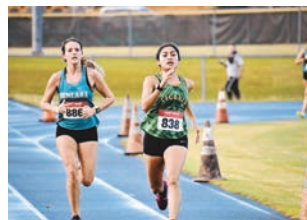




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BRIEFLY

Safe Routes to Schools sidewalk project to begin Nov. 1

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), in partnership with the Citrus County Engineering Division, will begin construction on Monday, Nov. 1, to add sidewalks near Forest Ridge Elementary School. The "Safe Routes to Schools" sidewalk project involves constructing a sidewalk, concrete curb, and gutter along Forest Ridge Blvd. in Beverly Hills. There will also be drainage improvements, pedestrian crossings, and signalization work along Forest Ridge Blvd. from CR486/ Norvell Bryant Hwy. to W Lake Beverly Drive. The project is anticipated to be complete in spring 2022.

During construction, drivers can expect periodic lane closures along Forest Ridge Blvd. from CR486/ Norvell Bryant Hwy. to W Lake Beverly Drive. Lane closures will not be permitted on school days from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m. and 3:30 to 4 p.m. to allow full roadway access during peak school drop-off and pickup times.

For additional information, questions, or to sign up to receive project email alerts please visit the FDOT's webpage for this project at www.fdotampabay.com/project/521/439698-1-52-01.

—From staff reports



SO YOU KNOW

■ Due to press deadlines, lottery numbers will not appear in the Sunday, Oct. 31, edition. In addition, due to the delivery of the Discover Citrus edition, the Sunday edition could be late due to the size of the paper.

Facing life in the fast lane

From woods to asphalt: Residents getting ready for parkway extension

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

Living close to a major freeway can be a good thing if you want to get someplace fast.

The Suncoast Parkway, for example, will allow residents to hop on at State Road 44 in Lecanto and get to, say, the Tampa International Airport in quick fashion.

Lillian Petterson said that part is nice, but it's hard to find too much else to be ecstatic about.

That's because her home off West Hightower Lane at the Lecanto Mobile Home & RV Park butts up right to the new interchange at State Road 44.

"What privacy was there is gone," said Petterson, looking over the fence at the now-treeless expanse and construction equipment readying the interchange for an early 2022 opening. "The noise is going to be the issue more than anything else."

Still, she's philosophical about it.

"I think it will be nice for people when it's done — for people who want to get to Tampa quickly," she said.

The past couple of years have been challenging for folks at the park. Work crews brought in cranes to cut down tall scrub oaks, some of which were uncomfortably close to folks' homes. While creating a berm, dirt was flying everywhere.

The state put up a chain link fence encircling the mobile home park and created a nearby berm

to reduce noise and shield homeowners from the sight of cars and trucks going by.

But husband Stephen Petterson remembers when they moved there in 2015 and there was no fence and he could walk out his backyard to see trees and animals.

Now, he's worried truckers will use their loud "Jake Brakes" to slow down while coming off the freeway.

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Trunks & treats



Six-year-old Anna Heaton, dressed as "Star Wars" character Queen Padme, walks through the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA's Trunk or Treat event Friday evening, Oct. 29. Hundreds of Halloween enthusiasts — children and adults alike — donned colorful costumes and took in the family fun and spooky sights and sounds all while receiving treats from many area businesses and community partners gathered.



*Photos by
Matthew Beck/
Chronicle
photo editor*

Hundreds of visitors to the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation's YMCA walk through the many Trunk or Treat vehicles that passed out candy for visitors Friday evening, Oct. 29.



Sweet treats and spooky sights awaited those attending the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation's YMCA Trunk or Treat event Friday evening, Oct. 29.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS

Barbara Mills, Bud Osborn, center, and Hank Butler bow their heads during prayer Thursday, Oct. 28, at the Historic Courthouse in downtown Inverness. The prayer follows a wreath placement next to a new monument honoring first responders.

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle



GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

This past Wednesday, two Korean War-era Navy veterans, Ray Morrison, 87, and Edwin Graham, 91, took the trip of their lifetime with other veterans on an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

Seeing and experiencing the memorials and monuments dedicated to veterans at the nation's capital were secondary to their humble astonishment at being thanked for their military service everywhere they went.

"Every place we went, people were applauding and shaking our hands and thanking us for our service," Morrison said. "There was a motorcycle brigade lined up, shaking hands with every one of us and then they escorted us to D.C. (from the airport in Baltimore, Maryland). In Baltimore, one guy saluted every one of us."



HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

The county commissioners' unanimous vote to remove themselves from the enforcement and fee collection part of its new boat ordinance launch fees and turn it over to a private company prompted Chronicle Facebook readers to get on their keyboards.

Here's what some said:

■ **Bill Curtiss:** "Are you serious? 'Let's come up with an idea then remove us from it.' Y'all are a bunch of cowards. Like picking a fight then leaving. Let's remove them all from office and start over."

■ **Edward Slivak:** "These county

commissioners are gonna chase people away with their zeal for taxing and charges for everything they can here in Citrus County."

■ **Annie O'Rourke Williamson:** "So the fees collected can go to pay for a private company to collect fees and fines. Hmmm, that makes perfect sense."

■ **Nathan Powalish:** "We'll see if they actually put the money back into the ramps and parking areas like they promised it would be used for. But yet the tax money that was supposed to be used on maintenance never was either. Hmmm. SMH."

THE MOST POPULAR STORIES FROM THE WEEK THAT WAS

Private company to handle boat launch fee collections, fines

County commissioners voted unanimously to remove themselves from the enforcement and fee collection part of its new boat ordinance launch fees and turn it over to a private company, the New Orleans-based Premium Parking Service LLC.

The fee schedule will be \$10 for a daily pass for both non-residents and residents. An annual pass for non-residents will be \$75 and \$25 for residents.

The affected boat ramps are Fort Island Gulf Beach, Fort Island Trail Park, Hernando Beach and the Homosassa ramp at MacRae's.

Boat launchers will have the option to pay their fees by downloading Premium Parking's app, by scanning a code on their phone or contacting the company's 1-800 customer service number.



Inverness man tries to bribe city fire chief

An Inverness man faces accusations he tried to pay off the city's fire chief to ignore his unsafe and unlawful haunted house.

Paul John Catucci, 24, was booked into the county jail Oct. 20 under a charge of bribing a public servant, after two sheriff's office deputies assisted Inverness Fire Department Chief Steve Marfongella and a city's building official with inspecting an "unpermitted" haunted house, a tent-and-plywood structure, in Inverness.

Catucci admitted to taking donations for admissions into the haunted house, and to hosting about 100 people the weekend prior to his arrest.

Along with being a business on a residential property without a variance or other exception, the haunted house exposed people to dangerous structural and electrical conditions, like haphazard wires and cords in proximity to open fuel cans.

According to the arrest report, Catucci asked deputies, "If I give the fire chief \$5,000, would he just walk away?"

"No!" one deputy replied. "That won't fix the problem."

Couple arrested for trafficking in almost 200 doses of LSD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested 34-year-old Matthew Raymond Pallante and 35-year-old April Rene Patton, from Hernando County, early Oct. 19 after finding almost 200 doses of LSD with them during a traffic stop.

They were charged with trafficking in LSD, possessing marijuana, possessing drug paraphernalia and two counts of possessing a controlled substance.

Pallante was also arrested for driving with a suspended license.

If convicted of the trafficking offense, Pallante and Patton face up to 30 years in prison. They must also serve at least three years of their sentences.



Christmas on the Square in Crystal River to host 'ice' skating rink, maze

Ice skating and snow in downtown Crystal River?

Crystal River Main Street, the city's staff and the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce are making it happen with Christmas on the Square from Dec. 3-5 at Crystal River Town Square, 559 N. Citrus Ave.

A synthetic ice rink will be installed for the holiday event, along with a 5,000-square-foot inflatable "Snow-Mazing Christmas" themed maze open to toddlers through adults.

Hours are: from 3 to 10 p.m. Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 4, and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 5.

Cost: A 30-minute skating session is \$10 per person, and \$3 more gets 30 minutes in the maze. A one-hour wristband for the maze is \$5.

Tickets are available through EventBrite, at tinyurl.com/2sr3sart. Walk-up tickets will be limited.



Courthouse annex remodel continues

From Coca-Cola bottling plant to Supervisor of Elections office to courthouse annex — since late September 2021, construction crews have been gutting 112 N. Apopka Ave. in Inverness to set the stage for a courthouse annex remodel to provide a satellite courthouse for the local judiciary.

Not including senior judges and other hearing officers, Citrus County has four circuit judges and three county judges scheduling dockets of cases across five courtrooms, one of which doesn't have adequate security for inmates.

Hearings are sometimes held in the jury-assembly room, the county commission chambers or a judge's chambers if a courtroom isn't available, but those areas cannot either host a jury trial or defendants in custody.

"We don't have enough courtroom space for the folks we've got here now," said Carol Falvey, the county's administrative circuit judge. "We are continually trying to devise ways we can accommodate each others' schedules. ... It's a constant battle..."

Construction is expected to take around 20 months.

“They’re probably the least appreciated asset in the community. They suffer more danger. They’re the first people that get into the problem ... and try to fix it.”

— ROBERT CRAWFORD, MEMBER OF THE CITRUS CHAPTER 192 OF THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, AT THE DEDICATION OF A MONUMENT HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS AT THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE IN INVERNESS.

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Remembering
famine of
Holodomor

Between 1932 and 1933, millions of Ukrainians starved to death in a great famine that has become known as the Holodomor. Despite an abundant grain harvest in Ukraine, millions of victims died from Stalin's engineered starvation.

Food was inhumanely confiscated, reducing people to the likeness of human skeletons. The month of November is designated as the time to commemorate this atrocity and to continue to educate society about it.

The Citrus libraries will offer programs throughout the month at the following locations:

■ 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 3 at the Lakes Region Library, 1511 Druid Road in Inverness. Call 352-726-2357.

■ 1 to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 8 at the Coastal Region Library, 8619 W. Crystal St. in Crystal River. Call 352-795-3716.

■ 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 22 at the Homosassa Library, 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave. Call 352-628-5626

Two members of the Ukrainian National Women's League will be making the presentations.

Call a library to register or visit citruslibraries.org.

Artists can enter
the Nature Coast
Exhibit No. 2

The Art Center of Citrus County will host the Nature Coast Exhibit No. 2 at the center, 2644 N. Annapolis Ave. in Hernando. The exhibit includes the following events:

■ Drop off from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 3

■ Artist reception from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Nov. 5

■ Pick up from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 15

Entry fees for members are \$15 for two works and \$30 for two works for non-members. The cost is \$5 for each additional work up to five. Winning works will be announced at the artist reception, which is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

The art center is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 352-746-7606 or visit artcenterofcitruscounty.org.

Sponsor the
Blues 'n Bar-B-
Que event

Nature Coast Friends of Blues (NCFB) Inc. is gearing up for their 25th annual Blues 'n Bar-B-Que event on Nov. 6 at the Olde Mill Gallery and Printing Museum Café, 10466 W. Yulee Drive in Homosassa.

NCFB is looking for sponsorships from our community. All NCFB profits go back into the Citrus County community to help young students reach their musical dreams.

The lineup for this year's event includes BoeCat Cool Corporate Cats, Damon Fowler, 21 Blue and George Worthmore "Blues Hall of fame."

Call 352-628-9411 to request a sponsorship packet. Visit NCFOB.com

Homosassa
festival highlights
seafood, more

Attend the 46th annual Homosassa Arts, Crafts & Seafood Festival at 9 a.m. Nov. 13 and 14 at the Old Homosassa Civic Club, 5530 S. Mason Creek Road.

There will be music, art and a variety of seafood and other types of cuisine.

Visit homosassaseafoodfestival.org.

— From staff reports

Former student claims sexual battery

Renaissance Center paraprofessional arrested for alleged relationship

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Authorities took an Inverness woman and Citrus County Renaissance Center employee into custody on allegations she had a sexual relationship with a student of the Le-canto school.

Members of the Citrus County Sheriff's Office Tactical Impact Unit and the United States Marshals Service Florida/Caribbean

Regional Fugitive Task Force apprehended 36-year-old Kristin Jarvis on Friday, Oct. 26.

According to the sheriff's office, the agency was informed April 18 about illicit interactions between Jarvis and a then-17-year-old boy and student at the Renaissance Center while Jarvis worked at the school as a paraprofessional.



Kristin
Jarvis

Jonathan Richey, a detective with the sheriff's Special Victims Unit, gathered enough evidence to support the boy's allegations against Jarvis.

A warrant was issued Wednesday to arrest Jarvis, charging her with sexual battery by an authority figure, sexual battery by someone in custodial authority, human trafficking, traveling to meet

a minor, child neglect and contributing to a minor's delinquency.

Jarvis was booked into the county jail without a bond.

Under contract with the Citrus County School District, the Ocala-based Silver River Mentoring and Instruction (SRMI) organization operates the Renaissance Center, a schooling program for fifth- to 12th-grade students who been expelled from the school district system.

The Great American Cooter Festival



Lena Priddy, 7, sits very still as she gets a colorful tiger painted on her face by Cody Sternberg at the 2021 annual Great American Cooter Festival, Saturday, Oct. 30, in downtown Inverness. Sternberg, with A Happily Ever After Party, runs a local party-planning business, based out of Inverness, and offers a variety of entertainment options. There was a great array of activities for children and families at this year's festival including face painting, bounce houses, obstacle courses, live music, as well as food and beverage options.

Photos by Sydney Akens / For the Chronicle



Turtle races were a main event at The Great American Cooter Festival Saturday. Every 30 minutes a child was able to choose from 10 numbered turtles, and cheered as they raced to the finish line. The turtles were brought in with volunteers from the nonprofit organization Operation Welcome Home. The turtles were said to be "divas" and loved every minute of the attention.

Citrus Springs resident Jessica Leach pours samples of local Bush Boys Beehives honey at The Great American Cooter Festival at Liberty Park in downtown Inverness. Leach went over with locals the variety of raw, unfiltered honey Busch Boys Beehives has to offer. This year's annual Cooter Festival had more than 30 vendors.



Forest Service to celebrate Florida Forests Week

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Special to the Chronicle

From Oct. 31 through Nov. 6, 2021, is Florida Forests Week, and it is being promoted through a partnership with the Florida Forest Service and the Florida Forestry Association.

During this week, let's remember the many environmental and economic benefits we receive from our forests. These benefits improve our standard of living and the health of the planet.

Florida's forests provide 124,000 jobs and they have a total economic impact of \$25 billion on our state's economy.

The forest is with you in the more than 5,000 items we use every day that contain forest products in the form of wood, cellulose

fiber or chemicals extracted from trees.

These items include home building materials, paper, fabric, cell phone screens, cosmetics, aspirin, cancer drugs, explosives, car tires, sporting equipment, hotdog casings, salad dressing, asphalt, ice cream, diapers, laundry detergent, crayons, glue, sports drinks, cardboard boxes, cellophane, cork, charcoal and hair spray.

Items also include ink, furniture, cough syrup, soap, shampoo, tea, root beer, lip balm, car wax, pancake syrup, turpentine, toothpaste and much more.

The use of all these products results in the average American consuming 4 and 1/2 pounds of wood every day.

To ensure this renewable resource is constantly renewed, 5 seedlings are planted for every

tree that is cut. In Florida over 450 million tree seedlings were planted in 2010-2015.

Our forests provide us with water, beauty, habitat for wildlife, recreational opportunities, soil conservation, carbon sequestration and oxygen.

Half of the dry weight of wood is carbon, which once existed as the greenhouse gas, carbon dioxide. Almost three pounds of oxygen are released when a tree grows two pounds of wood.

When compared with other watersheds that are used for urban development, pasture and cropland, we see that forested watersheds produce the highest quality water for the greatest amount of time.

Florida is facing water quality and quantity issues that can be partly mitigated by maintaining

and expanding our forested watersheds.

If you need assistance with the management of your forested land, contact the Florida Forest Service's Citrus County Forester, Bobby Cahal, at 352-726-4776.

The Florida Forest Service, a division of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, manages more than 1 million acres of state forests and provides forest management assistance on more than 17 million acres of private and community forests.

The Florida Forest Service is also responsible for protecting homes, forestland and natural resources from the devastating effects wildfire on more than 26 million acres.

Learn more at FDACS.gov/FLForestService.

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Charlotte Ann Oates, 89

CRYSTAL RIVER

Charlotte Ann Oates, 89, passed away on October 16, 2021, in Crystal River, Florida where she resided.

She was born December 29, 1931, in Canton, New York, the daughter of Walter and Irene Wilmshurst. She came to Citrus County from Palmyra, New York 12 years ago.

Mrs. Oates graduated from Canton High School in 1949. She received her Associates Degree from Canton Technical College in 1952 and worked as a medical secretary and realtor at various times in her life.

In addition, she worked alongside her husband, Ronald S. Oates, on the family horse farm. At one time they even owned an ice cream shop, which was appropriately named "Charlotte's," in Saratoga, New York.

Her greatest passions were family, nature, animals, and the upstate New York area. She was very active in her local churches, historical societies, and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Oates is preceded in death by her husband, Ronald S. Oates, to whom she was married for 64 years. She is also preceded by her beloved twin sister, Catherine Jean Crozier, and brother Walter George Wilmshurst.

Survivors include daughters Donna Nelson (Gregg), Caron Clair (Steven), and Julie Rosati; grandchildren William McLeod, Jason Clair (Tara), Veronica Frederick (Caleb), and Caleb Nelson (Kaylee); foster grandchild David King (Charity); great grandchildren Harper and Saylor Clair, Daxton and Benson Frederick, Henry, Spencer and Jane Nelson, and many other close family members, especially her twin's daughter, Cynthia Boulet (Steve).

A celebration of life will be held in Palmyra in the spring. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Cedar Creek Assisted Living Facility, 231 NW Highway 19, Crystal River, Florida, 34428.

Arrangements are under the direction of Strickland Funeral Home and Crematory, Crystal River, Florida.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.



Henry 'Hank' Augustsson, 81

HOMOSASSA

Henry Arnold Augustsson of Homosassa, FL passed away at Kindred Hospital in Tampa, FL on October 18, 2021, at the age of eighty-one.

Born May 30th, 1940, in New York City, and raised in Greenwich, CT. Hank was born to the late Henry Gottfried and Alice Almeda (Anderson) Augustsson.



Henry 'Hank' Augustsson

As a young boy, he became interested in model railroading and that hobby continued all his life.

He proudly served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corp.

In 1965. He married his wife, Pat with whom he shared 57 years of loving marriage.

Hank worked for the National Cash Register Company (NCR) in Dayton, Ohio for thirty years. The job at NCR included service, teaching,

engineering, and project manager.

Hank and his son, Mark enjoyed BMX racing together. They both won state and national titles.

He enjoyed watching football and was an avid Ohio State football fan.

In addition to his wife, Pat, those left to mourn Hank's passing include his daughter: Rebecca Wiler and her husband, Terry of Stuart, FL; his son, Mark Augustsson, and his wife Michelle of Homosassa; Bernice Williams of Framingham, MA.

There will be a private family service.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Hilda Guntsch

Hilda Marie Blevins Guntsch passed away peacefully on October 18, 2021, surrounded by her three girls. Her beautiful soul flew out into the cool fall morning, leaving earthly suffering behind.

She was preceded in death by her parents, David and Effie Blevins, and her beloved brother



Hilda Guntsch

of 40 years, and absolute love of her life, Rodney Guntsch.

She leaves behind her three daughters: Ginger (Robby) Washburn, Tammy (Alex) Dasher, and Anne (John) Myers. Robby Washburn was the son she never had, and he held a special place in her heart as he cared so lovingly for her after the death of her husband. She treasured her 13 grandchildren. She was Grammy to Kyle, Little Robby, Adam, Andrew, Kadin, Destiny, Jessi James, Raelie, Nevaeh, Declan, and William. She was Ganga to Landon and Jillian. The oldest girl of seven siblings, she also leaves her brothers, Carl and Vernon Blevins, and her sisters, Charlotte, Darlene, and Brenda. She was a loving aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Hilda was born in Ashland, Kentucky, in 1948. She moved with her family to Oak Harbor, Ohio, when she was two years old, but always remained proud of her "hillbilly" roots. She was a hard worker from early on, starting as a waitress at the tender age of 13.

Over the years she worked as a waitress, bartender, and even on fire-watch patrol at a nuclear power plant-but she found her truest calling as Miss Hilda, spending nearly two decades as a preschool teacher. She was loved by her students and their parents as she taught many children in Citrus County at Precious Cargo and All About Kids Preschool.

She was widely known for her strong work ethic, passionate commitment to her students, and creative lesson plans. The little ones entrusted to her care, especially her own daughters and grandchildren, share memories of being rocked to sleep by the sound of her lovely singing voice.

Hilda was a true role model to all she met. She taught by example-starting her own Brownie troop to allow a little girl with special needs to participate, staging elaborate graduation events for her preschoolers, and hosting a week-long summer camp for her grandchildren.

In addition, she was an accomplished cook, earning the nickname "Chili Hilda" by her husband's Harley-riding friends, who always showed up to eat her chili after a ride on their bikes. She was also widely known for her stuffed cabbages, potato salad, and lasagna; her biscuits and gravy tasted like home. She always made more than enough for everyone, and everyone was always welcome.

She shared enthusiastically in the passions of her

husband, from cooking over a fire outside the pop-up camper to hanging onto him from the back of his Harley. She was a football fan; no one yelled "Go Bucks!" quite as loud as she did. Music moved her; she was always singing and dancing.

Hilda will be deeply missed by her three daughters, who will remember her at a private ceremony in accordance with their mother's specific wishes. In lieu of flowers, please consider honoring Hilda with a donation to VITAS Community Connection hospice services, which brought so much comfort to her and her family (vitascommunityconnection.org) during her final weeks. Those who knew and loved her can also honor her memory by leaving an extravagant tip for their next waitress-as a former waitress who once struggled to make ends meet, Hilda delighted in being able to give generously whenever she was able.

We love you, Mom. Thank you for your love, selflessness, patience, and strength. Thank you for the warm homemade applesauce on cold Ohio mornings, and thank you for the smores around the campfire on fall Florida nights. Thank you for the songs, the smiles, and the sweetness. We couldn't have asked for a better mother. We hope to make you proud in all we do. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.hooperfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory.

Robert 'Bobby' Silveira

HOMOSASSA

Robert (Bobby) Wayne Silveira born 12/4/35, having been on hospice, passed away 10/21/21 at his home with his son Robert J Silveira by his side. In addition to his son, he is survived by two brothers, Anthony E. Silveira and Kenneth L Silveira.

Bobby was born and raised in Edgewood, MD. He was well known and regarded as a barber within the community, and also for his legacy as the proprietor of the Dear Mom Saloon.



Robert 'Bobby' Silveira

He spent over twenty years of his retirement in the Florida Keys before relocating to Homosassa, FL. Following his wishes for cremation, there will be celebrations of his life both in Florida and Maryland, dates to be announced. Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

George Lawrence Fiorenza Sr., 83

BEVERLY HILLS

Mr. Fiorenza, 83, passed away on August 25, 2021 at Citrus Memorial Hospital, Inverness FL.

His wife Linda of sixty one years was at his side. He was born in Massachusetts and lived there until he retired to Pine Ridge Estates, Fl thirteen years ago. George was one of fifteen children.



George Lawrence Fiorenza Sr.

He leaves behind a son George, Jr., wife (deceased) four children, and six great grandchildren.

A Son Matthew, daughter-in-law Mary Ellen and their three children, and two great grandchildren. Daughter Valarie (deceased). At a young age George was expected to work around his house

along with his fourteen siblings. Early teens he worked at a local farm milking cows and helping with harvest. It was not all work though, because the family lived on a lot of land enabling his dad to make a baseball field so the boys could play ball in their free time. That is when George's love for baseball began. When the family moved back to the city he worked in his fathers deli washing dishes and learning the business. He was a star football player for his high school earning offers of scholarships at two local colleges. And was proud to play in the 1st Harry Agganis Memorial All Star Game, 1956 - Middlesex All Stars.

After marriage he played semi pro baseball for a time. He established his own business as an Industrial Caterer and stayed in the business his entire life until retirement. He continued his love for baseball by playing on a senior team for several years here in Florida.

Baseball, football and cooking for his family were his passion. He loved the outdoors and could be seen working around the yard everyday doing all the moving and landscaping himself. George was physically, and mentally strong. He would get things done and did not quit until all was put right. His motto in life was "Don't Quit".

Seeing the grandkids gave him joy every time they showed up or called to say hello, and ended with "I love you". His long conversations with his grandsons about their futures, one in college baseball, second in the Army National Guard, third in the United States Navy, also United States Merchant Marine, all grandkids were very special to him.

George will be sorely missed by family and friends alike. His ashes will be released at a later date.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Esther News, 96

HERNANDO

News, Esther Ruth Mrs. Esther Ruth News, 96, of Hernando, FL, passed away on Friday, October 22, 2021, at the Arbor Trail Rehabilitation Center in Inverness, FL. Born in Corning, NY, she was a long time resident of Dunnellon, FL.

Mrs. News was a former school secretary in both public and private secondary schools in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, as well as a small university in Pennsylvania. While living in Dunnellon, she was an active member of the Dunnellon United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women's Group, and the Rainbows End Golf Club.

She is survived by her daughter Victoria L. Wright, her sons Gregory Paul Hersh and Jeffrey B. Hersh, and her brother Dr. David Tyler. She was preceded in death by her husband Samuel News, her daughter Valerie L. Ether-ton, and her brother Harold H. Ellison.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. The time, date and location will be posted on the website of Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon, www.robertsofdunnellon.com

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Evelyn King, 91

INVERNESS

Evelyn King (Neubert), 91, of Inverness, passed away Monday October 25, 2021. Evelyn was born on September 3, 1930 in Knoxville TN and moved to Inverness in 1996 with her husband and two daughters (Lionel, Joyce, and Mary).

Evelyn wanted out of the cold and her husband accepted a teaching (band) position at Citrus High School. When her youngest daughter began school Evelyn returned to work as the guidance secretary at Inverness Middle School. She remained in that position until her retirement in 1995. She and her husband loved to travel and went back to the smokies every July to visit family and enjoy the mountains.

Family was very important to Evelyn. She was preceded in death by her oldest grandson Jason Seijas (98), her husband Lionel (2011), her baby brother Fritz (2011), and her oldest daughter Joyce (2021). She is survived by her daughter Mary Hiers (James) of Inverness, her granddaughter Danielle King (Ryan) of IN and their six children, Adriana, Jayson, Kendyn, Layla, Nolan and Grayson, and her grandson Zack Seijas of Orlando.

Evelyn will be laid to rest at Oaklawn Cemetery in Knoxville TN at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) at www.jdrf.org. Arrangements by Heinz Funeral Home & Cremation. www.heinzfh.com

Leroy Walker, 79

HERNANDO

Leroy R. Walker of Hernando, FL passed away at home with his loving children by his side on October 23, 2021 at the age of 79.

Leroy was born to the late Walter and Rosie (Banks) Walker on September 29, 1942 in Chicago, IL. Leroy proudly served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps and was a Veteran of the Vietnam War. Following his military service, he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education from Dillard University in New Orleans, LA. He also obtained a Master's of Science in Education from Chicago State University.

Leroy would go on to teach physical education and special education at the Cook County Jail York High School in Chicago, IL -retiring after 30 years of dedicated service.

He made Citrus County his home in 2007 after leaving the bitter Chicago winters behind. He enjoyed all sports and won trophies for golf, basketball, bowling, wrestling, baseball, and gymnastics. However, his true passion was golfing and bowling. In his spare time, he loved to read. Leroy served as a board member and treasurer for the non-profit, Project H.E.R.O. He participated in the United Golfers Association and once caddied for Joe Louis

and Athena Gibson.

Some of Leroy's most valued trophies came from playing in the association's tournaments. Leroy was a full member placed on the rolls of the Saint James A.M.E. Church in Inverness, FL.

Those left to mourn Leroy's passing include his daughter, Kyna Kyles Maynard of Lebanon, TN; son, Deion Whittington and his wife Tamara of Belleville, IL; brother, Walter Walker of Chicago, IL; sisters: Elaine Arrington, Rosetta White both of Chicago, IL; a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Keith Walker; brother, Howard Walker; and sisters: Eva Bedar McCluster and Elizabeth Beal.

Cremation care by the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Paul Crowder

Paul Jackson Crowder, son of Norma and John Crowder left this earth on October 25th 2021 on a journey to find his star in the southern sky. Paul is father to Paul Jr. and Michael Crowder and brother to John, Mark, David and Tommy Crowder. He is life partner to Diana Grow Marcum and lovingly named Papa



Paul Crowder

by her 3 son's Gilbert, Jeffery (JJ) and Monty Grow and Diana's 6 grandchildren. Papa loved nature, sunrises, sunsets, the star lit sky, music and traveling. He never met an animal that he didn't love especially his Labrador Sophie. His bible was the golden rule and "do no harm." After retiring from SECO he and Diana bred and raised horses. One of his greatest joys was watching a newborn foal get on its legs and run through the fields with its mother. He referred to the farm, his horses and wild life on the farm as heaven on earth.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests the donations be made in Paul's name the Human Society of Citrus County. The family will have a private Celebration of Life in the near future. Diana Marcum "Our hearts are breaking for our loss and we are so grateful to have him in our life and he will always be with us."

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

OBITUARIES

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Obituaries



**Herbert
Scribner, 87**
INVERNESS

Herbert Lee Scribner, 87, of Inverness, FL passed away on October 23rd, 2021 under the care of Citrus Memorial Hospital of Inverness. He retired as Master Sergeant of the United States Air Force where he bravely served our nation for 20 years. Herbert will be laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery of Bushnell, FL on Friday, November 12th, 2021 at 1:30 PM. Cremation with Care is under the direction of Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL

**Phyllis
Sifers, 77**
HOMOSASSA

Phyllis D. Sifers, 77, of Homosassa, Florida passed away October 26, 2021. She was born August 31, 1944 in Arlington, Virginia to the late Henry and Helen (Burkholder) Dunn. Mrs. Sifers had moved to this area 31 years ago from Front Royal Virginia, she enjoyed bowling with the love of her life Donald, and traveling together. She enjoyed creating Angels with pins, beads, and wire in support of cancer. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by the love of her life Donald Sifers, sisters, Bertha Moore and Fern McWilliams, brothers, Lloyd, Charles, and Lane Dunn. She is survived by her twin brother, Phillip Dunn of Vienna, Virginia, sister, Roma Jenkins of Homosassa, Florida, step

children, Michael Sifers of Virginia and Diane Logston of Maryland, two grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. A Celebration of her life will take place Tuesday November 9th 2:00pm @ The United Methodist Church of Homosassa. Arrangements are under the direction of Strickland Funeral Home and Crematory, Crystal River. Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

**Doreen
Bell, 93**
Doreen R Bell
Born January 28, 1928
Died October 15, 2021 93
Yrs old
Born in Pawtucket Rhode Island
She was preceded in death by her husband Charles H Bell and Mother and Father Edith Clare Rigby and Robert Rigby. Doreen moved to Florida in the late 1940's and worked at Eckard College. Later moved to South Carolina and won many awards for her artistic talent. In the late 1970's she moved to Homosassa and opened a plant nursery which she loved very much. She also sold real estate and was a member of the Ladies of the Elks. She was a kind, loving wife and friend and will be missed. Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.



