern Turnpike of Senate President Connector Task Force meeting.

May, the In

The News Service of Florida Amendment Foundation argued for more-inclusive Transportation planners in-person meetings as the are now using "meetings" to state was reopening amid the describe online task-force dis- coronavirus pandemic. At the portation spokeswoman said the webinars were not a re-The state had been using placement for task-force meetings but "additional opportunities" for task force during the pandemic.

First Amendment Foundation President Pamela Marsh said Thursday in an email that using the term "meetings" for the online session 'seems like" progress.

"I just hope they also treat it

Sunshine Law,' Marsh wrote. (Disclo-Foundation.) The projects, which

Bill Galvano, R-Bradenton, would



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

Transportation planners are now using "meetings" to describe online task-force discussions about controversial toll-road projects from Collier County to the Georgia border.

from Wildwood to connect Suncoast Parkway Collier County to Polk County. Environmentalists have vowed to wage First extend Florida's Turnpike "war" against the projects.

Campaign TRAII

with the Suncoast Cross, government relations Parkway; extend the director of the Florida Conservation Voters, said that benorth from Citrus cause of the First Amendment our economic, physical and County to the Georgia Foundation's concerns, the border; and build a state department should exnew toll road from ceed "bureaucratic checkpoints" regarding the roads.

with the taskforce meetings (online) at this time is not suf-people and be streamed ficient for receiving robust online.

On Thursday, Lindsay feedback from the task force and community members, nor is it appropriate for advancing an issue that will impact community landscapes for decades to come," Cross said.

Colon said a goal of the department is to hold mid-July "Aggressively continuing meetings that would accommodate a limited number of

Editor's note: The Camlists where to find 77 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills. itrus County Build

4 p.m. Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 2780 Suites 5 and 6 (old Frank's Restaurant), Hernando. For information, contact Klyap at 352-302-6096 or email: mikeforsheriff@gmail.com. Holly Davis, Republican for county commission District 5, is seeking hosts throughout the county for Zoom gatherings. For more information, email holly@hollydavisforcitrus.com. Also visit the website, www.hollydavisforcitrus.com. Sandra "Sam" Himmel, Republican incumbent for superintendent of schools, has yard signs for delivery. Call Amy at 407-579-0544 or Debbie at 352-201-9613 to receive one. For campaign information, see @Himmel2020 on Facebook. Ruthie Schlabach, Republican for county commission District 3, has these events: meet-and-greet

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breakfast and lunch, contactaturday less from your car, July 18, breakfast from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to

of Schools. Scott Adams, Republicar for supervisor of elections: www.adams4soe@gmail.com. Maureen Baird, Republican for supervisor of elections: www.electmobaird.com. Mark Garlock, nonparticom. san for school board District 2: www.garlock4schools.com.

www.marin4commission.com. Cregg Dalton, Repu

aıyı candidates, from fundraisers to speaking engagements. With much of that on hiatus for the time being, the Chronicle asked candidates to provide website or Facebook information so that voters can keep up with the candidates themselves. Those with neither provided their email addresses.We'll continue to provide events as well.

This is a partial listing of candidate websites or Facebook pages. If you don't see a particular candidate, he or she didn't provide information to the Chronicle. Also, some candidates provide biographical information on the supervisor of elections website: www. votecitrus.com.

Send information about candidate events to Mike Wright, mwright@chronicle online.com.

■ The Beverly Hills Civic Association and Beverly Hills Area Council will host a candidate meet-and-greet from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 11, 20202, at the Central Ridge Community Center,

ing Alliance (CCBA) will have its fourth Candidate Stump at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, at the CCBA property, 1196 S. Lecanto Hwy., Lecanto. The Stump will feature candidates in the primary and general election. For information, call the CCBA at 352-746-9028.

The Citrus Springs Civic Association and Nature Coast Republican Club will have a candidate's forum from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, 2020, at the Citrus Springs Community Center, 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd. Social distancing and masks are to be worn.

The Citrus County Chronicle and Citrus County Supervisor of Elections are sponsoring "Dialogue at the Depot", a meet-the-candidates event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 25, at the Inverness Depot. Information: Mike Wright at mwright@ chronicleonline.com.

Mike Klyap Jr., Republican for sheriff, will have a meet-and-greet from noon to

1:30 p.m., at Schlabach Security & Sound parking lot, 2175 W. Norvell Bryant Hwy., Lecanto. Also, Schlabach supporters will wave signs from 10 a.m. to noon at the following locations and dates: Saturday, June 27, U.S. 19/ Grover Cleveland Boulevard, Homosassa; Saturday, July 11, South Apopka Avenue and S.R. 44, Inverness; Saturday, July 18, Schlabach Security and Sound, 2175 W. Norvell Bryant Hwy., Lecanto. Information: ruthieforcitrus@ gmail.com or www.ruthiefor citrus.com.

Paul John Reinhardt, Republican for superintendent of schools: Facebook/Dr. Paul John Reinhardt M.D. for Citrus County Superintendent

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Mark Hammer, Republican for county commission District 3: www.hammerfor citrus.com.

Edwin Roberts. Republican for county commission District 3: robertsnc2004@ aol.com.

Luis Marin, Republican for county commission District 3:

can for property appraiser: www.votedalton.com.

Rob Tessmer, Republican for property appraiser: www.tessmerforappraiser.

■ Tim Reynard, Republican for property appraiser: www. Reynard2020.com.

David Gregory, Republican for property appraiser: votedavidgregory.com.

Patrick Crippen, Republican for sheriff: patrickcrippen forsheriff.org.

Mel Eakley, Republican for sheriff: www.eakleyfor sheriff.com.

Mike Prendergast, Republican incumbent for sheriff: www.sheriffprendergast2020. com

Ralph Massullo, Republican incumbent for state House District 34: www. ralphmassullo.com.



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#### Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthday - Look beyond petty differences this year. A positive attitude will get you far, both personally and professionally.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - Spend time getting rid of unnecessary stuff that you've accumulated. Making room for new projects will give you greater freedom to do something you enjoy. Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Do something that makes you feel good about vourself

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A change of scenery will lift your spirits. Take a hike or plan an outing, if possible. Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Stay focused on your needs. Exercising spending quality time with a loved one or updating your appearance is favored.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Approach a new project with a keen imagination, and you will surpass your expectations.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Fixing up your surroundings will make you feel better about your living arrangements. Channel your energy into personal conquests that will boost your eqo

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - A different approach to the way you run your home will pay off.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - It's OK to be selfish once in a while. Take time to catch up and to ease stress. Let someone close to you know how much you care. Live life your way.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) - Mental stimulation will help you clearly see situations you are facing. Implement changes that allow you to use the skills that bring you the most joy. Follow your intuition.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Arguments will be a waste of time. If you work in conjunction with others, you will prosper. Being able to compromise and adapt will put you in a favorable position.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Take a virtual tour of a place you hope to visit someday, and it will give you the incentive to start planning and saving for vour excursion.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - Honesty begins at home. Tell it like it is if you want to get on with your life. Be brave, take hold of whatever situation you face and move forward.

## ENTERTAINMENT

#### **'The Young and the Restless' wins Emmy** for best drama

LOS ANGELES - "The Young and the Restless" won best drama at the first virtual Daytime Emmys along with three acting trophies on Friday night, with some winners speaking out about racial injustice.

Ellen DeGeneres accepted the trophy for best entertainment talk show for her self-titled program.

CBS' "The Young and the Restless," whose co-creator Lee Philip Bell died in February at age 91, earned four other trophies in technical categories.

Jason Thompson, who plays Billy Abbott on "The Young and the Restless," won his first Daytime Emmy for lead actor in a drama series. He becomes the third actor who has played the part to win. David Tom did so in 2000, and Billy Miller won in 2010, 2013 and 2014. Thompson had been nominated five previous times for his stint on 'General Hospital," but didn't win

Awards.

Beautiful.'

morning show.

series.

years.

best writing went to the team

Other winners included ABC's

Olivia Rose Keegan of "Days

"The View" for informative talk

show and NBC's "Today" for

of Our Lives" won for younger

Sharon Osbourne, Sheryl Un-

presided over the two-hour tele-

cast on CBS. The 47th annual

awards were back on a broad-

cast network for the first time

since 2011 after being relegated

to cable or streaming in recent

actor or actress in a drama

derwood, Eve, Carrie Ann

Inaba and Marie Osmond -

from "The Bold and the

Bryton James of "Y&R" earned supporting actor honors, while Eva LaRue won for guest performer on the show.

Alex Trebek won best game show host for the second straight year and "Jeopardy!" claimed game show honors.

Heather Tom of "The Bold and the Beautiful" earned lead dramatic actress honors for her longtime role of Katie Logan. Tamara Braun of "General Hospital" won as supporting actress.

Singer Kelly Clarkson won best entertainment talk show host for the first season of her eponymous show.

The team from "General Hospital" won directing honors, while

## **Guy' character**

Guy" voice actor Mike Henry said Friday he is stepping down from the role of Cleveland Brown on the Fox animated series.

Henry wrote on Twitter that he

Henry had also voiced the Latin maid named Consuela on the series.

Today in HISTORY

Today is Sunday, June 28, the 180th day of 2020. There are 186 days left in the year. Today's Highlight:

On June 28, 1919, the Treaty of Versailles was signed in France, ending the First World War. On this date:

In 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife, Sophie, were shot to death in Sarajevo by Serb nationalist Gavrilo Princip - an act which sparked World War I.

In 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Alien Registration Act, also known as the Smith Act, which required adult foreigners residing in the U.S. to be registered and fingerprinted.

In 1964, civil rights activist Malcolm X declared, "We want equality by any means necessary" during the Founding Rally of the Organization of Afro-American Unity in New York.

Ten years ago: The Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, that Americans had the right to own a gun for self-defense anywhere they lived.

Five years ago: Authorities in upstate New York captured David Sweat, one of two convicted murderers who'd escaped from the Clinton Correctional Facility on June 6; Sweat was apprehended two days after his fellow escapee. Richard Matt, was shot and killed in a confrontation with law enforcement.

One year ago: Avowed white supremacist James Alex Fields, who deliberately drove his car into a crowd of counterprotesters in Charlottesville, Virginia, killing a young woman and injuring dozens, apologized to his victims before being sentenced to life in prison on federal hate crime charges.

Today's Birthdays: Comedianmovie director Mel Brooks is 94. Actress Kathy Bates is 72. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer John Elway is 60. Actor John Cusack is 54. Actress Tichina Arnold is 51. Entrepreneur Elon Musk is 49.

### **YESTERDAY'S WEATHER**



#### FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H L	F'	cast	City	н	L F'	cast
Daytona Bch.	94	77	рс	Miami	88	81	s
Fort Lauderdal	e 89	79	S	Ocala	97	74	рс
Fort Myers	96	78	рс	Orlando	97	78	рс
Gainesville	97	73	рс	Pensacola	89	80	рс
Homestead	91	78	S	Sarasota	94	79	рс
Jacksonville	98	76	рс	Tallahassee	96	73	рс
Key West	92	83	рс	Tampa	96	80	mc
Lakeland	97	75	mc	Vero Beach	92	75	рс
Melbourne	91	76	рс	W. Palm Bch.	85	80	рс

#### **MARINE OUTLOOK**

becoming southeast late in the morning, then becoming west around 10 knots in the afternoon. Seas 2 feet ess. Bay and inland waters a

#### **Mike Henry to stop** voicing Black 'Family

LOS ANGELES — "Family

will stop playing the show's main African American character because "persons of color should play characters of color." The 54-year-old voice actor, who is a white man, has voiced the character since the series' debut in 1999.

- From wire reports

#### **ALERT CITRUS SIGNUP** ■ To register for the Citrus County Sheriff's

- Office's Alert Citrus weather program, visit www.sheriffcitrus.org and click on the links to register.
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- Those without computer access should call 352-249-2705.



Daytime Emmy Awards in Pasadena, Calif. on May 5, 2019, left,

and Jason Thompson at the 43rd annual Daytime Emmy Awards

in Los Angeles on May 1, 2016. Tom won an Emmys for

outstanding lead actress in a drama series for her role in "The

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be offered virtually and are posted on the Extension Facebook page and through the quarterly newsletter.

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Walk-ins accepted but appointments are encouraged at 352-527-5700 or by email at citrus@ifas.ufl.edu.

- From wire reports

#### RESIGN Continued from Page A1

the law doesn't apply to him.

Prendergast said he is waiting for a written opinion from the sheriff's association attorney before and two property aprescinding the resignation.

Asked if there was any reason why he would not rescind the resignation, from the ballot based on Prendergast said: "Sgt. Dalton serves honorably in this agency. If he didn't serve honorably, he wouldn't be a member of this team. There is absolutely no reason why I wouldn't accept this letter requesting withdrawal of his resignation."

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Florida Statute 99.012, the "resign-to-run" law, is designed to avoid conflicts of interest for candidates and races.

It spells out when candidates must resign their heard of the law while atjobs or, if in elected office now, whether they need to resign to run for a different office.

The law requires resignations from "subordinate" officials and deputies — only if they work for the incumbent and the incumbent is seeking re-election. The resignations are irrevocable.

guide on the resign-to-run law uses an example spe- if Dalton had submitted to the Dalton the resignation. cific situation.

wishes to run for a last week and asked to non-sheriff office ... he or meet. He said Prendergast she would not have to resign under the 'resign-to-

of a lawsuit filed earlier this month against Gill from David Gregory, a former property appraiser's employee who opposes Dalton and two other Republicans in the

primary. Gregory claims Dalton praiser candidates, Schroeder and Republican Tim Reynard, should be barred the resign-to-run law. Both Schroeder and Reynard are currently employed by the property appraiser.

Gill, while not commenting on specifics of the lawsuit, said the law only requires resignations if a candidate is facing the incumbent on the ballot.

Gill said Dalton asked her about the law before announcing his candidacy.

"We talked about it, and I said, 'Cregg, you don't fall into this category because you're not running against your boss," Gill said.

Prendergast said he tending a training session and was reminded of it when Dalton told him in November he was running for property appraiser. He said he advised Dalton at that time he needed to resign 10 days prior to the first day of qualifying, as the resign-to-run law requires.

Prendergast said when A Division of Elections he learned of the Gregory lawsuit, he checked to see

Dalton said the sheriff "If a deputy sheriff called him on his day off told him he needed to resign, based on the state run' law," the guide states. law, and directed him to chronicleonline.com.

Prendergast made note write a resignation letter. "I did what I was told by my sheriff," Dalton said.

The next day, though, after speaking again with Gill, Dalton rescinded the resignation in an email.

Prendergast said he called Gill that Thursday night to say he had requested and received Dalton's resignation. Gill said she told Prendergast the law didn't require it.

"He said he thought Cregg fell under that law. I said I didn't think he did,' Gill said. "He said, 'I think he should, based upon this law.'

Gill sought direction from the Florida Division of Elections, which confirmed a sheriff's deputy need not resign unless his candidacy is against the sitting sheriff.

Gill provided that information to Prendergast, who forwarded it to the sheriff's association attorney. Prendergast said the association counsel informed him on Tuesday that, after checking with the Secretary of State's Office, the resign-to-run law did not apply in the Dalton case

Gill said the law is complicated and should be reviewed thoroughly before acting on it.

'You can't just read page one," she said. "It's not that simple."

Dalton said he is continuing his work with the sheriff's office while campaigning in his off time.

"I've just kind of moved on," he said. "I'm going to continue to be positive. I'm trying to win a primary."

Contact Chronicle reporter Mike Wright at 352-563-3228 or *mwright*@



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#### Virginia Prestridge, 78 BRADENTON

Virginia A. Prestridge, age 78, of Bradenton, Florida, passed away on Wednesday, June 17, 2020. Virginia was born August 16, 1941, in Manhattan,



Virginia Prestridge

Virginia's passion was interior design; she was a decorator for many years.

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Weilder.

Virginia is survived by her loving husband, Larry Prestridge; they just celebrated 39 years of marriage on June 11, 2020. She is also survived by her children Frank W Bower Jr. (Tina), Vincent W Bower (Debra), Anthony Bower (Desiree), and Virginia A Geisler (Curtis) along with her sister Sharon Iverson. She also leaves behind 12 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren to forever cherish her memory. Virginia was preceded in death by her daughter Michelle Olympia and her parents Evelyn and Robert Weilder.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www. ManasotaMemorial.com for the Prestridge family.



#### Ronald Rissane, 87

Ronald D. Rissane passed on June 12th 2020 after a short illness at the Health Center at Brentwood, Lecanto Fl. born 10/11/1932. He was 4 years in the Air Force and 3 years in the Army. He will be buried at the Florida National Cemetery. Date to be determined.



Billy Ross Mitchell, 95,

readying the carrier for Caribbean and Mediterranean.

In 1973 Billy retired from the U.S. Navy and returned to the place he and Ruth loved best, the home they had built on the St. Johns River in Orange Park, FL. Billy became a Sales Executive at Castrol Oil in Jacksonville, FL, re-1983

Ruth enjoyed traveling, playing golf and alternating their time between Florida and their summer home in the mountains of North Carolina. A skilled craftsman, Billy designed and built several of the homes they lived in, both in Florida and North Carolina. Billy was a "jack of all trades" and he never hesitated to tackle a problem or master a skill when the need arose. An intuitive learner, he could fix just about anything. High energy and an industrious nature ensured that he was "always working on something": from refinishing antiques to designing houses, from building bird houses for his beloved bluebirds to perfecting his golf game, Billy was always active. He encouraged Ruth, a talented water colorist, to get involved in the local art scene and proudly displayed her paintings at local shows and in their homes. His interests were varied and he encouraged all around him to strive to do their best. Billy was "a force of nature" and truly one of a kind and will be deeply missed. Billy was preceded in

death by his parents, his brother Joseph Mitchell, and sisters Jean Whitehurst and Grayce Broili.

In addition to his loving wife of 69 years, Ruth, Billy is survived by his son John T. Mitchell and his wife Pam, of Tallahassee, FL (and Readfield, ME); son Billy Ross Mitchell II and his wife Leigh of Pensacola, FL; daughter Sum-Mitchell mer of Jacksonville Beach, FL; his granddaughter Elspeth M. Holder and her husband Greg of Hermosa Beach, CA; grandsons Barclay Mitchell, Tucker nard, Julie Purscell, Mitchell, Carson Mitchell, Jack Mitchell and Matt tina Purscell in Des Mitchell. Billy is also survived by his 2 sisters Jan children; and three great-Peyrot of Alameda, CA, and Dorothy Byrd and her husband, Jimmy, of Kinston, NC. Billy will be laid to rest at the Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola, FL, with Full Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donationsbe made to a hospice provider of your choice. Vitas hospice here in Citrus County was a to Charles and Madeline godsend during our dad's final days.

commissioned in 1967 and when she met her hus- Squaws, where she raised Friends are invited to join grandchildren. played an integral part in band, Joseph Edward Pur- funds for the Pa-Qua-Tuck scell, who drove the bus her maiden voyage to the and talked to her every day during the trip from as she could always be Des Moines to the Ordnance Plant in Ankeny, Iowa.