**Phyllis
Sifers**

**Marie
Cooke, 87**
CANTON,
MICHIGAN
Marie Evelyn Cooke, 87 of CANTON, MICHIGAN formerly of Crystal River, Florida, passed away peacefully at the home of her daughter Suzanne on

October 27, 2021 surrounded by her loving family. Private cremation will take place under the direction of Vermeulen Funeral Home and Crematory in Plymouth, Michigan.

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Special to the Chronicle
From left are: Dorothy Pernu, Duke regional government and community relations manager; Ellen Joyce, Friends communications secretary; and Joyce Palmer, refuge manager.

Friends of Wildlife Refuge receives grant from Duke

Special to the Chronicle

Duke Energy recently awarded a \$10,000 grant to the Friends of the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge to help complete construction of the interactive displays at the visitor center at the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge headquarters.

Duke Energy Foundation grants are one of the many ways in which the

company supports environmental stewardship in local communities. The interactive displays at the refuge will show visitors the importance of our aquifer, natural springs and manatees, while encouraging the proliferation of plants and animals in their natural habitats. To learn more about these displays and the work of the Friends of the Refuge, visit friendsofthecrystalriver.org.

SO YOU KNOW

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LHS student a finalist for Leaders 4 Life fellowship



Special to the Chronicle
Dominic Ho, center, is a finalist for Take Stock in Children's L4L fellowship. He was recognized by Lecanto High School Principal Jason Koon, right, and his basketball coach, Frank Vilardi, left.

Dominic Ho recognized for Take Stock honor

Special to the Chronicle

Take Stock in Children of Citrus County announced that Dominic Ho, a senior at Lecanto High School (LHS), is a finalist for the Leaders 4 Life (L4L) fellowship. The Asofsky Family Foundation L4L fellowship is Take Stock's highest honor. The fellowship began in 2010 in partnership with the Asofsky Family Foundation. Their mission is to enable highly motivated Take Stock students who have

demonstrated strong leadership skills, moral character and academic success to excel in a university environment by providing the tools and resources necessary to empower them to reach their fullest potential. In addition to the Take Stock tuition scholarship, the L4L fellowship provides additional financial resources to cover educational costs including housing, meal plans, computers, books, mentorship support, leadership training and internship opportunities.

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FAST

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'Double-edged sword'

Lecanto Hills Mobile Home & RV Park is home to 78 mobile homes and 35 RVs. Park manager John Rockey said opinion among residents is mixed. "It's a double-edged sword," Rockey said. He said the trucks and cars whizzing and exiting off State Road 44 won't be pleasant but the convenience of getting to and from places to the south is an asset. "It's a wait-and-see attitude," Rocky said. "We have to wait to see how it plays out."

Jerry Westbrook, who lives down the road from the Pettersons, said it's not so much the noise from vehicles exiting the parkway that bothers him — although that is a concern. It's the commercial activity that will spring up around it. "We know progress has to happen," Westbrook said. "We're just a little apprehensive of what might be building up around us."

Westbrook moved into the park in 2014 and enjoyed the woods surrounding his house. That's gone. The plus side, he said, is the convenience to drive to big stores to the south and, of course, Tampa International Airport. But times change and accommodations must be made for younger people moving to Citrus County. "That's our future," he said. "If (the parkway) puts them at a more convenient driving distance to work and brings in more jobs, that will be OK."

Westbrook hopes the state maintains the intersection as it has done heading south along the parkway. "They do a nice job of making it look nice," he said. "That part is good."



Lillian Petterson lives a few houses down from the soon-to-open Suncoast Parkway interchange on State Road 44. Folks at the Lecanto Hills Mobile Home & RV Park have mixed emotions.

Driving up home values

Kevin Cunningham, broker/owner of RE/MAX Realty One, said homes built along a freeway eventually rise in value because of the convenience factor of getting to a place faster. All one has to do, he said, is drive south on the Suncoast Parkway and see the number of residential subdivisions built adjacent to the toll road. "They're selling them as fast as they (go up)," he said. Cunningham agrees with county leaders who believe the extension of the toll road will lead to more people relocating here. Case in point: Moffitt Cancer Center's new cancer treatment and research center off the Suncoast Parkway in Pasco County is scheduled to begin construction next year and, once open, could employ as many as 10,000 people. Cunningham said many of those may choose to travel north. "They're going to be driving this way because the homes are less expensive than the Tampa area and crime is less," he said. Cunningham believes the residents of Lecanto Mobile Home & RV Park are in a good spot. It might take a bit for the dust to

JUST THE FACTS

Q: How many miles is the toll road extension?	Trail open?
A: 12.7 miles, from U.S. 98 to State Road 44.	A: The trail, to run parallel with the road, will open at the same time
Q: When will it open?	Q: Is the parkway going to be extended to County Road 486?
A: Florida's Turnpike Enterprise plans to have the entire roadway open in early 2022.	A: Yes. Once this first leg is done, work starts on the three-mile extension to County Road 486.
Q: Wasn't it supposed to open later than that?	Q: Will the road eventually go from County Road 486 to U.S. 19?
A: Yes. The original completion date was summer 2022. But the project is ahead of schedule.	A: That's the plan. County officials want the road to go north of Crystal River at Red Level.
Q: When will the Suncoast Parkway	— Michael D. Bates

clear but the future should be bright. "It might be a detriment in the beginning to see how everything shakes out," he said.



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■ We Care Food Pantry — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 5259 W. Cardinal St., Homosassa. If you need help, come sign up. The pantry gives away meat, dairy, produce, personal care items and more. Assistance is also available for SNAP, Medicare, Medicaid and Access Florida.

■ Citrus County Family Resource Center — 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (holiday hours vary), 3660 N. Carl G. Rose Highway, Hernando. For information, call 352-344-1001.

■ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Citrus Springs serves those in need with free boxes of food from its food pantry. Please call 465-6613 on the third Tuesday of each month to sign up. Food distribution is the following Saturday

■ Daystar Life Center — 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), 6751 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River. 352-795-8668. Food for dogs and cats may also be available. Other assistance available. A community service resource.

■ First Baptist Church of Homosassa Life Care Center — 9 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays for bread distribution at 10540 W. Yulee Drive, Homosassa. Homosassa residents may receive a bag of canned and dry goods once a month. Call 352-628-3858. We Care Mobile Pantry is at the church on the first Thursday of every month from 9-11 a.m.

■ A food pantry is provided by St. Timothy Lutheran Church and Life Tree Church from 9:30 a.m. to noon every Tuesday at Life Tree Church at 1501 SE U.S. 19, Crystal River. Call 352-403-1498.

■ St. Anne's Episcopal Church — 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. first and third Mondays and second and fourth Wednesdays of every month in the church's side parking lot, 9870 W. Fort Island Trail,

Crystal River. Registration and ID is required. Call 352-795-2176.

■ Citrus United Basket (CUB) — 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 1201 Parkside Ave., Inverness, to assist Citrus County residents facing temporary hardship. Call 352-344-2242 or go online to citrusunitedbasket.org.

■ First Baptist Church of Crystal River — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 5 to 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month, 700 N. Citrus Ave. Call 352-795-3367.

■ The First Lutheran Church of Inverness Food Pantry is open to all from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For information, call 352-726-1637.

■ Living Water Ministries — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, 4021 N. Lecanto Highway, in the Beverly Plaza. Call 352-270-8886.

■ St. Margaret's Episcopal Church hosts a food pantry from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 114 N. Osceola Ave. in downtown Inverness. The food pantry offers canned, dried and frozen foods to

anyone in need in Citrus County. For information, call 352-726-3153.

■ The Citrus County Veterans Coalition's food pantry, for veterans and their families, operates from

9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and the first and third Thursdays (excluding holidays) at 1801 N. Paul Drive in Inverness, just west of U.S. 41, on Independence Highway. The pantry offers a variety of dry, canned and frozen goods (cereals, rice, canned vegetables, soups and meats) for veterans in need. For food assistance, call 352-400-8952 or ask a volunteer during food pantry hours.

■ Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church — 10 to 11 a.m. the third Tuesday monthly, 6 Roosevelt Blvd. Call 352-746-2144.

■ St. Margaret's Episcopal Church — 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call 352-726-3153.

■ Suncoast Baptist Church — food pantry open for bread distribution from 7 to 9 a.m. Wednesdays, and the second Wednesday monthly is distribution of bread and vegetables from 7 to 9 a.m. at 5310 S. Suncoast Blvd.,

Homosassa Springs. Open to Homosassa residents only. For information, call 352-621-3008 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday or Wednesday and ask for Clara.

■ Homosassa First United Methodist Church Bread of Life Pantry — 8 to 11 a.m. Thursdays in fellowship hall. Bag of groceries with bread, meat and produce available for Homosassa residents once a month. Call 352-628-4083.

■ Serving our Savior (SOS) — 8 to 10 a.m. Thursdays at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 439 E. Norvell Bryant Highway, Hernando. This is a drive-thru food pantry. Clients are allowed to come every other week. SOS is an equal opportunity provider. Email sos4food@gmail.com.

■ Calvary Church — 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays, 2728 E. Harley St., Inverness. Photo ID and proof of Citrus County residency are required. Visitors can receive food once per month. Calvary Church is an equal opportunity provider.

■ Calvary Chapel of Inverness — Free bagged groceries available from noon to 2 p.m. Thursdays at 960 S.

U.S. 41. 352-726-1480. Calvary Church is an equal opportunity provider.

■ Floral City First Baptist Church — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the third Thursday monthly. Proof of residency required.

■ Food and non-food items are available from 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 20 at North Oak Baptist Church in Citrus Springs. This is earlier than usual due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Remaining in their cars, people can enter at the North Citrus Springs Boulevard entrance. They will be met with a person bringing them a bag of essential

non-food items, which could include paper products, detergents, personal items and more. As cars continue around the drive, the food pantry crew waits with pre-assembled bags of food items. Cars then exit onto Elkcarn Boulevard. There is no charge for these ministries and all are welcome. Items vary based on availability while supplies last. North Oak Baptist Church is at 9324 N. Elkcarn Blvd. in Citrus Springs. Call 352-489-1688 for more information.

■ The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Thomas the Apostle Church Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The church is located on U.S. 19, approximately 1/2 mile south of the Cardinal Street intersection. The pantry provides bagged canned goods, nonperishable food items and food staples for people facing temporary hardship and living within parish boundaries. To be eligible, clients must present a photo ID. Call 352-628-3366. Emergency help with utility shut-offs, prescriptions and other emergency services are provided. Volunteers are available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

■ Rivers of Life Restoration Ministry Inc. operates the Seven Loaves Food and Clothing Pantry at Helping

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TREATS

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River Halloween tradition begun years ago by the Porter family.

There will be bagged candy for the kids. Donations, cash and/or food will be accepted for Citrus United Basket (CUB)

If you are looking for something on the other

side of the county, VFW Post 4337 will have a kids Halloween party from 2 to 4 p.m. Oct. 31, at 906 State Road 44 in Inverness. Parents are welcome from 4 to 8 p.m.

The party features a snow cone truck, games and hot dogs. Children in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited.

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Marijuana agency seeks to double workforce

Pending boom of need with more than 20 new medical treatment center licenses expected

JOHN HAUGHEY
The Center Square

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) is expected to issue up to 27 new medical marijuana treatment center (MMTCs) licenses by July 1, 2023, more than doubling the availability of legal cannabis products that already support a \$1.3 billion industry in the Sunshine State.

In preliminary budget requests, DOH is seeking nearly \$13 million to more than double the Office of Medical Marijuana Use's (OMMU) current 80-person staff to 165 employees to handle what it anticipates will be a dramatic surge in state medical marijuana sales in the coming years.

DOH is requesting \$4 million to publicize "accurate information" about medical marijuana and open three regional OMMU offices, and \$2.15 million for litigation-related expenses.



Associated Press file photo
This May 20, 2019, file photo shows a mature marijuana plant beginning to bloom under artificial lights.

Florida now has 22 licensed MMTCs. The 2017 law designed to carry out a 2016 constitutional amendment that legalized medical marijuana stipulated new licenses were to come online as patient numbers increased.

More than 620,000 Florida residents are now qualified for

medical pot prescriptions. By that 2017 law, there should be 41 MMTCs, not 22.

The DOC was holding off opening the MMTC application process until the Florida Supreme Court ruled in a lawsuit filed by Tampa-based Flori-grown LLC, which challenged the vertical integration provision which requires operators to handle products from "seed-to-sale." In May, the court upheld the 2017 law.

OMMU plans to issue 19 new licenses by July 1, 2022, and another eight by July 1, 2023. With an estimated 150 applications for each licensing cycle, the agency says it must double its workforce to handle a projected 900,000-plus patient base within two years.

Florida's medical marijuana industry created nearly 15,000 jobs and generated nearly \$1.23 billion in taxable sales in 2020, according to Arcview Market Research, which projects the

industry could generate \$6 billion in Florida sales by 2030.

The 2021 MJBizFactbook projects Florida medical marijuana sales will approach \$1.3 billion in 2021 and nearly \$2 billion annually by 2025.

One nettlesome state marijuana regulatory matter was resolved this week when Florida Administrative Law Judge Suzanne Van Wyk repealed DOH's prohibition on MMTCs contracting with e-commerce companies to process orders.

Until February, Florida MMTCs could pay third-party online sites, such as Seattle-based Leafly Holdings, for marketing, advertising and ordering services on a subscription basis. DOH allowed such services as long as patients picked up and paid for items in person.

But in February, DOH determined such arrangements violated 2017's "vertical integration" requirement.

"Contracting with Leafly.com, or any other third-party website, for services directly related to dispensing is a violation of this provision," then-DOH Chief of Staff Courtney Coppola said in a memo that threatened to impose \$5,000 fines on those who continued to use the sites.

Claiming it lost more than \$300,000 in canceled subscription services provided to 277 Florida dispensaries within months of DOH's ban, Leafly petitioned for an administrative law ruling declaring the prohibition an "unadopted and invalid rule."

Leafly insisted it is not subject to the state's vertical integration requirement since it is not "dispensing cannabis." It does not accept payments from, nor send cannabis to, patients, the company argues.

Van Wyk agreed, ruling Monday that DOH's prohibition is, indeed, an "unadopted rule" and ordered it to "immediately discontinue reliance on its policy."

FOOD

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Hands Thrifty Treasures, 9699 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River. The free-to-all Food Pantry is now open from noon to 3 p.m. every Tuesday. Call 863-666-4129 for information.

■ Our Lady of Fatima — offers Helping Hands from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday thru Friday, at 604 U.S. 41, Inverness. Food assistance is given every two months; utilities every four months; and clothing and prescriptions every three months for those who qualify. For information, call 352-726-1707.

FREE MEALS

■ The Floral City United Methodist Church has resumed their free community breakfast from 7 to 9 a.m.

every Tuesday at Hilton Hall, 8478 E. Marvin St. For more information or to volunteer, call 352-344-1771.

■ God's Kitchen at Inverness First United Methodist Church will distribute free hot meals from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays, 1140 E. Turner Camp Road. Drive up only. Delivery is available for those who can't drive. For more information, call 352-726-2522, extension 0.

■ Peace Lutheran Church offers a free community meal from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. the third Monday monthly. This is not a fundraiser and there is no charge. Come be our guest(s). We care and you are important to us. All ages are welcome.

Peace Lutheran Church ("The Church on the Hill") is at 7201 U.S. 41 S. in Dunnellon (at the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40). Call the

church at 352-489-5881.

■ The Salvation Army offers free hot meals from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays in the thrift store parking lot at Daystar Life Center, 6751 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River, and from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the Homosassa Lions Club, 3705 S. Indiana Terrace, Homosassa.

■ Free hot meals are available Monday through Friday for clients ages 60-plus at the following community centers.

Call to reserve your first meal as a visitor: Central Citrus Community Center at 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto (352-527-5993; West Citrus Community Center at 8940 W. Veterans Drive in Homosassa (352-795-3831); East Citrus Community Center at 9907 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Inverness (352-344-9666); and at the historic Hernando School on the corner of Florida Avenue

and Parsons Point Road.

■ Calvary Chapel of Inverness hosts a soup kitchen from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday, at 960 S. U.S. 41. All are welcome. The meal includes soup, bread and dessert. Call 352-726-1480.

■ Our Father's Table — 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the second, third, fourth and fifth Saturdays monthly at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, one mile west of the Plantation Inn on West Fort Island Trail. Call 352-795-2176.

GIVEAWAYS

■ St. Anne's Mobile Ministry (SAMMs) Service from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday in the St. Anne's Episcopal Church's side parking lot, 9870 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River. Call 352-795-2176.

■ American Legion Post 155 and We Care Food

Pantry mobile food pantry — 9 to 11 a.m. the second Tuesday monthly, at 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Crystal River. Call 352-795-6526.

■ El-Shaddai food ministries "brown bag of food" distribution is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays at Crystal River Church of God, 2180 W. 12th Ave. Although food is distributed once a week, families are only eligible for food once a month. Call 352-628-9087 or 352-302-9925.

■ Iglesia Comunidad Cristiana Nuevo Comienzo (New Beginnings Church) sponsors a food giveaway at 10 a.m. every second and fourth Wednesday morning at Shepherd's Way Community Church, 965 N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto. This is drive-thru pre-bagged groceries. For information, call 352-804-2263 (Spanish) or 352-527-9900 (English).

■ Hernando Seventh-day

Adventist Church, 1880 N. Trucks Ave., Hernando, provides food distribution for needy families from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. the second Tuesday monthly. Call 352-212-5159.

■ Christ Christian Bible Ministry distributes food at 1 p.m. Wednesdays at 619 NE Second St., Crystal River. Preparations are being made to provide a hot meal once a week. Call 352-513-8065.

■ We Care Food Pantry hosts distributions twice a month in Homosassa at the Catholic Charities Outreach Center. We Care also operates three mobile pantries. Once a month the mobile pantry goes to Chassahowitzka Fire Station, First Baptist Church in Old Homosassa and First Baptist Church in Ozeo. Hours are 9-11 a.m. For information or to sign up, call the office at 352-503-2079.



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Reflecting as toll nears 5M

COVID-19
memorials have
cropped up
nationwide

PHILIP MARCELO
Associated Press

As the world nears the milestone of 5 million COVID-19 deaths, memorials large and small, ephemeral and epic, have cropped up around the United States.

In New Jersey, one woman's modest seaside memorial for her late brother has grown to honor thousands of lost souls. In Los Angeles, a teen's middle school project commemorating her city's fallen through a patchwork quilt now includes the names of hundreds more from around the world.

Here's a look at what inspired some U.S.-based artists to contribute to the growing collection of memorials honoring the nearly 5 million dead worldwide from COVID-19.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Back in June, Suzanne Brennan Firstenberg purchased more than 630,000 small white flags in preparation for staging a massive temporary memorial on the National Mall.

It would be more than enough, she thought, to represent all the Americans who would have succumbed to the virus as the pandemic seemed to be on the retreat.

She was wrong. By the time "In America: Remember" opened Sept. 17, more than 670,000 Americans had died as the virus' delta variant fueled a deadly resurgence. At the end of the exhibit's two-week run, the number was more than 700,000.

Firstenberg was struck by how strangers connected in their grief at the installation, which ended Oct. 3.

"I was blown away by the willingness of people to share their grief and by the willingness of



High school freshman Madeleine Fugate poses with several of her quilts, part of the COVID Memorial Quilt living memorial to honor and remember all those lost to COVID-19, at her home in Los Angeles on Wednesday, Oct. 27. Fugate's memorial quilt started out in May 2020 as a seventh-grade class project. Inspired by the AIDS Memorial Quilt, which her mother worked on in the 1980s, the then-13-year-old encouraged families in her native Los Angeles to send her fabric squares representing their lost loved ones that she'd stitch together.

others to lessen it, to honor it," she said. "So when I looked out on those flags, I saw hope. I really believe humanity is going to win out."

The installation was the second monumental exhibit to remember virus victims that the Maryland-based artist has staged. Firstenberg previously planted nearly 270,000 white flags outside Washington's RFK Stadium last October to represent the national death toll at the time.

"For the first one, my motivation was outrage that the country could let something like this happen," she said. "This time it was really to cause a moment of pause. The deaths have been relentless. People have become fully inured to these numbers."

WALL TOWNSHIP, NJ

On Jan. 25, Rima Samman wrote her brother Rami's name on a stone and placed it on a beach in her hometown of Belmar, New Jersey, surrounded by shells arranged in the shape of a heart. It

would have been Rami's 41st birthday, had he not died from COVID-19 the previous May.

A makeshift memorial quickly grew up after Samman, 42, invited others in an online support group to contribute markers memorializing their own loved ones. By July there were more than 3,000 stones in about a dozen hearts outlined by yellow-painted clam shells.

Samman and other volunteers decided to preserve the memorial because it was located on a public beach and exposed to the elements. They carefully disassembled the arrangements and set them in display cases.

"I knew if we just demolished it, it would crush people," she recalled. "For a lot of people, it's all they have to remember their loved ones."

The displays are now the centerpiece of the Rami's Heart COVID-19 Memorial, which opened in September at Allaire Community Farm in nearby Wall Township. It includes a garden, walking path and sculptures, and

honors more than 4,000 virus victims and growing.

Maintaining the memorial has been both rewarding and tough, as she is still mourning the loss of her brother.

"It's a double-edged sword because as much as working on the memorial helps, every day you're exposed to this grief," Samman said. "It's a lot of pressure. You want to make sure it's done right. It can be draining."

LOS ANGELES

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The COVID Memorial Quilt has grown so big it covers nearly two dozen panels and includes some 600 memorial squares honoring



At the request of families, Rima Samman photographs particular names of people who died from coronavirus at the Rami's Heart COVID-19 Memorial in Wall Township, N.J., Wednesday, Oct. 27.

individuals or groups, such as New Zealand's more than two dozen virus victims.

The bulk of the quilt is currently at the Armory Art Center in West Palm Beach, Florida, with a smaller portion on permanent display at the California Science Center in Los Angeles and another featured at the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Fugate, her mother and a small, dedicated band of volunteers meet Sundays to sew and embroider panels. Fabric and other materials are donated by victims' families.

Now a high school freshman, she plans to keep the project going indefinitely.

"I really want to get everyone remembered so that families can heal and represent these people as real people who lived," she said.

Fugate would like to see a more formal national memorial for COVID-19 victims one day, and perhaps even a national day of remembrance.

"It would be amazing to see that happen, but we're still technically fighting the war against this virus," she said. "We're not there yet, so we just have to keep doing what we're doing. We are the triage. We're helping stop the bleeding."



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National NEWS

Deere, UAW reach tentative pact; strike continues for now

Farm equipment manufacturer Deere & Co. reached a tentative labor agreement Saturday with the United Auto Workers union.

But a UAW strike that began Oct. 14 will continue — and details of the proposed contract will not be released — while workers study the terms of the agreement in advance of a vote.

The pact would cover more than 10,000 production and maintenance workers at 12 Deere sites in Iowa, Illinois and Kansas.

The strike began after UAW workers overwhelmingly rejected an initial proposed contract that would have delivered immediate 5% raises for some workers and 6% for others depending on their positions at Deere factories. The pact also called for 3% raises in 2023 and 2025.

After the first deal was rejected, UAW “negotiators focused on improving the areas of concern identified by our members,” said Chuck Browning, director of the union’s farm equipment department.

The U.S. economy’s unexpectedly strong rebound from last year’s brief but intense coronavirus recession has created labor shortages — and handed workers more leverage to demand higher pay and better benefits.

Bid considered to clear Alabama court records of King, Parks

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The quest by a civil rights pioneer to have her arrest record wiped clean after nearly 70 years after she protested racial segregation has raised the possibility of similar bids to clear the names of Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr., whose convictions remain on the books in Alabama’s capital.

Parks, a Black seamstress and activist who was convicted of violating racial segregation laws after refusing to give up her bus seat to a white man in 1955, was convicted of violating racial segregation laws. King, who helped lead the resulting Montgomery Bus Boycott, paid a \$500 fine after being convicted in 1956 of violating a law banning boycotts.

Parks refused to pay her \$10 fine, and she and King went on to become icons of racial justice and the modern civil rights movement. Yet their cases remain on the books in Montgomery, said civil rights attorney Fred Gray, who represented both.

In the case of King, an up-and-coming pastor at the time, efforts to reverse the conviction in court failed, Gray said.

The chief prosecutor in Alabama’s capital, Montgomery County District Attorney Daryl Bailey, said he would generally support a move to expunge the arrest records of King and Parks, but he’d need to see details of any such request before responding in court.

Hundreds of people were arrested across the South during civil rights demonstrations in the 1950s and ‘60s, and it’s unclear how many would want to remove their arrest records, which many see as a badge of honor.

When the city of Birmingham offered mass pardons to people arrested during protests in 1963, many refused.

— From wire reports

Blunting fiscal paradises

G-20 endorses global corporate minimum tax at summit

Associated Press

ROME — Leaders of the world’s biggest economies on Saturday endorsed a global minimum tax on corporations, a linchpin of new international tax rules aimed at blunting the edge of fiscal paradises amid skyrocketing profits of some multinational businesses.

The move by the Group of 20 summit in Rome was hailed by U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen as benefiting American businesses and workers.

G-20 finance ministers in July had already agreed on a 15% minimum tax. It awaited formal endorsement at the summit Saturday in Rome of the world’s economic powerhouses.

Yellen predicted in a statement that the deal on new international tax rules, with a minimum global tax, “will end the damaging race to the bottom on corporate taxation.”

The deal did fall short of U.S. President Joe Biden’s original call for a 21% minimum tax. Still, Biden tweeted his satisfaction.



Italy’s Finance Minister Daniele Franco, center, arrives for a meeting of G20 finance and health ministers at the Salone delle Fontane (Hall of Fountains) in Rome, Friday, Oct. 29. A Group of 20 summit scheduled for this weekend in Rome is the first in-person gathering of leaders of the world’s biggest economies since the COVID-19 pandemic started.

“Here at the G20, leaders representing 80% of the world’s GDP — allies and competitors alike — made clear their support for a strong global minimum tax,” the president said in the tweet. “This is more

than just a tax deal — it’s diplomacy reshaping our global economy and delivering for our people.”

The agreement aims to discourage multinationals from stashing profits in countries where they pay

little or no taxes. These days, multinationals can earn big profits from things like trademarks and intellectual property. These companies can then assign earnings to a subsidiary in a tax haven country.

Associated Press

A bit of boo in Beijing



Visitors pose for photos near decorations for Halloween at a shopping mall in Beijing, China, Saturday, Oct. 30. While Halloween is not traditionally celebrated in mainland China, businesses use the celebration to bring in customers and create a festive spirit. **BELOW:** Shoppers get in the spirit by dressing up and having fun.



Associated Press

Democrats anticipate House budget votes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic leaders were hoping for House votes as soon as Tuesday on the two pillars of President Joe Biden’s domestic agenda, two Democrats said Saturday, as the party mounted its latest push to maneuver the long-delayed legislation through Congress.

It remained unclear, though, whether the ambitious timetable could be met.

Top Democrats would like a final House-Senate compromise on Biden’s now \$1.75 trillion, 10-year social and environment plan to be written by Sunday, the Democrats said.

Talks among White House, House and Senate officials were being held over the weekend, said

the Democrats, who described the plans on condition of anonymity because they weren’t authorized to speak on the record. The White House unveiled an outline of the \$1.75 trillion measure on Thursday that won positive reviews from many rank-and-file lawmakers, pending talks over final details.

An accord could clear the way for congressional approval of that bill and a separate \$1 trillion measure funding roads, rail and other infrastructure projects, the Democrats said.

For an agreement between the two chambers to be viable in the Senate, it would need the backing of Democratic Sens. Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona. House

progressives long at odds over the party’s spending and tax priorities with the two centrists would need to be convinced they could trust them to back an accord.

Manchin and Sinema forced Biden to retreat from his earlier plan for a \$3.5 trillion social and environment plan and to remove and scale back some initiatives. Democrats will need unanimous support in the 50-50 Senate to pass the legislation, which is opposed by all Republicans, and will be able to lose no more than three more Democratic votes in the House.

In addition, some Democrats are still seeking to include provisions requiring paid family leave, letting Medicare negotiate pharmaceutical prices to push down

prescription drug costs and helping millions of immigrants remain in the U.S.

The Senate’s nonpartisan parliamentarian, who enforces that chamber’s strict rules, also might decide that some provisions in the social and environment bill violate procedures and should be removed. Elizabeth MacDonough has already ruled against including two earlier Democratic proposals assisting immigrants.

After months of disputes between progressives and moderates over the social and environment bill, party leaders had pressured lawmakers to resolve their disagreements to enhance Biden’s clout before he left Thursday for economic and climate talks in Europe.

World NEWS

Tens of thousands protest Sudan’s coup, 3 killed

CAIRO — Tens of thousands of Sudanese took to the streets across the country Saturday, in the largest pro-democracy protest yet since the military seized control earlier this week.

Three protesters were killed and dozens injured — several by live rounds — as security forces opened fire in several locations, a doctors’ union said.

The coup, condemned by the international community, has threatened to derail Sudan’s fitful transition to democracy, which began after the 2019 ouster of long-time autocrat Omar al-Bashir. Since then, the military and civilian leaders have governed in an uneasy partnership.

Pro-democracy groups had called for protests across the country Saturday to demand the reinstating of a deposed transitional government and the release of senior political figures from detention.

The United States and the United Nations had warned Sudan’s strongman, Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan, that they view the military’s treatment of the protesters as a test, and called for restraint.

Burhan has claimed that the transition to democracy would continue despite the military takeover, saying he would install a new technocrat government soon. But the pro-democracy movement in Sudan fears the military has no intention of easing its grip, and will appoint politicians it can control.

Army shelling in Myanmar blamed for setting 160 homes ablaze

BANGKOK — More than 160 buildings in a town in northwestern Myanmar, including at least two churches, have been destroyed by fires caused by shelling by government troops, local media and activists reported Saturday.

The destruction of parts of the town of Thantlang in Chin state appeared to be another escalation in the ongoing struggle between Myanmar’s military-installed government and forces opposed to it. The army seized power in February from the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi, but has failed to quell the widespread resistance.

A government spokesman denied “nonsense allegations being reported in the country-destroying media,” and blamed insurgents for instigating the fighting and setting the fires.

Human rights groups and U.N. experts recently warned that the government is planning a major offensive in the country’s northwest, including Chin state, along with the regions of Magway and Sagaing. Residents of the rugged area have a reputation for their fierce fighting spirit, and have put up stiff resistance to military rule despite being only lightly armed with single-shot hunting rifles and homemade weapons.

There were no immediate reports of casualties from the fire, which started early Friday and burned through the night, according to reports.

The humanitarian aid agency Save the Children said its offices were in one of the buildings that was “deliberately set ablaze.”

Thantlang had already been largely abandoned due to previous attacks by government soldiers.

— From wire reports

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.

NEW THIS WEEK

Chapter 776 MOPH offers scholarships

Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 Military Order of the Purple Heart is pleased to announce two scholarship opportunities for local graduating high school seniors.

■ Chapter 776's College of Central Florida (CF) Endowed Scholarship awards \$1,250 to a graduating senior accepted or currently enrolled as a full time student (12 or more semester credit hours) at CF for Academic Year 2022-23.

■ Chapter 776's Sgt. Dennis J. Flanagan Memorial Scholarship awards \$1,000 to a graduating senior enrolled in the JROTC Program and accepted as a full time student (12 or more semester credit hours) at any accredited U.S. college for Academic Year 2022-23.