**Obituaries** 

Joe and Luella married in 1950 and raised three children: Mary Jo. Melvin and Richard. They lived at 1235 5th Avenue on the north side of Des Moines, near Mercy Hospital, until tiring from that career in they retired to Florida in 1972. Joe died in Her-After retiring, Billy and nando, Florida in 1986 and is buried in his home town, Winterset, Iowa.

For many years, Luella was a lunchroom clerk at Sabin Elementary School in Des Moines. After her husband died, she became the night cafeteria manager at Withlacoochee Area Vocational-Technical College in Inverness, Florida. She retired, and enjoyed many years of traveling and camping with her second husband, Robert McKay, who was a companion and friend, until he died in 2006.

She loved to garden, sew and cook. After a serious fall and rehabilitation in 2018, she was able to be home with her son, Richard and grandson, Sean for Thanksgiving, her 94th birthday, and Christmas. She spent the last year of her life at Metro West Nursing Home in Orlando, near her daughter. She loved sitting in the garden at her home and spent dozens of hours with Mary Jo, talking about family and personal experiences in life. They listened to her favorite old time Country music ... and now she bids us Farewell. She died in her sleep on June 19, 2020. She was 95, and will be buried next to her husband and her son, Melvin in the Winterset Memorial Cemetery.

She is survived by her sister. Irmalee in Forest City, Iowa; her daughter, Mary Jo Pezzi in Orlando; and her son, Richard in Hernando. She is also survived by nine grandchildren: Shodie Kafcas in Lutz, Florida; Sean Purscell in Hernando; Thomas Lloyd, Jr. in Deltona, Florida; Melissa Johnson in Chanhassen, Minnesota; Joe Purscell in Waukee, Iowa; Laura Kin-Karen Purscell and Chris-

Camp. Joan was fondly known as the "Craft Lady, found doing some sort of arts and craft. She was especially known for making wreaths, which she would sell to raise donations for charity — Joan made at least a thousand wreaths during her community work.

She also loved church. and would frequent the Methodist Church of Inverness often. When she lived in New York, she was a Sunday School Teacher at the Methodist Church of Amityville, NY.

Joan loved working with children of all abilities, and teaching them the love that Christ has for them.

Joan is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, John, who was laid to rest at the Florida National Cemetery of Bushnell, FL. Those left to cherish her memory are her children. John C. Verity (Debi) of Becket, MA William Verity (Beth Ann) of South Bend, IN, David Verity of Inverness, FL, and Irene Nicola of Sarasota, FL; her nine grandchildren; her six great-grandchildren; and of course by all of those whose lives were touched by Joan's compassion and love.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date at the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home of Inverness. FL. Cremation with Care is scheduled for Joan, and her urn will be laid to rest at the Florida National Cemetery of Bushnell, FL alongside her husband, John. Joan is under the care of the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

#### Joyce Johns, 71 INVERNESS

Joyce M. Johns passed away at her home in Inverness, FL on June 24, 2020 at the age of 71. Joyce was born in St. Petersburg, FL



Joyce's family in visitation beginning at 10:00 AM ily requests that considerations for donations be given to Joyce's favorite animal charities, ASPCA. org or alleycat.org. Arrangements are under the care of the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

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#### Irene Nunes, 87 INVERNESS

Irene Mae Nunes, 87, of Inverness, FL passed away at her residence on June 24, 2020 surrounded



Nunes

(Anderson) Wilder. Irene was a Registered Nurse and arrived in this area in 1989, coming from Connecticut. She was Baptist by faith. Irene enjoyed golfing, photography, sewing, and camping.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Joseph Nunes in 2012, one son, Paul Nunes in 2001 and one daughter, Nancy Buebendorf in 2018. Survivors include her children Joseph Nunes, Jr. and his wife Susan of Inverness, Diane Kearns and her husband Patrick of Southbury, CT; brother Kenneth Wilder, Jr. of Spring City, PA, and sister Priscilla Dais and her husband Earle of Rehoboth, MA; 6 grandchildren and 4 great children.

A Celebration of Life Service for Irene is scheduled for Friday, July 3, 11:00 A.M. at the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness with Pastor Kevin Ballard of Calvary Chapel officiating. Irene will be laid to rest with her husband Joseph at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. at a later date.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

#### Madeline

Peggy was clearly loved by many and will be deeply until the hour of service. missed by all who got the In lieu of flowers, the fam- privilege of meeting her and getting to know her throughout her life. (i.e. The Quinn family, The Smith family and The Pellegrino family, etc.)

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneral Home.com. Arrangements Sign the guest book at have been made by the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory.



#### Richard Schneider, 62 CITRUS SPRINGS

Richard A. Schneider of Citrus Springs Florida died on June 25, 2020 in Gainesville, Florida. He



November 11. 1957 and was the son of the late John Schneider and Carol (Schroeder)

was born

Richard **Schneider** 

Schneider. A Service of Remembrance will be held on July 2, 2020 at 2:00pm at the Beverly Hills Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes and Crematory. Burial will follow with Military Honors at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday July 1, 2020 from 5:00 pm — 7:00 pm. Mr. Schneider was a member of the National Rifle Association. He enjoyed fishing and golfing, along with playing guitar and spending time with family.

He was a graduate from Thomas S. Wootten High School in Rockville Maryland. Following graduation, he Served in the United States Air Force as a Security Policeman and was honorably discharged. While in the Air Force he was stationed at Homestead Air Force Base in Florida.

He met the love of his life Karen in 1980. Survivors are his loving wife of 40 years Karen of Citrus Springs FL, son Lamont Schneider of Cairo GA, daughters Charity Thoma of Hudson FL, and Dawn Barker of Cairo, GA, 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren, his brother's Doug (Patti) Schneider of Spring Hill FL, and Mike (Karen) Schneider of Kellogg IA. The family requests that in Lieu of Flowers that expressions of sympathy take the form of donations to Hospice or a favorite Veterans Charity.



Crystal River, Florida, passed away peacefully in his sleep May 13th, 2020. He was born February 8th, 1925, in Ayden, N.C., to



Billy Mitchell

he joined the U.S. Navy in 1943. He was assigned to the USS Neuendorf, a Destroyer Escort, which joined the Pacific Fleet during the Battle of Leyte Gulf. At the end of WWII Billy returned to North Carolina where he enrolled in and graduated from North Carolina State University.

ough, N.C.

In 1950 he was visiting relatives in St. Petersburg, FL and met the love of his life, Ruth Tusting. Ruth was Billy's soulmate: after Billy rejoined the U.S. Navy Ruth became a "Navy Wife" accompanying Billy to a variety of locations where he was stationed: Bayonne, N.J., Pensacola, FL., Naples, Italy, Monterey, CA., Washington D.C., Orange Park, FL., and Virginia Beach, VA. Billy was an Officer in the U.S. Navy Supply Corps, attaining the rank of Captain. He was stationed in Norfolk, VA., aboard the USS John F. Kennedy when it was

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

#### Luella Purscell **McKay, 95**

Luella Purscell McKay, born on Dec. 9th, 1924, Luella Faye Winger was the



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Don. They were raised in serve her dear family and ring and Aydan Ahrens. In Southern Iowa until their mother moved them to Des Moines.

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In what would have and Friends Reaching Bebeen her senior year of yond the Disabilities orgahigh school, Luella went to nization; she was also a membrance is scheduled work with her mother member of Family Care for Wednesday, July 1, 2020 making bullets for the sol- Council and a member of at 11:00 AM at the Chas E. diers in WWII. That's Pa-Qua-Tuck

Moines; 20 great grandgreat grandchildren. Sign the guest book at

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Joan

Verity, 89

INVERNESS

Joan M. Verity, age 89,

resident of Inverness, FL

Lecanto, FL. She was born

Joan and John made Citrus

County their home in 1993

Long Island, NY, where

Joan lived the remainder

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Petersburg High School in 1967. On December 14, 1985 she rack (Peggy), age 91 of Flomarried her husband Darius "Dave" Johns with whom she shared 34 years of loving marriage. Joyce and Dave made Citrus

County their home in 2005 after relocating from St. passed away on June 20th, Petersburg, FL. She was 2020 at Vitas Healthcare in an avid reader and also enjoyed gardening and planting, and arranging flowers. Joyce loved animals, and nature. She could often be found sitting on her back porch swing reading or taking a

nap. Joyce liked shopping and keeping up with friends on Facebook. In addition to her husband Dave, those left to mourn Joyce's passing include her son, Christopher Herring of Largo, FL; daughter, Nicole Ahrens and her husband Danny of Inverness, FL; brother, A.J. Martin and his wife when they moved from Elaine Casebolt of Inverness, FL; sister, Ginger Jaspers of Clearwater, FL; grandchildren: Sydney homemaker and loved to Herring, Cameron Heraddition to her parents,

Joan helped organize Joyce was preceded in the FFRA, or the Families death by her brother, Glenn Martin. A Funeral Service of Re-Camp Davis Funeral Home.



#### 'Peggy' Florack, 91 FLORAL CITY

Mrs. Madeline E Floral City, Florida, died Monday, June 15, 2020 in Inverness, FL. She was born February 4, 1929 in



Madeline Florack

her parents and 4 of 6 children (Peggy Ann, Charlie, Beverly and Billy)

ceded in

death by

Peggy was a loving wife mother, grandmother and sister. Those left to cherish her memory are husband. Ronald B Florack of Floral City; son, Donald Van-Houter (Cheryl); daughter, Sharon Knight; nephew, Murray Schroeder (Leonor), numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great



Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com. See DEATHS/Page A7

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Joan

Verity

her community.



**Marjorie Van** Vleck, 90

INVERNESS

Marjorie L. Van Vleck, age 90, Inverness, FL passed away June 24, 2020 at Vitas Healthcare in Lecanto. Due to the Covid 19 virus restrictions and for the safely of those attending, the Celebration of Life for Marjorie will be scheduled at a later date. Cremation with care Chas. E. Davis.

#### **Frances 'Fay'** White, 89

ORANGE PARK

The Service of Remembrance for Mrs. Frances Fay White, age 89, of Orange Park, Florida, will be held 12:00 PM, Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral



Stewart officiating. Interment will follow at Frances Red Level

White

Cemetery, Red Level, Florida. The family will receive friends from 11:00 AM until 12:00 PM, Tuesday at the Chapel. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.Hooper FuneralHome.com.

Fay was born April 26, 1931 in Red Level, FL, daughter of Frank and Bonnie (Priest) White and died June 21, 2020 in Orange Park, FL. In 1944 she moved to Inverness and was a graduate of Citrus High School in 1949. Fay earned her nursing degree from St. Lakes Teaching Hospital Nursing School in 1952. and went on to work at St. Luke's in Jacksonville as a Surgical Registered Nurse until 1962. In 1965 Fay returned to live in Inverness and began work at Citrus Memorial Hospital as a

Surgical Registered Nurse until her retirement in 1993

After retiring, Fay moved to Orange Park, FL. She was a member of a pioneer Citrus County family and the Red Level First traveling in her motor home and was a big time Gator Booster going to all Gator Games and traveling all over the US.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Bob White, sister, Mae Glasco, and brotherin-law John Adams. Fay is survived by her son, Mark Christopher White, daughter-in-law Pauline Frances White, grandsons Mark and Travis White granddaughter Gabrille White great granddaughter Chole White, Uncle Wayne Priest, brother-in-law James Glasco many nieces and nephews and cousins. Fay is also survived by a large extended family throughout the country.

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#### Sarah Laycock, 92

LECANTO

Sarah D. Laycock, 92, of Lecanto, FL and formerly of Crystal River, FL, passed away on Wed., June 24, 2020 at Brentwood Assisted Living Facility in Lecanto,



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of three daughters. Sarah was a retired head cashier for Kroger Grocery Stores and moved to Crystal River in 1976 with her late husband of 55 years, Preston L. Laycock, who passed away on June 17, 2011.

Her most recent church membership was with Lecanto Church of Christ.

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In addition to her parand rose to be the Opera- ents and her husband tion Room Supervisor Preston, Sarah was preceded in death by a sister, Dolly Durham of Dayton, OH and a niece, Jane Shaw of Hillsboro, OH. Sarah is survived by her sister, Dorothy Pfister, Hillsboro, OH; nephews Baptist Church. Fay loved John Laycock, Port St. Joe. FL; Scott Weidner, Cincinnati, OH and Mike Laycock, Crystal River, FL; nieces Donna Pittner and Sandra Puckett, both of Georgetown, OH; Linda McMullen, Hillsboro, OH; Judy Mason, Lynchburg, OH and Colleen Rifner, Beaver Creek, OH.

Friends and family will be received on Thursday, July 2, 2020 from 11:00 AM until 12:00 noon at Wilder Funeral Home, Homosassa, FL, where a funeral service will commence 12:00 noon. Interment will follow at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL at 2:00 P.M.

Please be reminded that all attendees will be kindly asked to wear face masks at Wilder Funeral Home and will be provided to those who don't have them. Wilder Funeral Home will be able to accommodate only a maximum of 20 persons in the building under current COVID-19 guidelines. www.wilderfuneral. com

#### **OBITUARIES**

- Submissions must be verified with the funeral home or society in charge of arrangements.
- The Chronicle does not edit obituaries for content.
- Obituary deadlines for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday editions is 3 p.m. the day before. Deadlines for Saturday, Sunday and Monday editions is 3 p.m. Friday.
- A flag will be included for free for those who served in the U.S. military. (Please note the branch of service when submitting an obituary.)

### Milton Glaser, designer of 'I Love NY' logo, dies at 91

#### Associated Press

NEW YORK — Milton Glaser, the groundbreaking graphic designer who adorned Bob Dylan's silhouette with psychedelic hair and summed up the feelings for his native New York with "I (HEART) NY," died Friday, his 91st birthday

The cause was a stroke and Glaser had also had renal failure, his wife, Shirley Glaser, told The New York Times.

In posters, logos, advertisements and book covers, Glaser's ideas captured the spirit of the 1960s with a few simple colors and shapes. He was the designer on the team that founded New York magazine with Clay Felker in the late '60s.

"Around our office, of course, he will forever be one of the small team of men and women that, in the late sixties, yanked New York out of the newspaper morgue and turned it into a great American magazine," the magazine's obituary of Glaser said.

Soon city magazines everywhere were sprouting and aping its simple, witty design style. When publishing titan Rupert Murdoch forced Felker and Glaser out of New York magazine in a hostile takeover in 1977, the staff walked out in solidarity with their departing editors, leaving an incomplete issue three days before it was due on newsstands

'We have brought about — however small — a change in the visual habits of people," he told The Washington Post in 1969. "Television conditions people to demand imagination."

But he said he had to work to keep his style fresh.

"There's an enormous pressure to repeat past successes. That's a sure death." Referring to a beloved '60s design motif, he added that he couldn't do another



Associated Press

An "I Love NY" sign sits in the Empire State Plaza on June 18, 2019, in front of the New York state Capitol in Albany, N.Y.

rainbow "if my life depended on it." His pictorial sense was so profound, and his designs so influential, that his works in later years were preserved by collectors and studied as fine art. But he preferred not to use the term "art" at all.

'What I'm suggesting is we eliminate the term art and call everything work,' Glaser said in an Associated Press interview in 2000, when the Philadelphia Museum of Art hosted an exhibit on his career. "When it's really extraordinary and moves it in a certain way, we call it great work. We call it good when it accomplishes a task, and we call it bad when it misses a target.'

The bold "I (HEART) NY" logo - cleverly using typewriter-style letters as the typeface — was dreamed up as part of an ad campaign begun in 1977 to boost the state's image when crime and budget troubles dominated the headlines.

His 1966 illustration of Dylan, his face a simple black silhouette but his hair sprouting in a riot of colors in curvilinear fashion, put in graphic form the 1960s philosophy that letting your hair fly free was a way to free your mind.

The poster was inserted in Dylan's "Greatest Hits" album, so it made its way into the hands of millions of fans.

#### Blood DRIVES

Forced cancellations of blood drives due to COVID-19 negatively impacted the blood supply, which endangers those needing lifesaving blood transfusions.

LifeSouth, along with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, urges donors to donate blood now and has announced several upcoming bloodmobile visits around Citrus County for the remainder of the month and into July. Blood donors are needed every day, and

anyone who is in good health is encouraged to donate. The coronavirus does not

pose any known risk to blood donors during the donation process or from attending blood drives. For more information about hosting a blood drive, visit lifesouth.org or call 888-795-2707.

Here is a list of upcoming bloodmobile visits:

#### MONDAY, JUNE 29

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Walmart, South Suncoast Boulevard, Homosassa

#### **TUESDAY, JUNE 30**

9 a.m. to noon — Citrus County Sheriff's Office Emergency Operations Center, Saunders Way, Lecanto.

■ 1 to 6:30 p.m. – Walmart, North Lecanto Highway, Lecanto.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 ■ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Citrus County Sheriff's Office downtown, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Inverness. ■ 4 to 7 p.m. — Walmart, East Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness



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#### **SCALLOPS** Continued from Page A1

If this year's scallop yields are again diminished, Messier said he would support the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) putting an emergency ban on scalloping for at least one year to give the stock time to replenish.

But he hopes it won't come to that.

"A lot of crowds are waiting to get out," he said. "I hope they do and spend a lot of money so the city of Homosassa and Crystal River will reap the benefits."

The FWC normally conducts a survey in June, prior to the start of the season, that assesses scallop populations.

But this year, those surveys were not conducted due to COVID-19 safety concerns.

#### **JUST HAVE FUN**

Captain Laura Ruettiman with Sea Education Adventures, has been doing charters for 20 years.

While she is glad to take people out scalloping, she said her prime task is to educate her crew on the natural beauty of the salt marsh, seagrass beds, shore birds and sea life.



A sign at the Fort Island Trail boat ramp encourages boaters to not discard scallop shells into the water.

So whether scallops are abundant or not, her charter crews will have fun getting out in the water and taking in all the sights.

We don't focus on the gallon limits, but just having fun out there," Ruettiman said. "Last year, when scallops were low, people were coming out and we had fun educating them. It's not just about the scallops. (I) can't say there will be more scallops than last year, but I can say there are scallops in the waters."

Ruettiman said she intentionally will not book any charters the first week of scallop season because it's too hectic. The marinas, hotels and docks are all packed.

"Fourth of July weekend is chronicleonline.com.

extremely busy for Crystal River," she said. "I choose to wait until the (congestion) dies down.'

Ruettiman said she is booked solid from July 8 through the rest of the month.

#### **STAY SAFE**

County Commissioner Jeff Kinnard said he's expecting big crowds for opening week. But he hopes visitors don't forget about the COVID-19 pandemic. He said scallopers should observe social distancing rules, wear masks and stay safe.

"Certainly we want to see (visitors) for the economic benefit," Kinnard said. "Our restaurants, bars and retail establishments — they all need help right now. They had no spring. The influx of revenue will be good to help some establishments and save some jobs. Everybody needs to be as careful as they can possibly be.'

Kinnard said scalloping is fun and that's the appeal.

"I like the idea of getting out and picking up scallops," he said. "I will certainly get out at some point and do it myself. But I'm not shaking hands and I'm staying away from crowds and wearing a mask."

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



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■ There is no commercial harvest allowed for bay scallops in Florida.

■ Direct and continuous transit of legallyharvested bay scallops is allowed through closed areas.

Boaters may not stop their vessels in waters that are closed to harvest and must proceed directly to the dock ing Devices.' or ramp to land scallops in a closed area.

**Q:** What are some common-sense rules I should observe while out on the boat looking for scallops?

■ Wear a life jacket when underway and do not drink and boat.

■ When scalloping in open water, divers should stay within 300 feet of a properly Fish and Wildlife Conserdisplayed divers-down vation Commission

flag or device, and within 100 feet of a properly displayed divers-down flag or device if on a river, inlet or navigation channel.

Boat operators traveling within 300 feet of a divers-down flag or device in open water or within 100 feet of one on a river, inlet or navigational channel must slow to idle speed.

For information, visit MyFWC.com/Boating/ Regulations and click on "Divers-down Warn-

Q: Is there somewhere I can go to have all these regulations spelled out and to get more information?

Visit MyFWC.com/ Marine and click on "Recreational Regulations" and "Bay Scallops" under the "Crabs, Shrimp and Shellfish" tab.

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## Harvick ends Pocono skid

#### **DAN GELSTON** AP sports writer

LONG POND, Pa. Kevin Harvick hit pause on that victory swirl of scorched rubber and billows of smoke at Pocono Raceway. Sure, Harvick needed to save the engine for a repeat run in the same Ford and a shot at a weekend sweep in a Cup Series twin bill. He stood on his car alone again in victory lane in front of another race with barren grandstands and the only noise at the track just a few cheers from his Stewart-Haas Racing crew.

It's not much of a blowout if there's no one at the party.

celebrations with nobody out there to celebrate with,' Harvick said. "Until the lining them up on pit road. fans come back, I'm not doing any of that stuff. It doesn't feel right not having my team in victory lane."

0-for-38 drought at Pocono, taking the checkered flag Saturday at one of two tracks where victory had eluded him.

Harvick won the first of start 20th on Sunday with the field set by inverting the lead-lap finishers.

The 44-year-old California driver has won at every active track except Kentucky Speedway (nine tries) and the 2014 series champion has three wins overall for SHR this season. He has three career wins at Charlotte Motor Speedway, though he's lost two races on the roval configuration.

Harvick held off a hardcharging Denny Hamlin, whose efforts were hampered by a late vibration, He finished 22nd in the for his 52nd career Cup victory. He had 12 top-five finishes in his other 38 starts at Pocono.

"That's great to finally check Pocono off the list,' Harvick said.

Aric Almirola was third, followed by Christopher Bell and Kyle Busch.

Ryan Preece finished pole Sunday. Teams



"I'm not doing anymore Kevin Harvick celebrates in the winners circle after winning the NASCAR Cup Series race at Pocono Raceway, Saturday, June 27, 2020, in Long Pond, Pa.

#### The race was scheduled doing a burnout, I'm not as the second Saturday, but standing on the car, I'm not rain washed out the Truck Series race. That sets up a small slice of history Sunday: Truck, Harvick snapped an second-tier Xfinity and Cup will all run Sunday. It's the first time three NASCAR National Series races will race on the same day at the same track.

NASCAR wanted the two NASCAR Cup races in trip to Pocono to settle one front of no fans this week- of the most tumultuous end at Pocono and will weeks in its history after a noose found in Bubba Wallace's stall last week at Talladega led to a federal investigation. The incident was not ruled a hate crime. NASCAR President Steve Phelps stated "the noose was real," though it remains unknown who tied it. Wallace, who sparked NASCAR to ban the Confederate flag, has become NASCAR's advocate for social change and acknowledged his time in the national spotlight left him "wore the hell out." No. 43 Chevrolet.

Politics were in play, though, at Pocono when Corey LaJoie, who finished 23rd, ran with a Trump 2020 logo on the rear quarter panel of his Ford.

The weekend should have been one of the wildest ones in Pocono history. tw Track officials were opti-20th and will start on the mistic the infield would be be jam packed with race fans one that probably hasn't year we get the opportubrought cars straight to who wanted to experience been seen on the NASCAR nity to really show what the garage instead of four NASCAR races in circuit in decades," we can put out here."

NASCAR Monster	24. (20) John Hunter Nemechek, Ford, 129, Running.
Energy Cup	25. (5) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 129, Run- ning.
Pocono Organics	<ul><li>26. (34) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 129, Running.</li><li>27. (10) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 129,</li></ul>
325	Running.
Saturday At Pocono Raceway	28. (37) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 128, Run- ning.
Long Pond, Pa. Lap Length: 2.5	29. (27) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, 127, Running.
(Starting position in	30. (15) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 126, Running.
parentheses) 1. (9) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 130, Running. 2. (2) Danny Hamilia Taylota, 120, Running.	<ol> <li>(33) JJ Yeley, Ford, 125, Running.</li> <li>(40) Josh Bilicki, Chevrolet, 125, Run-</li> </ol>
<ol> <li>(3) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 130, Running.</li> <li>(1) Aric Almirola, Ford, 130, Running.</li> <li>(36) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 130, Run-</li> </ol>	ning. 33. (31) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 125,
ning. 5. (4) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 130, Running.	Running. 34. (35) James Davison, Chevrolet, 125,
6. (11) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 130, Run- ning.	Running. 35. (38) Timmy Hill, Toyota, 125, Running.
7. (18) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 130, Running. 3. (26) Michael McDowell, Ford, 130, Run- ning.	<ol> <li>(6) Joey Logano, Ford, 124, Running.</li> <li>(28) Joey Gase(i), Ford, 121, Running.</li> <li>(19) Erik Jones, Toyota, 70, Accident.</li> </ol>
9. (8) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 130, Run-	39. (39) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 36, Trans- mission.
ning. 10. (24) Chris Buescher, Ford, 130, Run-	40. (32) Quin Houff, Chevrolet, 19, Accident.
ning. 11. (22) Matt Kenseth, Chevrolet, 130, Running.	Average Speed of Race Winner: 134.467 mph.
12. (2) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 130, Running. 13. (21) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 130, Run-	Time of Race: 2 Hrs, 25 Mins, 1 Secs. Margin of Victory: .761 Seconds. Caution Flags: 6 for 21 laps.
ning. 14. (16) William Byron, Chevrolet, 130,	Lead Changes: 10 among 8 drivers. Lap Leaders: A. Almirola 1-19;J. Logano
Running. 15. (13) Ryan Newman, Ford, 130, Run-	20-30;A. Almirola 31-45;M. Truex Jr. 46- 59;D. Hamlin 60-66;A. Almirola 67-93;D.
ning. 16. (25) Cole Custer, Ford, 130, Running.	Hamlin 94-96;R. Newman 97-109;M. Mc- Dowell 110;C. Buescher 111-113;K. Har-
17. (14) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 130, Running.	vick 114-130, Running. Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead,
18. (7) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 130, Run- ning.	Laps Led): Aric Almirola 3 times for 61 laps; Kevin Harvick 1 time for 17 laps;
19. (17) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 130, Run- ning.	Martin Truex Jr. 1 time for 14 laps; Ryan Newman 1 time for 13 laps; Joey Logano
20. (30) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, 130, Running.	1 time for 11 laps; Denny Hamlin 2 times
21. (12) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 130,	for 10 laps; Chris Buescher 1 time for 3 laps; Michael McDowell 1 time for 1 lap.
Running. 22. (23) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 129,	Stage 1 Top Ten: 22,10,12,18,9,1,21,2,88,20.
Running. 23. (29) Corey LaJoie, Ford, 129, Running.	Stage 2 Top Ten: 10,22,19,12,21,88,4,18,11,9.
vo days. "The infield would have een a sight to be seen,	Pocono CEO Nick Igdalsky said. "We just couldn't see it this year. Hopefully, next

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#### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Yankees vs champ Nationals in DC on opening day

NEW YORK - Gerrit Cole could make his New York Yankees debut in a tasty opening-day treat for fans, facing Juan Soto and World Series champion Washington at Nationals Park.

The Yankees and Nationals are set meet when the virus-delayed season begins next month, a person familiar with the game told The Associated Press on Saturday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because there hasn't been an official announcement.

The New York Post first reported the matchup

#### **Buccaneers' 1st GM Phil Krueger** dies at age 90

PEMBROKE PINES -Phil Krueger, who helped build a dominant defense as an assistant for 1967 national champion Southern California and later became part of the first coaching staff in Tampa Bay Buccaneers' history, has died. He was 90.

Krueger died Monday at his home, his family said.

Skilled in all phases of the game, Krueger coached offense, defense and special teams during more than three decades in the NFL and college. He was the head coach at Fresno State and Utah State, going 31-22, and an assistant

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#### at Illinois. Krueger moved from the field to Tampa Bay's front office and spent 10 years as

an executive, known for his skill in negotiating contracts. He was hired as the Buccaneers' first general manager in 1991 — prior to that, the team's coaches made the player decisions.

Krueger left the Bucs after one season as GM, but didn't give up football. After moving to Florida to be near his daughter, Krueger spent three years as a consultant to a pro team in Tokyo, the Kajima Deers.

Krueger is survived by his wife of 59 years, Kathy, daughter Kristi and two grandchildren. The family asked that any donations be made in Krueger's name to the Alzheimer's Association.

#### **Dodgers' Toles** jailed in Florida on trespass charge

KEY WEST - Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Andrew Toles was in iail Saturday on a trespassing charge.

The 28-year-old player was detained this week at the airport in Key West, Florida, by a Monroe County sheriff deputy.

A report by the sheriff's office said Toles was found sleeping behind a Federal Express building at the airport and refused to move after several warnings by deputies that he had to leave or be arrested.

- From wire reports

### On the **AIRWAVES**

#### **TODAY'S SPORTS AUTO RACING**

12:30 p.m. (FS1) NASCAR Xfinity Series Pocono Green

4 p.m. (FS1) NASCAR Cup Series Pocono 350

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#### 4 p.m. (NBCSPT) Trackside Live! GOLF

1 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour Travelers Championship, Final Round

3 p.m. (6 CBS) (10 CBS) PGA Tour Travelers Championship. Final Round

6 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Korn Ferry Tour Utah Championship, Final Round

#### **MOTORCYCLE RACING**

2:30 p.m. (FS1) MotoAmerica Superbike: Road America, Day 2

#### RODEO

1 p.m. (6 CBS) (10 CBS) PBR Bull Riding Monster Energy Team Challenge (Taped)

#### SOCCER

7:55 a.m. (ESPN) FA Cup Sheffield United vs Arsenal 11:25 a.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League Watford vs Southampton

1:25 p.m. (ESPN) Italian Serie A Sassuolo vs Hellas Verona

#### **TENNIS**

8 a.m. (TENNIS) Battle of the Brits Singles 3rd Place & Final

11:30 a.m. (TENNIS) Ultimate Tennis Showdown 1 Round Robin

3 p.m. (TENNIS) Ultimate Tennis Showdown 1 Round Robin

4 p.m. (SUN) (TENNIS) Credit One Bank Invitational Day 6

**Note:** Times and channels are subject to change at the discretion of the network. If you are unable to locate a game on the listed channel, please contact your cable provider.

### Florida LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected Saturday in the Florida Lottery:

PICK 2 (early)	FANTASY 5
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PICK 4 (early)	<b>POWER BALL</b>
8-6-2-3	8
PICK 4 (late)	CASH 4 LIFE
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Friday's winning numbers and payouts:

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## **Todd takes the lead at Travelers**

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#### PAT EATON-ROBB AP sports writer

CROMWELL, Conn. — Brendon Todd and Dustin Johnson each shot career-low 61s at the Travelers Championship on Saturday, leaving Todd with a two-stroke lead over the 2016 U.S. Open champion.

The 34-year-old Georgian, playing a couple holes behind Johnson, had a chance at the tournament's second 60 of the week but missed a 10-foot putt to the left on the 18th hole.

He finished with a 54-hole score of 192, 18 under par, after shooting 66-65 the first two rounds. Johnson. who is looking for his 21st win on tour, also has improved each day, opening with a 69-64.

Both shot bogey-free rounds, with Todd making five birdies on the front nine and Johnson five on the back. Todd said the round became a game of whatever you can do, I can do just as well.

"It's hard to miss the leader boards obviously, so (Johnson's) name was up there from a pretty early point," Todd said. "Again, I just use it as motivation to go out there and make some more birdies."

Todd is looking for his third win of the season but his first since the fall, when he went back-to-back at the Bermuda Championship and the Mayakoba Golf Classic in Mexico.

"Whenever I get a two- or threeweek stretch in a row, I tend to be playing better by the end of it," he said. "That's just something I'm

<b>PGA Tour Travelers</b>
Championship
Saturday

At TPC River Highlands Cromwell, Conn. Purse: \$7,400,000 Yardage: 6,841; Par: 70 Third Round

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Brendon Todd	66-65-61-192	-18
Dustin Johnson	69-64-61-194	-16
Kevin Streelman	66-66-63—195	-15
Mackenzie Hughes	60-68-68-196	-14
Bryson DeChambeau	65-67-65—197	-13
Kevin Na	66-66-65-197	-13
Scott Stallings	66-68-64—198	-12
Seung-Yul Noh	64-68-66—198	-12
Patton Kizzire	66-66-66-198	-12
Abraham Ancer	67-65-66—198	-12
Phil Mickelson	64-63-71-198	-12



Brendon Todd tees off on the 18th hole during the third round of the Travelers Championship at TPC River Highlands, Saturday, June 27, 2020, in Cromwell, Conn.

using to my advantage now after Na each shot 65 and were tied for missing two cuts. I'm peaking in the third week and hopefully I can get it done tomorrow."

Despite going 9 under for the day, Johnson lamented missing several birdie chances and an eagle attempt on the par-4 ninth, when his ball stopped six inches from the pin.

Just two of his birdie putts, an 18-footer at the 10th hole and a 21-footer on the 12th, were longer than 9 feet.

'I really felt like I controlled the birdie.

Kevin Streelman fired a 63 after two straight rounds of 66 and was just three shots back. Mackenzie Hughes, who led after a 60 on Thursday, shot his second straight 68 for sole possession of fourth place.

Today if I had putted like I did the first day, I could have shot low 60s for sure," Hughes said. "Play the same as I did today tee to green and roll in a few putts and it'll be awesome."

Bryson DeChambeau and Kevin

fifth at 197.

Phil Mickelson, who celebrated his 50th birthday on June 16, began the day with a one-stroke lead but struggled, finishing tied for seventh in a group six shots back. He made just his second bogey of the week on the third hole and also dropped strokes on the seventh and 13th before finishing with a 71.

Mickelson, looking for his 45th win and third on this course, has mostly struggled. He missed the cut in his previous three tournaments.

"I haven't played great this year," he said. "I've missed a lot of cuts, and the next thing I know my game is starting to come back and I can sense it. I played two great rounds, and this is really a lot of fun."

Top-ranked Rory McIlroy, who opened the tournament with a 63. said he feels he is too far back to contend for the title after rounds of 68 and 69. He bogeyed two of his final four holes — his tee shot landed in the water on the course's signature 15th hole and he also made bogey at 18 - to finish in a group eight shots back.

### Associated Press

distance with my irons really well and hit tons of good shots," he said. "I had a lot of really good looks at

#### **HOW YOUR LAWMAKERS VOTED**

Key votes for the week ending June 26 by Voterama in Congress

#### **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

FAILING TO OVERRIDE VETO ON STUDENT LOANS: Voting 238 for and 173 against, the House on June 26 failed to reach a two-thirds majority needed to override President Trump's veto of a measure (HJ Res 76) concerning an administration rule on student-loan forgiveness. The effect of the vote was to affirm a rule that critics said would provide forgiveness to only 3 percent of some 200,000 claimants who allege their school fraudulently misrepresented the quality of education they would receive. But Education Secretary Betsy DeVos testified that the rule would correct the "blanket forgiveness" of an Obama administration so-called "borrower defense" rule it replaced. A yes vote was to override the presidential veto.

CONFERRING STATEHOOD ON DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Voting

232 for and 180 against, the House on June 26 passed a bill (HR 51) that would make the District of Columbia the 51st state, renamed as Washington, Douglass

Commonwealth. As a state, the new Washington, D.C., would acquire voting rights in Congress, with one representative and two senators, and would have control over property within its present boundaries with exceptions including the Capitol complex, national monuments, the Supreme Court, the National Mall and nearby federal buildings, the White House complex and assorted other lots and edifices. Created by the Constitution as the seat of government not within any state, and established initially on land carved out of Maryland and Virginia in 1790, the 68-square-mile District of Columbia, with about 700,000 residents, has limited self-government but is ultimately ruled by Congress. A ves vote was to send the bill to the Senate.

#### ESTABLISHING GROUND RULES FOR

**POLICE:** The House on June 25 passed, 236 for and 181 against, a Democratic-sponsored bill (HR 7120) that would set federal rules and guidelines for law enforcement practices at all levels of government. In addition to imposing rules for the tens of thousands of federal police officers, the bill includes requirements for state and local law enforcement and uses the disbursement or threatened withholding of federal funds to encourage compliance. Congress typically delivers hundreds of millions of dollars annually to state and local law enforcement. *A yes vote was to send the bill to the Senate.* 

**REJECTING SENATE POLICE BILL:** Voting 180 for and 236 against, the House on June 25 defeated a bid to replace a Democratic-sponsored police bill (HR 7120, above) with a less extensive proposal by Senate Republicans (below). House Republicans said the Senate bill includes far-reaching reforms and could reach President Trump's desk this year, while Democrats called it unworthy of the Black Lives Matter movement because it lacks enforcement, omits certain reforms and favors study over action. A yes vote was to embrace the Senate GOP police bill.