The Chapter 776 scholarship information and application can be obtained at www.citruspurpleheart.org, by contacting your school guidance department or by either emailing info@citruspurpleheart.org or calling 352-382-3847. Chapter 776 must receive scholarship applications no later than 5 p.m. on Feb. 26, 2022.

VFW essay contests deadline today

VFW Post 4252 is sponsoring the annual "Voice of Democracy" essay contest, open to all students in nine through 12th-grade.

This year's theme is "America: Where do we go from here?"

The post is also sponsoring the annual "Patriots Pen" essay contest, open to students in six through eighth-grade. This year's theme is "How can I be a good American?"

The entry deadline for both contests is Oct. 31. For details, call Cmdr. Bernie Ruble at 352-425-4611, or auxiliary president, Judy Prive at 352-419-8981.

COMING UP

Celebrate Veterans Day with American Legion Post 166

The Arnold Vern Allen American Legion Post 166 will host a Veterans Day event beginning at 9 a.m. Nov. 11, 4520 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Homosassa.

A bloodmobile will be on site until 5 p.m. The post will serve a breakfast of sausage gravy and biscuits from 10:30 a.m. until noon and a sloppy joe dinner from 4 to 6 p.m. There will also be snacks available all day, along with door prizes.

The event is open to all veterans.

Celebrate the US Marine Corps birthday at Military Ball

The Arnold Vern Allen American Legion Post 166 will host a celebration for the 246th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps from 3 to 6 p.m. Nov. 10, 4520 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Homosassa.

All Marine veterans are invited to share their stories, enjoy appetizers and a special cake with their fellow veterans.

Veterans to be honored at North Oak Church

North Oak Church will be honoring veterans in a special service at 10:45 a.m. Nov. 7, 9324 N. Elkcam Blvd. in Citrus Springs.

A warm welcome, special recognition and time of prayer will be offered for those who have served our country in the military.

All branches will be honored. No church affiliation or denomination is needed to attend. For more information, visit northoakbc.org or call 352-489-1688.

Military ball to celebrate US Marine Corps birthday

The Marine Corps League Archambault Det. 819 is hosting a military ball to celebrate the United States Marine Corps' 246th birthday Nov. 6 at the West Citrus Elks Lodge, 7890 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd. in Homosassa. Cocktail hour starts at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

All services are being honored. The dress code is uniform, formal or semi-formal. Tickets are \$50 per person.

For more information or to purchase a ticket, call 352-746-1135.

VFW Post 4864 picnic to help fund new roof

VFW Post 4864 will have a picnic beginning at 11:11 a.m. Nov. 11 at the post, 10199 N. Citrus Springs Blvd.

Celebration starts at 11:11 a.m. in front of the flagpole with a short speech and blessing. Following the short presentation will be a picnic consisting of hamburgers, hotdogs, sausage and

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Work available for vets



MetroCreative

CareerSource CLM's Paychecks for Patriots is presented in collaboration with VetNet Ocala and Volunteers of America of Florida, and in partnership with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the Florida National Guard, and the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Ninth annual Paychecks for Patriots job fair coming up Nov. 10

Special to the Chronicle

OCALA — CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion will hold a "Paychecks for Patriots" virtual job fair on Wednesday, Nov. 10 as part of a statewide effort to connect Florida veterans with employment opportunities.

During Paychecks for Patriots, now in its ninth year, CareerSource CLM will help match veterans, service members, and military families with employers who value the knowledge, skills, and attributes attained during military service.

Similar hiring events will be held throughout the month in other CareerSource Florida regions.

The free job fair takes place from 10 a.m. to noon. Veterans, service members, and military families get early access to the hiring event starting at 10 a.m. with open access to all job seekers beginning at 11 a.m. To register, go to bit.ly/paychecks4patriots2021.

Rusty Skinner, CEO of CareerSource CLM, said Paychecks for Patriots is part of an ongoing effort to "bridge the gap between veterans who are seeking jobs and businesses that are eager to hire our heroes."

"To celebrate Veterans Day, as well as show our thanks to our vets during the month of Thanksgiving, we are happy to serve those

who have served our country," Skinner said.

"Through Paychecks for Patriots, businesses will be connected with talented, well-trained veterans who can bring dedication, a special set of skills, and diversity to the workforce."

CareerSource CLM's Paychecks for Patriots is presented in collaboration with VetNet Ocala and Volunteers of America of Florida, and in partnership with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the Florida National Guard, and the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs.

To date, participating businesses include Chariot Eagle, the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, City of Ocala, CoreCivic Citrus County Detention Facility, FedEx, Florida Department of Corrections, JR Plastics, Marion County Board of County Commissioners, and Real Truck.

CareerSource CLM is using a multi-functional

platform developed by recruiters that enables businesses and candidates to participate from anywhere on any device.

Job seekers can visit employers from all three counties.

New this year are free workshops, co-hosted by veterans, that cover virtual job fair best practices, Zoom interview strategies, and job-specific resumes.

Sessions take place live via Zoom on Friday, Nov. 5, from 2-3 p.m. and Monday, Nov. 8, from 6-7 p.m.

An in-person workshop will be held Monday, Nov. 8, from 2-4 p.m. at the CareerSource CLM Marion County Career Center, 2703 NE 14th St., in Ocala.

Additional in-person, fee-free assistance is available weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Career Centers in Chiefland and Lecanto, as well as in Ocala.

For those unable to access the job fair online, computers are available at the following locations:

■ CareerSource CLM Marion County career center, 2703 NE 14th St., in Ocala

■ VetNet Ocala, 2945 NE Third St., in Ocala

■ Volunteers of America of Florida, 111 NE 12th Ave., in Ocala

■ CareerSource CLM Citrus County career center, 683 S. Adolph Point, in Lecanto

■ CareerSource CLM Levy County career center, 2175 NW 11th Drive, in Chiefland

To register for the Paychecks for Patriots Virtual Job Fair, visit careersourceclm.com and click on the link at the top of any page, or go to bit.ly/paychecks4patriots2021.

Veterans and their families interested in learning more about Paychecks for Patriots or CareerSource CLM's year-round Veterans Services, may call 800-434-5627, ext. 2225.

Businesses interested in participating may call 800-746-9950, ext. 2205.

Rusty Skinner
CEO of CareerSource CLM.

Inverness Elks donate to Veterans Coalition



On Monday Oct 18, the Inverness Elks Lodge No. 2522 Bingo Committee donated \$1,000 to Citrus County Veterans Coalition. This money helps veterans get back on their feet. Pictured, from left, are Michael Orndorff, Elks Lodge No. 2522 veteran commissioner; Anthony Kopka, public relations chief; Gregg Pelletier, director of Bridge 4 Veterans; Richard Floyd, director of the Veterans Coalition; and Tim Hughes, bingo chairman.

Special to the Chronicle

■ Submit information for the Veterans page at least two weeks before the event.
■ Early submission of timely material is appreciated,

but multiple publications cannot be guaranteed.
■ Notes tend to run one week prior to the date of an event. Publication on a specific day is not guaranteed.

■ Submit material at Chronicle office in Meadwocrest in Crystal River or email to community@chronicleonline.com.

SUNDAY EVENING OCTOBER 31, 2021										C: Comcast, Citrus S: Spectrum Dt: Comcast, Durnellot & Inglis					
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2	(WESH) NBC	19	19	News	NBC News	Football Night in America (N)	'14 88	NFL Football	Dallas Cowboys at Minnesota Vikings. (N) (In Stereo Live) 88						News
3	(WEDU) PBS	3	3	NewsHour Wk	Be More Unstoppable	Father Brown 'The Man in the Shadows' PG		Call the Midwife (N) (In Stereo) '14 88		Granthester on Masterpiece (N) (In Stereo) '14	Baptiste on Masterpiece (N) '14 88 (DVS)			Shakespeare and Hathaway -- Private	
3	(WUFT) PBS	5	5	Great British		Great British		Call the Midwife (N) '14		Granthester	Baptiste on Masterpiece			Professor T '14 88	
8	(WFLA) NBC	8	8	8	News	NBC Nightly News - Holt	Football Night in America (N) (In Stereo) Live '14 88	NFL Football	Dallas Cowboys at Minnesota Vikings. (N) (In Stereo Live) 88						NewsChannel 8
9	(WFTV) ABC	20	7	20	News at 6pm	ABC World News	America's Funniest Home Videos (N) (In Stereo) PG	Celebrity Wheel of Fortune (N) (In Stereo) PG		Supermarket Sweep (N) PG 88 (DVS)	The Rookie "A.C.H." (N) '14 88 (DVS)			News Sunday	Sports Night on 9 'G'
10	(WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	CBS Weekend News	10 Tampa Bay	60 Minutes (N) (In Stereo) 88	The Equalizer 'The People Aren't Ready' (N) '14		NCIS: Los Angeles 'Sorry for Your Loss' (N) '14	SEAL Team "Need to Know" (N) (In Stereo) '14			10 Tampa Bay	Charles Stanley
19	(WTVT) FOX	13	13		NFL Football Tampa Bay Buccaneers at New Orleans Saints. (N) 88		The OT (N) PG 88	2021 World Series Houston Astros at Atlanta Braves. Game 5. (If necessary). (N) (In Stereo Live) 88						FOX13 11:00 News	FOX13 11:30 News
20	(WCJB) ABC			11	WCJB TV20	World News	Funnist Home Videos	Celebrity Wheel		Supermarket Sweep PG	The Rookie "A.C.H." '14			WCJB TV20	Inside Edit.
22	(WCFL) IND	2	2	2	Truths that	Life	Real Life 'G'	Great Awakening. Browne	Love/Child	Graham	Jewish Jes	M. Barclay	Duplantis	Global Food	The Great A
22	(WYKE) FAM	16	16	16	Bible Say?	Nature	YTA Movie of the Week			YTA Movie of the Week				Life of Cards	
23	(WFTS) ABC	11	11		News	World News	Funnist Home Videos	Celebrity Wheel		Supermarket Sweep PG	The Rookie "A.C.H." '14			News	Joel Osteen
23	(WMOR) IND	12	12		Golberg's	Golberg's	Big Bang	Big Bang	Last Man	Last Man	MacGyver PG 88	The First 48 PG 88		Matter	Brk Forum
38	(WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	S.W.A.T. "Miracle" '14		Family Feud	Family Feud	NewsChannel 8		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Chicago Fire '14 88	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
40	(WACX) TBN	21	21		Charles Stanley		Rejoice in the Lord		Divine	Bill Winston	M. Barclay	Chris Franz	Lori Bakker	Jim Raley	Pink Chair
44	(WTOG) CW	4	4	4	The King of Queens PG	The King of Queens 'G'	Mike & Molly '14	Mike & Molly '14	Legends of the Hidden Temple (N) PG 88		Masters of Illusion PG	Masters of Illusion PG	Bull Bull helps a teen arrest for robbery. '14		Bull Bull and Chuck's friendship is tested. '14
50	(WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	Aqui y ahora (N) '14		Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (N) (Live)			Nuestra Belleza Latina (N) '14				María	Noticiero
51	(WOGX) FOX			13	NFL Football: Buccaneers at Saints		The OT PG	2021 World Series Houston Astros at Atlanta Braves. Game 5. (If necessary). (N)						FOX 51 News	
59	(WXPX) ION			17	Criminal Minds '14 88		Criminal Minds "JJ" '14		Criminal Minds '14 88		Criminal Minds '14 88		Criminal Minds '14 88		Criminal Minds '14 88
(A&E)		54	48	54	The First 48 PG 88		The First 48 '14 88		The First 48 '14 88		The First 48 '14 88		The First 48 '14 88		The First 48 PG 88
(ACCN)				99	Women's College Soccer Teams TBA. (Taped)				Women's College Soccer Teams TBA.				College Football Miami at Pittsburgh.		
(AMC)		55	64	55	*** "Halloween II" (1981) Jamie Lee Curtis. 'R'				Fear the Walking Dead		Fear the Walking Dead		Walking Dead: World		Fear the Walking Dead
(ANI)		52	35	52	Lone Star Law '14		Lone Star Law PG		Louisiana Law: Defending		Lone Star Law: Uncuffed "On Hot Pursuit" (N) '14				Lone Star Law '14
(BET)		96	71	96	"Twice Bitten" (2021) Miah Blake. 'NR' 88				*** "Acrimony" (2018, Suspense) Taraji P. Henson, Lyriq Bent, Ajiona Alexus. 'R' 88						Boo! A Ma
(BIGTEN)		742	809		The Final Drive 88		B1G Football in 60 (N)		The Final Drive 88		B1G Football in 60 (N)		B1G Football in 60 (N)		The Final Drive 88
(BRAVO)		254	51	254	Housewives/Potomac		Housewives/Potomac		Housewives/Potomac		The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City		Housewives/Potomac		Real
(BSFL)		35	39	35	Sports Stars	Life	World Poker		World Poker		American Ninja Warrior		World Poker		World Poker
(CM)		27	61	27	The Office	The Office	*** "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" (2004)				The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office
(CMT)		98	45	98	HappyGil	*** "Overboard" (1987, Comedy) Goldie Hawn. PG 88			*** "Billy Madison" (1995) Adam Sandler. PG-13					*** "Happy Gilmore"	
(CNN)		40	29	40	CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		Diana 'Di Mania' 88		Diana "A Royal Rogue"		This Is Life		Diana 'Di Mania' 88
(ESPN)		33	27	33	Baseball Tonight (N) (Live)		SportsCenter 88		SportCtr	ESPN Original	Documentaries (N)		ESPN Documentaries		Sports Center (N) (Live)
(ESPN2)		37	28	34	Champ.	College Football Final	Baseball	E60 Presents		UFC 268 Countdown		UFC Main Event '14		World of X Games (N)	
(FBN)		106	149	106	Sunday Morning Futures	Kudlow 88		Kennedy 88		American	American	The Pursuit! '14		The Pursuit! '14	
(FLIX)			118	170	*** "Stone" (2010) Robert De Niro. 'R' 88				"The Texas Chain Saw Massacre" 'R'		*** "Drag Me to Hell" (2009) 88				*** "Beauty Shop"
(FNC)		44	37	44	Fox Report		Sunday Night in America		Life, Liberty & Levin (N)		The Next Revolution With		Sunday Night in America		Life, Liberty & Levin
(FOOD)		26	56	26	Halloween Wars 'G' 88		Halloween Wars 'G' 88		Halloween Wars 'G' 88		Halloween Wars 'G' 88		Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby
(FREEFORM)		29	52	29	*** "Casper" (1995) 88		*** "Maleficent" (2014, Fantasy) Angelina Jolie. PG 88				*** "Hocus Pocus" (1993) Bette Midler. PG				Ghostbust
(FS1)		732	112	732	NHRA Drag Racing Dodge/SRT NHRA Nationals. (N)				Boxing PBC: Manny Pacquiao vs. Yordenis Ugas. (N Taped) 88						MLB on FS1 Postgame
(FX)		30	60	30	*** "Zombieland: Double Tap" (2019) 'R' 88				*** "Halloween" (2018) Jamie Lee Curtis. (In Stereo) 'R' 88					*** "Halloween" (2018) 'R' 88	
(GOLF)		727	67	727	PGA Tour Golf Bermuda Championship. Final Round.				Golf Central 'G' 88		PGA Tour Golf				
(HALL)		59	68	39	"Coyote Creek Christmas" (2021) Janel Parrish. 'NR'				"Christmas Sail" (2021) Katee Sackhoff. 'NR' 88				"Christmas Waltz" (2020) Lacey Chabert. 'NR'		
(HBO)		302	201	302	Ricky Velez	*** "In the Heights" (2021) Anthony Ramos. PG-13				Succession (N) 'MA'		Insecure (N)	Enthusiasm	Last Week	Succession
(HBO2)		303	202	303	*** "Cloverfield" 88		Succession 'MA' 88		Succession 'MA' 88		*** "Pitch Perfect" (2012)	Anna Kendrick. PG-13		*	"Serving Sara" (2002)
(HGTV)		23	57	23	Home Town 'G' 88		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Renovation, Inc		Property Brothers
(HIST)		51	54	51	Haunted History PG		Engineering-World		Engineering-World		Engineering-World		Big Things Go Wrong		Engineering-World
(LIFE)		24	38	24	"Psycho Intern" (2021) Emmanuelle Vauger. 'NR'				*** "The Holiday" (2006, Romance-Comedy) Cameron Diaz. PG-13						"Hometown Christmas"
(LMN)		119	50	119	"I Was Lorena Bobbitt" (2020) Dani Montalvo. 'NR'				*** "Knocked Up" (2007) Seth Rogen, Katherine Heigl. 'R' 88				"A Dangerous Date" (2018) 'NR' 88		
(MSNBC)		42	41	42	Voices-Alicia Menendez		Voices-Alicia Menendez		The Mehdi Hasan Show		Ayman (N) (Live) 88		Voices-Alicia Menendez		The Mehdi Hasan Show
(NBCSN)		448	26	730	NASCAR	Mecum Auto Auctions 'Dallas' 88			U.S. Olympic Trials Curling: Mixed Doubles Finals. (N)		St. Luciaeder Boat Show		Premiership Rugby		Premiership Rugby
(NGEO)		109	65	109	Wicked Tuna		Wicked Tuna		Wicked Tuna		Wicked Tuna		Storm Rising (N) '14		Wicked Tuna
(NICK)		28	36	28	Patrick Star	Lay Lay	Side Hustle	Dylan		* "Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked" (2011)		Mike	Mike	Mike	Mike
(NWSNTN)		18	18	18	Last Man	Last Man	Dan Abrams Live 88		NewsNation Prime (N)		NewsNation Prime (N)		Banfield 88		On Balance
(OWN)		125	24	103	Jyanla, Fix My Life '14		20/20 on OWN '14		20/20 on OWN '14		20/20 on OWN '14		20/20 on OWN '14		20/20 on OWN '14
(OKY)		123	44	123	Marked (N) PG 88		Mark of a Serial Killer '14		Mark of a Serial Killer '14		Snapped PG '14		Mark of a Serial Killer '14		Mark of a Serial Killer '14
(PARMT)		37	43	37	*** "Beetlejuice" (1988) Michael Keaton. PG				*** "Beetlejuice" (1988) Michael Keaton. PG					*** "Addams Family Values" (1993) PG-13	
(SEC)		745	72		Wm. Soccer	College Football Missouri at Vanderbilt.							College Football Ole Miss at Auburn. (Taped)		
(SHOW)		340	241	340	Dexter 'MA' 88		Dexter "Bom Free" 'MA'		The Circus		The Circus		Buried 'MA' 88		American Rust (N) 'MA'
(SUN)		36	31	36	Heliconia	Wild Ride	Animals	Sport	Sportsman		Dreamboat		Best Boat	Fishing	Waves
(SYFY)		31	59	31	*** "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" (2010) Daniel Radcliffe.						*** "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" (2011) PG-13				
(TBS)		49	23	49	*** "Hotel Transylvania 2" (2015) PG 88				*** "The Witches" (2020) Anne Hathaway. PG				*** "Hotel Transylvania 2" (2015) PG		
(TCM)		169	53	169	Curse	*** "Horror Hotel" (1960) PG-13			*** "Psycho" (1960) Anthony Perkins. 'R' 88				*** "Blow Out" (1981) John Travolta. 'R' 88		
(TDC)		53	34	53	Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush: Off Grid		Alaskan Bush People '14		Homestead Rescue A family survives in a dome home. (N) (In Stereo) PG 88				
(TLC)		50	46	50	90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way (In Stereo) PG				90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way (N) (In Stereo) '14				I Love a Mama's Boy '14		90 Day: Other
(TMC)		350	261	350	Green Room "15 Things About Bigfoot"				*** "Django Unchained" (2012, Western) Jamie Foxx. (In Stereo) 'R' 88						"Dead in Tombstone" 'R'
(TNT)		48	33	48	*** "Insidious" (2010)		*** "Joker" (2019) Joaquin Phoenix. 'R' 88 (DVS)				*** "Joker" (2019) Joaquin Phoenix. 'R' 88 (DVS)				
(TOON)		38	58	38	*** "The Amazing Spider-Man" (2012, Action) Andrew Garfield. PG-13				Burgers		Burgers		Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Rick, Morty
(TRAV)		9	106	9	Ghost Adventures The crew heads to Texas. PG				Ghost Adventures (N) PG 88				Ghost Adventures "Quarantined With Evil" (N) PG		
(truTV)		25	55	25	Jokes	Tacoma FD	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers		Imp. Jokers		Imp. Jokers		Tacoma FD
(TVL)		32	49	32	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men
(USA)		47	32	47	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU
(WE)		117	69	117	NCIS "Hiatus" '14 88		NCIS "Shalom" '14 88		NCIS "Escaped" PG		NCIS "Singed Out" PG		NCIS "Faking It" PG		NCIS PG 88

Annie gives advice

Dear Annie: I am a 54-year-old man who has been a teacher for over 20 years. I'm a confident and intelligent person who graduated with honors from a very good university. I am married with two children, and I'm a veteran of the U.S. Army.

My problem is that there are two people in my life, my boss and my wife, who speak to me like I'm a complete idiot. Much of what I say to my boss and my wife is contradicted, corrected or outright disagreed with. It's gotten to the point that I don't even feel like talking to them anymore.

I have begun to predict what they'll call me out on, and I'm almost always right. The thing is I'm not as wrong as they would have me believe. Their point of view is just different from mine.

My current co-workers and my few friends have noticed it, too, and can't understand why they treat me this way. I don't understand it either. Any suggestions? — **Confused and Frustrated**

Dear Confused and Frustrated: Either you are a wonderful human being who is surrounded by unhappy people or you are interpreting someone having a different opinion as he or she treating you like an idiot. If you really feel that you are being bullied, then the next time your wife or boss makes you feel stupid, ignore them. If they see that they get a reaction from you, they might keep doing what they are doing. Bullies feed on seeing their victims affected by their actions.

Marriage counseling

would be a wonderful place for you and your wife to figure out whether she is taking you for granted and mocking you, or if you are feeling like an idiot because she has a different opinion.

Dear Annie: I have an ex-boyfriend, and our relationship has been off and on for more than eight years. He has a drug addiction problem, though he is clean for now. During those eight years, he cheated on me all the time.

He is now telling me that he has changed his life and wants me back, which is a pattern for him every time he breaks up with someone. I have taken him back before, and every time, he wants money from me. He also has me constantly doing things for him.

He makes me feel as if it is my fault if something happens to him if I refuse to take him back—that he will start doing drugs again or something else that is harmful to him. I don't like feeling this way.

My question is, is eight years too long to start over? Can someone change their ways?
—**Torn**

Dear Torn: Always listen to your gut — and your entire body. A lot of times, our body knows something is not right before our mind figures out why. This guy sounds like a loser who thrives on taking advantage of your feelings of guilt, which he creates.

Say no to him, and explain that if, over a long period of time he stays clean and sober you will reconsider. But if he harms himself in the meanwhile, that's his problem, not yours.

== *Today's* **MOVIES** ==

**Citrus Cinemas 6 Inverness;
844-462-7342 Code 187
Sunday, Oct. 31**

"Last Night in Soho" (2021) noon,
3:30, 7:45, 10:30 p.m.

“Dune” (2021) PG-13 — 11:45 a.m.

3:15 6:45 9:45 p.m.

“Ron’s Gone Wrong” (2021) PG —

12:15, 3:45, 7:30, 10:10 p.m.

"Halloween Kills" (2021) R —
12:45, 4:15, 7, 10:15 p.m.

"No Time to Die" (2021) PG-13 —
11:30 a.m., 3, 6:30, 9:35 p.m.

"Venom: Let There Be Carnage"
(2021) PG-13 — 12:30, 4, 7:15, 10

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"The Shining," 5 p.m., Oct. 31

ACROSS 111 Plays on words
112 Place beyond

1 Condition
 6 "Dough" or "lettuce"
 11 Fragrant oil
 16 Rascal
 21 Kind of poem
 22 Strange
 23 The best time
 24 Standoffish one
 25 Snake
 26 — garde
 27 Wine grape
 28 Coin of medieval
 France
 29 Sold-out sign
 30 Press
 32 Follow in secret
 34 Old-womanish
 36 Poor grade
 37 Stony
 39 — breve
 41 Neat and attractive
 43 Wildebeest
 44 Adolescent
 45 Mollify
 48 Farming need
 50 Court doings
 52 Lament
 55 "— shalt not ..."
 57 Belgradian
 59 Straying
 63 Completely
 different
 64 City on the
 Danube
 66 Additional game
 68 Slant
 69 Benefit
 70 Exclaim
 72 Get in touch with
 73 "— Got a Secret"
 74 Prohibit
 75 Formal dress
 76 Communion table
 78 Compass pt.
 79 Astonish
 80 Narrow strip of land
 82 Hallux
 83 Arboreal animal
 85 Fun time
 86 Cereal grass
 87 In medias —
 88 Price offered
 89 Small
 90 Cantaloupe
 93 Hits again and again
 95 Seed vessel
 96 Driving aid (2 wds.)
 100 Arabic letter
 101 Not many
 102 Tax exam
 104 Chilly
 105 Arab garment
 106 Pester
 107 Foundation
 109 Calendar abbr.
 110 Husetop

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 112 Place beyond
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 115 Abandon
 117 Roof parts
 118 Hold
 119 Merit
 121 Clan
 122 Electric unit
 123 Metal money
 125 Peter — Rubens
 127 Dugout
 129 Poet Ogden —
 132 Nothing
 134 Troublesome bug
 136 Desperate
 137 Too hasty
 141 — Baba
 142 Anew
 144 Neighbor of Mont.
 146 Farm structure
 148 Porter
 149 Hourglass, e.g.
 151 Bring about
 153 Humdinger
 155 Showery month
 157 Dwelling
 158 Bury
 159 Slow, in music
 160 Warts or Campbell
 161 Wrinkles
 162 Mean
 163 — statesman
 164 Building extension

DOWN

1 Virgule
2 Mythical monster
3 Fire
4 Cap-a- —
5 Light color
6 Short-legged dog
7 Disclosure
8 Notable time
9 “— Misbehavin’”
10 Coup —
11 Puts on
12 Number prefix
13 Fey or Turner
14 With
15 Part of the eye
16 Gin flavoring
17 Male swan
18 Battery terminal
19 Battle royal
20 Primp
31 Wholly absorbed
33 Taxing org.
35 City in Switzerland
38 Challenges
40 Pale
42 Encounter
44 Scarlett’s home
46 Animal enclosure
47 Long, long time
49 Coffee type

51 Sapling
52 Jewish spiritual leader
53 Walter — Disney
54 Mammoth
56 Family member
58 Saw
60 Japanese dog breed
61 Mole
62 River in England
64 Promises
65 Skill
67 — fide
69 Boxing match
71 Talk on and on
75 Agent (Hyph.)
76 City in Italy
77 Automaton

79 Toboggan
81 Horseshoe's place
82 — Aviv
84 Further
85 Droplet
87 Do an electrician's job
89 Canine animal
90 Landed estate
91 Gladden
92 Featherlike
93 Money in Mexico
94 Cogito ergo —
95 Liquid measures
96 Crucifix
97 Pale purple
98 Li'l —
99 Outmoded

101 Like a toady
103 — and don'ts
104 Chip in
107 Vigor
108 Hit with open hand
110 Speedy
111 Gazette
113 For one
114 Kind of race or strip
116 Certain voter (Abbr.)
117 Big bird
120 Convent
122 Golden- —
124 B vitamin
126 Youngster
128 Formal speaker
129 City in Brazil

130 Excuse
131 "— says ..."
133 Tropical plant
135 Furniture piece
138 Burr or Copland
139 Goo
140 Spiral
142 War god
143 Enthusiasts
145 On an even —
147 Zola title
150 Dutch city
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peppers, baked beans, potato salad, desserts, etc.

Veterans can attend and eat for free. Others are requested to make a suggested donation of \$10. There will also be a life DJ, Sounds by Saggese, with karaoke.

This is a fundraising event to assist in paying for a new roof for the post's aluminum add-on building.

For more information, call 352-465-4864, visit vfw4864.org or Edward W. Penno VFW Post 4864 on Facebook.

Military card party at VFW Post 4252

VFW Post 4252 Auxiliary will host a military card party on Nov. 3 at 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway in Hernando.

The event will feature card games, a silent auction and lunch. The cost is \$12 per person. Proceeds will benefit the Veteran's Village at Fort McCoy. New players are welcome to learn how to play.

For information and registration, call Doris Ricard at 352-419-5519.

Elks to host veterans breakfast

The Inverness Elks will host their annual salute to veterans with a free breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Nov. 7 at the lodge, 3575 E. Lake Place in Hernando.

The breakfast will feature

an extensive menu. Donations are requested from accompanying family members to support the Inverness Elks' veteran's programs.

Church to celebrate veterans

St. Anne's Episcopal Church will celebrate Veterans Day during either of their two Masses at 8 and 10:15 a.m. Nov. 7 at the church, 9870 W. Fort Island Trail in Crystal River.

All veterans are invited to stop by the church for the inaugural signing of a special flag. Following the conclusion of the second Mass, veterans can gather for fellowship in the parish hall at 11:30 a.m. for coffee and snacks.

The flag will be kept on permanent display at St. Anne's as a remembrance and recognition of service and sacrifice by veterans in the community. Also, they will be sending We Care Cards to veterans.

To submit a veteran's name and current address for We Care Cards, email stannescommunications@gmail.com.

GOOD TO KNOW

Apply for veterans services board

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is seeking applications for two positions on the Veterans Services Advisory Board. This advisory board is

seeking qualified members for terms that will begin on Feb. 1, 2022 and last two years.

Eligible applicants must be a veteran of a war time era as defined by the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs, have a recommendation by a local veteran organization and be appointed by the BOCC.

They meet the second Thursday of every other month at the Citrus County Resource Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto. The purpose of this board is to advise the veterans service officer on the unmet needs, policies, services and other pertinent matters.

Applications are due by Dec. 2 and should be submitted to Denise Gallagher, Citrus County Administration, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, FL 34461.

For more information, visit bocccitrus.fl.us/commserv/vets or call 352-527-5915.

St. Anne's to unveil memorial

The public is invited to the ribbon cutting of St. Anne's

Veteran Memorial Garden at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 16, 9870 W. Fort Island Trail in Crystal River.

All veterans, active duty, reserve duty members and their families are invited to attend.

For more information about the church, visit stanne-schurchr.org.

Raffle to benefit 'Never Say Never'

VFW Post 4337 in Inverness is raffling off a 70-inch afghan star for \$2 per ticket or six tickets for \$10.

These proceeds will go to "Never Say Never," which assists kids of veterans that have a need for prostheses.

For more information or to purchase a ticket, visit the post at 906 U.S. 44 East in Inverness or call 352-344-3495.

Sponsor a gravesite wreath

Aaron A. Weaver Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 776 will be supporting Wreaths Across America during the holiday season.

The chapter is looking for community donations toward

their goal of 500 wreaths, which they will place on graves at the Bushnell National Cemetery on Dec. 21, 2021.

To donate, visit wreathsacrossamerica.org/FL0227P and click on "Sponsor a Wreath." To sponsor a wreath at Bushnell National Cemetery, go to "Specific Site" to enter the location.

The group ID number is FL0227P and the cemetery number is FLNCBU.

For assistance, email mom4sba@tampabay.rr.com.

Join the VFW for weekly fish fry

The VFW Post 10087 hosts a fish fry from 4:30 to 5:45 every Friday at the post, 2170 W. Vet Lane in Beverly Hills.

The event is open to the public and includes haddock fillet, scalloped potatoes and coleslaw for \$8.