#### SENATE

- CONFIRMING JUDGE CORY WILSON:
- Voting 52 for and 48 against, the Senate on June 24 confirmed Cory T. Wilson, a state judge in Mississippi, for a seat on the 5th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, which has jurisdiction over federal trial courts in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. President Trump has now appointed 53 federal appeals judges, about one-fourth of the circuit-court total. While Republicans praised Wilson's conservative views, Democrats criticized him over his opposition to LGBTQ rights and the Affordable Care Act and support of Mississippi's voter ID law and the carrying of concealed, loaded guns on public property including college campuses in his state. A yes vote was to confirm the nominee.
- BLOCKING REPUBLICAN POLICE BILL: By a vote of 55 for and 45 against, the Senate on June 24 failed to reach the 60 votes needed to advance a Republican-drafted bill aimed at improving federal, state and local policing. Democrats called the measure much weaker than their party's proposals in the Senate and House (above). Both parties would use federal funding of law enforcement as a lever to encourage state and local compliance. A yes vote was to advance the GOP bill to debate and votes on amendments.
- Key votes ahead: The Senate will debate the fiscal 2021 military budget in the week of June 29, while the House schedule was to be announced. © 2020 Thomas Reports Inc. Call: 815-678-4305.



"The patients who are being admitted are younger than what we were seeing before, less ill than in the first weeks, but still sick enough to be hospitalized," said Kathleen Sposato, senior director of infection prevention at Jackson Health System, which oversees one of Florida's largest hospitals in Miami.

Sposato said they are also seeing people arriving at the hospital for non-COVID-19 care but who end up testing positive, including pregnant women in labor. Some hospitals in Miami-Dade have had to transfer patients to other facilities in the network as their bed availability diminishes.

"I think we are seeing an increase in the use of our health care system," she said. "COVID-19 is almost becoming endemic in the community."



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Miami Mayor Francis Suarez, rear, hands out masks to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus, at a mask distribution event, Friday, June 26, 2020, in a COVID-19 hotspot of the Little Havana neighborhood of Miami.







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## **Rural areas seeing COVID-19 increases**

**DON BABWIN AND** PAUL J. WEBER Associated Press

For many states and counties in the U.S., the dark days of the coronavirus pandemic in April unfolded on their television screens, not on their doorsteps. But now, some places that appeared to have avoided the worst are seeing surges of infections, as worries shift from major cities to rural areas.

While much of the focus of concerns that the United States is entering a dangerous new phase has been on big Sunbelt states that are reporting thousands of new cases a day — like Texas and Florida the worrying trend is also happening in places like Kansas, where livestock outnumber people.

In early June, Kansas looked to be bringing its outbreak under control, but its daily reported case numbers have more than doubled in recent weeks. On June 5, the seven-day average for daily new cases hovered at around 96; by Friday, that figure was 211. As cases rise, the U.S. Army commander at Fort Riley in the state's northeast ordered his soldiers to stay out of a popular nearby restaurant and bar district after 10 p.m.

Idaho and Oklahoma have seen similarly large percentage increases over the same three-week period, albeit from low starting points. In Oklahoma, the seven-day average for daily new cases climbed from about 81 to 376; Idaho's jumped from around 40 to 160.

Many rural counties in states including California, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Texas and Florida have seen their confirmed cases more than double in a week, from June 19 to Friday, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. Lassen County, California, went from just nine cases to 172, and Hot

Spring County, Arkansas, cording to Johns Hopkins. went from 46 cases to 415; both spikes were attributed to outbreaks at prisons. panded testing, experts turn to that level because Cases in McDonald County, Missouri, more than tripled after Tyson Foods conducted facility-wide testing rising deaths and hospital- younger adults, who are at a chicken plant there.

firmed infections in the centages of virus tests U.S. surged to an all-time coming back positive. high of 45,300 on Friday,

U.S. partly reflects ex- doubt that deaths will resay there is ample evidence the scourge is mak- and because many infecing a comeback, including tions are happening in izations in parts of the more likely than older The daily number of con- country and higher per- ones to survive.

eclipsing the high of 40,000 about 600 per day, down pean Union seems almost half-million mark, the fourth battled smaller outbreaks set the previous day, ac- from a peak of around certain to bar Americans highest globally behind the in their capitals.

of advances in treatment

The resurgence in the U.S. has drawn concern Deaths are running at from abroad. The Euro-

2,200 in mid-April. Some in the short term from en- U.S., Brazil and Russia. While the rise in the experts have expressed tering the bloc, which is confirmed Saturday.

> German Chancellor Angela sis well so far, but that Merkel cautioned Saturday doesn't mean we are that the coronavirus pandemic is far from over. India

"The risk posed by the currently drawing up new virus is still serious," travel rules, EU diplomats Merkel said. "It's easy to forget because Germany But the U.S. is not alone. has gotten through the criprotected.'

Elsewhere, Egypt and reported more than 18,000 Britain said they would new cases, pushing its cu- ease virus controls, while mulative total over the China and South Korea

#### **COVID-19: summary for Citrus County**

Data through Jun 26, 2020 verified as of Jun 27, 2020 at 09:25 AM

Data in this report are provisional and subject to change.

Confirmed cases									
Total cases	264			Cases co	nfirmed in	Florida resid	lents dy date case conf	irmed	
Florida residents	264								
Non-Florida residents	0	Cases				N	/ledian age		
Gender for Florida residents						24	50 50		50
Men	132			13 12	15	14	52 50	56 52	49 46 59 49 42
Women	132	6		<sup>13</sup> 12 10	6 7		21 37	27	72
Unknown	0	3 3	4 5 2						
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Median age	54							0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0
Race, ethnicity	Ca	ses	Hospitaliz	ations	Deat	ths	Outcomes for Flo	orida reside	ents
White	206	78%	33	92%	12	100%	Citrus		
Hispanic	18	7%	1	3%	0	0%	Hospitalizations	36	(14% of all cases)
Non-Hispanic	184	70%	32	89%	12	100%	Deaths	12	(5% of all cases)
Unknown ethnicity	4	2%	0	0%	0	0%			
Black	12	5%	0	0%	0	0%	Statewide		
Hispanic	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	Hospitalizations	14,136	(11% of all cases)
Non-Hispanic	12	5%	0	0%	0	0%	Deaths	3,390	(3% of all cases)
Unknown ethnicity	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%			
Other	13	5%	0	0%	0	0%	Cases in facility	staff/resid	ents
Hispanic	5	2%	0	0%	0	0%	Citrus		
Non-Hispanic	8	3%	0	0%	0	0%	Long-term care	17	(6% of all cases)
Unknown ethnicity	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	Correctional	7	(3% of all cases)
Unknown race	33	13%	3	8%	0	0%			
Hispanic	3	1%	0	0%	0	0%	Statewide		
Non-Hispanic	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	Long-term care	12,849	(10% of all cases)
Unknown ethnicity	30	11%	3	8%	0	0%	Correctional	3,600	(3% of all cases)
Total	264		36		12				

Hospitalization counts include anyone who was hospitalized at some point during their illness. It does not reflect the number of people currently hospitalized Other race includes any person with a race of American Indian/Alaskan native, Asian, native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or other.

#### Laboratory testing for Florida residents and non-Florida residents over the past 2 weeks

#### Number and percent of positive labs

These counts include the number of people for whom the department received laboratory results by day. This percent is the number of people who test positive for the first time divided by all the people tested that day, excluding people who have previously tested positive.

100% 80%	143	223	110	102	140	112	117	152	133	293	98	205	231	321	Number of negatives
60% 40%	2.1%	2.6%	2.7%	3.8%	3.4%	1.8%	10.0%	7.3%	7.0%	2.0%	13.3%	3.3%	5.7%	7.0%	Percent positive
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#### VETERANS NOTES

Veterans Notes are only for special events that are open to the public. To find out about regularly scheduled post activities that welcome the public during the week, including entertainment and menus, call the post. For information about post members-only activities, call the individual posts for a schedule. Call the individual posts regarding meeting times and dates. Contributed notices must be submitted by Wednesday afternoon before publication the following Sunday.

#### **GOOD TO KNOW**

#### **Female veterans** offer free masks

The Female Veterans Network has distributed over 400 masks. Those in need of a mask can contact Nancy Sigmon at 304-638-7617 or Jane Mundis at 352-503-2490. Donations are accepted so this group may continue to provide masks for those in need. For information about the Female Veterans Networks, call 352-527-6575 or email cynthia@femaleveteransnetwork.org.

#### Legion Post 155 serving free meals

To help feed our community during this COVID-19 crisis, the American Legion Post 155 will offer a free weekly Sunday Drive-by Breakfast from 9-11 a.m. The take-out only will consist of either a scrambled egg or pancake entree. In addition, they will offer a free weekly Wednesday Drive-by Dinner from 4 to 6 p.m.; no menu choices.

Post members strive to feed as many people as possible, and base the quantity on the participation of Legion members, first responders and the public. Both meals will be on a first-come, first-served basis until the food runs out.

The Legion Post 155 is located at 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River.

For more information, contact Barb Logan at logan\_barbara@yahoo.com or 352-795-4233.

#### **CCVC** expands services to those affected by COVID-19

In addition to existing clients at the Citrus County Veterans Coalition (CCVC), the coalition is now accepting any veteran who now be unemployed, due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Also, any veteran, whose financial situation has changed, is also invited to attend the CCVC food pantry for assistance.

A DD-214 certificate or other proof of honorable discharge must be shown to qualify for assistance.

The CCVC pantry is located at 1081 N. Paul Drive, Inverness, and is open from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday, and the first and third Thursdays of the month.

For further information, call 352-400-8952.

## **MOPH Chapter 776 recognized**

### Local group named best Purple Heart chapter in state

#### Special to the Chronicle

Aaron A. Weaver Chapter Florida also selected Chapter 776 Military Order of The Pur-776 members Vikki Pietras ple Heart (MOPH) was se- and Sandy Cross as the Delected from among 19 MOPH chapters statewide as the best MOPH chapter in Florida by the MOPH Department of Florida for the second consecutive year.

Chapter 776 earned the dis- being the inspiration for tinctive recognition for its exemplary support of the erans and their families tem-Department of Florida, as well as its charitable support of veterans and their surviving

and community involvement. The MOPH Department of partment of Florida Associate the Department of Florida Jonas Jacobsen Volunteer of the Year, respectively.

Cross was recognized for Chapter 776's support of vetporarily residing in the Fisher House at the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, initiating a

campaign that raised over \$7,000 to purchase close to 500 wreaths in support of the National Wreaths Across America Program, and her longstanding community in-Member of the Year and as volvement with Take Stock in Children, Floral City Heritage Council, Friendship Quilters Guild and the Daughters of

the American Revolution Fort Cooper Chapter. Pietras was recognized for

her dedicated leadership and selfless contributions to assuring the viability, success and positive public image of Award for compiling 4,284 spouses, scholarship programs print and social media Chapter 776, its Unit 776 hours within four years.



Sandv Cross

Vikki **Pietras** 

Auxiliary and the Department of Florida, as exemplified by her devoted volunteer community service with the Citrus County Government Nature Coast Volunteer Center, which has earned her the President's Volunteer Service

## A home fit for a veteran



TONI MCANDREWS/Special to the Chronicle

#### Dog tag sales benefits veterans programs

Veterans dog tags now being made at the Beverly Hills American Legion Post 237 located at 6726 N. Lecanto Highway.

These are the genuine notched and unnotched type tags as were issued. Chains and silencers also in stock. Custom made tags for any purpose, veterans, pets, luggage, etc.

Call the post at 352-897-4776 to make an appointment with Carolyn Mills. Proceeds go to Post 237 veterans programs.

#### **Pins available for Veterans** Appreciation Week

The theme for Veterans Appreciation Week 2019 was "Citrus County Honors Women Who Have Served Our Country From the American Revolution to Present."

The pin has been designed to reflect the theme for Veterans Appreciation Week. The pins are available for sale for \$3 a piece; proceeds go towards the Female Veterans Monument, to be unveiled in 2020.

Get pins at the Citrus County Chronicle, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River (352-563-6363); at Atlas Insurance Services, in the Homosassa Square Plaza (352-601-6635); or by contacting Cynthia at 352-628-6481.

#### **Dine to help** veterans in need

AMVETS Post 89 host a spaghetti supper from 4 to 6:30 p.m. every fourth Tuesday to benefit community projects and veterans in need. Dinners are hosted at the Citrus Springs Hope Evangelist Church, 9425 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., and consist of spaghetti, sauce, meatballs, bread, salad, dessert, coffee, tea or water. Cost is \$7. Open to the public.

For information, call 352-464-0931 or 352-220-3339.

#### VFW Post 10087 fish fry benefits charities

Members of the VFW Post 10087 host a fish fry every Friday to benefit local charities and veterans relief. The fish fry events are open to the public and begin at 5 p.m., at 2170 W. Vet Lane, Beverly Hills. Get a plate of lightly battered haddock, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw and a roll for \$8.

For information, call the post at 352-746-0440.

- From staff reports

Five members of the Female Veterans Network (FVN) volunteered their time June 9, 2020, to help a fellow veteran who is in the Habitat program working toward earning her new home. The group worked at the job site in Inverness, with tasks consisting of general house and site clean. They donated a total of 20 hours for the Habitat partner family. Pictured, from left, are: Jane Mundis, Kathy Alvarez, Jo Monty, Cindy Johnston and Cinde Pickard.

### FVN volunteers help prepare Habitat home for fellow female vet





JEFF BRYAN/Chronicle

ABOVE: Cinde Pickard cleans a window at a recent Habitat home site as the house is prepared for a dedication ceremony. LEFT: Jane Mundis, a member of the Female Veterans Network, cleans out the inside of a window frame as a Habitat home is prepared for a dedication ceremony.

## Apply to VFW scholarship programs

#### Special to the Chronicle

The VFW is kicking off the 2020-21 school year scholarship programs. Thousands of dollars will be awarded for student's winning essays at the post level, district level, state level and national level. Awards will be presented in March of 2021. The deadline for entries is Oct. 30, 2020.

Sixth, seventh and eighth graders will participate in the Patriot's Pen essay contest. Essay length is 300-400 typewritten words. This year's theme is "What is Patriotism to Me." The grand prize is \$5,000 plus an all-expenses paid trip to Washington D.C., for the winner and guardian. Cash prizes are awarded through 53rd place.

The ninth through 12th

their reading of their draft speech to a CD or flash drive. The recording can be no shorter than three minutes and no longer than five minutes (plus or minus five seconds). This year's theme is: "Is this the Country the Founding Father's Envisioned?" Grand prize is \$30,000. The state winner will also receive an all-expenses paid trip to Washington D.C., along with their guardian. Around \$154,000 in scholarships will be awarded at the

national level. Teachers are eligible for the VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. All current classroom teachers (teaching at least half of the school day in a classroom environment) in grades K-12 are www.vfw.org.

grade students will record eligible. Nominations can be submitted by fellow teachers, supervisors or other interested individuals (not relatives). Self nominations are not eligible. Prizes are \$1,000 for the teacher and \$1,000 for the school, plus plaques for both and all-expenses paid trip to attend the VFW National Convention.

VFW scholarship programs are available to all public, private, parochial and homeschooled students in grades 6-12

For forms and information, contact Bob Haines, youth and education chair of VFW Post 4252, at 352-527-4968 or bobhaines8@gmail.com, or contact Post Cmdr. John Bond at 248-379-6928. Additional information can be found at



MetroCreativeConnection VFW scholarship programs are available to all public, private, parochial and home-schooled students in grades 6-12.

#### **ENTERTAINMENT**

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### Annie gives advice

with another couple, him again. Is it fair to ask "Cal" and "Sandy," for my husband to also quit many years. We go out to associating with Cal? It's dinner often and have going to be difficult betaken trips together. Cal cause we go to the same has always made snide church, and he and my and off-color

remarks. Recently, he asked my opinion about our pastor's request that we wear face masks in public to keep others safe. I said that I

thought it was important, especially since my father was

suffering from the corona- well-being and your famivirus. He is a resident of a ly's well-being. In the funursing home that has ture, if you find yourself been on lockdown since with a bully such as Cal, March, and there was a and the wherewithal to large outbreak of the virus have such a conversation, at his home. It has been a consider telling him to difficult time for my family since we have not been Sticking up for yourself is able to visit him.

were having dinner with Cal and Sandy along with two other couples. Cal about my political affiliament about my profession, which I also brushed dad's so-called coronavithe hospital that day and, shocked and didn't say anything at that time.

The next day, I did a lot

ear Annie: My hus- life. I unfriended him on band and I have social media and made a been socializing vow to not associate with husband are in



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Louisville **Dear Hurting** in Louisville: Cutting Cal out of your life sounds like a He sounds in-

a club together.

- Hurting in

great decision. sensitive and like a true bully. Right now, your focus

currently in the hospital should be on your stop the snide comments. an act of self-care that A few days later, we can create a ripple effect of others sticking up for themselves, too.

It's time to have an made a snide comment honest talk with your husband. He heard what Cal tion, which I brushed off, said about your father and he made a snide com- and your profession, as well as Cal's lack of social graces so as not to discuss off. He then made deroga- political issues at the dintory comments about my ner table. When this happens in the future, how rus illness. My dad had would you like your husjust been released from band to support you? And if he is to continue his thankfully, was doing friendship with Cal, then much better. I was your husband must demand an apology from Cal to you.

Send your questions of thinking and decided for Annie Lane to to cut this man out of my *dearannie@creators.com*.

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Times provided by Regal Cinemas and are subject to change; call ahead.

#### LOCAL THEATER INFORMATION

#### **Regal Cinemas**

All Regal Cinemas are closed during the coronavirus outbreak. For more information. visit online at www.fandango.com. Fandango also provides some movie trailers, movie news,

photographs and editorial features.

#### **The Valerie** Theatre

The Valerie Theatre is closed during the coronavirus outbreak. For more information, visit online at www.valerietheatre. org.

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#### Sunday PUZZLER = Lewis Carroll formerly Young seal Enjoy 89 Feeling wonder and Petrol 91

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### Female Veterans Network Member of the Month

Special to the Chronicle

The Female Veterans Network is showcasing the female veterans of Citrus County so Chronicle readers can get to know a little about the group's members. If you would like to be a member of the Female Veterans Network, call Jo Monty at 352-527-6575.

#### Maryanne Hagenbrock

Maryanne Hagenbrock was born in New Jersey and attended nursing school in Somerville, New Jersey.

After graduation, she worked at a local hospital for three years. Hagenbrock and

a group of four other nurses decided to there, she got to help move from a join the Air Force and went to Montgom- warehouse-like hospital into a brand new ery, Alabama, for basic training. From hospital. She also got to go to flight school. there, three were sent to Lackland AFB, Texas.

Hagenbrock was stationed there for three years and was then assigned to Thule, Greenland, for one year. While there, she was able to take her first helicopter ride and to experience seeing the city under the ice (Camp Century). Hagenbrock also got to go onto an ice cutter and her first dog sled ride.

The nurses had a radio program where they read letters sent to them from family back home and also played songs dedicated to them. The program was called Letters from Home.

From Thule, Hagenbrock was assigned to Vandenberg AFB in California. While pital two days a week.

Hagenbrock got married and was transferred to Wiesbaden, Germany. It was one of the largest hospitals in Europe. Three years there gave Hagenbrock and her husband the opportunity to travel all over Europe. The last three years of her military service were at Andrews AFB in Maryland.

After the military, Hagenbrock returned home to New Jersey where, for the next 28 years, she worked at the hospital that she graduated from.

Hagenbrock retired in 2002 and moved to Florida. Since then, she has volunteered at Homosassa Wildlife Park and now volunteers at Citrus Memorial Hos-

### News of RECORD

#### **Dissolution of marriage –** week of June 8-14, 2020

Makenzi Brannick, Inverness vs. Dalton Brannick, Floral City.

Charles H Chilson, Floral City vs. Debra D Black, Floral City.

Jessica Hudock, Citrus Springs vs. Daniel Hudock, West Creek, New Jersey.

Patrick Craig Lunsmann, Inverness vs. Deborah Lee Lunsmann, Citrus Springs.

Heather Marie Wolfertz. Inverness vs. Jeremiah Christian Wolfertz, Inverness.

News of record is provided by the office of the Citrus County clerk of the circuit court.

#### **Royal Dalton House hosts Social Distancing Memorial Day Parade**



Special to the Chronicle

To lift patriotic spirits, Homosassa community members and staff of the Royal Dalton House recently orchestrated a Social Distancing Memorial Day Parade for Royal Dalton residents. Sitting spaced apart to promote social distancing, residents enjoyed a drive-by parade and cookout to celebrate the day. The Royal Dalton House is located at 5445 W. Oak Park Blvd., Homosassa.

#### SENIOR CARE DIRECTORY 200 **Pine Ridge** (491) **Ocala** (495) (40) (40) **Beverly Hills** MARION 2 (41) Crystal W. Fort Island Trail River (486) Hernando (200) **Citrus Hills** U (44) Lecanto (200) (44) Homosassa Ocala **Springs nverness** W Grover Clevland Blvd (91) 0 Ozello Citrus D Wildlife Dunnellon Management Homosassa Area (200 **CITRUS** £41S Halpata **Ross Prairie** Tastanaki Sugarmill Woods State Forest 2413 Preserve Marion Oaks Citrus Springs 2193 Floral City 18 N

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#### Companion and Skilled Home Health Care Services - In your Home

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Healthcare Heroes have a purpose: to help, heal and save lives. They put others before themselves; see problems and solve them.

Citrus County Readers Choice Award is awarded to an Individual selected from the nominees by the community of Citrus County. (Nominee with the most votes from the community)

Gastroenterology

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### = 60th anniversary

### The Abbotts

Winston "Moose" and Fran Abbott (nee Hamilton) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 25, 2020. The couple married on June 25, 1960, by Father MacLean in St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto, Ontario. The ceremony was Father MacLean's first marriage officiation.

Both are retired from the Royal Canadian Air Force. Together, the couple had a child: Kirby, of Bedford, Nova Scotia. They have two grandchildren.

To submit an announcement, email community@ chronicleonline.com or fill out the forms online at www.chronicleonline.com.

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The City Council of the City of Inverness will hold a public hearing on Tuesday July 7, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Inverness Government Center, 212 W. Main Street, Inverness, FL to consider and finalize a resolution amending the adopted budget for all funds for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020.





# Doing Our Part



After Citrus County was closed down for more than two months because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chronicle decided to extend a helping hand to local businesses so they could reopen and get back to work.

Through the Chronicle's CPR program we provided free advertising for local businesses valued at over



Participating businesses received an advertising package to get them back on their feet. Our goal is to help their transition back to success! We will continue to provide the best partnerships for our community, today and for the future.



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#### BUDGET SUMMARY CITY OF INVERNESS 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR

THE PROPOSED OPERATING EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS ARE 3.5% LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

GENERAL FUND 8.	2729	1									
			ROAD						TOTAL BEFORE		
		WHISPERING	IMPROVEMENT	CAPITAL			IMPACT FEE		COMPONENT	I.C.R.A. TRUST	TOTAL ALL
ESTIMATED REVENUES	GENERAL FUND	PINES PARK	FUND	PROJECTS FUND	WATER & SEWER	CEMETERY	FUND	PENSION FUNDS	UNIT	FUND	FUNDS
TAXES											
AD-VALOREM MILLAGE PER \$1000 8.2729	3,838,113								3,838,113		3,838,113
AD-VALOREM Delinguent Taxes	120,000								120,000		120,000
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SALES & USE TAXES	348,000								348,000		348,000
FRANCHISE FEES	700,000								700,000		700,000
UTILITY SERVICE TAXES	745,526								745,526		745,526
COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TAX	250,000								250,000		250,000
LOCAL BUSINESS TAX	56,000								56,000		56,000
LICENSES & PERMITS	400,000								400,000		400,000
GRANTS	737,375	307,500							1,044,875	700,000	1,744,875
STATE SHARED REVENUE	787,656								787,656	580,259	1,367,915
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	1,008,155	78,300			3,849,110				4,935,565		4,935,565
FINES & FORFEITS	25,800								25,800		25,800
INTEREST EARNINGS	40,100	1,850			31,000	14,350	750	26,000	114,050	2,000	116,050
RENTS & ROYALTIES	196,428				250				196,678		196,678
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS/IMPACT FEE	100,000						25,000		125,000		125,000
CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS	171,100	300							171,400		171,400
SALE OF FIXED ASSET-EQUIP						50,000			50,000		50,000
PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS								1,500	1,500		1,500
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	40,750	1,500			32,000				74,250		74,250
TOTAL SOURCES	9,565,003	389,450			3,912,360	64,350	25,750	27,500	13,984,413	1,282,259	15,266,672
TRANSFERS IN	929,640	70,786		2,143,250	3,870,860	111,814			7,126,350	652,577	7,778,927
FUND BALANCES/RESERVES/NET ASSETS	7,772,012	319,853	13,461	4,781,125	8,588,778	525,116	130,565	466,370	22,597,280	6,611,748	29,209,028
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES	18,266,655	780,089	13,461	6,924,375	16,371,998	701,280	156,315	493,870	43,708,043	8,546,584	52,254,626
EXPENDITURES											
GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL	2,453,863			170,959				9,500	2,634,322		2,634,322
PUBLIC SAFETY	1,324,225			6,250				-,	1,330,475		1,330,475
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	1,191,000			-,	6,041,434	190,262			7,422,696	6,188,378	13,611,074
TRANSPORTATION	1,013,104			1,380,772	-,,				2,393,876	-,,	2,393,876
ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT	440,668			1,856,260					2,296,928		2,296,928
CULTURE AND RECREATION	1,381,615	648,889		192,030					2,222,534		2,222,534
DEBT SERVICE	·····	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	399,532				399,532	748,100	1,147,632
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,804,475	648,889	-	3,606,271	6,440,966	190,262	-	9,500	18,700,363	6,936,478	25,636,841
TRANSFERS OUT	2,837,613	29,000			4,445,860	115,314			7,427,787	211,500	7,639,287
FUND BALANCE RESERVES AND NET ASSETS	7,624,568	102,200	13,461	3,318,104	5,485,172	395,704	156,315	484,370	17,579,894	1,398,606	18,978,500
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS,		,	,				,				
RESERVES & BALANCES	18,266,655	780,089	13,461	6,924,375	16,371,998	701,280	156,315	493,870	43,708,043	8,546,584	52,254,626
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## Section B - SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020 CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE

# The 'good old boys' no more



Gerry Mulligan

**OUT THE** 

WINDOW

**T**'s election season in Citrus County, and people are busy selecting candidates and making silly comments.

One of my favorite insults that gets lodged against many candidates is that they are "a good old boy" and should be rejected by voters.

But who are the "good old boys" of Citrus County?

Back in the day, we had Sen. Charlie Dean who was a legislator and the county sheriff for a combined 30 years. Before that Sen. Dean's father served a couple of decades as the county sheriff. That's a legacy.

The truth is that almost no one running for office today is from Citrus County. There are a few, but most were born somewhere else. (For the record, I was born in the Bronx, New York).

Back in 1970, there were less than 20,000 people who lived in Citrus. Inverness, Floral City, Hernando and Homosassa were the main population centers. Beverly Hills, Sugarmill Woods, Citrus Hills, Citrus Springs, Black Diamond and Meadowcrest were all nonexistent. Most of those areas were watermelon fields, cattle farms or forest.

Today we have just under 150,000 people living here, so that means 130,000 folks come from some place else.

There are well-known names of the old families including the Rooks, Brannen, Van Ness, Barco and others — but none of those folks are involved in politics right now.

Jeff Dawsy was sheriff for 20 years and new people called him a "good old boy." You can not be born on Long Island and be a "good old boy"in Citrus County. Dawsy is a New Yorker who at least had the good sense to be a Mets fan.

Susan Gill has been Supervisor of Elections for 20 years, but she's See WINDOW/Page B3





MICHAEL PATE/Chronicle The sun sets over King's Bay in this March 2019 photo. Candidates for county commission offered opinions on waterfront setbacks, overpumping for irrigation, and rising sea levels.

### Citrus County commission candidates offer thoughts on water issues

Save Our Waters Week was established in Citrus County in September 1996 by Citrus 20/20, a nonprofit, citizen-based community organization. In 2018, Keep Citrus County Beautiful Inc. assumed sponsorship of SOWW. The purpose of Save Our Waters Week is to serve as a vehicle for promoting public awareness, education and consensus to save



Cortney Stewart SEEING BEYOND

### Paving the way to progress

993 feels like a really long time ago.

Gas was considered expensive at \$1.16 a gallon. Tickets to the movie theater cost a little over \$4.00 — a third of the price they run now. The average cost of a new car was \$12,750. A college graduate in 1993 finished school with about \$9,300 in student debt. Today that number has increased by about \$21,000.

Different times, right? Bill Clinton was president and we hadn't heard of Monica Lewinsky yet. The siege on the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, took place that year. The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was born and so were Ty Warner USA's Beanie Babies the fad we all thought would make us rich. Intel introduced the Pentium microprocessor and Microsoft released Windows NT 3.1 — the newest and fastest operating system money could buy. Jurassic Park was crushing it at movie theaters across America and we were all tuning in to be shocked by The "X-Files" and to laugh at "Frasier." "Animaniacs" was the hit kids cartoon. 1993 feels like a lifetime ago, right? For residents of Citrus Springs, 1993 represents something else, too. The last time the MSBU increased its annual fee. That's right. It's been 27 years. Last week county commissioners voted for the first time in almost three decades to increase the fee schedule for Citrus Springs residents. The increase isn't a terrible hike — just a little more than

Citrus County's treasured waters and the ecosystems they sustain.

During each election cycle, SOWW hosts a Candidate Forum for those elected offices that are charged with crafting laws, ordinances and policies that affect the state of our waters. To broaden the forum's audience from dozens to thousands, SOWW inaugurated a print media Candidate Forum in 2018 in partnership with the Citrus County Chronicle.

amount of drinking

water used for land-

scape irrigation within

Citrus County. As we

continue to urbanize, we

will have more waste

water output that can be

treated and then used

for irrigation for the

public and private sec-

This year, SOWW will celebrate its Silver Anniversary from Sept. 19-26.

Note: Three questions were submitted by email to candidates, and responses are printed here in their entirety.

Citrus County Utility customers use 50% to 60% of public supplied drinking water for landscape irrigation. Does this concern you? What local government measures would you support to reduce the use of potable water for landscape irrigation?

#### **Thomas Corkery, District 3**

"The average American family uses



400 gallons of water per day, and about 30% of that is devoted to outside uses. Underground leaks, golf courses, and commercial entities push the rate 50% to 60% in Citrus County. Let's start by lowering the rates of the biggest users and oversee them

Corkery

the best we can.'

#### Ruthie Davis Schlabach, District 3

"This issue does concern me, and I support initiatives that will lower the



Ruthie Davis Schlabach

**Schlabach** tor. SWFWMD encourages and provides grants to do just that. Some of these measures include scheduling the watering of turf grasses, shrubs, and trees year-round. Irrigation system checks that will identify issues and fix them to avoid wasted potable water. Using indigenous plants shrubs and trees because they require less water and fertilizer to survive in the Florida climate."

#### **Mark Hammer, District 3**

"Water conservation and enhanced landscaping features are available on the BOCC website to promote examples available for water friendly yards,



would help promote this information. Encourage future planned developments that use reclaimed grey water for their golf courses to offer metered hook-up to

increasing the exposure

of this established part-

nership with the UF/

IFAS extension office

Mark Hammer

residents of that communities for their home irrigation systems.

"Another threat to our water resources come from the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority, in no way should Citrus County offer its water resources of the Charles A Black well to outside entities that hold no investment in our facility while still offering such counties or municipalities the availability to our water resources. With Florida's growth rate of almost 100 residents per day, as a county we need to be concerned with our own future growth and water needs. Buy out of the WRWSA."

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CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE -

### **CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE**

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*"You may differ with my choice, but not my right to choose.* - David S. Årthurs publisher emeritus

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HEALTHIER FUTURE

## Community **faces healthier** future after panel backs changes to comp plan

lier this month: The Citrus velopment to reduce poten-County Planning and Devel- tial disaster impacts; opment Commission (PDC) approved proposed amend- tion Element (Chapter Six) ments to the county's to address the importance of growth blueprint to encom- bicycle and multi-use trails pass what's known as for healthy living, and encour-

Health in All Policies (HiAP).

Founded by Albert M Williamson

The panel voted unanimously to accept HiAP revisions to six elements in Citrus County's Comprehensive Plan. The PDC's recommendation will be presented to the Board of County Commis-

very positive step for emergency preparedness for the county's future all segments of the public Loccurred quietly ear- and encourage adaptive de-

Multi-Modal Transporta-

#### THE ISSUE:

Health in All Policies revisions to the Comprehensive Plan.

#### **OUR OPINION:**

Much-needed and timely improvements

transitage oriented design and walkability as well as Safe Routes to Schools; Intergovernmental Coordination Element (Chapter 11) - toencourage partnerships with

agencies

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## **Reinhardt lists his plans if** elected school superintendent

life while learning to earn a Ohio. A high school student can living."

teaching environment is a challenge. The students face economic and personal challenges with demands increasing yearly. As a college instructor who taught students enrolled in both high school and college, I dealt with students dealing with increasing costs of education, demands of home life such as the

single mom juggling her education and home life with three children, the returning Iraq War veteran, the mid-life career changer, a student trying to adapt to the learning environment with his ADHD, as well as the suddenly homeless student whose family just lost their home to the foreclosure crisis.

The idea is the school district to connect to the varied student population all from varied ages and backgrounds, some carrying more personal baggage than others

Another challenge is piloting the district as our governor phases out the much despised Common Core curriculum. We need A-rated schools in this district! We have to keep in mind we want American Focused Education - with emphasis on our Constitution

with parent input. We require increased attention to vocational education in the construction and maritime Trades. We can have dual enrollment like other districts with high school students attending the College of Central Florida and earning an Associate of Arts degree upon graduation of high school paid entirely by the state including books and expenses. They can also attend the district Vo Tech Colemphasizing the lege construction and maritime trades. My father graduated books. With parent's permis- Blessings. from Bronx Vocational High sion, such discipline can be ad-School in 1943. We need a return of vocational concentrations. President Trump in his State of The Union insisted we have vocational education in every high school throughout the nation. We also need a return of shop and home economics classes in middle and high school levels. I want to introduce to Citrus

y philosophy of educa- schedule currently proven suc- Others have extensive backtion can best be de- cessful throughout Florida, grounds which qualify them in scribed as "living one's Latin America, Michigan and choose to work, take college I believe today's learning and courses or attend vocational

training in the trades in the morning and attend his regular high school classes in the afternoon and early eveterm flex schedule. This is an option to a regular high school schedule.

We need to properly utilize the vilof home lage schooling, internetbased education as

well as inclusion and support of charter schools - public and private- and parochial education. We need release time for students to attend religion classes at parochial schools or churches. Prayer must return in public schools. We must properly support special education. Our district is too top heavy with unnecessary administrative staff while funding for realistic special education suffers due to cut backs.

I want embrace a tutoring program that utilizes logic, critical thinking skills, and systematic approaches to great study habits called the Gateway Method so our students can maximize their learning experience.

Teachers need to be respected. I want to broker arrangements with large corporations for tuition free masters degree scholarships for Citrus County teachers so they can advance in the teaching profession.

I want honest and fair hiring, retention and advancement opportunities. This is the statu- content in civics and our fedauthority of the tory superintendent of schools.

We require discipline in our schools. One way to set the mindset is having inexpensive, required school uniforms, where all children dress uniformly. Bullying is still a problem. Paddling is still on the fast and lunch program/Citrus ministered by a districtwide dean of discipline. We need safe schools with better technology with better use of cameras, locks and inexpensive wand metal detectors for our school resource officers. We cannot deny those teachers wanting to be armed with proper training. Some teachers do have military/law County the high school flex enforcement backgrounds.

the use of firearms. We can make use of unarmed security guards in certain circumstances as well. We should require "see-through" backpacks for all students to enhance visibility of possible weapons.

One simple step in preventing an outbreak of COVID-19 or any infectious disease in our ning; hence the schools is when a child is displaying flu like symptoms the child should stay home. The CDC School COVID-19 decision making tree clearly states that absences should be monitored. We had in past years, four positions in the Citrus County Schools titled School Attendance Officer. It was a great position where these officers monitored absent students somewhat like the old time truancy officer. I would bring these positions back rather than depend on school counselors. We need boots on the ground to monitor the causes of absenteeism rather than make harsh judgement calls and brash assumptions. I have experience in preventive medicine, public health, infectious disease, and epidemiology. I am the logical choice to interact with our public health officials should the need arise.