Military bikes on display

• Air Force Bike, Nov. 10 to 15 at Crystal Harley-Davidson • Navy Bike, Nov. 10 to 15 at Plaza CDJR

Join the VFW for monthly breakfasts

The VFW Post 10087 hosts a breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m. the last Saturday of each month at the post, 2170 W. Vet Lane in Beverly Hills.

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

WTC scholarships available to vets

For the second year in a row, the Citrus County Veterans Coalition (CCVC) made a \$3,000 scholarship available to the Withlacoochee Technical College (WTC). WTC distributes these funds to veterans who attend classes there.

The funds may be used for the purchase of books, manuals, tools of the trade or uniforms. Veterans can receive grants through the VA for course tuition, but incur many other expenses in the course of their education. These funds are specifically intended to ease the financial hardships of veterans in their continuing education.

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To access the available funds, veterans should contact the financial aid coordinator at WTC. For additional assistance, call Bob Bendle, CCVC scholarship officer, at 352-400-8952.

FVN holds monthly meetings

Female Veterans Network (FVN) invites all female veterans to their monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on the second Thursday monthly at the Citrus County Resource Center on 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto. The meeting is held in the cafeteria.

Masks and social distancing are strongly encouraged.

The mission of the (FVN) is to unite female veterans, develop camaraderie and discuss issues that are important and unique to female veterans. For information or to support FVN, contact Cynthia at 352-628-6481, Jo Monty at 352-527-6575 or visit femaleveteransnetwork.org.

Post 155 invites public to breakfast

The public is invited to American Legion Post 155 for breakfast from 8:30 to 11 a.m. every Sunday at 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Crystal River.

Post 10087 to host Vittles for Vets

VFW Post 10087 Harry F. Nesbitt will be hosting Vittles for Vets at 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the post, 2170 W. Vet Lane in Beverly Hills.

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

CCVC yard sales discontinued

The Citrus County Veterans Coalition reluctantly announces that our sponsored monthly yard sale, held at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church Grounds, will cease, and not resume, effective immediately.

We regret that during COVID, we lost a number of

the volunteers that we counted on, to put in the hours, and expend the effort, required to put on this sale, over a monthly basis. It was decided that our ever aging work force would rather continue supporting our food pantry, which was the founding reason for our organization.

We will continue serving the needs of veterans and their families, at the pantry, on every Tuesday, and on the first and third Thursdays of every month, from 9 a.m. until noon. Our pantry is at 1039 N. Paul St. just off Independence and U.S. 41 N, Inverness. For more information, call 352-400-8952.

We'd like to thank Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, and our loyal vendors, and the public, for their support over the past years. We are no longer accepting donated clothes, or article for sale, for the yard sale. Cash donations or nonperishable food goods will still be accepted, during the pantry open hours. Corporate sponsorship would be greatly appreciated.

For information, call 352-400-8952 or visit www.veterans-coalition.com.

Buy a pin, support the FVN

The Female Veterans Network is selling pins for \$5 at Mac 1 Signs, Inc., 7068 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd. in Homosassa.

For information, call 352-628-3246.

CCVC expands services for COVID

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 at 1081 N. Paul Drive, Inverness, and is open from 9 a.m.

to noon every Tuesday, and the first and third Thursdays monthly.

For information, call 352-400-8952.

Transit available for appointments

Citrus County Transit provides service to veterans on a weekly basis, excluding holidays. Transportation to VA appointments for both wheel chair and ambulatory patients are available:

- Tuesday to Tampa
- Wednesday to Gainesville
- Thursday to the Villages VA

Other appointments may be available if capacity is available. For reservations and information, contact Janet Gramann at 352-527-7630.

Dog tag sales benefit programs

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

These are the genuine notched and un-notched 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. Proceeds go to Post 237 veterans programs.

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 are from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m., at 2170 W. Vet Lane, Beverly Hills. Get a plate of lightly battered haddock, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw and a roll for \$8.

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

Attend a meal for a good cause

The Crystal River American Legion Post 155 hosts a breakfast from 8:30 to 11 a.m. every Sunday, at American

Legion Post 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River, for an \$8 donation. The proceeds from these meals support the Legion programs, veterans and community. All are welcome. Information: 352-795-6526.

VA looking for volunteer drivers

Do you have a few hours during the week to drive a Citrus County veteran to much-needed services? Volunteer drivers are desperately needed to drive veterans to appointments at the Gainesville Veterans' Administration Medical Center (VAMC) and to the Villages Out Patient Clinic (OPC).

Drivers volunteer on an on-call basis, one to three times a week. Volunteers will receive a free physical examination at the Gainesville VAMC, lunch the day they drive and participate in the awards program for miles driven.

There is an application process for potential volunteers and a Veterans' Administration (VA) identification badge will be provided.

Fingerprinting and proof of driver's license and vehicle insurance will need to be provided to participate. For information on this volunteer opportunity, call 352-746-8005.

Enrollment open at VA clinic

The Lecanto Veterans Affairs (VA) Community Based Outpatient Clinic is accepting enrollment applications for eligible veterans.

Primary Care and Mental Health access is available. Call 352-746-8004 or visit in person at 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto, to apply.

Donate sweats for vets in recovery

DAV Auxiliary Unit 70 in Inverness is coordinating a "Sweats for Vets" drive, collecting new sweatshirts and pants.

These will be donated to VA hospitals and nursing homes for recovering veterans and those in rehabilitation. When you go shopping, remember a vet and put a new sweatsuit in your cart — any size or color. Please, do not drop off used clothing.

Donations can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays at the DAV chapter hall at the corner of Independence Highway and North Paul Drive, Inverness near the pink elephant on U.S. 41; or call Sunny Hayes, auxiliary commander, at 352-527-3395; or Ann Fair, senior vice commander, at 352-249-7827 to make other arrangements.

Businesses: List discounts for vets

Business offering a discount to female veterans for services or goods can now be listed on the website of the Female Veterans Network.

Send your business information, what you are willing to offer as a discount, and a contact name to cynthia@female-veteransnetwork.org, and list the subject as: offering discount.

Want to be a member and support Female Veterans Network?

Go to femaleveteransnetwork.org for membership information or to make a donation to support the group's projects.

Make appointment at service Office

Scheduled appointments and walk-in clients at the Citrus County Veterans Service Office will be seen from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Anyone wishing to meet with a service officer between 4 and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday should call to make an appointment, as walk-ins will not be accepted during these hours.

For information, call the Veterans Service Office directly at 352-527-5915.

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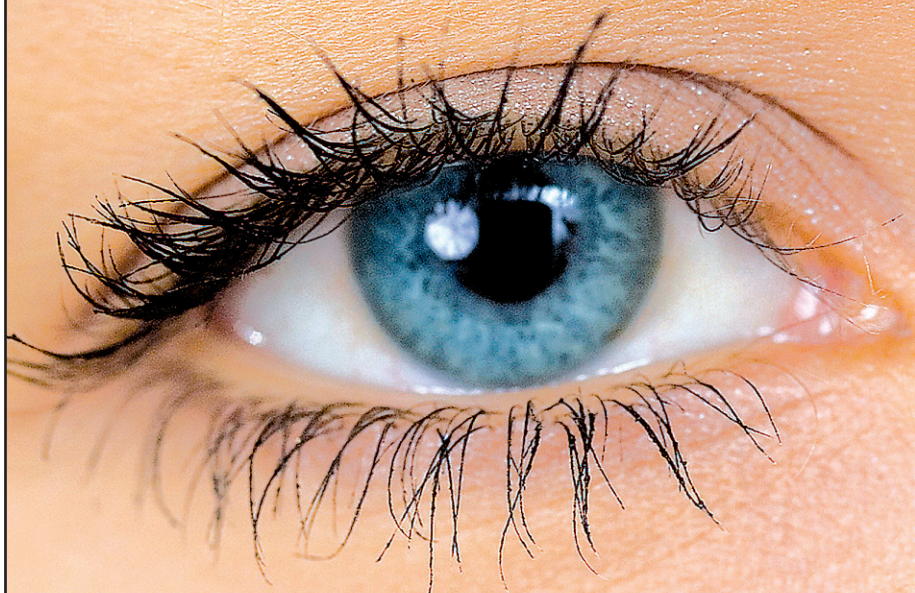
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■ Leroy Rooks Jr. VFW Post 4252 and Auxiliary, 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway, State Road 200, Hernando. Call 352-726-3339, email vfw4252@yahoo.com and Google VFW 4252, Hernando.
■ Dumas-Hartson VFW Post 8189, 8856 W. Veterans Drive, west of U.S. 19 between Crystal River and Homosassa. Call 352-795-5012.
■ Joe Nic Barco Memorial VFW Post 7122,

8191 S. Florida Ave., Floral City. Call 352-637-0100.
■ Eugene Quinn VFW Post 4337 and Auxiliaries, 906 State Road 44 E., Inverness. Call Commander Joe Acosta at 352-344-3495, or visit www.vfw4337.org.
■ VFW Citrus Springs Post 4864 opens at noon each day. For information about menus, activities or membership, call 352-465-4864.
■ VFW Post 7122 is at 8191 S. Florida Ave., Floral City, phone 352-637-0100 for daily activities and menus.
■ VFW Post 10137 in Bushnell is 2 miles north of Florida National Cemetery on Sumter County Road 476-B, 352-793-8511. Post and auxiliary meetings are the third Thursday monthly: house committee 4 p.m., joint meeting 4:30, general meeting 5. Stop by and pick up a calendar with a complete list of all of our activities.

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Rushing touchdowns for Michigan State's Kenneth Walker, to go along with 197 yards in a victory over Michigan on Saturday.



Kenneth Walker

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Another title round in sight

Keselowski will try to cap final Penske season

JENNA FRYER
AP auto racing writer

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Brad Keselowski moved to Team Penske to become a NASCAR champion and industry leader.

He achieved his first goal in 2012 when he won the Cup title, the first for team owner Roger Penske in NASCAR competition. Keselowski also earned Penske's 500th victory and in 2019 passed Mark Donohue as the winningest driver in Penske history.

Keselowski's time with the Penske organization is in its final two-race stretch, and he'd like nothing more than to leave with a second Cup title. To grab that one final trophy on his way out the door, Keselowski will have to race his way into the championship finale on Sunday at Martinsville Speedway.

He's six points below the cutline with three spots up for grabs at Martinsville. Kyle Larson is the only driver already qualified for the winner-take-all Nov. 7 title-deciding finale at Phoenix.

Keselowski doesn't have to win Martinsville to earn one of the remaining championship berths.

"Even if we don't win the race, realistically, if we put up a lot of stage points and do all those things, we've got a great shot, so I feel pretty good about this weekend," he said.

The competition is tough. The four drivers above the cutline are Hendrick Motorsports teammates Larson and Chase Elliott, the reigning Cup champion, as well as Joe Gibbs Racing teammates Denny Hamlin and Kyle Busch.

Below the cutline are all three Team Penske drivers — Keselowski, Ryan Blaney and Joey Logano — as well as JGR driver Martin Truex Jr. Logano is probably the only one who must win Sunday to advance, like he did in 2018 to make the championship finale.

Keselowski, winner of Martinsville's grandfather clock trophy in 2017 and 2019, has wanted to focus only on Sunday's race and not use his closing days to reflect on his time driving for one of the most respected organizations in motorsports.

Keselowski is leaving to become driver and part-owner at Roush Fenway Racing, where he'll fulfill his goal of having an important voice in the sport after 12 seasons driving for Penske that included 34 Cup victories, a Cup title, an Xfinity Series title and the successful recruitment of Logano to the organization.

But he has looked back a bit since making the decision to leave.

"I have allowed my head to go into that space a couple of times," Keselowski said. "It's a dangerous spot to get in because it distracts from the focus of putting it all together, so I tried to shut my brain off of that as soon as it goes in that spot, but clearly, it would mean the world to me to be able to (win another championship for Penske) and do it for our team in our last year together."

Right after the Phoenix finale, Keselowski will get to work at Roush as a competition leader. He's expected to hire Matt McCall from Chip Ganassi Racing as his crew

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'Dawgs do it with D



Associated Press

Florida quarterback Anthony Richardson (15) is sacked by Georgia defensive lineman Jalen Carter (88) during the first half of a game Saturday, in Jacksonville.

No. 1 Georgia, defense dominate Florida in Cocktail Party 34-7

MARK LONG
AP sports writer

JACKSONVILLE — Raise a glass to Georgia's defense. Or three, actually — one for each second-quarter turnover that turned the rivalry known as "The World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party" into another lopsided affair.

The top-ranked Bulldogs and the nation's No. 1 defense dominated Florida, scoring three touchdowns off miscues in a 12-play sequence that carried them to

a 34-7 victory Saturday, their fourth in five years in the neutral-site game.

Georgia (8-0, 6-0 Southeastern Conference) won its 12th straight since getting steamrolled in Jacksonville a year ago. The Bulldogs' injury-riddled defense allowed 571 yards in that one, the most in coach Kirby Smart's six seasons.

Georgia vowed to not let it happen again and responded with another demoralizing effort that might be their most impressive all season.

"It was real personal," linebacker

Nolan Smith said.

Florida (4-4, 2-4) managed no points, 11 first downs and 214 yards through three quarters and looked like its decades-old, NCAA-record scoring streak might be in jeopardy down the stretch. But the Gators finally got on the scoreboard with 2:49 remaining, extending the streak to 418 games. They have scored in every outing since getting shut out by Auburn in 1988.

Emory Jones' late touchdown run,

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Winston aims to manage emotions

Bucs face former QB, rival Saints

BRETT MARTEL
AP sports writer

NEW ORLEANS — The often intense NFC South rivalry between Tampa Bay and New Orleans has taken on even more intrigue now that former Buccaneers quarterback Jameis Winston has become Drew Brees' successor with the Saints.

Sunday in the Superdome, Winston gets his first start against the Buccaneers (6-1), the franchise that drafted Winston first overall in 2015 and made him the face of their franchise before unceremoniously cutting ties in 2020 so they could replace him with Tom Brady.

Winston, who then watched

Brady lead his old team to a Super Bowl triumph last season, won't deny the personal significance of this matchup. But he's trying to manage his emotions and just be the quarterback New Orleans (4-2) needs him to be against a worthy foe.

"I've always been an emotional football player. I think that's something that I'm trying to work on — being present instead of being stuck in my feelings," Winston said. "As a quarterback, we have to be present all the time and aware of everything that's going on."

"Sometimes too much emotion can lead us places that we don't want to go," Winston continued. "Obviously, I want to beat them; I want to beat them bad. And in my heart, I'm ready to rock. But at the end of the day, they're another

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Associated Press

New Orleans Saints quarterback Jameis Winston, right, embraces running back Alvin Kamara after the team defeated the Seattle Seahawks in a Oct. 25 game, in Seattle.

Astros, Braves face off again in Game 4 of World Series

Associated Press

Houston Astros second baseman Jose Altuve beats the throw to Atlanta Braves first baseman Freddie Freeman during the first inning in Game 4 of the World Series between the Houston Astros and the Atlanta Braves, Saturday in Atlanta. The game was not completed at press time.

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x-Wednesday, Nov. 3: Atlanta at Houston, 8:09 p.m. (Fox)



Van Dyke, Miami edge No. 17 Pitt 38-34

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Tyler Van Dyke was buried on the Miami depth chart two months ago. The redshirt freshman tried to stay patient, repeating to himself over and over that his time would come.

Consider it here. Brilliant at the start and gutty at the finish, Van Dyke threw for 426 yards and three touchdowns to outduel Heisman Trophy candidate Kenny Pickett as the Hurricanes edged No. 17 Pittsburgh 38-34 on Saturday.

While Pickett threw for a school-record 519 yards, Van Dyke nearly matched him while completing 32 of 42 passes for the three scores and an interception as Miami (4-4, 2-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) defeated a ranked opponent for a second straight week.

“He’s a freshman, but he’s making veteran plays out there,” tight end Will Mallory said of Van Dyke.

With more than just his arm.

While Van Dyke hit Mallory for a 57-yard touchdown off a reverse flea-flicker in the first quarter, he also found himself diving at a loose ball in the final minutes after a fumble by Mallory threatened to cost Miami a first down and potentially the game.

Mallory could only watch as the ball squirted loose and went backward toward the Miami sideline. Van Dyke rushed over in an attempt to knock it out of bounds. Chaos briefly ensued before officials ruled the ball out. The Hurricanes retained possession, allowing Van Dyke to kneel down three times.

Its season on the brink of collapse and coach Manny Diaz’s grasp on his job tenuous at best after narrow losses to Virginia



Associated Press

Miami running back Jaylan Knighton (4) runs past Pittsburgh linebacker SirVocea Dennis (7) on his way to a long touchdown run during the first half of a game Saturday, in Pittsburgh.

and North Carolina, Miami has responded with taut victories over the Wolfpack and Panthers.

“If we continue to play with the spirit and the fight that we have (we’ll be fine),” Diaz said. “It’s hard to fix fight if we don’t have, and we have it in abundance.”

So does Pickett.

The senior continued to take over the Pitt record book. His 519 yards passing set a Pitt single-game mark on a day he also broke Hall of Famer Dan Marino’s school record for career touchdowns responsible for (now at 84) and Alex Van Pelt’s record for career total offense.

“He is that guy,” Diaz said of Pickett. “He is special.”

But not infallible. Pickett completed 39 of 55 passes and three scores but also tossed his second

and third interceptions of the season. Both were costly.

The first — by Miami’s Tyrique Stevenson in the second quarter — led to a Jaylan Knighton 1-yard touchdown run that gave the Hurricanes a 31-17 halftime lead. The second — by freshman safety James Williams — came with 4:07 to play and Pitt driving for a go-ahead touchdown. Pickett threw behind star wide receiver Jordan Addison and Williams made a diving grab at the Miami 4.

Pickett, who has mounted a Heisman Trophy campaign that’s morphed from unlikely to legitimate over the last two months, blamed miscommunication on the Williams pick.

Pitt (6-2, 3-1) remains in control of its destiny in the ACC Coastal Division but

any remote shot at crashing the College Football Playoff is long gone.

“Never had a lead in the game, and I thought we were going to take it in the fourth quarter and (we) fell short at the end,” Panther coach Pat Narduzzi said. “Tough one to swallow, but we will bounce back. All our goals are still in front of us. Still disappointing.”

UCF 49, Temple 7

PHILADELPHIA — Mikey Keene threw a career-best five touchdown passes and UCF rolled to a 49-7 win over Temple.

Keene was 15 of 21 for 229 yards. He threw touchdown passes that covered 13 yards to Alec Holler and 18 to Brandon Johnson in the second quarter for a 21-0 lead at the half. In the the third quarter the scoring plays covered 33 yards with Holler

and 12 and 46 yards with Ryan O’Keefe.

Isaiah Bowser, who rushed for 89 yards, ran 11 yards for a score in the first quarter and Johnny Richardson had a 1-yard plunge for a fourth-quarter score.

The Knights (5-3, 3-2 American Athletic Conference), who have won five straight in the series, piled up 428 yards of total offense while limiting the Owls (3-5, 1-3) to 297.

Temple, which lost three fumbles, scored in the last minute when backup quarterback Justin Lynch hit Jose Barbon with a 27-yard strike. Jadan Blue had four receptions to move into second on Temple’s all-time list with 168.

No. 8 Michigan St. 37, No. 6 Michigan 33

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Kenneth Walker ran for 197 yards and five touchdowns,

helping No. 8 Michigan State top No. 6 Michigan 37-33 in a thrilling comeback victory.

The Spartans (8-0, 5-0 Big Ten) trailed by nine at halftime and 30-14 with 6:47 left in the third quarter before Walker boosted his chances of winning the Heisman Trophy.

Walker’s fifth touchdown — a 23-yard run — lifted the Spartans to a 37-33 lead with 5:08 remaining.

The Wolverines (7-1, 4-1) forced a final punt and had the ball at their 33 with 1:15 and no timeouts left.

After a roughing-the-passer penalty gave Michigan the ball at midfield, Michigan State cornerback Charles Brantley sealed the victory by picking off a floating pass from Cade McNamara.

McNamara threw for 383 yards and two touchdowns, but his interception was costly, as was freshman quarterback J.J. McCarthy’s lost fumble in the fourth quarter.

The rivals were on the same field with 7-0 or better records for the first time.

No. 2 Cincinnati 31, Tulane 12

NEW ORLEANS — Desmond Ridder threw two touchdown pass to tight end Josh Whyte and Cincinnati beat Tulane to remain undefeated.

Jerome Ford rushed for 65 yards and a touchdown — his 14th this season — for Cincinnati (8-0, 4-0 American Athletic Conference). The Bearcats briefly trailed in the second quarter and led by just two points at halftime.

Tulane (1-6, 0-4) played without starting quarterback Michael Pratt because of his concussion during last weeks loss at SMU. Running back Tyjae Spears, coming back from a knee injury that wiped out his 2020 season, rushed for 106 yards on 19 carries, highlighted by his 47-yard touchdown dash in the first half.

Shipley’s TD saves Clemson in win over FSU

Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. — Will Shipley ran for two touchdowns, including the game-winning 21-yard score with 2:53 left, as Clemson rallied to defeat Florida State 30-20 on Saturday and win its 32nd straight at Death Valley.

The Seminoles (3-5, 2-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) were poised to snap the nearly five-year streak after Jermaine Johnson’s 6-yard fumble recovery TD put them ahead 20-17 halfway through the fourth quarter.

But Clemson’s mostly ineffective offense — they had three turnovers and kicker B.T. Potter missed three field goals — put together a final scoring drive helped by Florida State mistakes. A pass interference penalty on defensive back Kevin Knowles and a hit out of bounds on linebacker DJ Lundy moved the ball to the Florida State 21.

Shipley, the five-star freshman, took it the rest of the way on the next snap, twisting through several defenders before lunging into the end zone.

Florida State got the ball twice more after that, but could not get out of its own territory. Clemson linebacker Barrett Carter scored on the final play as the Seminoles’ try at lateralizing their way to a touchdown came up way short.

Shipley finished 124 yards and had a 2-yard TD run in the first half.

Clemson (5-3, 4-2) struggled once more to find offensive consistency. DJ Uiagalelei, after apparently coming out on top of backup Taisun Phommachanh in their quarterback competition, directed the Tigers to one field goal in their first four drives.

Clemson found some rhythm in the second quarter. Phil Mafah broke off a 63-yard run inside the Florida State 20 and Uiagalelei finished things off with a perfectly thrown fade pass to tight end Davis Allen for an 11-yard TD.

The Tigers continued their surge the next time they got the ball, pounding in for a 2-yard scoring run to move in front 17-13.

Shipley had 41 yards on five carries during the sequence,

which also included Uiagalelei throws of 19 yards to Justyn Ross and 11 to Jake Briningstool.

Florida State found little success against the Clemson defense. However, running back Lawrence Toafili took a pass along the sidelines 75 yards for a score, a run he kept alive by rolling over — yet not hitting the ground — Clemson defender Sheridan Jones.

Uiagalelei ended 19 of 31 for 189 yards with a touchdown and an interception.

Florida State managed just 271 yards including only 65 on the ground. Jordan Travis had two touchdown passes to keep the Seminoles close.

No. 4 Oklahoma 52, Texas Tech 21

NORMAN, Okla. — Caleb Williams threw for 402 yards and six touchdowns and Oklahoma finally put together a complete game, rolling past Texas Tech.

The true freshman quarterback tied Kyler Murray and Landry Jones for the second-most touchdown passes in a game in school history. Baker Mayfield threw seven against Texas Tech in 2016.

Marvin Mims caught four passes for 135 yards and two touchdowns, and Mario Williams had five receptions for 100 yards and a score to help the Sooners (9-0, 6-0 Big 12) extend their nation-leading winning streak to 17 games.

Donovan Smith passed for 192 yards for the Red Raiders (5-4, 2-4) in Sonny Cumbie’s first game as interim coach since Matt Wells was fired. Erik Ezukanma caught eight passes for 123 yards and a touchdown.

No. 7 Oregon 52, Colorado 29

EUGENE, Ore. — Anthony Brown Jr. threw for 307 yards and three touchdowns and Oregon had a season-high 568 yards to rout Colorado.

Travis Dye ran for two touchdowns and caught a scoring pass to help Oregon (7-1, 6-1 Pac-12) extended its winning streak at Autzen Stadium to 17 games.

Brendon Lewis threw for 224 yards and three TDs for the Buffaloes (2-5, 1-4). Brenden Rice, son



Associated Press

Clemson tight end Davis Allen (84) catches a touchdown pass against Florida State defensive back Travis Jay (18) in the first half of a game Saturday, in Clemson, S.C.

of former San Francisco 49ers great Jerry Rice, had 102 yards receiving and a touchdown.

Wisconsin 27, No. 9 Iowa 7

MADISON, Wis. — Graham Mertz scored on two quarterback sneaks and threw a touchdown pass to help Wisconsin beat Iowa for its fourth consecutive victory.

Wisconsin (5-3, 3-2 Big Ten) forced three turnovers, had six sacks and limited Iowa to 24 yards rushing on 30 carries. The Badgers maintained control of their destiny in the Big Ten West Division race and regained possession of the Heartland Trophy that goes to the winner of the annual matchup.

Iowa (6-2, 3-2) has been outscored 51-14 in its last two games after being ranked second in the nation just a couple of weeks ago. This was the Hawkeyes’ first game since a 24-7 home loss to Purdue on Oct. 16.

No. 13 Wake Forest 45, Duke 7

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Sam Hartman continued his recent tear

by accounting for five touchdowns to help Wake Forest beat Duke, giving the Demon Deacons their best start in program history.

Hartman threw for 402 yards and three touchdowns, including a 38-yarder to Jaquarii Roberson on the first possession. He also ran for 61 yards and two scores, including a 26-yarder, for the Demon Deacons (8-0, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference).

It came a week after Hartman threw for five touchdowns and ran for a sixth score in a 70-56 victory over Army. That tied this year’s team for the best start in program history set in 1944, nine years before the formation of the ACC.

Christian Beal-Smith, Ke’Shawn Williams and Taylor Morin also had touchdowns for Wake Forest, which finished with 677 total yards while flirting with its first shutout in six years. Mataeo Durant ran for 103 yards for Duke (3-5, 0-4).

No. 16 Baylor 31, Texas 24

WACO, Texas — Ben Sims had a 1-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter, Abram Smith spun away for a 32-yard scamper to the end zone and Baylor became the third team in

a row to overcome a double-digit deficit to beat Texas.

The handoff to the sweeping Sims for a score with 12:48 left put the Bears (7-1, 4-1 Big 12) back ahead for the first time since the first quarter. Texas then had a failed fake punt attempt, setting up Smith’s nifty run three plays later when he took a quick pitch left and reversed field after spinning away from a defender.

Texas (4-4, 2-3) was coming off its open date, which followed consecutive losses to No. 4 Oklahoma and No. 15 Oklahoma State in which the Longhorns led by at least two touchdowns before halftime both times.

West Virginia 38, No. 22 Iowa State 31

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Jarret Doege threw three touchdown passes, Leddie Brown ran for two scores and West Virginia beat Iowa State.

West Virginia (4-4, 2-3 Big 12) came alive on offense after averaging 20 points in its first four conference games.

Iowa State (5-3, 3-2) was missing leading tackler Mike Rose because of an undisclosed injury and the league’s top defense gave up a season-high 492 yards.

'Canes, Panthers advance

Citrus' Scordato and Tyler top area finishers at district meet

MATT PFIFFNER
Sports editor

LECANTO — Cool conditions and very tough competition didn't slow down the Citrus and Lecanto cross country teams Saturday morning at the District 3A-4 Championships at Lecanto High School.

The boys and girls teams from both schools placed in the top eight, which sends all four squads to the Region 3A-2 Championships at Austin Tindall Sports Complex in Kissimmee on Saturday, Nov. 6.

The Citrus girls took the first step in their quest for a sixth straight state meet appearance with a fifth-place district finish with 137 points. The host Panthers placed seventh with 154, while Vanguard edged Sunlake for the title, 53-61.

As she has for the past three years, Mackenzie Scordato led the Hurricanes with a third-place time of 10:01.01.

The Citrus senior said running in mid-50 degree conditions was refreshing and helpful.

"I think it was mostly the weather that helped me. I felt really good this race. That was a nice confidence boost finally feeling good during a race and not just surviving," she said. "It wasn't too cold. It was just nice that there wasn't much humidity. I think that's what gets most runners."

Scordato wasn't up at the front early, but worked her way there throughout her race.

"The strategy was just pick off as many girls as I could. I think overall it was a successful race. I think I started out about 10th or 11th and worked my way up to third," she said.

Close behind her was county rival Catalina Veldwijk of Lecanto, who finished fifth in 10:17.86.

"I think I could have run a little better. I just don't have as much power at the end. But I did OK. I enjoyed the cold weather," she said.

Veldwijk qualified for state last season as a freshman, but could not run due to COVID-19. She wants to experience the final race of the season this year.

"I definitely want to make it to state. Regionals is a fast course, so if I run a good time I'll be able to go," she said.

Other top-30 area finishers were Kendall Gibson of Citrus (25th in 22:10.98) and Alex Garcia of Lecanto (27th in 22:18.27).

Much like Scordato and Veldwijk on the girls side, there is also a friendly rivalry for the boys between Thomas Tyler of Citrus and Lecanto's Brandon Rydzewski.

The Panther got the better of the Hurricane at the conference meet, but Tyler turned the tables at the county championships and once again on Saturday.

Tyler was the top area finisher with an eighth-place clocking of 16:31.71, to help the Hurricanes place fourth with 121 points.

"It was a beautiful day with the cool weather. Kind of wish my time was a little better, but 16:30 isn't too bad," Tyler said. "I knew what was on the line and I



Alex Garcia of Lecanto, right, holds off Sunlake's Jaiden Wickert at the finish line Saturday at the District 3A-4 Cross Country Championships at Lecanto High School. Garcia placed 27th overall to help the Panthers qualify for next week's regional meet.

knew I want to go to regionals and states my last year, so I just said 'Let's go. Let's do it.'"

Rydzewski, despite not feeling well, still finished 13th with a personal-best time of 16:46.65.

"I'm pretty happy. I woke up with a 101 fever, so I was coughing up mucus and everything. But I ran a PR. with that, so I'm really happy," he said. "The thought of this being my last race ever for high school, that really kicked in to make me want to push really hard.

"Me and Tyler have an extremely friendly, competitive back and forth. We push each other extremely hard. It helps a lot."

Tyler agreed.

"We all know what's on the line. And we love doing it," Tyler said. "We're all close friends. We're all one big community. We push each other through."

Rydzewski's finish helped Lecanto just slip into regionals as a team with an eighth-place finish with 238 points to take the final spot. Gulf was five points behind with 243. Sunlake topped Vanguard for the boys title, 50-55.

Citrus had two other top-30 finishers in Tristan Woods (14th in 17:03.22) and Cody Bishir (23rd in 17:29.07).

The Hurricanes are looking to reach state for the second year in a row.

"We've been talking about it since the season started. We want it bad and we're going to keep working hard," Tyler said. "The team's doing amazing. We're all improving and doing better. I think we're in good shape to go again."

It will be a tough task for both the boys and girls, however, bumping up from Class 2A to 3A.

"It's a different class, which makes it harder for us, but that makes us want to work harder and makes us even better," Tyler said.



Citrus' Logan Shaw, right, battles Matthew Stroupe of Gulf in the final stretch of Saturday's district cross country meet at Lecanto High School. Shaw placed 40th to help the Hurricanes advance to regionals.

FHSAA District 3A-4 Cross Country Championships

Saturday, Oct. 30 at Lecanto High School

Boys

Team standings

1. Sunlake, 50; 2. Vanguard, 55; 3. River Ridge, 91; 4. Citrus, 121; 5. Belleview, 174; 6. Land O' Lakes, 196; 7. Cypress Creek, 238; 8. Lecanto, 238; 9. Gulf, 243; 10. Lake Minneola, 265; 11. Leesburg, 287; 12. Springstead, 303; 13. Pasco, 325; 14. South Lake, 330.

Citrus individuals

8. Thomas Tyler, 16:32.71; 14. Tristan Woods, 17:03.22; 23. Cody Bishir, 17:29.07; 40. Logan Shaw, 18:30.24; 46. Randall Luke, 18:46.63; 47. Austin Hooker, 18:46.75; 51. Logan Simpson, 18:53.97.

Lecanto individuals

13. Brandon Rydzewski, 16:46.65; 58. Dylan Wilsek, 19:18.44; 60. Zachary Curreri, 19:30.06; 70. Aidan Finamore, 20:12.88; 78. Joseph Sullivan, 20:36.51; 105. Bradley Hafner, 22:18.45; 114. Hayden Hodges, 23:19.67.

Girls

Team standings

1. Vanguard, 53; 2. Sunlake, 61; 3. Land O' Lakes, 107; 4. River Ridge, 130; 5. Citrus, 137; 6. Cypress Creek, 145; 7. Lecanto, 154; 8. Leesburg, 197; 9. Gulf, 204; 10. Springstead, 293; 11. Pasco, 297.

Citrus individuals

3. Mackenzie Scordato, 20:01.01; 25. Kendall Gibson, 22:10.98; 39. Frances Martins, 23:12.85; 55. Katie Gagne, 24:58.28; 59. Aubrey Mueller, 25:53.56.

Lecanto individuals

5. Catalina Veldwijk, 20:17.86; 27. Alex Garcia, 22:18.27; 40. Elise Leturno, 23:15.28; 64. Zipporah McNeil, 26:36.23; 69. Meredith Welch, 27:32.81; 72. Marina Welch, 27:57.52; 79. Randi Bartram, 29:18.50.



Tristan Woods of Citrus sprints to the finish line Saturday morning at districts. Woods placed 14th for the Hurricanes.



Mackenzie Scordato of Citrus, facing, and Lecanto's Catalina Veldwijk congratulate each other at the end of Saturday's district race in Lecanto. Scordato placed third and Veldwijk was fifth.

Rested offenses could mean shootout

Cowboys face Vikings on SNF

BARRY WILNER
AP pro football writer

Rested and ready to light up the scoreboard.

That’s what the Dallas Cowboys and Minnesota Vikings bring to Sunday night’s prime-time matchup.

“This is a big game for us,” Vikings receiver Justin Jefferson said. “One, it’s Sunday night. The world will be watching, and we want to show the world that the Vikings are not the ones to be counted out. Plus, they’re 5-1, so they’re a great team and we want to be on that plus side of our record.”

Yes, it’s a game that means a ton to both sides, even this early in the schedule: The Cowboys (5-1) believe they have a shot at the NFC’s best record and the Vikings (3-3) are in position to contend for a wild-card playoff berth.

That’s more than two months away, though. For now, coming off their bye weeks, both teams bring strong offenses to the field — Dallas first overall, Minnesota fifth.

The Cowboys have at least two straight games of 500-plus yards of total offense for the second year in a row, but quarterback Dak Prescott comes off a calf problem. He also will face a pass rush that has a league-best 21 sacks.

“Those guys up front are doing a great job,” Vikings safety Harrison Smith said. “For the most part, we’ve been playing good as a unit. There were a few plays, especially early on, we didn’t like obviously, but we’ve tightened some things up. The thing is, it doesn’t mean everything’s fixed. You just go to the next week, the next issue, whatever. So you’ve got to stay vigilant with that.”

Minnesota’s Kirk Cousins must keep an eye — or both eyes — on cornerback Trevon Diggs. He would set an NFL record with an interception, giving him at least one in the first seven games to start a season. The Cowboys also have the NFL’s longest active streak with multiple takeaways at 10 straight games.

Off this week are Baltimore (5-2) and Las Vegas (5-2).

Tennessee (5-2) at Indianapolis (3-4)

If the Titans follow up impressive victories over Buffalo and Kansas City with a strong away win, they could become the favorite for the AFC’s top seed and only playoff bye. That’s a long way off, but the Titans have won five straight division games and are 14-6 on the road since 2019.

This could come down to which team’s run defense can



Associated Press

Minnesota Vikings running back Dalvin Cook (33) celebrates his touchdown against the Carolina Panthers during the second half of an Oct. 17 game, in Charlotte, N.C.

be effective. Tennessee’s Derrick Henry needs 131 yards rushing for his fourth straight 1,000-yard season and had 113 yards rushing against the Colts in a September win. Indy’s RB Jonathan Taylor has rushed for 50 or more yards in 13 straight games, the second-longest active streak behind Henry (32), and has been particularly impactful this month.

Cincinnati (5-2) at New York Jets (1-5)

New York’s 27th-ranked defense faces what is becoming a powerhouse offense. Bengals rookie receiver Ja’Marr Chase had eight catches for 201 yards and a touchdown in Cincinnati’s signature victory over Baltimore. The Bengals are second in the NFL in yards per pass play (9.22) and third in yards per play (6.2), have scored on every red zone possession (seven TDs, six FGs), and Joe Burrow is tied for first with eight passing plays of at least 40 yards.

The Jets not only come off one of their worst defeats, a pile-it-on 54-13 loss at New England, but Mike White will make his first career start at quarterback.

Pittsburgh (3-3) at Cleveland (4-3)

One of the oldest and nastiest of NFL rivalries, with both teams having underachieved thus far.

What better way for Steelers coach Mike Tomlin to equal his predecessor, Hall of Famer Bill Cowher, in victories than by beating Cleveland?

Cowher went 149-90-1 from 1992-2006 and Tomlin is 148-81-1 since 2007.

The Steelers have owned the Browns since they returned to the league in 1999, going 36-9-1.

But Cleveland has won two of the past three, including last season’s playoff matchup. The Browns last won three straight in the series in 1988-89. Their starting quarterback is uncertain with Baker Mayfield having missed last week’s win over Denver with left shoulder problems.

New England (3-4) at LA Chargers (4-2)

The Patriots rarely flinch when they encounter lightning bolts. But they built almost all of their recent success — six straight wins against the Chargers and nine in the past 10 meetings — with Brady on hand.

These Chargers are a much more talented bunch, though 2020 Offensive Rookie of the Year Justin Herbert had by far his worst outing against New England last season.

Patriots tight end Hunter Henry, who played his first five seasons for the Chargers, has caught a touchdown pass in four straight games.

Miami (1-6) at Buffalo (4-2)

Josh Allen loves the sight of Dolphins blue. After losing his first career meeting against Miami in 2018, Allen has six straight wins in which he’s gone 113 for 178 for 1,500 yards with 17 TDs passing and three TDs rushing. Buffalo has won the past six matchups by an average score of 39-19. In those six games, the Bills have 14 takeaways (seven fumbles, seven interceptions), made 22 sacks and have only once allowed 100 yards rushing.

“Sometimes you just find ways to move the ball against a team. I really think that’s it,” Allen says. “I don’t think there’s a secret formula or a special drink

that we’re drinking before the game.”

The Dolphins have never lost seven in a row to Buffalo. They also are 6-0 on Halloween.

Los Angeles Rams (6-1) at Houston (1-6)

Even if Tyrod Taylor is healthy enough to return as Texans quarterback, this could get very ugly. Houston hasn’t been able to move the ball and doesn’t have the playmakers to challenge LA’s defense, which hasn’t been great, but can be with Aaron Donald and Jalen Ramsey leading the way.

Rams receiver Cooper Kupp had 10 receptions for 156 yards and two touchdowns last week to give him at least two TD catches in four of the Rams’ first seven games in what has been a career-best season.

New York Giants (2-5) at Kansas City (3-4), Monday night

You might think the slumping, pressing Chiefs would welcome a visit from the mediocre Giants. Nope.

The Giants have dominated the series, winning 11 of 14 meetings and five of the past six. They also come in as one of two teams with a takeaway in every game — and Kansas City has become adept at giveaways. The Chiefs are an incredulous minus-10 in turnover margin. Patrick Mahomes already has three more interceptions (nine) this season than all of last season.

Carolina (3-4) at Atlanta (3-3)

While the A-T-L is playing close attention to the World Series, the Falcons could continue their revitalization — though

their victories are against opposition with a combined 4-16 mark. They have won six of the past seven in this series.

Carolina’s main chores will be righting quarterback Sam Darnold’s trajectory and slowing down rookie tight end Kyle Pitts.

Washington (2-5) at Denver (3-4)

If the Broncos don’t win, they’ll have their second winless October (1967) in franchise history. So they are bringing back some Manning magic. They are honoring Peyton Manning during halftime ceremonies for his Pro Football Hall of Fame induction last summer. No, they won’t be persuading the last quarterback to take them to a title to suit up again.

Washington was supposed to be stingy on defense, yet is last in opponents’ scoring.

San Francisco (2-4) at Chicago (3-4)

Two teams heading in the wrong direction.

The Niners have been flagged for a league-worst 14 pass interference calls, costing them 250 yards. San Francisco was 1 for 11 on third downs in a loss to Indianapolis and is converting a league-low 16.7% over the past three games. The 49ers turned over the ball four times last week and San Francisco’s 120 turnovers in four-plus seasons under coach Kyle Shanahan are second worst in the NFL. Their 397 points allowed off turnovers are the worst.

Chicago is the only team averaging more yards rushing (131) than passing (a pitiful 124.4).

Jacksonville (1-5) at Seattle (2-5)

The Jaguars are rested off their bye after their first victory. Seattle, still without quarterback Russell Wilson, is 2-5 for the first time since the 2011 season when they were 2-6. Seattle has started a season 0-3 at home for the first time since 1992.

Some intriguing connections here:

Jacksonville’s roster and coaching staff are littered with former Seahawks: cornerback Shaquill Griffin, TE Jacob Hollister and backup RB Carlos Hyde on the field; special teams coordinator Nick Sorensen; passing game coordinator Brian Schottenheimer; and offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell. Five of the six were with the Seahawks a season ago.

Philadelphia (2-5) at Detroit (0-7)

Not exactly a headline game. Detroit is the NFL’s only winless team and has lost 11 straight, going back to Dec. 6, 2020, for, naturally, the NFL’s longest active losing streak. Philadelphia has been penalized a league-high 58 times this season.

AFC Individual Leaders						Kickoff Returners						Punt Returners					
Quarterbacks						Scoring Touchdowns						Punters					
	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int		TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts		No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Carr, Las	266	180	2269	12	5	Agnew, Jac	11	305	27.7	102t	1	Moore, Car	46	586	12.7	39	3
Mahomes, KC	277	187	2093	18	9	McKenzie, Buf	9	244	27.1	75	0	McLaurin, Was	40	550	13.8	40t	4
Burrow, Cin	212	146	1956	17	8	Duvernay, Bal	9	226	25.1	47	0	Jefferson, Min	41	542	13.2	37	3
Jackson, Bal	225	146	1943	10	5	McCloud, Pit	13	321	24.7	40	0	Metcalf, Sea	33	537	16.3	84t	6
M.Jones, NE	247	174	1779	9	6	Pringle, KC	14	344	24.6	33	0	Godwin, TB	42	520	12.4	34	3
Herbert, LAC	246	161	1771	14	4	Berrios, NYJ	9	215	23.9	38	0	Lamb, Dal	33	497	15.1	49t	4
Tannehill, Ten	229	149	1737	7	5	Schwartz, Cle	9	215	23.9	35	0	Evans, TB	37	496	13.4	46	7
Allen, Buf	230	149	1723	15	3												
Bridgewater, Den	231	162	1701	12	5	Henry, Ten	10	10	0	0	60	Lee, Ari	27	1377	62	51.0	
Wentz, Ind	219	141	1695	11	1	Ekeler, LAC	7	4	3	0	42	Fox, Det	25	1271	67	50.8	
						Brown, Bal	6	0	6	0	36	Way, Was	21	1043	66	49.7	
						Chase, Cin	6	0	6	0	36	Gillikin, NO	27	1331	60	49.3	
Henry, Ten	191	869	4.6	76t	10	Taylor, Ind	6	5	1	0	36	Berry, Min	28	1356	63	48.4	
Taylor, Ind	105	579	5.5	83	5	Williams, LAC	6	0	6	0	36	Bojorquez, GB	24	1146	82	47.8	
Mixon, Cin	123	539	4.4	27	4	8 tied	5	5	0	0	30	Dickson, Sea	38	1796	68	47.3	
Chubb, Cle	90	523	5.8	52t	4							O'Donnell, Chi	28	1316	63	47.0	
Jackson, Bal	76	480	6.3	31	2							Wishnowsky, SF	23	1067	65	46.4	
J.Robinson, Jac	84	460	5.5	58	5	Bass, Buf	21/21	14/15	52	63		Dixon, NYG	26	1200	63	46.2	
Harris, NE	95	437	4.6	35	5	Folk, NE	15/18	16/17	52	63							
Harris, Pit	102	388	3.8	20	2	Carlson, Las	16/18	14/16	55	58		Raymond, Det	10	89	8.9	22	0
Hunt, Cle	69	361	5.2	33	5	Tucker, Bal	15/15	14/15	66	57		Grant, Chi	14	121	8.9	21	0
Ekeler, LAC	73	356	4.9	20	4	Bullock, Ten	17/18	13/15	51	56		Moore, Ari	15	131	8.7	27	0
						McManus, Den	14/14	12/12	47	50		Swain, Sea	9	75	8.3	14	0
						McPherson, Cin	22/22	9/12	53	49		Erickson, Car	16	130	8.1	22	0
Chase, Cin	35	754	21.5	82t	6	McLaughlin, Cle	17/17	10/11	57	47		Aiyuk, SF	12	89	7.4	14	0
Hill, KC	52	641	12.3	75t	5	Boswell, Pit	12/12	11/12	56	45		Peppers, NYG	9	58	6.4	19	0
Brown, Bal	37	566	15.3	49t	6	Butker, KC	23/23	7/8	54	44		Am.Rodgers, GB	10	62	6.2	17	0
Sutton, Den	38	539	14.2	55	2							Williams, Atl	9	52	5.8	15	0
Kelce, KC	45	533	11.8	46t	4							Reagor, Phi	12	58	4.8	22	0
Andrews, Bal	37	516	13.9	41	3												
Pittman, Ind	35	508	14.5	57	2												
Cooks, Hou	45	502	11.2	52	1	K.Murray, Ari	256	186	2276	17							
Williams, LAC	33	498	15.1	72t	6	Brady, TB	303	203	2275	21							
Ruggs, Las	24	469	19.5	61t	2	Stafford, LAR	241	167	2172	19							
						Aa.Rodgers, GB	258	173	1894	17							
						Prescott, Dal	216	158	1813	16							
						Goff, Det	274	181	1773	8							
						Cousins, Min	239	166	1769	13							
						Jones, NYG	241	153	1727	5							
						Hurts, Phi	242	148	1716	10							
						Darnold, Car	249	153	1685	7							

NASCAR

Xfinity: Dead On Tools 250

Saturday
At Martinsville Speedway
Ridgeway, Va.
Lap length: 0.53 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (9) Noah Gragson, Chevrolet, 257 laps, 54 points.
2. (1) Austin Cindric, Ford, 257, 51.
3. (7) Daniel Hemric, Toyota, 257, 48.
4. (11) Sam Mayer, Chevrolet, 257, 33.
5. (5) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 257, 40.
6. (8) Brandon Jones, Toyota, 257, 31.
7. (3) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 257, 41.
8. (25) Alex Labbe, Chevrolet, 257, 29.
9. (18) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 257, 30.
10. (16) Riley Herbst, Ford, 257, 30.
11. (22) Josh Williams, Chevrolet, 257, 26.
12. (23) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 257, 25.
13. (12) Myatt Snider, Chevrolet, 257, 25.
14. (30) Colin Garrett, Toyota, 257, 23.
15. (32) Joe Graf Jr, Chevrolet, 257, 22.
16. (28) JJ Yeley, Toyota, 257, 23.
17. (31) Jade Buford, Chevrolet, 257, 20.
18. (38) Preston Pardus, Chevrolet, 257, 19.
19. (13) Brett Moffitt, Chevrolet, 257, 19.
20. (10) Harrison Burton, Toyota, 257, 26.
21. (37) Stephen Leicht, Toyota, 257, 16.
22. (27) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 257, 15.
23. (34) Ryan Ellis, Chevrolet, 257, 14.
24. (36) David Starr, Toyota, 257, 13.
25. (26) Natalie Decker, Chevrolet, 257, 12.
26. (33) Akinoi Ogata, Toyota, 257, 0.
27. (2) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 257, 18.
28. (29) Josh Berry, Chevrolet, 256, 15.
29. (35) Matt Mills, Chevrolet, 255, 8.
30. (39) Spencer Boyd, Chevrolet, 254, 0.
31. (14) Ryan Sieg, Ford, 253, 11.
32. (21) Ryan Vargas, Chevrolet, 249, 5.
33. (4) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, brakes, 222, 4.
34. (24) Kyle Weatherman, Chevrolet, 221, 3.
35. (20) Bayley Currey, Chevrolet, 212, 0.
36. (17) Brandon Brown, Chevrolet, accident, 204, 1.
37. (15) Jeb Burton, Chevrolet, accident, 194, 8.
38. (6) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, accident, 192, 4.
39. (40) Mike Harmon, Chevrolet, overheating, 38, 0.
40. (19) Tommy Joe Martins, Chevrolet, re-argear, 36, 1.

NASCAR Driver Rating Formula
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.
The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

HOCKEY

NHL schedule

Saturday's Games
Nashville 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, SO
Los Angeles 5, Montreal 2
Detroit at Toronto, late
Florida at Boston, late
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, late
Winnipeg at San Jose, late
Chicago at St. Louis, late
Minnesota at Colorado, late
Edmonton at Vancouver, late
Philadelphia at Calgary, late
Today's Games
Arizona at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Montreal at Anaheim, 4 p.m.
Columbus at New Jersey, 5 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Seattle, 9 p.m.

FOOTBALL

College scores

EAST
Bowling Green 56, Buffalo 44
CCSU 49, Merrimack 21
Colgate 33, Bucknell 10
Dartmouth 20, Harvard 17
Delaware 17, Dixie St. 10
Delaware St. 30, Howard 23
Holy Cross 31, Lehigh 12
LIU Brooklyn 28, Wagner 14
Lafayette 24, Georgetown 23
Maine 45, Rhode Island 24
Marshall 38, FIU 0
Maryland 38, Indiana 35
Miami 38, Pittsburgh 34
Penn 45, Brown 17
Richmond 35, New Hampshire 21
Robert Morris 38, Hampton 35
St. Francis (Pa.) 17, Duquesne 10
Syracuse 21, Boston College 6
Towson 38, Albany (NY) 24
UCF 49, Temple 7
West Virginia 38, Iowa St. 31
William & Mary 31, Villanova 18
Yale 37, Columbia 30
SOUTH
Alabama A&M 42, Alabama St. 28
Appalachian St. 59, Louisiana-Monroe 28
Cent. Arkansas 38, Jacksonville St. 14
Charleston Southern 27, Campbell 14
Chattanooga 13, Furman 3
Cincinnati 31, Tulane 12
Clemson 30, Florida St. 20
Davidson 29, Morehead St. 22
E. Kentucky 42, Lamar 10
Florida A&M 26, Grambling St. 3
Georgia 34, Florida 7
Jackson St. 28, MVSU 19
James Madison 45, Elon 21
Kennesaw St. 34, Gardner-Webb 30
Liberty 62, Umass 17
Louisiana-Lafayette 45, Texas State 0
Mercer 34, The Citadel 7
Middle Tennessee 35, Southern Miss. 10
Missouri 37, Vanderbilt 28
Monmouth (NJ) 35, NC A&T 16
Nicholls 42, Northwestern St. 21
Norfolk St. 31, Morgan St. 20
Old Dominion 23, Louisiana Tech 20
SC State 27, NC Central 24
South Alabama 31, Arkansas St. 13
Stetson 56, Presbyterian 14
UT Martin 17, Austin Peay 16
VMI 46, Samford 45
Virginia Tech 26, Georgia Tech 17
W. Carolina 41, Wofford 21
W. Kentucky 45, Charlotte 13
Wake Forest 45, Duke 7
SOUTHWEST
Baylor 31, Texas 24
Incarnate Word 49, Houston Baptist 21
North Texas 30, Rice 24, OT
Oklahoma 52, Texas Tech 21
Stephen F. Austin 41, Abilene Christian 27
Texas Southern 59, Ark.-Pine Bluff 17
MIDWEST
Dayton 38, Butler 31
Kansas St. 31, TCU 12
Michigan St. 37, Michigan 33
Minnesota 41, Northwestern 14
Missouri St. 32, North Dakota 28
N. Dakota St. 44, Indiana St. 2
Purdue 28, Nebraska 23

Florida LOTTERY

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

PICK 2 (early) 3 - 5	PICK 5 (late) Unavailable
PICK 2 (late) Unavailable	FANTASY 5 Unavailable
PICK 3 (early) 1 - 1 - 1	LOTTO Unavailable
PICK 3 (late) Unavailable	POWERBALL Unavailable
PICK 4 (early) 6 - 6 - 1 - 1	POWER BALL Unavailable
PICK 4 (late) Unavailable	CASH 4 LIFE Unavailable
PICK 5 (early) 0 - 1 - 8 - 5 - 9	CASH BALL Unavailable

Friday's winning numbers and payouts:

Jackpot Triple Play: 1 – 10 – 11 – 16 – 19 – 45	4-of-5 MB 2 winners \$10,000
6-of-6 No winner	4-of-5 16 winners\$500
5-of-6 22 winners \$450.50	3-of-5 MB 46 \$200
4-of-6 1,031 \$23	3-of-5 883 \$10
3-of-6 18,345 \$1	Fantasy 5: 2 – 17 – 18 – 33 – 35
Combo 10+ No winner	5-of-5 3 winners \$65,992.38
Combo9 15 \$500	4-of-5 237 \$134.50
Combo8 69 \$50	3-of-5 7,829 \$11
Combo7 517 \$20	Cash 4 Life: 29 – 34 – 39 – 47 – 54
Combo6 2,530 \$10	Cash Ball: 1
Combo5 9,519 \$5	5-of-5 CB No winner
Mega Millions: 15 – 26 – 28 – 35 – 45	5-of-5 No winner
Mega Ball: 4	
5-of-5 MB No winner	Players should verify winning numbers by calling 850-487-7777 or at www.flalottery.com.
5-of-5 No winner	

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS AUTO RACING

2 p.m. (8 NBC) NASCAR Cup Series Xfinity 500
5 p.m. (FS1) NHRA Drag Racing Dodge//SRT NHRA Nationals

WORLD SERIES

8 p.m. (13 FOX) Houston Astros at Atlanta Braves, Game 5
4:30 a.m. (FS1) Houston Astros at Atlanta Braves, Game 5 (Same-day Tape)

BASKETBALL

4 p.m. (NBA) NBA G League G League Ignite at Sioux Falls Skyforce
7 p.m. (NBA) Utah Jazz at Milwaukee Bucks

BOXING

8 p.m. (FS1) PBC: Manny Pacquiao vs. Yordenis Ug”as (Taped)

EQUESTRIAN

12:30 p.m. (FS1) America's Day at the Races
COLLEGE FOOTBALL

5 a.m. (FS1) Michigan at Michigan State (Same-day Tape)
8 a.m. (FS1) Colorado at Oregon (Taped)
4 p.m. (ESPNU) Ole Miss at Auburn (Taped)
9:30 p.m. (SEC) Ole Miss at Auburn (Taped)
2 a.m. (ESPN2) Iowa at Wisconsin (Taped)

NFL

1 p.m. (10 CBS) Pittsburgh Steelers at Cleveland Browns
1 p.m. (13 FOX) Carolina Panthers at Atlanta Falcons
4:25 p.m. (13 FOX) Tampa Bay Buccaneers at New Orleans Saints
8:20 p.m. (8 NBC) Dallas Cowboys at Minnesota Vikings

GOLF

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

NHL

6 a.m. (BSFL) Florida Panthers at Boston Bruins (Taped)
12 p.m. (NHL) Minnesota Wild at Colorado Avalanche (Taped)
2 p.m. (NHL) New Jersey Devils at Pittsburgh Penguins (Taped)
9 p.m. (NHL) New York Rangers at Seattle Kraken

OLYMPICS

8 p.m. (NBCSPT) U.S. Olympic Trials Curling: Mixed Doubles Finals

RODEO

3 p.m. (6 CBS) Women's World Championships (Taped)
5 p.m. (10 CBS) Women's World Championships (Taped)

RUGBY

11 p.m. (NBCSPT) Premiership Rugby Harlequins vs Saracens (Same-day Tape)

SOCCER

10 a.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League Norwich City vs Leeds United
12:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League Aston Villa vs West Ham United
1 p.m. (ESPN) MLS Sporting Kansas City at Minnesota United FC

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

1 p.m. (BIG10) Indiana at Maryland
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

12 p.m. (ACCN) Pittsburgh at Clemson (Taped)
2 p.m. (SEC) Teams TBA (Taped)
3 p.m. (BIG10) Ohio State vs Purdue
6 p.m. (ACCN) Teams TBA (Taped)

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

12 p.m. (ESPNU) Wisconsin at Purdue
12 p.m. (SEC) Georgia at Alabama
2 p.m. (ESPN2) Teams TBA
2 p.m. (ESPNU) West Virginia at Iowa State
7 p.m. (ESPNU) Washington at UCLA

***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.*

Rutgers 20, Illinois 14
S. Dakota St. 47, Youngstown St. 16
SE Missouri 38, E. Illinois 15
St. Thomas (Minn.) 27, Marist 7
W. Illinois 38, Illinois St. 31
Wisconsin 27, Iowa 7
FAR WEST
Montana 20, S. Utah 19
N. Arizona 38, Idaho 31

Oregon 52, Colorado 29
Portland St. 42, Cal Poly 21
Sacramento St. 27, N. Colorado 24
San Diego 21, Valparaiso 14
San Jose St. 27, Wyoming 21
Utah St. 51, Hawaii 31
Washington St. 34, Arizona St. 21
Weber St. 40, Idaho St. 17

SPORTS BRIEFS

CR runners fall short of reaching regionals

A handful of Crystal River cross country runners participated in the District 2A-3 meet held Saturday at the Weeki-wachee Preserve, but none qualified to move on to regionals.

The top eight teams and the top three individuals not on those teams advanced. Daniel Holliday finished 62nd in a time of 21:05.70. Fellow Pirate Chance Ford was behind him in 63rd (21:08.10). Wade Koos came in 85th (23:39.90).

For the Crystal River girls, Aida Canetti came in 37th (25:28.80) and Paige Woodhouse placed 60th (30:38.40).

Saros leads Predators to shootout win over Isles

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Filip Forsberg and Roman Josi scored in the shootout to lead the Nashville Predators to a 3-2 victory over the New York Islanders on Saturday.

Tanner Jeannot scored twice and Juuse Saros made 34 saves in regulation and overtime for Nashville, winners of three straight.

Kings find power play to beat Habs, end losing skid

LOS ANGELES — Alex Iafallo had two goal and an assist, and the Los Angeles Kings ended a six-game losing streak by

beating the Montreal Canadiens 5-2 on Saturday.

Beal, Dinwiddie lead Wiz past Celtics in 2 OTs

WASHINGTON — Bradley Beal scored 36 points, Kyle Kuzma added 17 points and a career-high 17 rebounds, and the Washington Wizards outlasted the Boston Celtics 115-112 in two over-times Saturday.

Late birdies stake Pendrith to 3-shot lead in Bermuda

SOUTHAMPTON, Bermuda — Taylor Pendrith's big game is working just fine on the PGA Tour's shortest course, giving the Canadian a three-shot lead going into the final round of the Butterfield Bermuda Championship.

Gragson wins way into Xfinity championship

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Noah Gragson said he'd win at Martinsville Speedway to earn a spot in the Xfinity Series championship and did just that Saturday night in NASCAR's most compelling title race.

Gragson, the confident 23-year-old from Las Vegas, had to win at Martinsville to make the winner-take-all Xfinity finale and did it in two overtimes before joining the crowd in celebration.

— From staff and wire reports

COCKTAIL

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though, did little to negate Georgia's mastery for three-plus hours on a cool, sundrenched afternoon. All the empty seats on Florida's side of TIAA Bank Field told the real story.

This one was over by halftime.

And Georgia's defense deserved a toast for making it happen.

"It was a whole bunch of momentum," Smart said. "You get momentum like that, it can be an over-swell."

Smith started the onslaught by ripping the ball out of Anthony Richardson's arms at the end of an 8-yard run. James Cook sliced his way through Florida's defense for a 10-yard touchdown run on the ensuing play.

Richardson was making his first career start, getting the nod over turnover-prone Jones. But he wasn't the difference Florida fans expected.

"The talent's there," Gators coach Dan Mullen said. "We've just got to get him coached up on the intangibles."

Two plays later, Travon Walker tipped Richardson's pass over the middle and Smith intercepted it. Stetson Bennett, who started his fourth consecutive game in place of JT Daniels, found Kearis Jackson for

a 36-yard score on first down.

Trailing 17-0, Richardson had Florida on the move before throwing a pass that Nakobe Dean picked off and returned 50 yards for a touchdown.

"It was just momentum swings," Smith said. "Anybody could have done it."

Getting turnovers was Georgia's lone weakness all season. Smart said an assistant coach ran down the statistics in the locker room and showed the unit it was in the top three in every category expect turnovers; the Dawgs were 68th.

"That offends our guys," Smart said. "I can't say that's why we got turnovers. But that challenged their pride."

The Bulldogs scored three times in 2:09. The last team to score three TDs in that little time at the end of a half was Utah State, which did it in a 52-26 win over Boise State in 2015.

Florida never recovered, losing for the seventh time in its last nine games against Power Five opponents.

"In the final third of the season, it's on me to get this fixed," Mullen said. "And I certainly plan on doing that, of changing where we're at right now."

UP NEXT

Florida plays at South Carolina next Saturday.

PHOENIX

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chief on the No. 6 Ford — Keselowski will replace Ryan Newman in that car — and have one of the top roles at the organization in the direction it takes competitively.

He expects to rely on lessons he's learned from working for Penske for more than a decade.

"I think Roger has always had a level of professionalism that is somewhat contagious and inspiring. His attention to detail is incredible," Keselowski said. "Clearly, he's got a great business acumen. He is really in my mind known for his contagious work ethic. You're not gonna outwork Roger Penske and I respect that so much about him.

"My goal is to take everything I've learned from him and be stronger

accordingly and apply it with my own personal experiences and put together a great team, a great company that can endure and win championships for years and decades to come."

But first, he'll try to drive the No. 2 Ford to the championship on his way out the door.

ODDS AND ENDS

Martin Truex Jr., winner of three of the last four races at Martinsville, is the 10/11 favorite according to Fan Duel.. ... The winner of Martinsville has gone on to win the championship seven times under this playoff format, most of any track. Chase Elliott did it last year and won his first title by sweeping the final two races of the year. ... A win by Kyle Larson on Sunday would make him just the ninth different Cup driver in the Modern Era to win four or more consecutive races. Jimmie Johnson in 2017 was the last to win four straight.