With our increased population projected with Citrus County becoming a bedroom community of our cities, we need a superintendent who will hold our school taxes down. School taxes are by far the largest part of our property taxes. Many people moved here for our low school taxes.

We must restore patriotism to our schools. I want "God Bless sung in every America" classroom.

I want mandatory course eral and state constitutions.

I want the students to learn how to interact as patriotic Americans with their municipal, county, state and federal governments.

Lastly, I wish to return half my salary to the school break-

I am asking for your vote for





**GUEST** 

**COLUMN** 

sioners (BOCC) in late July, along with the request to transmit these

state agencies. With the state's approval in hand, the BOCC can adopt these HiAP amendments into its Comprehensive Plan in October. (September will be devoted to the budget.)

These steps pave the way to a healthier future and better quality of life for all residents.

How? The Comprehensive Plan is the aspirational guide to how we want our county to look in the future. Infusing it with considerations that promote health where we live, work, learn and play signals that we care, and provides guidance for future development.

What are these HiAP revisions? They're commonsense additions to the county's vision, focusing on improved public health and promoting healthy living. Specifics include:

■ Housing Element (Chapter One) — to address sanitary housing and aging population mobility and access to health care;

■ Recreation and Open Space Element (Chapter Two) — to address community health projects and vol- you don't know where you unteerism, exposure to are going, you'll end up secondhand smoke and vaping, and the importance of active living;

■ Conservation Element (Chapter Three) — to address the importance of groundwater and air quality to public health;

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abuse, and exposure to second-Comp Plan amendments to hand smoke and vaping.

> These revisions were proposed by the Health Department, the lead agency for the recently approved Community Health Improvement Plan. It worked with the county's Land Development director, who told the PDC, "The changes reflect recommendations from the American Planning Association, as the Health in all Policies concept has received attention nationwide. In our immediate area, Hernando County has adopted some of these policies, as has Alachua County and several Orlando-area municipalities."

It should be noted that the 4,000-plus individuals who recently participated in Crystal River's the virtual charrette articulated some of these same concepts.

People want their lives to be healthier, simpler, more enjoyable, and aesthetically pleasing. Developers and commercial entities eying Citrus County will look at the Comprehensive Plan, among other things, to get a sense of where the county is and where it wants to go.

Yogi Berra said it best: "If someplace else." Citrus County benefits from smart development. It's important to communicate the vision so developers and businesses know what it will take to succeed here.

Kudos to everyone in-■ Coastal, Lakes and Riv-volved for helping to move (Chapter Four) — to address ier future and better quality of of life.

superintendent of schools in the Universal Open Primary on Aug. 18.

Follow me on Facebook: Dr. Paul John Reinhardt for Citrus County Superintendent of Schools.

Dr. Paul Reinhardt is a candidate for Citrus County Superintendent of Schools.

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🔪 to the Editor LETTERS

#### **Baird will continue** a great tradition

I was a resident of Citrus County for 12 years and during that time, I got to know Maureen "Mo" Baird on a professional basis. In all of my dealings with her I found her to be a fair and honest person. Mo has worked in the Citrus **County Supervisor of Elections** Office for 34 years and has managed many elections during that time. With her involvement, the Citrus County Supervisor of Elections Office is one of the best in the state. That is no coincident. Mo has been deeply involved in this operation. The supervisor of elections is a very important position in our democracy and experience counts. Mo is ready on day one to start work with no learning curve and continue the great tradition of this office. Vote Mo.

> Otis Brown Ocala

#### **Prendergast makes** the county safer

We may be a small town and our problems may not be as bad as we have seen on TV, but in the back of my mind is the fear of what happens if it starts here. Never fear, we have our own hometown heroes. With the fearless leadership of

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Sheriff Mike Prendergast and his highly trained deputies, we have no worries.

Always one step ahead, these amazing heroes have made this little town one of the safest in the country. Sheriff Mike Prendergast has done an outstanding job reorganizing the sheriff's office to be the more efficient. With his military expertise, the deputies have been trained warriors. I thank our sheriff for the countless hours and danger that he goes through for our community. Dedicated to serving has been

lifelong for him. Citrus County is so lucky to have his leadership. Family values are increasingly essential. The drug busts and taking down criminals have made families safer. The sheriff has made this his top priority. We are all family, that small-town essence that makes patriots of us all. We shine red, white and blue. We honor our veterans and protect our young. So Sheriff Prendergast, thank you for making this possible.

> **Robin Mecler** Lecanto

#### My son gets profiled

As a single mother of a young African American male, can someone in Citrus County tell me when and where can I feel safe allowing my son outside. My son has been profiled and had the county sheriff's office called on three separate occasions for nothing. This is getting ridiculous; now children can't walk from home to a friend's house and not have the sheriff called. Why do I pay taxes? Is it so that I can feel unsafe in my own home, attacked, profiled and harassed by neighbors, with the help of the county sheriff?

> Stephanie Cassell Lecanto

THE CHRONICLE invites you to call "Sound Off" with your opinions about local or statewide subjects. You do not need to leave your name, and have less than a minute to record. COMMENTS will be edited for length, libel, personal or political attacks and good taste. Editors will cut libelous material. OPINIONS expressed are purely those of the callers.

#### **Angel Starr Lewis**, **District 3**

"The use of potable water is very concerning because it is coming from our aquifer. Using reclaimed water which has al-

ready started at

golf courses in

Citrus County

and irrigation.

If that has too

many cost de-



Angel Star Lewis

terrents then we can enforce a water schedule that is user friendly. Many issues start with the fact that new builds use landscaping that is not ready for Florida heat and consumes more water. Implementing a credit on impact or permitting fee for using Florida Friendly landscaping may be a great win win idea!'

#### Luis Marin, District 3

"Landscape irrigation needs to be evaluated regularly. One large concern I



address the exception instead of the rule. Egregious violators and habitual offenders

have is passing

government

measures that

Marin should be met

with communication before sweeping action is taken that could hurt those currently abiding by the rules."

#### **Edwin Roberts**, **District 3**

"Yes, the use of 50-60% of public drinking water for landscaping concerns me. One measure



row when it is raining is for Public Works employees that see the sprinklers working is to get the ad-

to take is on

those three to

four days in a

dress' to higher

Edwin **Roberts** 

ups. Also if the bottled water companies are using these waters those companies need to be limited."

#### **Holly Davis, District 5**

"Other municipalities I've lived in take an education and 'good neighbor'



Holly

approach, with some reasonable restrictions to ensure a good overall outcome. Marketing the 'why' for restrictions





Smith

swer. Reuse. We could be the anshould not only work on septic swer for even to sewer, but turn that same residential water to be reused for lawns." landscaping

> Presently, county government requires that houses be built a minimum of 50 feet from the water or 35 feet, if there's a berm or swale to help control stormwater runoff. In 2018, county commissioners narrowly defeated a proposal to reduce setbacks to 15 feet. More recently, a county commissioner expressed frustration when denied a variance for his new waterfront home. Do you think the current setback policy should be reduced or maintained? Why?

#### Thomas Corkery, **District 3**

"Smart people over time have determined that setbacks of 50 feet and 25 feet are optimal. Let's keep it that way."

#### **Ruthie Davis** Schlabach, District 3

"I believe the existing county setback minimums should be looked at with the ability to address situations on a case by case basis in regard to the few vacant waterfront properties available. I believe the esthetics, historical or architectural preexisting subdivisions should be considered. Rebuilds is where we can address an engineered stormwater runoff. A stormwater management plan is required for all new residential construction in Citrus County on or near our local waterways, as

it should be. 'We also need to look at retrofitting existing subdivisions with inverted swales directing stormwater away from our waterways. Acquiring vacant lots to use as stormwater treatment areas is another thought. All homes need to be installed with gutters on the waterside of the home, directing the water to the streetside of the home where it can be filter and treated rather than direct discharge into our surface waterways. Stormwater carries chemicals and pollutants and these management plans help keep this runoff out of our waters. This is an opportunity to be creative and look at the latest engineering technologies

#### Mark Hammer, **District 3**

irrigation does possible, these setbacks were made to protect the water and waterways and must be respected. It is the homeowner that makes the conscious decision to purchase the building lot for their home to be built on, in doing so they accept the criteria set forth by our county for buildsensible aning standards. In no way would I support a setback of only 15 feet as a building standard.'

**OPINION** 

#### **Angel Starr Lewis**, **District 3**

"I feel it should be maintained. Not exactly the same issue but I remember when Chassahowitzka had to replace septic because it was leaching into the waterways. We saw the impact of contamination to our environment. Our waterways are our bread and butter so they need to be protected. Even if the environment is not near and dear to your heart (which would be a shame) the situation can come down to dollars and cents. Many businesses like myself depend on the tourists who come to visit our beautiful waters. We are the Nature Coast!"

#### Luis Marin, District 3

"I believe the setback we have in place now should be maintained and I would be against a reduction. It is currently an adequate measure to meet both the on-the-water needs of the property owner while safely addressing protection of our waterways.'

#### **Edwin Roberts**, **District 3**

"The setbacks are needed to control stormwater runoffs. I feel that if those in charge of making these decisions to have the 35-50 foot requirement have done their homework."

#### Holly Davis, District 5

"Those setbacks seem reasonable to me, and I assume they are based on proven science (via SWFWMD et al) and averages as to the setback needed to reduce impact on our waters. Additionally, smaller setbacks can impede a neighbor's view of the water, when his/her house was built earlier with larger setbacks.'

#### Jimmie T. Smith, **District 5 incumbent**

"The issue of set back is often misunderstood, there are two things that it tries to deal with. Nutrient control and water control. As the previous growth management director (formerly of SWWMD) demonstrated, you can do nutrient reduction, without having the setbacks at the required distance. I feel the focus should be purely on the nutrients, which are harming our waterways and costing millions in remediation.

#### **Citrus County Commission District 5**

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- **TERM:** Four years.
- SALARY: \$63,106.
- COVERS: All Citrus County.
- ON THE BALLOT: Aug. 18 primary will decide winner; this contest is open to all voters.

#### **Thomas Corkery**, **District 3**

"Climate change is a threat to waters-edge people and structures, but Citrus County commissioners aren't the the people to fend against it. Let's focus on a huge problem commissioners should be able to do but don't. Fix the damn roads.'

#### **Ruthie Davis** Schlabach, District 3

"I believe that rising sea levels is a long-term threat that we should be prepared for, and I rate this issue a 5 on the priority scale. According to the Southwest Florida Water Management District and the University of Florida, Citrus County has seen a rise in sea level and it has the potential in storm conditions to threaten development in our low coastal areas. Sea level rise can have a dramatic effect on our property tax base because it devalues property along the shoreline. Increased salinity also has a dramatic effect on aquatic life, water quality, and structures along the water line. We must address the new FEMA maps and building standards to alleviate this issue, especially because some of our most expensive land and structures are located within a coastal flood plain. As a native-born Floridian, protecting our water and natural resources is one of my highest priorities."

#### Mark Hammer, **District 3**

"During my time as chairman of the CCBA governmental affairs committee, a 'summit' was held with city officials from Crystal River and Inverness, county department heads, and community organization leaders to discuss the new FEMA Base Flood Elevation maps for increased water level threats. Rising water cannot be scientifically dismissed, but without total agreement on the level of threat it is hard to plan for such an event. Continued conservation of our saltmarshes should be a priority since it is a natural protector of our shoreline, slowing the saltwater intrusion would be one way to protect the marshes This could be done with water quality measures and increased springs protection. A lake renourishment program could help with this since our lake system aids in recharging the aquifer which feeds into our spring systems. Maintenance of our storm water drainage systems is the best proactive measure we can take.

#### **Citrus County Commission District 3**

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- WHO: Republicans Thomas Corkery, Ruthie Davis Schlabach, Mark Hammer, Angel Starr Lewis, Luis Marin and Edwin Roberts.
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play their part. My mom and father in law just moved off the Homosassa River because the water keeps rising so I would give the issue a number 3. County residents should be good stewards, always keeping the environment in the forefront. Let's be part of the solution and not part of the problem."

#### Luis Marin, District 3

"I would give rising sea levels a 4 on the threat scale. Though the city is not under the commission jurisdiction, roughly 95% of Crystal River is in a flood zone and we saw the devastating effects storm surge can have on Homosassa and Crystal River during Hurricane Hermine in 2016. This is an area where government can be proactive to protect its citizens while not compromising their freedom to enjoy our great natural resources."

#### Edwin Roberts, **District 3**

"A top priority on a scale of 1-10, with 1 being the top priority is needed here. Here in Florida when we get a lot of rain it is a problem with rising sea levels. Yes, resilience should be a joint city/county effort."

#### Holly Davis, District 5

"It's clearly documented that sea levels are rising, and a longterm strategic plan for the county must absolutely take this into account for resilience planning, and yes, it should be a joint city/county effort. Priority there are more immediate concerns (planning for Suncoast, for example) - but sea level change needs to permeate all planning for the west side of the county both near- and long-term, so I would say it's #3, due to it being an ongoing overlay to everything we do on that side."

#### Jimmie T. Smith. **District 5 incumbent**

"Sea level rise is a known historical fact, from Florida previously being under water, to it rising again. NOAA data shows a consistent rise in sea level over the last 100 years, with projections stating that in the future it may increase in rate above it's current 100 year average growth of .2cm a year to .5cm or as much as 1.2cm a year. Due to this information and feel that sea level change doesn't warrant policy above the current requirements. You can see the change in requirements from the rebuilding after hurricane damage, where houses are required to be a certain heights. I look forward to working on well balanced policy,



Davis

springs) heavily will help, along with a drought scale (similar to and probably hand-in-hand with the fire risk warning) that specifies how many gallons should be used on landscape irrigation. Now that the county has installed digital meters, customers can be shown how to monitor their usage and adjust accordingly.'

#### Jimmie T. Smith, **District 5 incumbent**

"The amount of water used for

and future solutions."

"I feel the current setback of 50'/35' is an acceptable practice and in most cases accepted by the community as a standard. Currently the PDC does a good job of reviewing the applications for a variance seeking a setback of 35 feet to ensure the applicant's home will comply with Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan standards.

While I can understand the desire of a homeowner wanting to be as close to the water as

One of the effects of climate change is rising sea levels. Do you believe rising sea levels is hogwash, a low threat, or a high threat that warrants resilience planning for mitigating the impact of rising sea levels on coastal flooding, erosion and ecosystem changes? On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being the highest, what priority would you give it and why? Should resilience planning be a joint city/county effort?

#### **Angel Starr Lewis**, **District 3**

"This is a global issue but everyone in every county should based on scientific data."

#### BEYOND Continued from Page B1

an extra value meal at Mcraise money to take care of the fountain at the entrance to the community, pay to mow the right of way and contribute to funds used for rus Springs recently you the beautification of the neighborhood. But most importantly, it adds about \$300.000 to the coffers to resurface roads.

And that, my friends, is really good news.

because it wasn't that long tive came through a few

had some roads resurfaced. But the end result of that little adventure wasn't quite what most residents had bargained Donald's. A \$10 jump will for. Many roads received resurfacing — just not many roads that people actually use.

If you haven't been to Citshould go check it out. It's an often forgotten little community but it's charming — if you can manage to stay on roads that won't require you to overhaul your shocks when you leave. So It may seem confusing when the last paving initia-

ago that Citrus Springs years back, you can imagine your roads resurfaced owners of vacant lots also the collective disappoint- once every 30 years or so. ment when residents discovered that roads that led to nowhere seemed to be resistance is reasonable first on the list. These, of the \$10 isn't likely to meet course, were closely followed by dead ends and less the inhabited roads roads with literally no houses on them.

I know some residents were upset about the recent announcement of an the resurfacing plays out. upcharge. And to some it The county's formula uses seems trivial. It's just \$10. But the displeasure that dition and density to deexpedition was real. Peoasking too much to have dition, given the fact that comes

It really isn't.

While the nature of the too much hostility — unare once again overlooked. That, in all seriousness, cannot happen again.

The real test will be how a combination of road conreceive a new coating. The

pay fees that contribute to the funding. This might be a problem — given the condition of so many roads in the community coupled with how many roads have no dwellings on them.

It's a considerable number.

Residents are right to be a little skeptical of the price hike without some guarantees on which roads are going to see some action. People want arose from the last paving termine which roads a return on their investment — no matter how ple do not want to be dis- MSBU uses a system that small that investment appointed again. It isn't relies solely on road con- may seem. And when it to

resurfacing in Citrus Springs, history hasn't really been on their side.



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not a "good old girl" — she is from New Hampshire.

Frank DiGiovanni ran from New York.

County commission County.

Rep. Ralph Massullo from Lecanto — not a local boy.

Josh Wooten runs the chamber of commerce, but he's from Jacksonville, where he could have been a good old boy. But in Citrus came from West Virginia County he's a transplant. before that.

And he got elected to our county commission as a Democrat. That hardly ever happens anymore.

Mike Prendergast is the sheriff and he's not from Citrus County. He ran for Congress from Tampa just Inverness as the city man- a few years before he ager for decades, but he is came here and ran for sheriff.

Inverness attorney Bill chairman Brian Coleman Grant likes to flex his ponope, not from Citrus litical muscles, but he came from South Florida.

Sam Himmel, the superintendent of schools, might be close to a "good old girl" because her father, Walt Connors, previously served as the clerk of the court for Citrus County. But they

David Arthurs, the previous owner of the Chronicle who still lives in some candidates are not Inverness, is from Kansas. The real good old boys ests in our community. wouldn't even talk with Both the Republicans and him when he came here in Democrats have their po-1962.

really have a traditional builders, Realtors and ag-'good old boy" network in Citrus County.

Crystal River Mayor Joe Meek is a graduate of Crystal River High School and grew up in the area, mill Woods each get bebut he's such a nice guy hind candidates who are that few people think of him as a good old boy.

Most of the candidates in the Aug. 18 primary and November general election are not native to become more forceful in get involved in politics.

Citrus County.

That does not mean that beholden to certain interlitical parties that push The point is we do not candidates. The chamber, ricultural interests all have candidates they like.

Civic associations from places like Citrus Springs, Beverly Hills and Sugarsupportive of retirement community interests.

Environmentalists and who are running for office those who want to protect the coastal and lake water resources have

recent years.

There are a few key developers who still support candidates, but that group has grown pretty quiet in recent years.