JAMEIS

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opponent — another opponent that we've got to beat that's in this division. And they've got a good team; they're coming in here hot. So we've got to stand our ground and represent at our house."

The encounter also will be meaningful for Buccaneers defenders who just a couple years ago were Winston's teammates, such as edge rusher Jason Pierre-Paul, whose first two years in Tampa Bay overlapped with Winston's stint there.

"I can't wait," Pierre-Paul said, adding that he'd text Winston and "tell him to get ready."

"It's going to be fun. He's like a brother to me," Pierre Paul added, mentioning an offseason hiking trip they took together in Colorado. "But I can't wait to hunt him down. It's crazy, Jameis is a different type of breed."

And there's no lack of respect among the Bucs' secondary for what Winston can do.

"He makes a lot of plays. He has a great arm and throws it deep," Bucs safety Jordan Whitehead said. "He's playing (well), making the right decisions, making smart reads, running the ball. It's going to be a good test and I'm excited to get back and play against him."

Saints coach Sean Payton mentioned a scene from the 1982 film

"Fast Times At Ridgemont High," when explaining why he figured Winston would take a deliberate, level-headed approach to Sunday's matchup.

"It's not like he's playing defensive end and they smashed his car," Payton said, recalling how the enraged defender (played by Forest Whitaker), mistakenly believing students from a rival school had damaged his Camaro, menacingly takes over a game against that school shortly after.

Winston is "playing quarterback," Payton stressed. "So, he's got to be precise. He's got to be on point and I think he understands that."

STILL HUNGRY

There's no sign of complacency derailing Tampa Bay's chances of repeating as Super Bowl champs.

The Bucs (6-1) have won 14 of 15 games dating to last year and are off to the best start in franchise history this season.

"Our guys are working as hard or more," Arians said. "There's a better attention to detail because I think now they know what's at stake."

"Games in September and October mean something when it gets to December and January," the coach added. "You start talking about home-field advantage, and all the things that we learned about last year for the first time. It's going to be different this year."

AP sports writer Fred Goodall contributed.

Butterfield Bermuda Championship

Saturday At Port Royal Golf Course Southampton, Bermuda Purse: \$6.5 million Yardage: 6,828; Par: 71	
Third Round	
Taylor Pendrith 70-61-65—196	-17
Danny Lee 67-67-65—199	-14
Lucas Herbert 70-65-65—200	-13
Patrick Rodgers 68-64-69—201	-12
Vincent Whaley 66-67-68—201	-12
Justin Lower 67-68-67—202	-11

Peter Malnati 70-65-67—202	-11
Patrick Flavin 69-66-68—203	-10
Curtis Thompson 69-67-67—203	-10
Garrick Higgo 67-72-65—204	-9
Graeme McDowell 70-67-67—204	-9
Chad Ramey 65-71-68—204	-9
David Skinnis 67-67-70—204	-9
Adam Svensson 68-68-68—204	-9
Peter Uihlein 71-65-68—204	-9
Dylan Wu 69-69-66—204	-9
Jonathan Byrd 72-68-65—205	-8
Stephan Jaeger 72-67-66—205	-8
Patrick Reed 68-69-68—205	-8
Greyson Sigg 68-71-66—205	-8
J.J. Spaun 73-65-67—205	-8

Local wrestling club hosts a clinic



ABOVE: Angel Merchant, left, and Mason Cosgrove watch as Ken Chertow demonstrates techniques to improve their wrestling skills. Chertow, a U.S. Olympian wrestler who competed in the 1988 Summer Olympics in South Korea, teaches not only the physical attributes of the sport, but also the mindset and mental discipline needed to become a champion. Hosted by the Crystal River Wrestling Club, the clinic was open to wrestlers in grades K-12.

BELOW: Crystal River High sophomores Mason Cosgrove, left, and Tim Gray practice techniques learned at the Ken Chertow wrestling clinic hosted by the Crystal River Wrestling Club Saturday morning in Crystal River. Club director Guy Touchton said he hopes to bring greater community awareness to the sport and get more parents involved in and attending wrestling meets.





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Chronicle staff boasts wealth of experience



Trina Murphy
**MURPHY'S
LAW**

It has been two weeks since my first column ran in the Chronicle. In that column, I spent a little time talking about myself to help you get to know me. Today I am going to talk about a subject much more interesting, the Chronicle's leadership team.

During the past few months, there have been some considerable changes at the Chronicle. One thing that hasn't changed is the solid leadership of our company. Of the nearly 100 people employed with

the Chronicle, there is a strong core leadership team that keeps things running each day. These men and women are amazing at what they do and have many years of experience in their field. Combined, our leadership team has almost 120 years of newspaper experience. Now that is impressive!

Jeff Bryan has been with the company a total of 21 years and is now the editor of the Chronicle. Prior to this position he was our sports editor, then editor for the

Riverland News for many years. He came to Citrus County by way of Kansas, where he worked at the Atchison Globe as sports editor for a number years. If there is a news story bubbling up, Jeff is all over it. He enjoys a good story and loves to be in the middle of the action.

Tom Feeney has ink in his blood as a second-generation printer. His father worked for the company for several years and now Tom has run the production facility of the Chronicle and other facilities for

38 years. Tom's skills extend well beyond the press as he regularly works to make great things happen in the community with his many years serving in Rotary and Boys & Girls Club.

Trista Stokes has been with the Chronicle for 24 years. She was originally hired to answer the phones and count pennies. Since then she has grown into a top leader in the advertising and

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Jeff Bryan
**THE OTHER
GUY**

Dad jokes and doughnuts

There are moments in life as a parent when I often take a step back and ask myself, "Am I doing it right?"

The answer is hit and miss. Now, my dear mom taught it was alright to talk to yourself. It's a different story when you start answering yourself, she would remind me.

Now, when it comes to sweet treats, my progenies didn't fall far from the apple tree. And one specific treat my brood enjoys is tasty doughnuts. They've learned the best doughnuts aren't store bought or come from chain restaurants. They're homemade.

So what has become a routine is our trek to Fresh Start Doughnuts in Beverly Hills before I drop them off in the mornings. By the time we've reached the counter, the ladies have already set the kids' doughnuts out for them.

Now a new ritual has emerged, which I have dubbed: "Dad jokes and doughnuts."

My children have heard plenty of "dad jokes" from yours truly over the years, most of which make them grimace. The doughnut ladies and the kids exchange their "dad jokes of the day" over doughnuts. While my physician might cringe over my doughnut habit, it is said that laughter is the best medicine. I consider it a fair trade.

I'd like to think my children would have a bag full of jokes since they do spend a majority of their day with school-aged friends. That's where I often would learn jokes at their age.

It's definitely one of those endearing moments of a small-town community, when your joke collecting can be done at a local family-owned eatery.

Now, some of you might wonder how dad jokes and doughnuts can go hand-in-hand. First, National Doughnut Day is the first Friday of June, and no joking, National Dad Joke Day is June 21.

With this new morning routine, I just hope I can burn off enough calories laughing. Otherwise, I'll be ready for National Dad Bod Day, which is celebrated yearly on Oct. 23.

So if you happen to swing in for a morning jump start, make sure you share your "Dad Joke" of the day with the ladies at the shop. It will sweeten your day and theirs.

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Holidays, here we go!



STEVE LASKO/Chronicle file photo

Lee Kelly picks up a couple of servings of precious stone crab claws at the VIP section of the 2017 Stone Crab Jam. Stone Crab Jam is just one of many festivities that have become increasingly popular in downtown Crystal River.

Tasting, jamming, skating, shopping: That's downtown Crystal River

What a month! On behalf of the board and myself, thank you to everyone who attended the inaugural Taste of Crystal River. The weather cooperated, the music was phenomenal and, most importantly, the food was impeccable.

Thank you to the following restaurants that participated: St. Johns Tavern, Kane's Cattle Co., Amy's on the Avenue, Charlie's Fish House, BubbaQue's, Kelly's Half Shell, Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters, Downtown Fusion and KC Wine Bar.

Without the following sponsors this event would not have been possible: the Citrus County Chronicle, The Port Hotel, Hengesbach & Hengesbach, Meek Real Estate, Copp Winery & Brewery and Advanced Septic.

Overall, the event was a resounding success and we cannot wait for next year's Taste.

This coming weekend my favorite downtown will be packed with activity. Kicking off the weekend we present First Friday with TJ Brown and the Vibe as our musical entertainment. On Saturday, the Stone Crab Jam takes place. You won't want to miss either event!

I'm not exactly sure how 2021 progressed so quickly but here we are staring the holiday season square in the face. I'm hoping by now you have heard or seen something about what we have up our sleeves for Christmas but if you haven't, let me share all the holly jolly news with you!

The city of Crystal River, Crystal River Main Street and the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce have teamed up to bring a three-day holiday extravaganza to Crystal River Town Square. For the first time ever, we will be bringing a synthetic ice-skating rink and a 5,000-square-foot holiday-themed inflatable maze downtown Friday through Sunday, Dec. 3 to 5.

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JULIE MANCINI/Chronicle file photo

Branson Doncourt, then 18 months, shares his ice with his "best friend" Austyn Richardson, then age 2, during the Florida Manatee Festival. The pair from Inverness was attending the festival with their parents. Although the festival had to be postponed for a few months for 2021 due to the COVID pandemic, the popular event was held March 27 in downtown Crystal River. Family-focused events are a hallmark of the city of Crystal River, as well as Citrus County.

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MARITIME MONEY

Fees will support boat ramp usage

The county commission voted Tuesday to hire a New Orleans-based company to handle fee collection and fine enforcement at four Citrus County boat ramps.

The affected boat ramps are Fort Island Gulf Beach, Fort Island Trail Park, Her-

The fee schedule will be \$10 for a daily pass for both non-residents and residents. An annual pass for non-residents will be \$75 and \$25 for residents.

The fees are reasonable and needed to support improvements and parking upgrades. The ramps get used by a lot of out-of-county residents, especially during scallop season, and will now have those out-of-towners contributing to boat ramp repairs, instead of county taxpayers footing the whole bill.

If a boater doesn't want to

pay the fee, there are 11 other boat ramps around the county that will still be free.

When you consider putting into the water a boat costing thousands of dollars and filled with \$150 worth of gasoline, a \$25 annual pass seems like a bargain — equivalent to a few Starbucks Pumpkin Spiced Lattes. And the fee is much cheaper than what Hernando County residents pay. An annual parking pass for seven boat ramps in Hernando County is \$53.25 for county residents.

Citrus County will get 80% of the fees and fines collected and Premium Parking Service LLC will get 20%. The system will work similar to the Florida Turnpike SunPass. Farming out the ramp fee collections will take the cost of setting up cameras to read license plates, prosecuting non-payers and collection of fees off the county's shoulders.

Given the condition of some of the boat ramps, charging a fee is something the county needs to do.

The fees begin Jan. 1, 2022.

THE ISSUE:

County will contract with a private company to collect boat ramp fees.

OUR OPINION:

The fees are reasonable and will pay for upkeep.

Cutting edge opportunities

Small communities aren't often known for being cutting edge. Life often moves a tad slower. While Citrus County isn't Mayberry by any stretch of the imagination, it's also not an up-and-coming urban hotspot.

It's a unique place — quite successful at balancing the new with the traditional and preserving the things valued most while recognizing that forward progress has its own worth. Not every place can do that well. Citrus County doesn't do it perfectly, for sure. But it does a pretty darn good job.

One of the reasons for this is the Citrus County School system.

Now granted, I'm partial. I'm a product of Citrus County Schools. But it's not just my educational background or sense of nostalgia that fuels my admiration. Compared to other districts of its size, Citrus County Schools stands head and shoulders above the others.

And the reason is pretty simple: the Citrus County School district never stops pushing for better.

That may seem intuitive to the job, but you would be surprised at how many districts settle for status quo, refusing to evaluate their systems and their programs, maintaining things the way they are because that's just how they've always been.



Cortney Stewart
SEEING BEYOND

Take into consideration the recent pitch by Citrus High School to implement the Cambridge Assessment International Education (AICE) program. Much research is still to be done and there are still many questions to be answered, but the pitch itself is the proof in the pudding. The recognition by Citrus County teachers and administrators that students need global perspectives and interdisciplinary study in order to be successful in the future market economy is a win in and of itself.

The AICE program is a research-based diploma program that encourages high-level research and study from multiple academic fields, allowing students to more fully and effectively see, understand and solve complex problems.

This is the future of education. And Citrus County Schools is on the right side of keeping in step with that future. The addition of the AICE program or something similar in nature would only push our students that much closer to being competitive in the real world.

But teaching this kind of thinking goes beyond just the kinds of jobs and future academic opportunities available to Citrus County kids upon graduation. This is the kind of thinking that solves real world, real life problems on an

everyday basis. Kids with these kinds of critical and complex thinking skills are the kids we want running our city planning, building our infrastructure, and representing us to the world.

Programs like AICE teach students that no problem is ever solved by looking at it from one angle or attempting a solution through one academic lens. Instead, it helps kids focus on asking the right questions and fosters a sense of collaboration to understand the full picture of all the consequences before settling on a solution.

AICE may not be the right fit for Citrus County. That's definitely for the school board to decide. But the openness to think through what programs like this can offer to our students is a sign of a group of leaders who are always pushing to give our students the best opportunities the future will afford them. And they don't see the size of the district they serve as an impediment to that progress. That's pretty cutting edge in my book.

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LETTERS to the Editor



Learn about others' views

In response to a recent letter to the editor claiming that the Citrus County Chronicle is "still too liberal." The news/events facts are not liberal or conservative. The point of reading the newspaper is to learn about the "other" point of view, not simply confirm your own beliefs.

Tony Ostrander
Crystal River

Leave education to the educators

Daniel Webster recently issued the following news release: "This week, I joined Darrell Issa and 21 of my colleagues to introduce H. Res. 735, the Stand with Parents Act. This resolution specifically reaffirms parents' vital voice in education, health care, and other decisions that impact their children's lives. I have fought to empower parents and will continue to strongly support every parent's right to determine the

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best educational curriculum and path to ensure their family and child's success."

Webster represents Citrus County in Congress. Unfortunately, this resolution is fraught with all kinds of problems. While it sounds great that parents will be involved with their kids' education, what does this really mean?

Do I, as a parent, have the right to determine the best educational curriculum for my child, as suggested by Webster? Can I tell the school

I want my kids to learn that the earth is flat? That evolution is wrong? That the Earth is only 66,000 years old and humans hunted dinosaurs? These concepts are false, but there are groups of people who believe they are true.

Perhaps Congressman Webster should leave education to the educators and spend his time in Congress negotiating with the Democrats on an infrastructure bill to fix the 400 crumbling bridges and thousands of unsafe Florida roads.

Ronald Berg
Hernando

You can't have it both ways

Do you want to be a hypocrite redux?

Our local elected officials and governor are supportive of "my body, my choice" when it applies to vaccines and masking, but not with respect to women's reproductive health.

Leonard Calodney
Crystal River

Thanks for the column

I want to thank David M. Shribman for his "National Perspective" article in the Sunday paper (Oct. 24, Page C 4). It was wonderful, about Warren G. Harding, a president 100 years ahead of his time. Wonderful article. Thank you so much, Mr. Shribman. Waking us up to whoever reads it. Thank you.

Abuse of other animals

(Re Sunday, Oct. 24's Page C2 "Hot Corner: Cruelty Case"): So I see the dog lovers are filling the Opinion page again with outrage about a cruelty case to a dog and Judge Howard just giving probation to an abuser. I wonder how many of these people complaining who eat animals — pigs, cows, chickens — if they're aware of the abuse to them. Each chicken gets only enough room for the size of a piece of paper. A lot of cows and calves are in a cage where they can't even turn around — ditto with pigs — and the

suffering that they go through when they're slaughtered. A lot of them don't die right away. There's farm animal rescue groups around. I contribute to one and you can find them on the internet.

Building will remain derelict

In reference to the (Sunday, Oct. 24's Page D1 story) "Sign of the times," where Golden Corral has closed. Actually, it needed an updating on the inside because it looked terrible and the rugs were dirty, but nothing's going to come in that place. You're not going to get a Chick-fil-A. You're not going to get anything. It's going to be a derelict building that nobody's going to want to rent and provide anything with. It's just another wasted location in Citrus County.

Money spent on mural

I'm responding to Sound Off to (the Monday, Oct. 25, front-page story), "County to discuss wastewater treatment options," where

they're looking to go from septic to sewer. Well, there's a perfect example. You have \$11,000 and what do you want to do? Paint a mural on a wall. Why don't you take that \$11,000 and assist the people that can't afford to go from septic to sewer? Why don't you utilize the money that way? That's more productive and helps Citrus County more than some mural on a wall. Totally ridiculous.

Editor's note: The city of Inverness wants to spend money on a mural, not the county.

Mural a poor use of taxpayer money

Your (Monday, Oct. 25, front-page) "Online Poll" is about the mural you want to put for \$11,000. It's a poor investment of taxpayer dollars. I don't have a computer, but I vote no. You don't listen to the people of Citrus County. You just do what you want, you commissioners. It's a waste of money.

BOCC made a good decision

I 100% support the commissioners' decision to not use more taxpayer money to fix the problem with the management,

finances and organizations of the Sugarmill Woods, Oak Village HOA. The county staff already helped get the grant and have the landscape work completed. The only funds expended by Oak Village were to be for Oak Village to maintain the landscape. It would be a dangerous precedent for the county to help manage their finances and their politics.

Price of turkeys is outrageous

My wife and I recently went shopping in a large supermarket in our area and we passed by the turkeys, and the turkeys were on sale for \$2.39 a pound. That's over twice what they were last year. They will rot there before we will pay \$2.39 a pound.

The state of recycling

Went to the Citrus County Landfill today to dispose of my household garbage and my recyclable material. Pulled up to the recycle bins. Now the signs say: "No longer accepting glass bottles, only paper products, cardboard, aluminum cans and plastic bottles. No more Styrofoam and no more glass bottles." Yet when I go to the supermarket

and try to buy my favorite light beer, it is no longer available in glass bottles. I asked the distributor and he said it's because there's a shortage of glass bottles and they have to prioritize their bottling now. Does anybody know what's going on with that business now? No more glass bottles in the recycle? How long will it take that to break down in the landfill?

Sentencing was just wrong

(Re Oct. 20's front-page story, "No conviction in cruelty case," "Man to get three years probation for dog's abuse; other cases move forward"): I was so upset by Wednesday's newspaper to see that the man who didn't get his dog with an open fracture (treated), that he only got probation. And then (on Page A13) it showed that the other people with 84 dogs — one died on the way to the shelter — theirs were downgraded to one misdemeanor and one felony. That is just wrong. I don't understand why no one is looking out for these poor animals. I don't understand what that poor animal control officer that built the case is thinking. This is just wrong.

MAIN

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Throughout the weekend your favorite events will take place like the Crystal River Christmas tree-lighting ceremony on Friday and the Crystal River Christmas parade on Saturday. We will also have vendors, food,

beverages and other activities on site. Tickets are already on sale and you can find them by visiting any of our Facebook pages. We can't wait to see you downtown, this holiday season is going to be one for the books.

Meredith Linley is executive director of Crystal River Main Street. Email her at meredith@crystalrivermainstreet.com.

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marketing department as advertising director. Her creativity developed dozens of great events over the years such as Diva Night and Senior Tours, all giving local businesses an opportunity to showcase themselves with customers. Her family has deep roots in the community and she and her husband are now raising their two daughters in Inverness.

Jackie Lytton comes to the Chronicle from the Tallahassee Democrat, where she worked in the circulation department for 7 years. She's been with the Chronicle for 9 years and serves as our Circulation Director. Jackie's tireless efforts have helped to improve delivery difficulties we have recently experienced. Jackie is committed to excellent customer

service and will not rest until our subscribers are satisfied.

Dan Bachmann brought extensive IT expertise to the Chronicle 15 years ago. Prior to us he had 10 years in IT with a New York investment company. A few weeks ago, we quickly learned that technology is fantastic, when it works, but it can sure ruin your day when it doesn't work. During a recent server malfunction, Dan worked way too many hours to count and pulled us through one of our darkest days. Dan is our rock star and we are thankful to have his skills.

In addition, we have 14 amazingly dedicated employees who have been

with us for more than 20 years, one employee Tammy Burns has been with us 39 years! Employees with 20-plus years include Matt Beck, Cindy Connolly, Diane Westenberg, April Zay, Alan Place, John Murphy, Lindsey Cleveland, Cindy Hall, Cody Wilson, James Moyer, Carol Ann Deckelmann, Terry Murray, Nancy Kennedy, Brian LaPeter and Renee McCallum. They, and so many others, are pivotal to our company and I'm so honored to work with this team each day.

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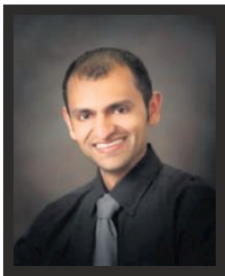
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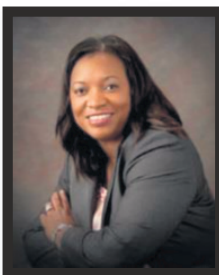
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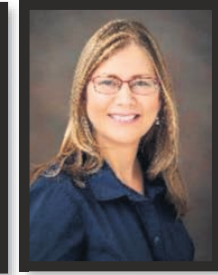
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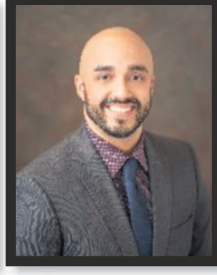
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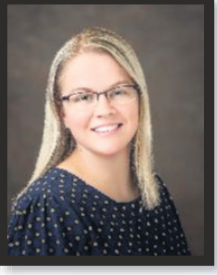
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STRETCHING those senior dollars

SmartAsset report: Social Security income goes a long way in County County

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

When it comes to making their Social Security checks go further, Citrus County seniors know what they're doing.

A new SmartAsset report is out showing Citrus ranks 10th out of the 67 Florida counties for Social Security income budgeting.

Steve Sabato, with SmartAsset, a financial technology company, said income is a critical budgeting factor in retirement that can affect savings goals.

"In fact, 40% of older Americans rely solely on Social Security for retirement income, Sabato said. However, mileage may vary on Social Security income depending on where you live."

SmartAsset found that, in Citrus County, the cost of living is \$20,148 and the annual Social Security amount is \$21,524. On the index, Citrus County placed 77.01.

That's slightly lower than last year's report, where Citrus still placed 10th in the state at an index of 78.84. In 2019, the county ranked 8th.

Neighboring Sumter County, with an index of 95.05, ranked the highest in Florida and the second highest in the nation.

And the worst place in the country for retirees' Social Security income? That would be San Francisco, California.

In making their findings, SmartAsset looked at the



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With more Social Security income, Citrus County seniors are able to enjoy the great outdoors. Here, two women take to Citrus County waterways to paddle. Kayaking, canoeing and paddle boarding are popular on-the-water activities.

average Social Security income for residents in each county and calculated the taxes a typical retiree would pay on that income based on state-specific Social Security tax rules.

It subtracted the taxes from that average income to

determine the net income from Social Security.

After calculating how far that net income would go to cover basic necessities — including food, housing and transportation — the firm subtracted the county-level cost of typical

living expenses from each county's net Social Security income.

Lastly, SmartAsset indexed the results to 100, with 100 showing where Social Security would go furthest in covering the cost of living for residents

in any given county.

To view the entire SmartAsset report and to figure out what your monthly Social Security payment will be when you retire, visit <https://smartasset.com/retirement/social-security-calculator#florida>.

LIVE UNITED 365 Small Business Circle



Special to the Chronicle

Meek Real Estate is a three-year member of the LIVE UNITED 365 Small Business Circle of the United Way of Citrus County. Owner Amy Meek, left, is pictured with Meghan Pitzer, United Way CEO. To learn more about the program, call the United Way at 352-795-5483.

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NerdWALLET

4 ways to sustain savings habits from the pandemic

MARGARETTE BURNETTE
NerdWallet

Whether out of choice or necessity, many people spent less money in the last year and a half on things like entertainment, clothes and furniture. For some, that meant holding on to more of their income. If you were able to save some cash, you've set yourself up to withstand future financial crises, especially if you can continue saving.

Keep growing your bank balance with these four pandemic-driven saving habits.

1. REEVALUATE SPENDING

Consider whether some of the purchases you may have gone months without are necessary going forward. Or rethink how often you want to make them compared to before. For example, if you started to work from home, you might have saved money by making your lunch instead of eating out. If you return to the office, you could continue saving by bringing lunch from home at least a few times a week.

"Since we were all stuck at home, I didn't have many opportunities to go shopping or dine out. So I saved the money," says Vida DeOliver, a jewelry designer and owner of Vidart & Life Boutique, an online store based in Union, New Jersey. "I saved more during the pandemic than I had prior."

DeOliver says these days, she has more in-person spending opportunities, but she's keeping the saving

habit. "When I go shopping, I ask myself if a purchase is really necessary, or if I could hold on to the money and save it for something I'd really like later," she says.

2. DELAY BIG-TICKET PURCHASES

Make yourself wait before committing to expensive purchases. At the beginning of the pandemic, out-of-stock inventory and supply challenges meant that some people didn't have a choice about waiting before ordering big-ticket items such as kitchen appliances, furniture and electronics. But learning to wait before spending money can be a smart choice anytime, helping you avoid the kind of impulse that can upend savings plans.

"I always try to delay purchases for a few days to see if I really want something before I buy, but the pandemic shortages really helped me figure out what I needed and what could

wait," says Eric Chow, a podcaster and public relations professional in Union City, California. Today, he makes a point of waiting a few days before pressing the "buy" button on items large and small, from electronics to wallets. And then? "If I really want it, I'll know it's worth the wait, and if I don't, I can forget about it and move on," he says.

3. KEEP SAVING EASY WITH AUTOMATION

If you were able to save during the early part of the pandemic, one reason may be that it didn't require much effort. You stayed home. Voila — savings. You can keep saving a low-effort endeavor by using automatic transfers to move money into a savings account at regular intervals.

"Set up an automatic transfer so your savings funnels to a separate account each pay period. This way, your savings is the automatic priority. And it gets you accustomed to relying only on the remaining

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4. SET CLEAR EMERGENCY SAVINGS GOALS

A common guideline is to have three to six months' worth of expenses saved for emergencies. If that seems daunting, start with a smaller goal — say, \$500. Chip away at that goal as best you can, even if it's in \$5 increments.

You can grow your money with no extra effort if you put it in a high-yield savings account. The annual percentage yield on these accounts can be more than eight times higher than the national average of just 0.06% for savings accounts. At the low national rate, a deposit of \$10,000 earns just \$6 in interest a fter one year. But in a high-yield savings account that has a 0.50% APY rate, a deposit of \$10,000 would grow by more than \$50 in the same time period.

If you are fortunate enough to save money, adopting these habits can help you hold on to your funds and save even more, preparing you for whatever the future holds.

This article was provided to The Associated Press by the personal finance website NerdWallet. Margarette Burnette is a writer at NerdWallet. Email: mburnette@nerdwallet.com. Twitter: @margarette.

Special to the Chronicle

Nature Coast Charity and Thrift Store, 1314 North U.S. 41 in Inverness, celebrated their ribbon cutting on Oct. 26. From left are: Jacquie Hepfer, councilmember; Cabot McBride, councilmember; Kevin Hepfer (rear); Kent Williams (front); Linda Bega, councilmember; Bob Plaisted, mayor; Eric Williams, city manager; David Fisher; Dave Ryan, councilmember; Ken Hinkle, councilmember; and Patti Fisher.



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It was a BAMMING good time this past Thursday at the Chamber's annual Business Appreciation Month (BAM) BBQ at M & B Dairy in Lecanto! Business owners, community leaders, and residents all joined together to celebrate the incredible contributions our local businesses make in Citrus County.

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Mission of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is an organization of businesses unified in efforts to advance the economic growth of the region, promote the interests of the business community, provide key leadership on key commerce issues and preserve the county's quality of life.

Chamber on Parade!

Registration is OPEN for the 2021 Inverness and Crystal River Christmas Parades! Back to the traditional parade style, this year we are taking a trip to Santa's

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Trains, dolls, games, and baseballs! This year's parades are sure to highlight every child's wildest dreams come to life!

The Chamber invites you to register your float and join the holiday joy! Find more information online at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/Christmas-Parades.

Tricks and treats!



- **Hunter Springs Kayaks** — Halloween Paddle, October 31st, 9am — 11am. Check in starts at 8am at their location at 36 Northeast 4th Street, Crystal River, FL. 352-228-4715.
- **Crystal Harley Davidson** — Halloween Bash with Black Sun Circus, October 31st, 8am — 12pm. 1147 S Suncoast Blvd, Homosassa
- **First Baptist Church, Inverness** — Fall Festival, October 31st, 2pm — 6pm. Dunk tank, mechanical bull, slime machine, punkin chunkin, bounce house, food, games, and more!



'Chamber Report' on WYKE

Watch the weekly Chamber Report show on WYKE-TV to stay informed on Chamber events, issues, and member spotlights. Chamber Report is broadcast on Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 5:00 p.m. on Spectrum Channel 16 or through LiveStream (www.livestream.com/watch and search for "WYKE TV 47").

This week, host Jade White, Chamber Public Relations & Communication Coordinator, talks with Ashley Bruner, partner at Kovach Law Firm about the services they specialize in, the importance of staying local for legal representation, and why community involvement is so important for their business.

Also joining Jade is Will Wilson, owner of Citrus Sports and Apparel, to talk about his current experience with supply chain delays and how that is affecting his and other local businesses.

Chamber Report is your ticket to the many happenings in Citrus County!



Ashley Bruner

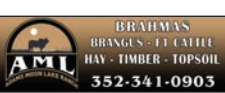


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5 Reasons to Use a Local Citrus County REALTOR®

If you're planning a real estate transaction, it's always a good idea to seek out professional help. When it comes to working with a real estate agent, there's something else you should consider — the agent's location.

Here are 5 reasons why working with a local Citrus County REALTOR® is your best bet to buy or sell a home ...

1) We Know the neighborhoods

It might sound obvious, but local REALTORS® will know Citrus and the surrounding area better than non-local agents.

For buyers, a local Realtor® will be able to find listings that will suit your needs. Whether it's the best local schools, shopping districts, golf courses, or the beautiful water — whatever amenities you value most, a local REALTOR® will help you check those boxes.

2) We've Got Connections

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Additionally, a local REALTOR® could also have the inside scoop when it comes to things like new pre-construction properties as they could have close relationships with developers.

3) We Know Value

If you're a homebuyer, one of your biggest fears is probably overpaying. All real estate professionals should protect their clients' best interest during real estate negotiations, but it takes a true local to understand where the line between upping your bid for a competitive advantage and



Kelly Tedrick

overpaying exists.

If you're buying a home in Citrus County, a local REALTOR® will be able to advise you to stay away from a home that's listed for a price too high above its current market value. Similarly, local agents pay close attention to the shifts and movements in the local market and will use that knowledge to ensure you don't overbid for a property during negotiations.

4) We Know Sellers

In the world of real estate, not all transactions are public. While the MLS and local listings pages generally contain most of the available homes in a specific community, many transactions aren't ever seen by the public eye.

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home that perfectly suits their needs is sold to someone else.

One advantage of using a local Realtor® is that they are among the first to know about these off-market listings. A local agent with a strong local network can connect their buying clients with listings that aren't even public yet.

5) We Know Buyers

Alternatively, the same applies to selling clients. A local REALTOR® has pre-established connections to buyers looking to enter the local market, too. If you're selling, using an agent who's already in discussions with eager buyers makes generating interest in your listing much easier.

It's to your advantage as a seller to tap into the buyer network of a Citrus County REALTOR®.

— Kelly Tedrick, 2021 RACC President
Broker Associate, FL Real Estate
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RACC Charity Spotlight: Citrus County Education Foundation

The Citrus County Education Foundation's sole mission and purpose is to enhance learning and overall well-being for our present and future generations of students in Citrus County. With more than 34 open programs and an impact reaching more than 16,000 students and over 2,000 district employees yearly, the needs in our community continue to grow. As we continue recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, our goal to impact as many teachers and students as possible through our on-going efforts is more vital than ever before. With our evolving efforts aligned with the needs of families in our community, our partnerships and fundraising events are critical.

Over the last two years, more than 2

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Come out and support our fundraising efforts! The Dragons are BACK!!!! We are excited to share that we are host of the largest Dragon Boat event of the year! Please come out and support our schools as they race to compete for dollars back to their school! We have more than 75 teams ready to take home the champion title!

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- 11/3 — Credit Scoring 1-2-3 Class
- 11/4 — Cheryl Nadal Memorial Chili Cook-Off
- 11/5 — Elements of Successful Selling
- 11/9 — Conducting Buyer Interviews
- 11/11 — RACC Closed
- 11/16 — Contract to Close
- 11/25 & 11/26 — RACC Closed
- 12/2 — Code of Ethics course (virtual)
- 12/2 — RACC Annual Holiday Party
- 12/7 — New and Different Ideas for Expired Listings course
- 12/9 — BP Committee Appreciation Breakfast
- 12/14 — Contract to Closed
- 12/24 — RACC Closed
- 12/31 — RACC Closed

All events/classes are limited to Licensed Agents and/or Business Partners unless marked Public. Visit www.raccfl.com for a complete list of upcoming events.

Citrus County Market Statistics — September 2021

	Single Family Homes	Townhouses/ Condos	Manufactured Homes
Closed Sales	324	12	54
Median Sale Price	\$238,900	\$190,00	\$138,500
Median Time to Contract	8 Days	16 Days	18 Days
Months' Supply of Inventory	1.3	1.5	1.6



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Serving Citrus for 13yrs

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Same owner since 1987 **ROOF** Leaks, Repairs, Coating & Maintenance License #CC-C058189 Gary : 352-228-4500

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A-1 Complete Repairs
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Professional Handyman
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A ACE TREE CARE lic/inc since 1991 free est,vet/Sr disc 637-9008

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D & R TREE SERVICE 352-302-5641

LAWN AND TREE SERVICES

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Yard Work
Getting out of hand?
Bush Hogging > Lot Clearing > Tree Trims > Installs and Removal > Stump Grinding
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Stump Grinding Cheap!!!
Avg 16" stump \$25. No stump to big or too small. Ask about our Disc: Veterans, Volume, & Seniors!! Free Est. Cheapest price guaranteed. Call Rich 352-586-7178 352-789-2894 CitrusStumpGrinding.com

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Vinyl, wood & tile flooring PLUS Handyman, Pressure Wash, FREE ESTIMATES. Veteran owned 352-949-2760

PICASSO'S PAINTING
INT/EXT, 40 years exp! decks, cabinets, garage floors, power-washing, Lic/Ins, 352-423-0116

OTHER SERVICES

A-1 Complete Repairs
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Portable Saw Milling 352-949-0308 Leave a Message

SCREEN REPAIRS
Pools & Lanai's, Free estimate. Lic/ins 45605 Mike 352-989-7702

Tired of laundry? Need help?
We wash, dry, & fold. Only \$1/LB. Free pickup & delivery. SudShare.com or 833-783-7427. Use code CLASS for \$10 off.

TRUCKS	RECREATIONAL VEHICLES
FORD 2013 F150, Cab and a 1/2, good condition, well main- tained V8, 78k mi. Tow Pkg. \$19,000 352-396-9416	Pullrite SuperGlide Hitch #3100 12K , Automatic slider, short-bed truck \$1000 (352) 270-3258
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SELL YOUR ITEMS IN
THE CLASSIFIEDS TODAY!



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DOESN'T GROW ON TREES!

LIENS

1666-1031 SUCRN (11/12, 11/15)
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: GS AUTO TOWING gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles at **61 NE US HWY 19, Crystal River, FL 34429**, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. **GS Auto Towing** reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

Date & Time of Sale - November 12, 2021 at 9:00 AM

VIN #	Year / Model Vehicle
2T2HA31U95C055610	2005 LEXS
KNMAT2MT0JP523555	2018 NISS

Date & Time of Sale - November 15, 2021 at 9:00 AM

VIN #	Year / Model Vehicle
1FTFX1EV5AKE62494	2010 FORD
3G5DA03E03S571370	2003 BUIC
5FNYP18555B002682	2005 HOND

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LEGALS

1668-1031 SUCRN
City of Inverness

SECTION 00020 – INVITATION TO BID
CITY OF INVERNESS – WHISPERING PINES PARK
MAINTENANCE BUILDING

DATE: October 31, 2021 Bid Number: 2021-02-WPP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Inverness will re-
ceive sealed bids for construction of the **Whispering Pines Park**
Maintenance Building.

All contractors licensed by the State of Florida are hereby invited
to submit a bid on the above referenced project. Bids will be re-
ceived until **2:00 PM** , E.S.T., on **November 29, 2021** at the City
of Inverness Government Center, 212 West Main Street, In-
verness, Florida 34450. For more information, contact Susan
Jackson, City Clerk at (352) 726-2611, ext. 1007.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: All work for the Project shall be con-
structed in accordance with the Drawings and Specifications pre-
pared by the Engineer. Bids shall be submitted for furnishing, de-
livering and installing all materials, equipment and services, in-
cluding labor for the Work, which generally involves the following
activities:

Demolition of existing office/maintenance structure and fuel stor-
age area. Construction of a new metal maintenance building. Re-
clamation of existing driveway and parking area. New asphalt
and base in areas adjacent to new metal maintenance building.
The Owner reserves the right to adjust the scope and limits of
construction at any time during the bidding or execution of the
Work.

CONTRACT TIME: Construction time to achieve Substantial
Completion is 90 consecutive calendar days from the date of the
Notice to Proceed, with an additional 30 consecutive calendar
days to achieve Final Completion (120 days total).

PROJECT MANUAL AND DRAWINGS: Copies of the Project
Manual and Drawings are available for review at the office of the
Engineer. Bid packages may be obtained by contacting the of-
fice of the Engineer.

Kimley-Horn - c/o Stacy Boney
101 East Silver Springs Blvd, Suite 400
Ocala, FL 34470
Phone: (352) 438-3000
E-mail: stacy.boney@kimley-horn.com

All bids shall be prepared using the Project Manual and Draw-
ings. Addenda will be sent via e-mail to all plan holders up to se-
venty-two (72) hours before the Bid closing time. The Owner/En-
gineer is not responsible for delivery by mail of addenda to pro-
spective bidders.

A payment will be required for each hard copy set of Bid Docu-
ments. This payment represents reproduction and handling costs
and is non-refundable.

Electronic (.pdf) Bid Documents No Charge (emailed)

Hard Copy Bid Documents \$50.00 (pick up at Engineers Office)
 \$100.00 (Fed Ex 2-day Delivery)

PRE-BID MEETING: A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be
held on **November 18, 2021** at **2:00 PM** at Whispering Pines
Park, 1700 Forest Drive, Inverness, FL 34453.

BID SECURITY: A 5% bid security will be required for this
project.

PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND: The Owner will re-
quire that the Contractor furnish a Performance and Payment
Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract Price. All Pay-
ment and Performance Bonds shall be secured from or counter-
signed by an agency or surety company recognized in good
standing and authorized to do business in the State of Florida.

The City of Inverness reserves the right to waive formalities,
waive any technical defects, reject any and all bids, and accept
any bid which represents the lowest and best offer to the City.

/s/ **Eric C. Williams**
Eric C. Williams
City Manager

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MEETINGS

1664-1031 SUCRN

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the **Grants Committee** of the **Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation**, Inc. will be held on **Monday, November 8, 2021 at 9:00 am** in the College of Central Florida Citrus Campus Learning and Conference Center, Room 105, 3800 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461. Meetings are open to the public and public input is welcome. Copies of the agenda for each meeting are available by emailing the Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation, Inc. Persons who require special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act should contact the Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation, Inc. at cccf2015@aol.com. Additional information about the Foundation, Inc., and updates to meeting times, locations, or cancellations are available on the Foundation's website or by calling (352) 419-4039. This notice informs and notifies the public that member(s) of the Citrus County Hospital Board may attend the above-listed meeting. The Citrus County Hospital Board will not vote or conduct business but may actively participate in the discussions.

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LIENS

1662-1031 SUCRN

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the vehicle(s) below under Florida Statutes 713.78. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the premises where said vehicle(s) have been stored and which is located at Adam's Towing & Recovery, LLC, 4212 W Hwy 44 Lecanto, FL 34461, the following:

- DOS:11.12.21@8AM**
2000 DODG VIN#1B7FL26X4YS524088
2006 CHEV VIN#1GCGG25V561218593
1999 FORD VIN#1FDRE14L6XHB56151
2000 CHEV VIN#1GAHG39R0Y1266456
2004 FORD VIN#1FMFU17L84LB90652
DOS:11.15.21@8AM
2005 DODG VIN#1D7HE42K65S133227
2005 CHEV VIN#1G1AK52F857571062
2000 HOND VIN#2HGEJ6617YH500784
DOS:11.19.21@8AM
2007 SUZI VIN#JS1VS55A872102993
DOS:11.23.21@8AM
2005 CHEV VIN#1G1YY34U655131852
DOS:11.25.21@8AM
2004 HOND VIN# 1HGEM22984L000643
DOS:11.26.21@8AM
2008 CHEV VIN#2G1WC583X81234619
DOS:11.29.21@8AM
2018 DODG VIN#2C4RDGBGXJR222373
DOS:11.30.21@8AM
2005 NISS VIN#1N4AL11D15N908752
DOS:12.14.21@8AM
2019 TOYT VIN#5YFBURHE5KP860051

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MEETINGS

1663-1031 SUCRN
Citrus County Hospital Board

NOTICE

Regular meetings of the Citrus County Hospital Board will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:00pm and Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 6:00pm and Monday, March 21, 2022 at 6:00pm in the Conference Room of the Citrus Memorial Hospital Building located at 123 S. Pine Ave., Inverness. FL 34452 to discuss:

- Approval of Minutes.
- Citrus County Hospital Board Finance Report.
- CCHB Legal.
- Other.

This notice informs and notifies the public that member(s) of the Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation will be in attendance at the Citrus County Hospital Board meetings on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:00pm., and Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 6:00pm and Monday, March 21, 2022 at 6:00pm in the Conference Room of the Citrus Memorial Hospital Building located at 123 S. Pine Ave., Inverness. FL 34452. This notice informs and notifies the public that one or more members of the Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation will be in attendance at this meeting. The Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation will not vote or conduct business but may actively participate in the discussion.

Copies of the Agenda are available by calling the Citrus County Hospital Board at 352-341-2250. Any person wishing to appeal any decision made by this Board, with respect to any matter considered at such meeting, must ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Persons who require special accommodations under the American with Disabilities should contact the Citrus County Hospital Board Office, 123 S. Pine Ave., Inverness, Florida, 34452 (352) 341-2250

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MISCELLANEOUS

1661-1031 SUCRN

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ACTION: OrderS to VACATE AND DEMOLISH - VIOLATION OF CITRUS COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 20 ARTICLE V UNSAFE STRUCTURES AND/OR CONDITIONS

Case number: 253342

Description of Property: Altkey: 1892066; WITHLAPOPKA ISLANDS UNIT 5 UN-REC SUB LOT 7 BLK 130: COM AT SE COR OF W1/2 OF NE1/4 OF SEC 7-20-21, TN N 0 DEG 38M W AL E LN OF W1/2 OF NE1/4 1780.32 FT, TN S 76 DEG 57M W 903.46 F T TO POB, TN S 76 DEG 57M W 150 FT, TN N 13 DEG 03M W 265.4 0 FT, TN N 76 DEG 57M E 150 FT, TN S 13 DEG 03M E 265.40 FT T O POB. DESC IN OR BK 614 PG 863, OR BK 636 PG 647 & OR BK 7 14 P 296; Parcel ID: 21E20S07 1A130 0070

Dawn Marie Klug
11477 E. Hillcrest Ct.
Floral City, FL 34436

On **October 25, 2021**, orders were issued by the Citrus County Certified Building Official to vacate and demolish the structure(s) on the property located at: **11477 E. Hillcrest Ct. Floral City, FL 34436**. If the property owner(s) fail to comply with this order, the Code Compliance Division will issue a work order to abate the nuisance condition.

Any person(s) having a legal interest in this property may contact the Code Compliance Office within 30 days of this publication. Board of County Commissioners, Dept. of Growth Management, Code Compliance Division, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, FL. 352-527-5350. If you are hearing or speech impaired, use the TDD telephone (352) 341-6580.

Si necesita un traductor de espanol por favor haga arreglos con el Condado dentro de dos dias de la notification de la publicacion 352-527-5370.
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1665-1031 SUCRN

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, at a regular meeting held on the 26th day of October, 2021, at 1:35 P.M. in the Commission Chambers, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450, adopted a Resolution approving street vacation SV-21-02 filed by Gerald Zahringer for Acme Storage, LLC, closing, vacating, abandoning and discontinuing the existing street, alleyway, road, highway or other place used for travel, or any portion thereof described as the portion of West International Court lying west of US-19, between Blocks B and C, US-19 No. 3 Addition, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 123, public records of Citrus County, Florida, renouncing and disclaiming any right of Citrus County and the public in and to any lands delineated on the recorded plat of the same.

SCOTT CARNAHAN, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners
of Citrus County, Florida

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1667-1031 SUCRN
PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID
ITB No. 21-143
RESIDENTIAL ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT
(FY 2021/2022)

Citrus County, Florida ("County") invites interested parties to submit a Bid to provide roadway resurfacing services for various roadways throughout Citrus County. The work includes, but is not limited to, furnishing all equipment, labor, and material for resurfacing the proposed roads using one of two methods.

Method 1 is to be used on roads constructed with soil-cement base, which entails placing 1.5" of Hot Open Grade Mix as a leveling course (See attachment "E") and then placing 1" of SP-9.5 (Fine) with Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) and PG 76-22 Asphalt Binder (binder) per FDOT Section 334-2. Milling at drive-ways will be performed as needed.

Method 2, for non-soil cement-based roads, consists of placing an average of 1", depending on condition of the road, turnout, or intersections as determined by the County, of SP-9.5 (Fine) with RAP and PG 76-22 binder per FDOT Section 334-2.

The asphalt to be provided for the project shall be FDOT pre-approved and identified on the current FDOT Asphalt Mix Design Plant Assignment Sheet.

Work includes, but is not limited to, exposing and cleaning edge of existing pavement, milling, paving, temporary and permanent pavement markings, redressing, installing new R.P.M.s, shoulder grading (contractor is responsible for providing positive drainage away from the roadway surface), sodding, and other items as specified in the Contract Documents for approximately 41 miles of roadway in Citrus County, Florida.

The County reserves the right to adjust the award, and to add or remove roads and/or bid quantities, as it deems necessary.

SEALED Bids - Electronic Invitation to Bid submittals are to be submitted **on or before December 2, 2021, at 2:00 pm**. It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to ensure that their Bid is submitted through VendorLink no later than the time and date specified in the Solicitation or subsequent addenda. See Solicitation Document for details.

Visit <https://www.myvendorlink.com/common/register.aspx> to register with Vendor Link. VendorLink is an online Bidder registration system that provides a free at no cost to Bidders, a secure, user-friendly Internet portal and one-stop service center to register with County. This system also allows you to receive automatic email notifications regarding County's upcoming competitive solicitations as opportunities become available.

Sealed Bids shall be opened and read aloud publicly on **December 2, 2021, at 2:15 PM via Microsoft Teams, information is listed in the Solicitation Document found on VendorLink**.

****All public Meetings are subject to change or can be cancelled due to the current events.**

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

To obtain a copy of the Invitation to Bid Document for this announcement, please visit [VendorLink](https://www.myvendorlink.com/common/register.aspx) at <https://www.myvendorlink.com/common/register.aspx>- register and once registered, you will be able to obtain the documents or go to DemandStar at <https://www.demandstar.com/beta/buyers/bids>. Copies can also be obtained by calling the Department of Management & Budget/Purchasing at (352) 527-5457.

Si necesita un traductor de español por favor haga arreglos con el Condado dentro de dos días de la notificación de la publicación 352-527-5370

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CITRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Scott Carnahan, Chairman

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TRADE IN TRADE UP



New Honda 2021
CIVIC
CVT FWD LX

\$169 Per mo.
36 months
or 1.9% for 60 mos



New Honda 2021
HR-V
2WD LX

\$169 Per mo.
36 months
or 0% for 60 mos



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New Honda 2021
PASSPORT
2WD SPORT

\$239 Per mo.
36 months
or 0.9% for 60 mos



New Honda 2021
ACCORD
CVT LX

\$249 Per mo.
36 months
or 1.9% for 60 mos

*Plus down payment, tax, tag, and dealer fees. See dealer for complete details. Offer expires 11/1/2021

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Stk #18250

2016 Chevy Traverse

\$13,150

MILES 148,737 *SEE DEALER FOR COMPLETE DETAILS. IN STOCK VEHICLE ONLY.

Stk #P18046

2015 Chevy Trax

\$16,991

MILES 57,587 *SEE DEALER FOR COMPLETE DETAILS. IN STOCK VEHICLE ONLY.

Stk #18125

2019 BMW X3

\$33,991

MILES 43,577 *SEE DEALER FOR COMPLETE DETAILS. IN STOCK VEHICLE ONLY.

Stk #17984

2020 Chevy Silverado 1500

\$41,991

MILES 44,470 *SEE DEALER FOR COMPLETE DETAILS. IN STOCK VEHICLE ONLY.

2015 Kia Forte.	Stk #18207.	\$12,995
2017 Dodge Journey.	Stk #18268.	\$13,995
2010 Dodge Challenger.	Stk #18244.	\$13,995
2017 Dodge Grand Caravan	Stk #P18270.	\$17,995
2016 Jeep Renegade.	Stk# 18238.	\$19,995
2019 Kia Sportage.	Stk#P18237.	\$26,500
2019 Ford Ranger.	Stk#18200.	\$38,998
2016 GMC Sierra 2500 HD.	Stk#1829.	\$40,995
2020 Chevrolet Silverado RST.	Stk#P18303.	\$47,995
2020 Jeep Gladiator Sport.	Stk#18295.	\$47,995



New Chevy 2021
TRAX AWD LT

or **0%** for
\$179 Per mo.
36 mos
72 mos

\$2,639 Due at signing. After all other offers. 0\$ Security Deposit. Tax, title, license, and dealer fees extra. Mileage charge of .25/Mile over 32,500 Miles. For well qualified buyers only. See dealer for complete details. Offer expires 11/01/2021.



New Chevy 2021
Equinox LT

or **0%** for
\$199 Per mo.
24 mos
72 mos

\$3,199 Due at signing. After all other offers. 0\$ Security Deposit. Tax, title, license, and dealer fees extra. Mileage charge of .25/Mile over 20,000 Miles. For well qualified buyers only. See dealer for complete details. Offer expires 11/01/2021.

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Section E - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021

HOMEFRONT

Citrus County Chronicle Real Estate Guide

Garden chrysanthemums are bred and sold a variety of colors: Yellow, orange, reddish, pink, purple and white. A small well-rooted plant in a 1-pint pot costs about \$2. South and south Central Florida summers may be too hot and humid for garden mums to survive, so homeowners treat them as bedding or potted plants that can be replaced every year.

JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle



Inside this week:

Jane's Garden

Chrysanthemums./Page E6

SELLERS! Sell Your Home With ERA! OVER \$178,475,915 SOLD IN 2021!



TEXT 1054622 TO 35620 FOR ELECTRONIC BROCHURE SPACIOUS 3/2.5/2 HOME IN HOMOSASSA

Come tour this beautiful 3-Bedroom, 2.5-Bathroom, and 2 Car Garage Home. This home has been well taken care of by the original owner. Tile flooring throughout all the main living areas with vinyl flooring in the bedrooms and office. Large Florida Room that can also be used as a formal dining area. Spacious kitchen with stainless steel appliances, dinette area in kitchen, and high ceilings with skylight. Dual sinks in both the master bathroom and guest bathroom.

JACOB "JAKE" MIEDEMA
352-287-3798

MLS# 806681 \$339,000



TEXT 806664 TO 35620 FOR ELECTRONIC BROCHURE GREAT LOCATION IN HOMES ONLY GATED COMMUNITY!

Homes must be minimum of 2,800 sq. ft. Near shopping, restaurants, hospital and all the beautiful waterways that Citrus County has to offer. Come build your dream home on this beautiful corner lot.

PAULA GRECK
352-586-0183

MLS# 806664 \$52,000



TEXT 117064 TO 35620 FOR ELECTRONIC BROCHURE 3/2/2 IN THE BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN FLORAL CITY!

Open floor plan with large kitchen, large master bedroom with walk in closet. This wonderful home has a split floor plan with vinyl wood flooring throughout. New roof 2020, new water heat 2020 new Trane A/C 2019 The bike path is only a few of blocks away and Floral City Park. Come take a look and imagine your personal touches that could make this home yours!

MARGARET BAKER
352-422-0877

MLS# 806843 \$269,000



TEXT 246153 TO 35620 FOR ELECTRONIC BROCHURE PRICE JUST REDUCED! CHECK OUT THE 10 ACRE FARM SITE

Charming 3/2 w/many upgrades! Master on 2nd floor, remodeled w/ Walk in shower and closet. Newer deck. New roof 4/2021 w/transferrable warranty. 10 acres fenced & cross fenced, ready for your animals! Small pond. Updated kitchen & baths in recent years. Vaulted wood ceilings. Lots of upgrades in past few years. Detached shed w/covered areas on both sides. No Deed Restrictions.

MLS# 804949 \$329,999

JANICE AYERS/BILL MOORE
352-422-0488/352-697-1613

MLS# 804949 \$329,999



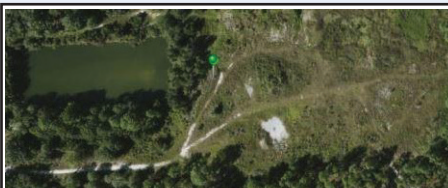
TEXT 1001953 TO 35620 FOR ELECTRONIC BROCHURE SELLER WILL CONSIDER ALL REASONABLE CASH OFFERS!

Sold As-Is. NO VALUE PUT ON MOBILE & CAN BE REMOVED FOR \$4,000. Screen porch on front, deck on back. Property is beautiful with some mighty oaks. Seems like good elevation, maps show most elevation is 18' or higher! Some fencing & cross fencing. 25x28 detached garage would be great for a Man Cave! Concrete slab, trusses & metal roof, 2 doors & electric to shop. Back left corner of property is not brush hogged because of stumps. Electric meter has been removed & Buyers will be responsible for power!

MLS# 805056 \$129,000

JANICE AYERS/BILL MOORE
352-422-0488/352-697-1613

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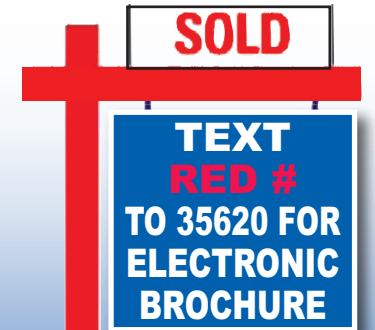
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Build a new interior wall

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Do you want to build a new wall inside your home? Perhaps you're trying to create a new small space for a home office or hobby room, or maybe you have a bigger appetite and are transforming a dank basement into a finished living space. But you have no idea where to start. I've been there. I've experienced your anxiety.

Every now and then it's interesting to go back in time. I clearly remember having to build my first partition wall inside a house. I was a soaking wet-behind-the-ears carpenter working for a small remodeling company. One of my college professors, Dr. Larsen, had asked me to install a half bathroom in his home. I had no idea what to do, so I told him that my boss could do the job.

Once the simple plans were drawn and the contract signed, I was sent to my professor's house to start the job. I had painted the outside of the home three years before, and Dr. Larsen and his wife trusted me. Little did they know, I had no clue how to build the three simple walls needed for the small new bathroom.

I survived with the help of a few phone calls to my boss. It was a humbling experience as I discovered you don't know what you don't know. Keep in mind this was decades before the Internet and YouTube. You have no idea what an advantage you now have when you have to educate yourself about how to repair and build things around your home. Count your blessings!

Building a new interior wall in an existing house can be much different from doing it on a new home job site. When we carpenters build a wall for a new home, we typically build it flat on the floor. Once all the studs are nailed to the bottom and top plates, we tilt the wall up and secure it so it doesn't fall over.

You can't always do this in an existing home, especially if the ceilings in the room are finished with drywall or plaster. As you tilt the wall up, it binds against the ceiling. If you're challenged by a finished ceiling, you'll most likely have to install your top and bottom plates, making sure the plates are plumb in the same plane. You'll then cut each wall stud to fit snugly between

the plates and toenail them in place. Drill angled pilot holes in the ends of the wall studs for the nails. Use no less than 3-inch-long 16d sinker nails to connect the wall studs to the plates.

If there is no ceiling, you can tilt the wall up so long as you orient the wall in the same direction as the floor joists above. You simply make sure the top of the wall rises up in between two parallel floor joists. Once the wall is vertical, you can then slide it into position under the floor joists, assuming you didn't make the wall too tall!

It's important for you to consider stacked framing. If your new wall is going to be perpendicular to the direction of the floor joists below or above, you should make every attempt possible to layout your wall so the wall studs are located directly above or below

the joists. This alignment allows plumbers and HVAC contractors to route their pipes and ducts with ease.

You may discover the carpenters who built your home didn't go to the trouble to stack all their framing. The floor joists for each floor may not line up. If this is your case, then you need to decide if it's better to align your new wall studs with the floor joists below or above the wall. This really only comes into play if you have plumbing pipes and heating or air-conditioning ducts in your new wall. Electrical cables are so small and flexible they can easily navigate unstacked framing.

It's vital that your wall studs are spaced so your drywall ends in the center of a wall stud. Your goal is to minimize the need to

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Speculation

Speculation is very difficult, especially when it has to do with the future. Everyday we get inquiries from collectors regarding the value of their Hummels, collector plates or dishes and glasses, clocks or trains. These and many other items have fallen



Steve Barnes
TIME WILL TELL

from favor and of course value. If it was an investment for retirement or the kid's future, it didn't work. A sad way to depreciate these items is accidental breakage. When that awful sound is heard, we run. It's also

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Yes, Coonties are a good fit for Florida gardens

Dear Gardener Gal: I'm thinking about buying some Coonties for a more native look and hopefully easy maintenance. I've looked around and they are rather expensive, even for one gallon size. I need a lot of them to fill the area I have in mind, so want to know if they are easy to grow and a good choice before I spend all this money. Would appreciate your opinion. — *Kim*

Dear Kim: You can't see or hear me, but I'm applauding. You have made such smart plant choice, and you are doing your homework BEFORE the purchase. Wish I knew how to do a cartwheel. Now that I've given my opinion,

let's cover some facts.

As you are probably aware, the Coontie (*Zamia pumila*) is a cycad, not a palm. You will see many other types of cycads used in landscaping, but this is the only one that is a Florida native. As a native to all of Florida (zones 8b-11), they tolerate most growing conditions. Full sun is OK, as is shade, and a little of both is perfect. Because they are also drought-tolerant and not too picky about pH, it isn't hard to find a good place to plant them.

Now, about the cost: You asked if they were easy to grow. The answer has been given, as well as a photo of a baby Coontie sprouting in a corner of my porch. (The cat-birds love the seeds and apparently

made a deposit there.) So yes, very easy to grow. I have babies coming up all over. The reason they are so expensive relative to other landscaping plants is they grow so slow. I mean really slow. The one gallon plants you saw for sale are probably at least 5 years old. As with all landscaping plants, don't be tempted to cram them together for a fuller look. Plant them at least 2 feet apart, and 3 would be even better. Try to picture a final size of about 3 feet tall and 4 feet wide.

My fellow gardening columnist Jane Weber sells many native plants and when I visited her nursery she had lots of Coonties. Who better to answer any further questions you might have? Happy Gardening.

Dear Gardener Gal: What do I here? It's a voracious eater. — *Barbi*



Leslie
Derrenbacker
**GARDENER
GAL**

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Reader's medallions used to decorate horse harnesses

Dear John: Any idea what these are and are they of any value? Each is 3 inches by 3 1/2 and heavy. There are no markings on the back. I have been told they are horse medallions and could be 50 years old. Thank you in advance! — *M.F., internet*

Dear M.F.: Horse medallions used to decorate various parts of equestrian harness are a popular decorative category of collecting. They have been produced in America, England, Europe and China for centuries. The high quality early pieces can sell for hundreds to thousands of dollars. Various themes were used depicting figured period scenes e.g., Elizabethan times, Masonic orders, Romantic landscapes,



John Sikorski
**SIKORSKI'S
ATTIC**

hearts, flowers and much more. The medallions you have depicting a rearing horse and one in full gallop could be 50 or more years old, but the quality is of a very commercial grade and low on the totem pole of interest. Potential dollar value is below \$10 each.

Dear John: I enjoy your column and look forward to reading it every week. My parents bought a horsehead vase awhile back in an antiques store in upstate New York. It is verdigris color with a blond mane. It measures about 12 inches high, 6 inches wide and 12 inches deep. On the bottom, "Stangl 3611" is impressed. It is a realistic



Special to the Chronicle

Horse medallions used to decorate an equestrian harness are a specific category of collector interest, but these examples are low on the totem pole for most collectors.

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Dear Barbi: From your photo, my best guess is probably a giant leopard moth. It also looks a lot like a woolly bear, which would have the adult being a tiger moth. Either way, it is doing what all caterpillars do: Eat. My fingers are crossed that it is a leopard. These are beautiful moths, pure white with black circles. Almost pretty enough for me to forgive them for eating my blazing stars that only bloom once a year and for only a short period.

You can use *Bacillus Thuringiensis* if they are truly a problem — just know it will kill all the caterpillars that eat those plants. The good news is that it won't hurt bees or adult pollinators.

"Gardener Gal" Leslie Derrenbacker is a Master Gardener and native Floridian. Send your questions to ask gardenergal@gmail.com.



LESLIE DERRENBACHER/Special to the Chronicle

Are Counties hard to grow? The short answer is no. This one has sprouted on Gardener Gal's porch, courtesy of a catbird perched while enjoying a seed.

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representation of a horsehead. I tried to research it but there were quite a few different horseheads on the Internet, and I could not tell the difference. Can you tell me anything about it and its value, if any? — N.J., *internet*

Dear N.J.: Stangl Pottery is a name widely recognized in the antiques marketplace. Johann Martin Stangl started the company in 1929 and the business continued operation in New Jersey until 1978. The company produced a wide variety of bird figurines, i.e., goldfinches, red birds, parrots, game birds and more. The bird figurines have been a specific category of collector interest for a long time.