As a voter, it's good to know who backs the candidates so you know which way they will lean when issues come before them.

In Citrus County we really don't have the good old boy thing going on the way it does in some other Florida communities. That's not to say there is anything wrong with those with longtime roots here. It would be good to see natives such as Rocky Hensley in Inverness or Leon McClellan from Lecanto

Deep roots usually means deep feelings for a place — and that's a good thing.

My one hope for this election cycle is that we inflate the membership of the "good old girls" club in Citrus County. We've left it to the boys for a good while, and they have managed to make a bit of a mess. It might just be too much testosterone flowing at some of these meetings.

Maybe a few good women can figure things out.



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## airman clarifies PDC issues

JOEL BRENDER Special to the Chronicle

front page article in the Thursday, June 25, Citrus County Chronicle titled, "Board knocks Smith column:" As the current chairman of the Planning and Development Commission (PDC), please allow me to clarify some misconceptions and highlight some of the facts contained in that column.

Prior to most matters that great amount of time has the board. already been spent between the Planning and En-specific issue brought up gineering staff and the in the article. A claim had

apparent that a variance from the Land Developith regards to the ment Codes or Comprehensive Plan is warranted, then However, as Mr. Oliver the matter comes before the Planning and Development Commission. Based upon various criteria, testimony, expert witnesses and legal arguments, we, the eral options the applicant him. I extend a welcome to commission members, will either grant a variance or state our reasons for not granting one. This procedure is the same for everyone and has been followed come before our board, a throughout my six years on

Now, addressing the applicant. For whatever been made that county

'design" an applicant's staff, we know very well dwelling and that is outside of their responsibility. succinctly pointed out in PDC member who made the comment as one of sevcould foreseeably look at. Immediately following the as chairman, recall telling meetings. the applicant and the sitting public, that we as a board, have no authority sign anyone's dwellings or buildings. In fact, in many andmeetings and training ses- Commission. sions with the county

reason, when it becomes personnel were trying to attorney and planning our duties do not extend to designing "dream homes." I will close by mentioning

that the Commission Chairhis exchange with Mr. man, Mr. Coleman attended Smith on page A9, it was a many of our PDC sessions early in his tenure and I believe they were helpful to any commissioner who would like to attend or PDC members comment I, speak at any of our future

Joel Brender is the and do not attempt to de- 2020/2021 chairman of the Citrus County Planning Development Sound OFF =

#### The incredible shrinking comics

Hey Chronicle, I called in about the incredible shrinking comics. How are we seniors supposed to see something that's that small? We're your largest customer, no doubt. Give us a break. I know you won't print this. You never do.

#### Article brought tears to my eyes

Thank you so much, Citrus Chronicle, for having "The faces of hunger" guest column by Barbara Sprague (June 19, 2020, Page A14). That was the most beautiful article. It brought tears to my eyes. Thank you for publishing that. So many of us know how wonderful there are people out there in the world doing such great things.

#### Thanks for the face masks

I want to thank the kind gentleman that gave me three face masks this morning outside Walmart. He noticed me wearing a new kitchen towel over my face. If we all help someone often, think how happy Citrus County would be.







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CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE -

# Banking on our bivalves

County, city tourism officials counting on scallops to bring in needed dollars

MICHAEL D. BATES Staff writer

he scallops will show up, but will the tourists? The 2020 season starts July 1 and John Pricher, director of the Citrus County Visitors Bureau, said he expects a good crowd for opening week, especially since the Fourth of July falls on a Saturday this year.

Last year's scallop yields were lighter than normal — perhaps because of the abundance of rain — but this year should make up for it, he said.

The drive market is usually big in the summer for Citrus County and, because it's easily accessible from most parts of the state, Pricher believes many will make the trip here and either bring their own boat or rent a charter.

Charter trips are safe, he said, because they are smaller with only a handful of people and most times the crew members are family.

"Folks are looking to do things, especially after being asked to stay home," Pricher said. "I think we are set up in a good position."

Hoteliers' bookings are picking up but still off from previous years, he added.

Meredith Bleakley, executive director for Crystal River Main Street, said the COVID-19 pandemic adds another dimension to this year's scalloping season.

"With theme parks closed, people want to do things outside with family, not be confined," she said. "Scalloping is the perfect choice."

Being outside and sticking in smaller groups is ideal for social distancing and it's safer than being in confined spaces, she said.



Last year's scallop yields were lighter than normal — perhaps because of the abundance of rain — but this year should make up for it, according to John Pricher, director of the Citrus County Visitors Bureau.

Crystal River business owners, she said, are banking on a prosperous scallop season after a disappointing manatee season. And now that the county and state are reopening, she believes the crowds will come.

"I was out downtown last week and there were more people than there normally are in June," Bleakley said. Leslie Bolin, events and marketing director with the city of Crystal River, said the city is working closely with the Citrus County Sheriff's Office to make sure "everything is ready for our visitors."

"The city will be as ready as we can be" she said.

With the coronavirus still around, Bolin advocates visitors and locals maintain the social distancing rules. It's not as much of a concern because people are out in boats or in smaller groups, she said.

"We're hoping this activity (scalloping) keeps people within their own circles," she said. "We know the water has stayed busy through all this and we don't expect that to change."

## Can't make money right now?

### Free up more cash by taking a careful look at your budget

**COURTNEY JESPERSEN** NerdWallet

You're not the only one with a tight budget. Millions of Americans are currently struggling with unemployment, lost hours and lowered wages.

There's little comfort in knowing that others are feeling strapped. But you may be relieved to hear there are ways to make things easier — even if you're out of work or can't make more money.

We talked to financial experts for advice about getting more mileage out of the money you have available right now. Here are their tips for finding extra money in your monthly budget.

#### **GO LINE BY LINE**

Depending on where you live, you're probably spending a lot of time at home these days. Devote at least some of the free time to analyzing your finances.

Go over every single transaction in your checking account, savings account, credit card bills and so forth, says Robinson Crawford, certified financial planner and founder of the adviser firm Montebello Avenue in Phoenix.

Crawford says you can use a budgeting system to make this step easier. Try an app, Excel file or some other tool.

Once you see all of the dollars going in and out, you'll be able to identify areas for savings. And you'll be ready to start making some (or all) of the changes outlined below.

#### **PICK UP THE PHONE**

As you look at your line items, focus on the largest bills first, suggests Cady North, CFP, founder of North Financial Advisors LLC, with offices in San Diego and Washington, D.C.

Lowering substantial, recurring payments has the potential to reap the biggest savings. For example, even if you already received an automatic rebate from your auto insurance company, it doesn't hurt to call up and see if you can negotiate additional savings. That's particularly applicable if you're not driving right now.

Another option? If you have student loans, your federal student loan payment has likely already been suspended, but you'll want to take the extra step to ensure you've stopped your automatic payments. That is, if you don't want to continue making payments right now.

If you choose to contact companies and service providers you do business with, be honest about how COVID-19 has affected you.

Crawford recommends telling them about your situation and why you're asking for help, especially if you've been laid off. They're likely to empathize.

"Part of the reasoning should be, 'Listen I'm trying to do everything to keep all of my bills paid. I want your service. I want to keep you. I want to stay as a customer."

#### **UNPLUG AND UNSUBSCRIBE**

After the big expenses, seal smaller holes in your spending. Try looking around your house, recommends Shehara L. Wooten, CFP, founder of investment advisor Your Story Financial LLC.

Unplug electronics when they're not in use. Stop buying disposable paper towels and paper plates — switch to reusable towels and plates instead. Monitor the thermostat and lights as you spend increased amounts of time at home.

You can also pull the plug on unnecessary subscriptions. Crawford says now might be the right time to cancel those streaming services and online shopping memberships, especially ones you haven't found use for even while you've been cooped up at home. "If you're not watching one of your streaming subscriptions during COVID, news flash: You're never going to watch it."

If you still like (and use) your subscriptions and aren't willing to give them up completely, cut them out temporarily.

Some companies allow you to go online and pause your account for a period of time. "That's a way to get \$15\_\$20 here and

"That's a way to get \$15, \$20 here and there extra in your budget," North says.

#### **GET MONEY BACK**

Finally, while you may not be able to find a new job right now, there could still be methods to expand your budget that you hadn't considered.

One way is to sign up for cash-back shopping sites or apps to earn money back when you purchase groceries and other essentials, Wooten points out. With some apps, you scan your receipt after a transaction for post-purchase savings.

As you free up money, make sure you're devoting those newfound funds to absolute necessities first, like food and shelter.

Every change you can make — no matter how major or minor — can make a difference.

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#### Public welcome at family festival

**Rusiness DIGEST** 

Lets Fiesta Pizza at 2780 N. Florida Ave., in Hernando, invites the public to a Lets Fiesta Summer Family Festival.

The event will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 28, at the business, which is located at the intersection of State Road 200 and U.S. 41.

Refreshments will be served until they are all gone, including pizza samples, soda, water and cotton candy.

There will be hand-led pony rides, music by DJ Tom Y and a caboose ride.

For more information, visit Facebook — letsfiesta. frappes-smoothies, or call 352-667-5145.

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## First Responders Appreciation BBQ a success

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sponders Appreciation BBQ was for proper physical distancing as well CoreCivic. held Wednesday June 24th to as the option of a drive through pick-up thank all our local first responders for for those unable to stop and eat. Thank nen Bank, Tri-Co Communications, vou to our sponsors and donors for This year's celebration was held in helping make this event possible.

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Your Success Post-COVID19 By Rebecca

from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. via Zoom.

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The Chamber is growing every week. We welcome our new members and thank all of them for joining the Chamber. We encourage the community to support their businesses.

**Explorida Adventure Center** 

352-423-3798



Welcome, Explorida Adventure Center {ex - plor - ih - duh}! We started off as just a couple of locals who were inspired by the privilege unique to Citrus County ... swimming with the manatees! We realized our desire to share this privilege with others and uncovered a passion for doing it the right way! We offer Manatee Swim Tours, Dolphin Viewing ours, Sunset Tours, Scalloping Tours, Local Information, Retail Store and Gift Shop. We commit to delivering our visitors the best nature encounters in the most sustainable way. Locally owned AND operated, we care deeply about our community and the future of our wildlife encounters. We thrive off our desire to educate all visitors and hope to inspire the inner nature lover of each person that steps foot through our door. It is this inspiration that encourages improvements necessary to create a bright future for our manatee friends. It is this inspiration that is necessary to protect and preserve nature's playground for our children and for future generations to come. 545 N Citrus Avenue, Crystal River. www.Explorida.com.

## **CF** Corporate College to host small business courses

of face-to-face sessions.

ver the past two years, the Chamber has partnered with the College of Central Florida to offer the Citrus series of Corporate College.

We are pleased to announce this special series of online Corporate College courses through August.

Unfortunately, the 2020 schedule was interrupted with the college's closure during April and May due to Coronavirus safety constraints. Beginning with the June class, workshops will be offered once a month and delivered through an online format.

By November, we will assess the possibility

Business

via Zoom.

workshop



### **Calling all Businesses! Reserve now, Pay Later!**

The Chamber Business Expo provides a highly visible venue for businesses to showcase their skill set and product to potential clients and network with other local businesses.

We are currently offering reserved spaces now, with an option to pay later for those experiencing hardships due to COVID-19. We want to ensure that all businesses can take advantage of the platform the Chamber Business Expo offers.

> To reserve your slot visit www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/Business-Expo For sponsorship opportunities email Janet@CitrusCountyChamber.com



## LAMBER EVENTS

All Chamber events have been postponed through June.

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This week, host Jade White, Chamber Public Relations & Communication Coordinator,



**Sheila Jordan and Travis Anderson** 

talks with Sheila Jordan of PACE to discuss their mission and the impact they have on their students' lives, as well as the impact virtual learning and COVID-19 has had on their programs. Citrus County Boys and Girls Club CEO, Travis Anderson, also joins Jade to discuss what their summer programming looks like and the precautions they are taking to ensure their students' safety.



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Message from the RACC President:

## **Home Affordability Better than 2018**

interest rates are making home affordability better than in 2018

when the housing market was searing hot.

The Citrus County Housing Market Statistics are in for May and they paint the picture of the COVID-19 pandemic effect in the U.S. Besides the closed sales -31% the other important indicators were positive. The Median Sales Price was up 5.8%. Proving that our prices are not only holding steady, they are increasing. New Pending Contracts are up 10.1%, an indication of future

gains in sales. New Listings increased flood insurance from 30 to 120 days. 6.5%, not enough to make an They are recognizing that flood live than Citrus County?" Consider that

5.8% in Citrus County, today's low tory that is substantially lagging at -29.7%. time. So, April was a speed bump in the hous-

ing market and we are in the and continuing an upward trend. Now is a great time to buy and sell. There is no indication that mortgage interest rates will increase or that the homes will experience a drop in value. Low inventory and consumer demand are keeping home values steady.

in order to help the National Flood Insurance Program customers they are extending the grace period to renew

This is important to mention because of the large amount of residential waterprocess of smoothing that out front properties that are located in Citrus County. Florida has more NFIP policies than any other state. Nearly every Realtor either sells property or lives in a flood zone in Florida. Without Flood insurance, home sales don't close and our communities are unprotected and at risk. Without NFIP 40.000 residential transactions a month in Florida will not happen. If the NFIP ever expires, FEMA has announced that Florida's real estate industry will be severely impacted.

The housing market, for not just Citrus County, but the whole state of Florida appears to be very promising. Ask yourself, "Is there a better place in the country to

ven with housing prices increasing improvement in the Active Listings Inven- insurance policy holders may need more 50% of the land in this county cannot be developed; we are bordered on three sides with water allowing for an abundance of nature and wildlife. Many of us think this is Paradise. Remember that Paradise comes with the responsibility of Stewardship.

This is a short article this month. Our activities at the RACC are minimal and we are practicing the COVID-19 protocol when it comes to holding meetings or social events. We hope that you are also helping in this way so that we can stop the spread of this virus.

Please stay well and happy. Whether buying or selling please use a local Realtor®.

Jeanne Pickrel, CRS, GRI, ePRO 2020 President Realtors® Association of Citrus County pickjean@gmail.com

### RACC Business Partner for June

### **Metroplex Mortgage Services Inc. serving Citrus County since 2001**

believe that Sean Stephens started Metroplex Mortgage Services Inc. way back in 2001!

these years, Sean takes pride in having braved the mortgage crisis of 2009 along with surviving other events that have impacted the mortgage process such as hurricanes, government shutdowns, and now COVID-19! While his main office is in Tampa, he has now been an RACC affiliate member for over a decade!! Metroplex is known for their USDA expertise and was recently important it is to help buyers feel comrecognized for its 2019 Florida USDA production which ranked them second the mortgage process step-by-step. among nationwide USDA approved lenders while being the #1 Flori- tise, Metroplex also works regularly da-based USDA lender, with a good with FHA and Coventional loans. percentage of those loans being right here in Citrus County! In addition to being a USDAapproved lender, Metroplex is also a VA approved lender who is able to offer in-house underwriting on both of these complex loan programs. This combination of experience and efficiency allows Metroplex to serve our website at MPLX.org or USDALoan veteran and rural communities while Pro.com.

Wow, time sure does fly! It is hard to at the same time providing Realtors® with a one-stop point of contact from qualification to closing.

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## Local Realtor® Running for Property Appraiser's Office

Realtors® Association of Citrus County member and local Realtor® Rob Tessmer is running for the office of Citrus County Property Appraiser.

Rob is a fifth-generation Citrus County resident. A graduate of Citrus High School like many of his family members before him, he continued his education in Orlando earning a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Central Florida before returning home to Citrus County.

He has worked at Coldwell Banker Investors Realty for over 17 years, twice being named Realtor® of the Year in Citrus County. He is currently the vice chairman of the City of Inverness Zoning Board of Adjustment and is a past president of the Realtors® Association of Citrus County.

Rob is also an active member of the Rotary Club of Inverness, having served as president from 2011-2012, and a past recipient of the Rotarian of the Year award for his club.

He currently chairs their charitable foundation. Rob is a graduate of the Florida Realtors® Leadership Academy and has been selected as the statewide program's chairman in 2021.

He served on the Board of Directors for the Realtors® Association of Citrus County for 10 consecutive years holding nearly every executive position including president.

Rob and his wife Jen, both UCF graduates, have one son, Jackson, and two dogs. They live in Inverness.



May 2020 Single Family Homes Townhouses/Condos Manufactured Homes **Closed Sales** 267 11 39

**Citrus County Market Statistics** 

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Months' Supply of Inventory	2.9	4.3	2.5	

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## **Caterpillars probably not cause** for concern, but tree might be

is caterpillar activity, but livestock, eating them. what type? I've entertained of butterfly and tree do I

have? Thank you. Love reading your article. - Barb

**Dear Barb:** I'm seeing a cherry laurel with tent caterpillars. This is not a catastrophe.

First of all, these caterpillars do not usually kill the tree — though small young trees, such as yours, would be more at risk.

Secondly, cherry laurels are not exactly de-

named it). These guys are weedy day. This year we saw only one bird looking, spread easily and the leaves twice since March.

- especially when dead - are very poisonous. On erty they are chopped down and you. - Bob and Mary burned. I can't take the risk

ear Gardener Gal: I know this of my pets, many of whom are interesting question. I have also no-

I suppose that was sort of a mixed

is that you will now be able to recognize tent population. caterpillar activity on sight and can identify a I've been of help.

hummingbirds this Dunnellon on the Withlacoochee River. For over 20 years we have put out nectar in the spring, summer and fall and have always had two or three hum-

sirable trees (apologies if you have mingbirds fighting over it every-

my prop- would appreciate your help. Thank them and after a study was done

Dear Bob and Mary: This is a very

ticed less activity at my feeders. My research has not turned up a definiremoving the bush/tree. What type message answer, but the bottom line tive answer or even confirmation that our area has a reduced

Here is what I do know:

Hummingbird populations cherry laurel tree. Hope fluctuate year to year. Some don't make it back to Florida and our **Dear Gardener Gal:** more frequent warm winters are What's happen to the encouraging some to stay year round. I have a female who hasn't year? We live south of left for three years. (I kinda miss getting a few months' break from feeder cleaning ....) Staying could take a toll on their health. Keeping your feeder up doesn't encourage them to stay. It is the length of days that tells them to hit the road. Why some choose to stay is a good question.

Even though they are super small and fast, they do have preda-If you have an explanation, we tors. Some small hawks can catch

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## Quezal glass was produced by two proteges of Tiffany

ear John: I am en- green feathering with gold closing some pic- trimming. The inside is tures of

lampshades that I have been moving around the country for decades. I bought them at an estate sale thinking they were beautiful. Ι have never found the proper chande-

lier for them. There are five lamp-

 $6 \frac{1}{2}$  inches long, by  $4 \frac{1}{4}$ wide on the bottom and 2



know the proper venue to go to. I looked them up on eBay, and they are still somewhat valuable. I John Sikorski think mine are

I would be

interested in

selling them,

but do not

SIKORSKI'S a little larger **ATTIC** than the ones

featured on the shades marked Quezal on internet. Any advice from has been for several detop. They are in very good you would be very much cades. The Quezal Art condition. The shades are appreciated. Thank you. Glass and Decorating -D.D., internet

inches on top. The color is sent a good clear Thomas Johnson, two liantly colorful feathers. 1765 in Baccarat, France.



Special to the Chronicle

These lampshades are examples of Quezal art glass, a specific category of collector interest. The company was in existence from 1901 to 1925.

glass is a specific category of collector interest and Company was organized **Dear D.D.:** I am glad you by Martin Boch and

photograph. Quezal art former employees of Louis Comfort Tiffany. The company was located in Brooklyn, New York from 1901 until 1925. The name is taken form the Quetzal bird, a Central American bird known for its bril-

The pattern of your art The company is recogglass shades is called nized worldwide for high Pulled Feather. Potential quality decorative cut dollar value is \$150 to \$300 each

Dear John: I have four Baccarat tulip glasses that we have had for several years. They were purchased at an antiques store in Bethel, Connecticut. I have had them at least 40 years. The stem is on the bases for tradevery thin and is 6 inches high.

We would appreciate any information you can give us. We look forward to hearing from you. Thanks for your input. — *B*. & *S*.*M*., internet

Dear B. & S.M.: The Baccarat glass factory has been in business since

glass, stemware, paperweights and more.

Your Baccarat stemware looks wonderful but the photograph of the four glasses in your cabinet is not good enough for me to help you. Are they signed? Have you looked closely marks? Take them out of the cabinet in good daylight and send photographs. Then I will finish the story.

John Sikorski has been a professional in the antiques business for 30 years. Send questions to Sikorski's Attic, P.O. Box 2513, Ocala, FL 34478 or asksikorski@aol. com.

Leslie

GAL

Derrenbacker GARDENER

## **Saturation point**

he following are items we have difficulty selling. Per- "They belonged to my grandmother haps it's just in Citrus County so they are old and beautiful and

but I suspect more widespread. Like most things, there are exceptions, which I provide at the end of this column.

A year ago it was 1,500 dolls in one room. Eight hundred sold quickly to local collectors and dealers, another 300 took six more months and the rest, six months after that the rest were donated to CASA, a woman's shelter, and two other local charities. We

all know what happens to prices away frequently. Admittedly most of when supplies are good, in this case it is beautiful, but that does not overwhelming. Currently, when make it sellable. asked about buying a collection of dolls, we kindly decline as locally their retirement around their the market is saturated. Yes, you can blame us.



Steve Barnes TIME WILL TELL

must be valuable." We hear that or something similar every day. They are brought to Citrus County for sentimental reasons, usually stored, sometimes displayed and never used. Think for a moment the frequency of this scenario and understand the saturation.

Then there's china, as in dishes.

Clear glass, pressed, cut or crystal is hardly worth the shelf space it takes up and is turned

Some people, it seems, planed

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## US new home sales post surprising 16.6% rise in May



A real estate company sign that marks a home for sale in Harmony, Pa.

#### Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sales of new homes rose a surprisingly strong 16.6% in May with the reopening of major parts of the country potentially fueling activity in the housing market.

The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that sales of new single-family homes rose to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 676,000 last month.

That was a much better performance than expected. Many economists had forecast that sales would fall in May.

The new home sales numbers come just one day after the U.S. reported a 9.7% plunge in May sales of existing homes to an annual rate of

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### Steps to spruce up the front door *Living* SPACE = KATIE HOLDEFEHR

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I fyou want to get your front door summer-ready but are also busy with lawn care and your new container garden, turn to these front door ideas. Starting with a thorough cleaning and working your way up to attention-grabbing planters, this mini front door makeover can be achieved in just one day and with one trip to your local garden center.

Step 1: Wash the door.

If you're trying to tackle a one-day makeover, you likely don't have time to repaint the door and wait for it to dry. But if you haven't scrubbed your front door in several seasons, a thorough cleaning is enough to dramatically change the color of your door. You may realize that your white front door has actually turned a dingy shade of gray without you even noticing.

If there is a lot of debris, start by vacuuming or sweeping the door, especially around the base and near the corners where cobwebs collect. In a spray bottle, combine equal parts water and white vinegar (yes, vinegar really can clean almost everything). Spray the door and wipe with a clean cloth. If you have a glass window on your door, wipe it down with glass cleaner, spritzing the cloth rather than spraying directly on the window. While you're at it. disinfect the doorknob — it's a germy area of our homes that we often forget to sanitize.

Step 2: Spruce up your doormat.

Adding a new doormat to your front door is the curb-appeal equivalent of switching out your pillow covers: It provides a fresh new look, without having to spend a fortune. It's also an easy spot to add color and a bit of personality in a place visitors are sure to notice. Check out the quirky, colorful options at World Market and Anthropologie, or pick up a classic monogrammed mat

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# **Gopher Apple in Florida**

opher apple, a native, evergreen ground cover plant, was recently reclassified as Geobalanus oblongifolius, changed from Licania michauxii. This maintenance-free, drought-tolerant, salt-tolerant, fire resistant perennial plant grows 3 to 12 inches tall in cold hardiness zones 8 to 11 from Florida north to Georgia and west to the



Jane Weber JANE'S GARDEN

coastal dunes of Mississippi in suitable dry sandy habitat. Its leaves die after a hard freeze or fire but will regenerate from thick underground horizontal stems within a few weeks.

brown and pliable. Alternating along the aerial stems, the oblong leaves are about 4 inches long, stiff, shiny, pale green but whiter underneath. About June and July, erect flower stems have terminal clusters (cymes) of little white five-petaled flowers. The flowers attract pollinators

Gopher apple's slen-

der vertical stems are

and birds, lizards, frogs and creatures that prev on insects. The elliptical shaped, greenish fruit is about an inch long drupe with one seed inside. Ripe fruit is white to

pinkish in color. This fruit is being studied in cancer research. The edible fruit is not toxic and an important wildlife food source.

Long-lived colonies of gopher apples spread naturally to form a leafy groundcover in full sun to part shade beneath high pines, on sand dunes and along roadsides bordering scrub habitats. Several nurseries grow this native species. It is a favorite forage for gopher tortoises, rabbits and small mammals. For more online information on gopher apple, see https://tinyurl.com/y7r9tl3x and the Atlas of Florida Plants from the Institute for Systematic Botany at the University of South Florida.

Eric Hoyer

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JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

Edible gopher apple fruit is an ellipsoid drupe with a single seed inside. Ripe fruit about an inch long turns pale white to pinkish by July in Central Florida. Covotes and pet dogs like the fruit. which tastes bland and is not sweet.

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## The importance of the longleaf pine



ERIC HOYER/Special to the Chronicle A row of planted longleaf pines in the grass stage.

the seven species of native pines ging and urbanization, longleaf covin Florida. One of them is the erage was reduced to about 3 million longleaf pine, *Pinus palustris*. This acres, now found in small and often

species is very common in our area and is found on sandhills and scrubby areas, often in association with scrub oaks, red cedar, and sand pine. Longleaf pine is easily identified by its very long needles, fat buds and large cones. Longleaf are prolific in the Central Ridge portion of the Citrus County but can also be found elsewhere, including some poorly drained soils. Longleaf is slash, loblolly and sand.

The natural range of longleaf pine extends southward to about Charlotte County, northward to the North Carolina/Virginia line, and westward to very eastern Texas in the Coastal Plain region. Longleaf at one time covered 90 million acres throughout the Southeast and was the most prolific forest type in the southeast. This forest type is/was home to many plant and animal species not found

isolated patches.

Historically, longleaf stands with wiregrass and other grasses predominating in the understory. Longleaf is a hardwoods, encourage native grasses and create open areas for seedling establishment. In recent decades, fire exclusion in many areas has resulted

often mixed with other pines such as in the establishment of competing hardwoods which often replace the slower-growing, shade-intolerant longleaf. That is why the Florida Forest Service and other public land managers conduct prescribed burns within longleaf stands. The Withlacoochee State Forest is a great example of expansive longleaf pine stands where prescribed fire is conducted every several years on the same growth is initiated, burning can acreage

Longleaf can reach a height of 70

have written a previous article on anywhere else. However, due to log-feet and live to 250 years or more, the longest living of the southern pines. Newly emerging longleaf seedlings resemble tufts of grass; this portion of their life cycle is known as the "grass stage." Longleaf seedlings are was found in fairly open extremely intolerant of any type of competition from other vegetation, including other pines. Thus, depending upon the extent of competition, longleaf can remain in the grass fire-dependent species stage for up to seven years or more. and required periodic However, during this time, longleaf fires to reduce invading are establishing an extensive root system. Once the stems reach a ground-line diameter of approximately one inch, height growth takes place and can be rapid during the first year of two after the grass stage. For this reason, longleaf are often considered a slower growing species than other pines, but once out of the grass stage, they grow as quickly as the other pine species.

Burning the ground vegetation while the trees are in the grass stage hastens the initiation of height growth. The terminal bud is protected by the needles while in the grass stage. However, once height

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with banded birds, neighborhood cats and windows took the largest amount if they lived near people. I've mentioned before that I have friends with tons of flowers in their screened pool area and they have found the little guys stuck in the screen. For one they sadly found it too late.

On a more upbeat note — what you and I are seeing does not necessarily reflect what's going on with the species as a whole.

I suggest going back to basics and review your hummer feeding set up.

■ Place feeders either very close to windows or far away and not lined up directly. Don't place your feeder where cats have low shrubs to use as a hiding place.

■ No red coloring. It isn't needed and could be harmful. Use 4-to-1 sugar water and change it often. If sun hits your feeder or in heat of summer, you need to do a clean and add fresh mixture more than

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clean. Even trace amounts could hurt them. I use super hot water and pipe cleaners. My personal preference is the feeders that look like space ships. They come completely apart for easier cleaning.

Let's try to think positive and ■ Don't use soap or detergent to hope an increase in flowers and more neighbors hanging out feeders is to blame for reduced flying friends.

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at your local home improvement store.

house numbers.

Choose a font and finish prone area. that matches your home's vinegar and equal parts symmetrical look. salt and flour. Apply with a soft cloth, rinse and dry. Step 4: Add an impossi-

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of intentions: to make a good first impression. But when you go to buy new if we don't follow through house numbers and plants with proper care and watering, those wilted flowers make a worse impression Step 3: Upgrade your than no flowers at all. To avoid this scenario and If you've been living in make your chore list a little

ble-to-kill plant.

your house for many years, lighter, only add hardy it's likely you don't even plants that are suited to the notice your house num- conditions in your front bers anymore. Consider yard. Consult a plant guide switching them out for to help you find the right pretty brass numbers or variety, whether you have a some modern steel ones. sunny, shady or drought-

To accomplish your style, whether that's rustic makeover in one day, opt or ultra-modern. If you for a small container garhave tarnished brass or den rather than planting lackluster stainless-steel in the ground. Depending house numbers, carefully upon how much space you remove them and polish have, set a large pot on one them. Make a paste from a side of the door or flank few tablespoons of white both sides of the door for a Step 5: Choose a wilt-

proof wreath.

While wreaths are more

We all add plants to our winter months, there's no choose a heatproof style. front stoops with the best reason you can't show off Look for a dried or pre-

some door decor this served wreath rather than

popular in the fall and summer — just be sure to a fresh wreath that will provides smart, realistic quickly wilt in the summer heat.

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3.91 million, the slowest pace in nearly a decade.

There are hopes that the housing slump that occurred with the virus shutdowns could be coming to an end, though the millions of jobs lost to the pandemic could impede any rebound.

Nancy Vanden Houten, lead U.S. economist with Oxford Economics, said she expected a modest recovery in sales in coming months following the big declines in the first quarter but she still expects a decline overall this year.

"The slow recovery in the labor market will limit the upside of any rebound in the housing market," she said.

# TIME

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Hummel collection. Small problem: When Taiwan produced knockoffs, it devalued most of the figurines by 80% or more. Same with Murano when cargo loads hit the US market — hard to tell the difference between the two. Other manufacturing should be included, such as Precious Moments, collector plates, Royal Doulton figurines and toby mugs and Roseville Pottery.

Clocks are a new entry into this group due to a couple of collectors releasing their large collections. The good news is sales are decent, as we have a customer base that supports. The bad news, horologists are few.

Exception list, just to name a few. ■ Dolls: French Bisque Bebe Jumeau and early Barbies.

China: Herend, Royal Copenhagen Blue lace and full lace, Mid-Century and Modernist.

■ Tea Cups: Shelley and Paragon with flower handles.

Clear Glass: Lalique, Lotez, Tiffany, Stuben, Orofors, some Libby cut glass.

■ Clocks: Ships clocks, Atmos, Cuckoos.

■ Collector Plates: The early years of Royal Copenhagen Christmas plates and the World War years.

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Gopher tortoises eat low-growing plants, usually within 160 feet of their burrows, although they may forage twice that far. While trees shed leaves and fruit in season for gopher food, young tree seedlings like native persimmon and pines are good tortoise forage. Native Wiregrass, Aristida stricta, is a preferred grass food for Gopher lished. Gardeners wanting tortoises as well as endan- inexpensive local plants for gered Northern Bobwhite gopher tortoise and cottontail quail, Colinus virginianus. rabbit food, butterfly nectar Wiregrass needs similar habitat and growing conditions as can buy seeds and nursery gopher apple. Both recover from fire quickly. Gopher tortoises graze on wildflowers, cactus, grasses, spurges, vines, berries and almost any green plant material they can reach. Gardeners wanting to attract these herbivores need only leave native plants in sunny clearings or improve small plants destined for forage by adding low plants to their landscape.

palms;

persimmons; deep-rooted Greeneyes, Berlandiera subacaulis; evergreen Florida paintbrush, Carpheperous cor*ymbosis*; annual self-seeding Blanketflower. Gaillardia puchella: Florida's state wildflower. Tickseed. Coreopsis *levenworthii*: Viola violets: and the super nectar-producing but rampant self-seeding Spanish needles, Bidens alba. All are easily grown, readily available and need no supplemental irrigation or fertilizers once estaband perpetual seed sources

plant nurseries. Rescuing unwanted plants before a building lot is cleared is an excellent idea. First try to convince a future neighbor to leave some of the natural habitat. Ask landowners for permission to rescue obliteration. Large plants simply are not designed to be Native plants with a high uprooted and relocated. level of biomass for tortoise Builders, land clearers and food include juvenile native future homeowners usually grapevines; want to be good neighbors, so

plants online or from native

blackberries, blueberries and long as it does not interfere with their plans or income. Recently I rescued thousands of small young plants from a building lot and wildflowers from my own green space firebreak before mowing. Most were relocated elsewhere on my land and in neighbors' planting beds. They were watered immediately and daily every evening for a week then every other day for another week. Hundreds of others were potted and placed in the nursery in intensive care under shade and irrigation while they recovered from the transplant surgery. Once new roots sneak out from the pot drainage holes, the plants will be ready for sale and planting without further shock.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC) has a gopher tortoise food plant list for north Central Florida at https://tinyurl.com/ yabe2uch. They also have information on Bobwhite at https://tinyurl.com/y6w9fsbr.

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seriously damage or kill the trees until they reach a height of 3 feet or more.

Over the past 15 years or so, the federal government, in cooperation with state forestry agencies and non-governmental organizations, have initiated longleaf restoration programs to increase the longleaf habitat. For private lands, cost-share programs are available to landowners to encourage the establishment and stands. These practices inmoval of hardwoods and million acres as of 2016.

Longleaf pine is a significant longleaf can be selectively cut *foresters.com*.

forest products. Smaller trees can be used for mulchwood or fenceposts. medium-size trees (9 to 12 inches) for shavings or chip'n saw, and larger trees for barn or utility poles. Shavings are used for moisture and odor control in horse stalls and chip'n saw is a term where the tree is sawn for lumber or pallet material and the remainder is used for mulch or fuelwood. But not to worry: Longleaf stands can be harvested so as to leave seed trees for future regeneration if growing in a natural stand or simply thinned if it is a planted stand. management of longleaf In the latter situation, every fourth or fifth row is entirely clude prescribed burning, re- removed and then selected trees are removed within the planting. Because of these pro- remaining rows, leaving half or grams, longleaf acreage has more of the trees to grow larger increased to approximately 4.7 and become more valuable. And in some cases, the planted be contacted at erich@nrps

tree for utilization of various and partially replanted so as to eventually emulate a natural stand with varying sizes and ages.

> In many cases, where longleaf is mixed with other pine species, the timber can be cut to allow longleaf to remain while the other species are cut. This not only protects the longleaf, it also creates openings for longleaf seedlings by removing the other pines. Longleaf, like other southern pines, does not have a large cone crop every year, so establishment of new seedlings may take several years after removal of the other pines or after a prescribed burn.

Eric H. Hoyer is a certified arborist, a certified forester, a registered consulting arborist and a qualified tree risk assessor with Natural Resource Planning Services Inc. He can



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warm welcome to **Joseph Clark** (352-422-7539) and **Cathy Thomas** (352-464-3905) at our Crystal River office. This brings our number of Crystal River agents to 60.

#### New ownership interest at RE/MAX Realty One

The Cunningham family, together with our associates and staff, are happy to announce that **Brogan Cunningham** and **Keith Pullias Jr.** have obtained ownership interest in our **RE/MAX Realty One** real estate franchise.

Brogan and Keith together have purchased Steve Varnadoe's ownership interest and are joining our brokerage management team.

This next generation of owners have gained the experience and skills to help us continue our vision of promoting a positive, efficient and profitable environment, where our associates are encouraged to build a business worth owning and a life worth living. We want to congratulate Bro-

gan and Keith. Their young minds, motivation and love of technology will help us bring a new perspective to our ownership team and mission to be the right choice for our customers by fostering an environment that helps or associates in their quest for knowledge, professionalism, comfort and profitability.

Brogan has been in the real Estate business for over nine years. He has a communications degree from Queen's University in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Keith activated his license 2017 and took over our property management division shortly thereafter. He has an MBA from St. Leo University. His prior experience is in banking.

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