In the 1940s, Stangl

also produced the first solid color dinnerware in America, which was sold in 3,000 department stores and jewelers throughout the United States. The horse head you have was made between 1942 to 1944. If it is an excellent condition, it would likely sell in the \$250 to \$350 range.

Dear John: I was wondering if you could provide me with contact information on antique glassware and coins in the area of Ocala, Inverness and Tampa. Thank you in advance for your time and effort. — K.M., *internet*

Dear K.M.: For

information on coins, I suggest you check out the website www.coinstudy.com. This website will give you all the information about coins you need to inform yourself about the coins you have, values and selling.

In order to help you on antique glassware, I need to know what specific type of glassware you have and a couple of good photographs.

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Chrysanthemums in Florida

Asteracea is one of 11 families of flowering plants in the order Asterales.

The order has 1,900 genera with 32,000 species. According to Britannica.com, the largest family, Asteracea, has 1,620 genera and about 23,600 distinct species. The Asteracea family includes asters, artichokes, chrysanthemums, cosmos, daisies, dahlias, marigolds, sunflowers, thistles, zinnias and more. All Asteracea flowers have composite flower heads with colorful outer ray florets surrounding a center of tiny disk florets that have pollen and nectar and produce achene fruit with one seed inside.

Popular fall blooming chrysanthemums are economically and culturally important plants. Chrysanthemums evolved in temperate and subtropical Asia, mainly in China, and in northeastern Europe. There are currently about 40 species in the chrysanthemum genus. For hundreds of years, mums have been tinkered with by plant growers and hybridizers to create unique plants and flower forms.

Cultivated chrysanthemums are produced by the millions. Hybrid, garden-hardy mums are perennials that go dormant in winter in most northern latitudes. They can regrow in spring and produce many small blooms on low, rounded plants that need no staking and can endure wind and rain. However, garden mums cannot tolerate tropical heat and summer humidity in the southern half of Florida. Throughout Florida, homeowners use garden mums for fall and winter color and replace them the

following fall.

Chrysanthemum × *morifolium* (formerly called *C. × grandiflorum*) is the most commercially important hybrid. The main parent species is *C. indicum*, bred with other species like *C. morifolium*. In 1884, in Redwood, California, the Enomoto

brothers grew the first cultivated chrysanthemums in the United States.

Exhibition chrysanthemums are grown for show. Around the world hobbyists become collectors and enter their flowers in judged competitions at local, national and international exhi-

bitions. The National Chrysanthemum Society USA, at mums.org, recognizes 13 classes of bloom forms. Classes of flower forms are: Irregular, Reflex, Regular incurve, Decorative, Intermediate incurve, Pompom, Single and Semi-double, Anemone, Spoon, Quill, Spider, Brush or thistle and Unclassified or Exotic.

In Asia, since the Chinese Song Dynasty (960–1279), dried yellow and white Chrysanthemum morifolium flowers have been boiled to make flavorful, aromatic herbal infusions that are now called “teas.” In China chrysanthemum tea is called Hanyu Pinyin or júhua chá. The Koreans flavor a rice wine with chrysanthemum flowers. Young and tender chrysanthemum green leaves and stems can be eaten raw in salads or steamed, sauteed, stir-fried and boiled, as are endive, kale and dandelion leaves. Sashimi Japanese cuisine uses small chrysanthemum flowers as garnish.



Jane Weber
**JANE'S
GARDEN**



JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

Purple thistle, *Cirsium horridulum*, is a nectar magnet for this Eastern Tiger Swallowtail butterfly. In the aster family, Purple Thistle ranges through most of Florida in cold hardiness 8B to 10B in prairies and pine forests along roadsides and in disturbed habitats. Its seeds are important for bird food and it is a host plant for the caterpillars of Little Metalmark and Painted lady butterflies.

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This commercially made chrysanthemum cultivar is called 'Point Pelee' and has the plant patent number PP17460. Thousands of chrysanthemums are produced and sold as fall flowering plants to provide color in containers, garden beds and as long-lasting live indoor decorations. Asteracea family flowers have attractive and colorful outer ray florets surrounding a central disc of perfect disk florets that have pollen and nectar and once fertilized may produce achene fruit with one seed inside. Hybrid flowers are usually sterile, so do not produce viable seeds. Plant patents legally ban asexual propagation.



Garden chrysanthemums are popular potted plants in the fall throughout the entire U.S. Large plants with hundreds of flowers and buds and in a large, No. 5 pot can cost about \$50 each. They are hybrid crosses between *Chrysanthemum indica* and *C. morifolium*. Garden mums go dormant in winter in colder northern latitudes. Up north, mums regrow in spring and produce many small blooms on small, compact, rounded plants that need no staking and can endure wind and rain. Florida homeowners use garden mums for fall and winter color. However, garden mums cannot tolerate tropical heat and summer humidity in the southern half of Florida, so homeowners buy new plants in autumn.

JANE

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Recipes are available online.

In the species *Chrysanthemum cinerariaefolium* and the European Dalmatian species *Tanacetum cinerariifolium*, both in the aster family, flowers produce achene fruits which contain pyrethrins. Pyrethrum is a natural insecticide extracted from pulverizing these flowers and their achenes and is sold as an oleoresin. As a powder or when mixed into a suspension in oil and water, it is used as an insecticide.

Pyrethrins act on insects' nervous systems and are harmful to fish if they get into and pollute water. Used in non-lethal doses, pyrethrins are biodegradable insect repellents that can prevent female mosquitoes from biting. Natural pyrethrins are not long-lasting, diffuse in water, decompose in

sunlight and are less toxic to pets, mammals and birds than are synthetic pyrethroids. Persian powder is a centuries old product made from natural pyrethrin insecticide.

Powerful synthetic insecticides similar to natural pyrethrin are called pyrethroids. Permethrin is a useful synthetic pyrethroid used by outdoor enthusiasts and travelers.

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This is a new interior wall in an existing home. The angled ceiling makes the job a bit more difficult.

BUILDER

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cut thin slivers of drywall off the end of a long piece so you can butt two pieces together. Sixteen inches on center is the gold standard for spacing wall studs.

Don't fret about how to create the opening for a door. It's not that hard; you just need to do a little math. My recommendation is to buy your new pre-hung door and have it at your home. You'll create the rough opening in the wall by taking measurements off the door jamb.

Measure the total overall width of the door jamb up at the top where the horizontal door jamb is attached to the two side jambs of the door. Add one-half inch to your measurement. This will be the width of your rough opening. Note

how much the side jambs of the door frame hang below the bottom of the door. In almost all cases, you'll be trimming some of this length off when you install the door. Ideally you want just one-half inch of space between the bottom of the door and the top of your finished flooring.

You can usually safely make the height of the

door rough opening just one-quarter inch longer than the factory length of the door jambs. Trust me, the finished molding you install over the door on top of the drywall will cover even a one-inch gap between the top of the door jamb and the bottom of the rough opening.

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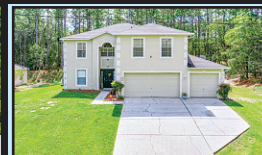


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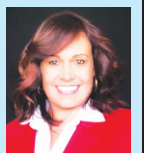


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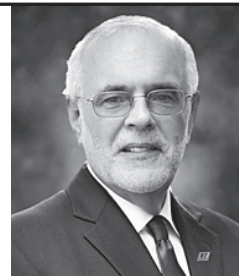


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called inventory control. If you can excuse the speculation, it's possible in 30 years the items that have survived could regain value and the mid-century items so popular now will have little value. Conclusion: Buy items you like and enjoy them.

Now, the other side of that coin. Quality will always win, regardless if the group is on the down slide. Tiffany or Steuben glass has desirability and value. Pyrex, yes Pyrex is hot, especially pink. The longtime collectors of trains, Christmas, Halloween, and others have most of it, so it doesn't get to the shelves often. The only trains we are offered are rusted and inoperable, which keeps potential collectors excluded. A collector came in and asked for



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Halloween items. We said regrettably no. He proceeded to show us his immense collection, so we responded with "no wonder we can't find any!" He laughed.

Mechanical clocks are another group with dedicated collectors. Clock repairmen are called

Horologists and there are fewer each year. We are fortunate to have Ed Kendrick to sell and repair

mechanical clocks. Also, fortunately Ed is young at heart. As an investment, clocks are on the down slide, but once again quality wins.

Militaria has a large following with knowledge of uniforms, medals, weapons, helmets, patches, ephemera and of course history. Militaria is increasing in price, and when there is interest, the reproductions start coming out — buyer beware.

Automobilia is a group that may have peaked, especially signs. They have commanded big prices for years thanks to TV, but once again collectors are in possession and are unwilling to part with their items because of their

investment. Unless an item is high quality, I expect prices to drop. Another exception is auction prices for restored restomod which are getting record prices.

Jewelry is another area — high quality pieces sell well, but with gold prices high some pieces sit. Exception: Costume jewelry is on the upswing, especially named designers. Big and gaudy is in, and we see a trend online of China buying the named designers. We had two young girls from China come in and do a live event showing jewelry to buyers in China. They paid for the items and sent them to their customers in China. Yes, really. My wife says there will always be a

market for jewelry. Exception, turquoise — again, most of the non-stabilized is in collectors' hands and with so many reproductions, much coming from overseas, it is hard for most people to tell the difference.

In general, items that deteriorate — i.e., books, art, ephemera, or items that were not meant to be a collectible — seem to hold or appreciate in value.

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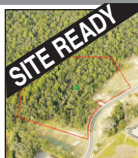
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THE SUNDAY CHRONICLE

October 31, 2021

COMICS

PEANUTS

featuring
"Good ol' Charlie Brown"

by SCHULZ

OK40000

MY STOMACH HURTS...

IT'S TWO O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, AND I'M DYING AND NOBODY CARES!

BAM BAM BAM !!!

YOUR STOMACH? OKAY, COME ON IN... I'LL CALL THE VET..

YES, SIR... I'M SORRY TO WAKE YOU UP...

HE SAID YOU SHOULD GO OUT AND EAT SOME GRASS...

HE SAID THAT'S WHAT THE AVERAGE DOG DOES INSTINCTIVELY WHEN HIS STOMACH IS UPSET...

WET GRASS AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING ?!?

DILBERT

by SCOTT ADAMS
dilbert.com

I DON'T SEE HOW YOUR IDEA COULD POSSIBLY WORK.

OOOH! LOOKS LIKE I STRUCK A NERVE.

THAT MEANS THERE MUST BE A LOT OF TRUTH TO WHAT I'M SAYING.

NO, IT MEANS YOUR IDEA IS SO STUPID IT IS MAKING MY HEAD HURT.

HO-HO! WITH THIS MUCH PUSH-BACK, IT MEANS I MUST BE OVER THE TARGET.

NO, IT DOESN'T! YOUR RIDICULOUS BUMPER STICKER THINKING IS NOT WISDOM!

STOP REPEATING WORN-OUT SAYINGS AS IF THEY ACTUALLY MEAN SOMETHING!

METHINKS THOU DOST PROTEST TOO MUCH.

AAAAII-EEEE!!!

MARVIN & Bitsy

by Tom Armstrong

IT'S SO WEIRD, BITSY

MOM CALLS ME "SWEETIE" AND "BOO"

DAD CALLS ME "SPORT" AND "CHAMP"

THEY'RE THE ONES WHO NAMED ME! YOU'D THINK THEY'D JUST CALL ME MARVIN!

YEAH, THAT IS WEIRD, DIAPER-BREATH

WHAT? I DIDN'T NAME YOU! IT'S FINE FOR ME TO CALL YOU A NICKNAME!

Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

10-31 BOB WEBER JR. and SR.

Count Weirdly has been wielding a shape-shifting device this Halloween night. If he turned a turtle into a rabbit, a raccoon into a snake, and a lizard into a monkey, what does Slylock Fox predict he will turn the bear into -- a wolf or an alligator?

Solution -- An alligator. Weirder is turning mammals into reptiles.

HOW TO DRAW Hairy the Horrible

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YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Briana, age 12. Submit your black-and-white drawing to www.slylockfox.com

The first printed mention of the term "trick or treat" was in a Canadian newspaper in ...

a) 1834
b) 1890
c) 1927
d) 1942

Answer -- Whisker, nose, tail, flame, teeth and nose.

Spot six differences between these panels.

For more Spot Six Differences, Slylock Fox and other puzzles and comics go to www.slylockfox.com

Sunday Puzzle Fun

JUMBLE

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

LATAOF

○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

JASUDT

○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

GTRIFH

○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

DAAOGP

○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

REFTER

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GUTOHH

○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

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

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Have you read the latest pulp fiction? It's about the seedy side of town. Watch out! I don't want you to go squash. I'll get a pumpkin patch.

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Stop it! You're cracking me up!

AFTER HEARING THE JOKES, SLEEPY HOLLOW'S FAMOUS HORSEMAN ---

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mephram Group

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Level

1

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3

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, please visit sudoku.org.uk

Solution to Last Weeks puzzle

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

GARFIELD

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GREETINGS, EARTHLING! I COME IN PEACE!

I WISH TO LEARN ABOUT YOUR EARTH CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS!

CAN YOU SHOW ME?

SURE

HOW'D IT GO?

FIRE UP THE DEATH RAY

ANDY CAPP

by Smythe

RRRR! ROAR!

WHAT'S ALL THAT NOISE, FLO? YOU GOT INDIGESTION AGAIN?

HUH, VERY FUNNY! I'M WATCHING A WILDLIFE PROGRAMME

CHOMP!

AND AT THE SAME TIME EVERY EVENING, THE WILDBEEST FLOCK TO THE WATERING HOLE

BAH! WILDBEEST! THEY'RE JUST DUMB CREATURES OF HABIT. I'M OFF OUT

SLURP! GUZZLE!

ROSE & CROWN ALES

GOLDSMITH & GARNETT

Prince Valiant

HAL FOSTER'S

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

EXHAUSTED FROM HIS BATTLE WITH MORGAN LE FAY'S DREAM SPELL, VAL FALLS INTO A DEEP SLEEP THAT LASTS THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY AND WELL INTO THE NIGHT.

THE SOUND OF HEAVY SCUFFLING, AND BOOTS ON OLD FLOORBOARDS, AWAKENS HIM IN THE DARKEST HOURS BEFORE DAWN ...

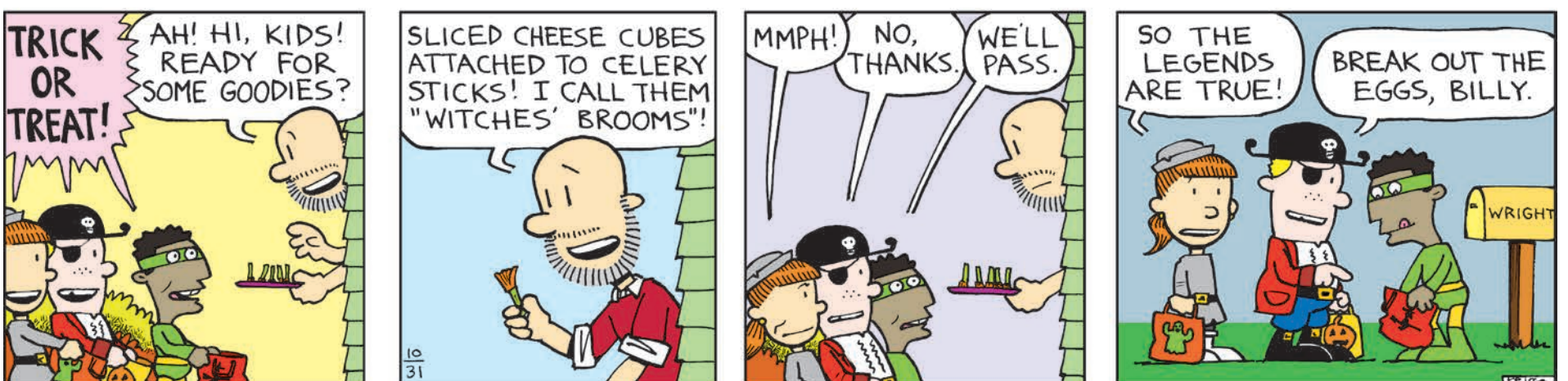
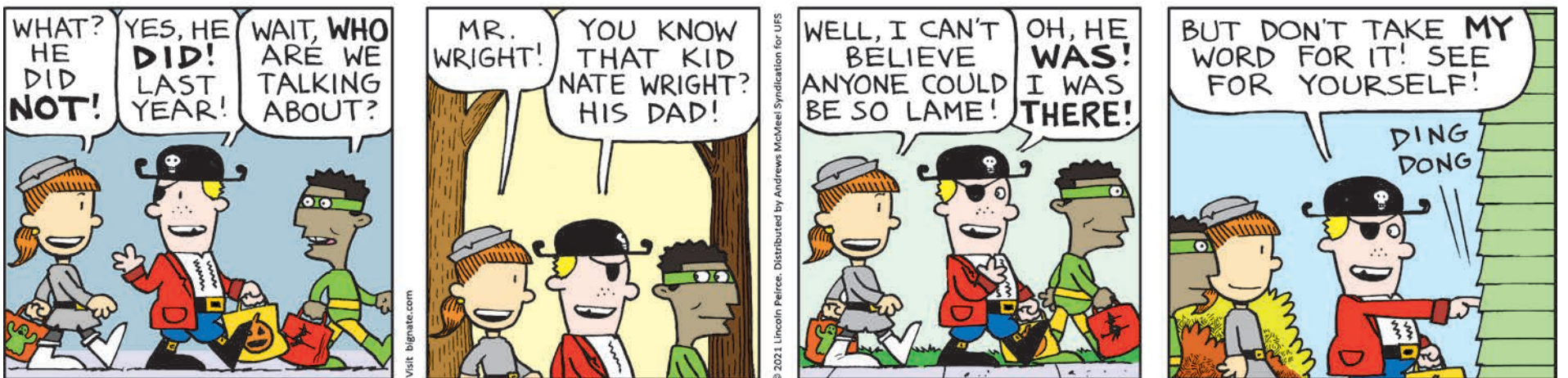
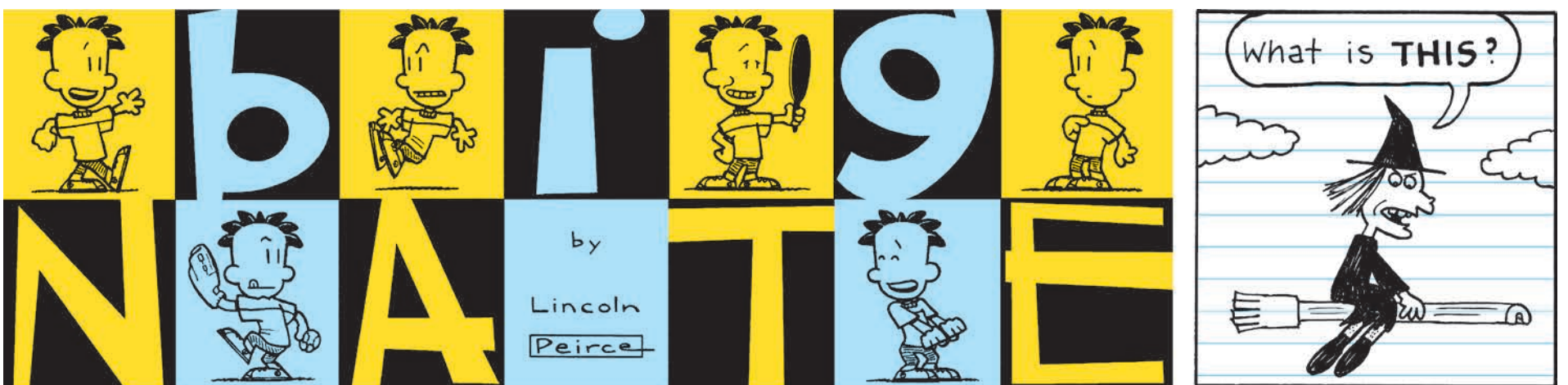
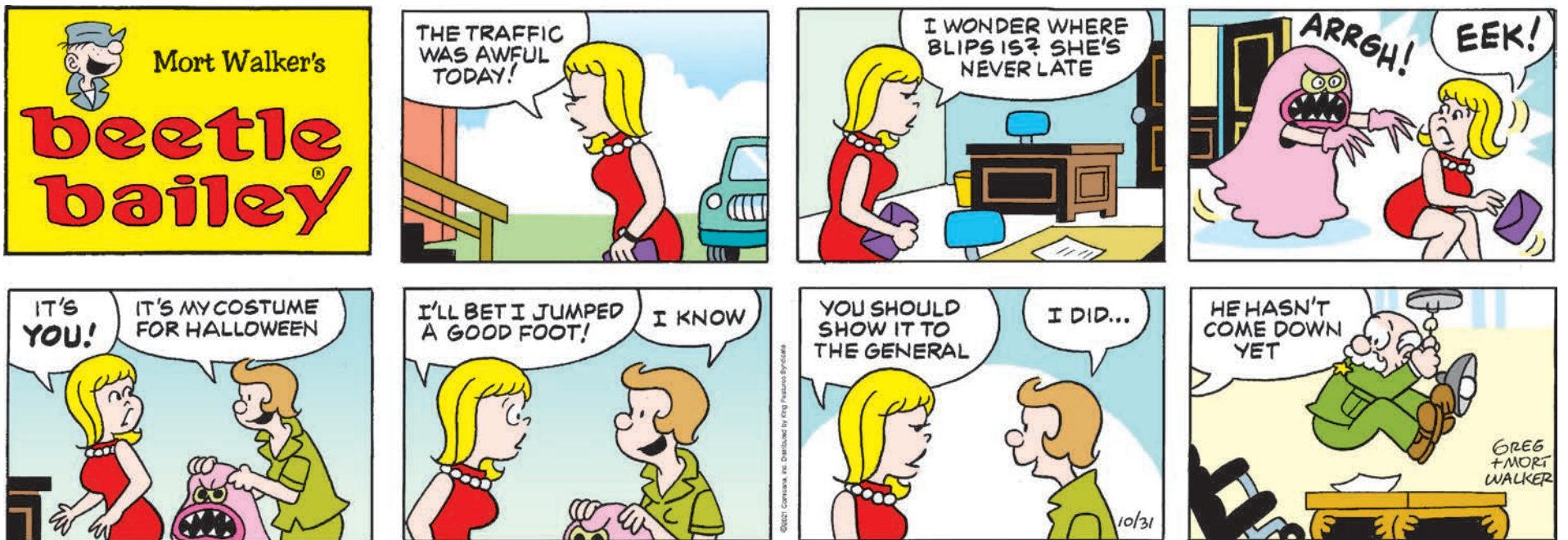
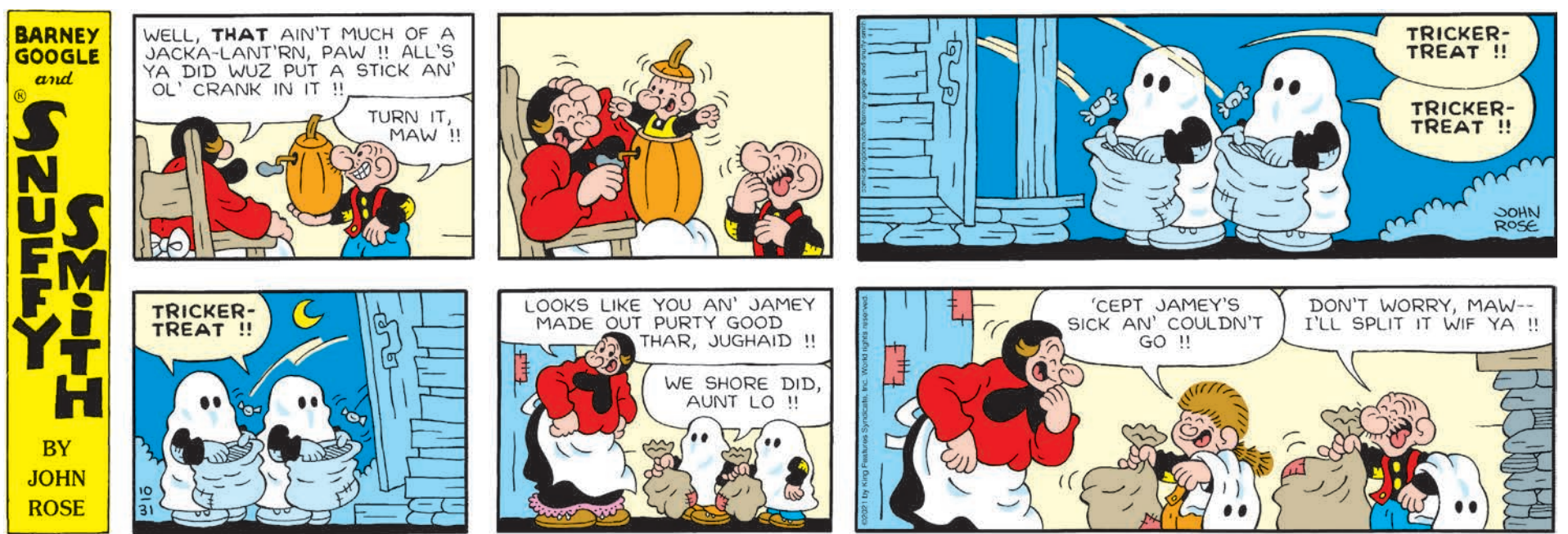
JUMBLE

Answer:

AFLOAT FRIGHT PAGODA THOUGH

After hearing the jokes, Sleepy Hollow's famous horseman ---

LAUGHED HIS HEAD OFF



PICKLES

by BRIAN CRANE

YOU CAN'T VACUUM THE FLOOR SITTING IN A CHAIR.

YES, I CAN.

OPAL, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

VACUUMING THE FLOOR.

IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR LEGS?

NO.

OH, FOR PETE'S SAKE! GIVE ME THAT VACUUM!

SEE? I TOLD HIM I COULD VACUUM THE FLOOR SITTING IN A CHAIR.

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SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

HALLOWEEN SPECIAL

TRICK OR TREAT!

WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

IT'S HALLOWEEN!

I KNOW, BUT YOU USUALLY SHOW UP DAYS BEFORE. OR THE DAY AFTER. AND YOU'RE EVEN WEARING A COSTUME! SORT OF A COSTUME. WHAT ARE YOU, UNDERCOVER PAW PATROL?

I'M ONE OF THE HYBRID ANIMAL-HUMAN KIDS FROM "SWEET TOOTH." AND I THOUGHT BECAUSE THERE REALLY WASN'T A HALLOWEEN LAST YEAR, WHY NOT DO IT RIGHT.

HOLD ON. I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU...

WHOA! A HERSHEY'S EXTRA-LARGE BAR! WITH ALMONDS!

WAIT, THAT HAS ALMONDS? THAT ONE'S MINE... YOU KNOW WHAT? YOU CAN KEEP IT.

WOW! YOU THE MAN, MR. FORTH! YOU. THE. MAN!

WELL, THAT WAS REALLY SWEET.

CAN'T BELIEVE I GAVE HIM MY ALMOND BAR.

HAD SOME SERIOUS SNACKING PLANS FOR THAT ONE.

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BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

YIP

I LOVE HALLOWEEN!

WOW! GREAT WEREWOLF COSTUME!

YOU WENT ALL OUT THIS YEAR!

WHOA! GREAT COSTUME THERE!

YOU DESERVE EXTRA!

WOW!

GREAT GET-UP!

HANG

PRETTY GOOD HAUL THIS YEAR, EH, BOY?

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Hank Ketchum's Dennis the Menace

Miss NO-it-all

THAT WILL MEAN YEARS OF HARD WORK.

YOU'LL HAVE TO GO TO A GOOD COLLEGE AND STUDY SCIENCE.

SO YOU'RE ASTRONAUTS, HUH?

AND NOT JUST FOR HALLOWEEN EITHER! WE'RE TALKIN' REAL LIFE!

IS THAT SO?

THEN GO TO GRADUATE SCHOOL PLUS PASS A STRICT PHYSICAL EXAM.

I GUESS THAT BROUGHT THEM DOWN TO EARTH.

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CURTIS

by RAY BILLINGSLEY

BARRY, I'D LIKE YOUR OPINION ON THESE PAGES FOR MY GRAPHIC NOVEL, "UNLIKELY ROOMMATES"

HIYA, ROOMIE

WE'RE *NOT* ROOMMATES, ZOMBIE!

YOU WANDERED IN HERE ONE DAY AND NEVER LEFT!!

WHAT DO YOU HAVE THERE?!

MY NEW DOLL! IT'S POSSESSED!

OH, GRAY! I LIVE WITH A ZOMBIE AND POSSESSED DOLL!

IT MAKES THE MOST DELICIOUS PASTRIES

THESE CINNAMON ROLLS ARE TASTY! AND THIS PIE IS SCRUMPTIOUS!

TOL' YA! AND THERE'S MORE!

OH, I CAN'T EAT ANY MORE!! WHY IS IT STILL COOKING?

HELLO-O-O? POSSESSED!!

CURTIS, THIS IS TOO SICK FOR EVEN THE HORROR WRITERS ASSOCIATION

THANKS!

I'M THINKING OF REWRITING "GILLIGAN'S ISLAND" AS A DRAMA

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LUANN

by Greg Evans

LET'S GO TRICKERTREATING!

IT'S ONLY 3:30. AND WHERE'S YOUR WITCH COSTUME?

I'M NOT WEARIN' IT. THE HAT FALLS OFF AND THE DRESS DRAGS ON THE GROUND AND THE CAPE MAKES ME TRIP. THE WHOLE DUMB COSTUME JUST SLOWS ME DOWN. I'M WEARIN' RUNNING SHOES

C'MON! WE GOTTA GET OUT IN FRONT OF THE MOB!

I DID NOT REALIZE THAT TRICK-OR-TREATING HAD BECOME A COMPETITIVE SPORT

TRY TO SCORE SOME SWEET-TARTS

HAGAR

the horrible

by DIK BROWNE

DO I FEEL LUCKY TODAY? DO I? ISN'T MY NAME "LUCKY EDDIE"?

SIGH... WHAT'S IN A NAME?

LOOK AT ME! CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS?

AFTER THIS MORNING'S BATTLE, YOU ARE LUCKY TO BE ALIVE!

I WOULDN'T BE IN THIS POSITION IF I HAD LISTENED TO MY SWEET, CARING MOTHER!

SHE WANTED ME TO PURSUE MY ARTISTIC TALENTS...

AND JOIN THE FAMILY COUNTERFEITING BUSINESS!

WIZARD OF ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

TODAY'S THE DAY!

TRICK OR TREAT

POOF

TRICK OR TREAT, LADDIE

POOF

JUST YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD TRICK-OR-TREATER

POOF

TRICK OR TREAT

POOF

TRICK OR TREAT

POOF

SCOOBY SNACKS?

POOF

YOU'RE HAPPIER THAN I'VE SEEN YOU IN A LONG TIME!

I'M JUST GLAD THEY GET TO SEE ME TRICK-OR-TREAT IN FULL COLOR!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN! 10-31-21

BLONDIE

by SEAN KUNIGS & JOHN MARSHALL

DING-DONG

YEP! IT'S GAME TIME!!

TRICK OR TREAT!

YOU GUYS LOOK GREAT! DIG IN!

HA! HA! I'LL BET YOU GUYS WOULD PREFER DOGGIE TREATS OR LASAGNA!

GET REAL! IS HE KIDDING?!

TRICK OR TREAT!

TEN HUT!

AH, MY FAVORITE MEN IN UNIFORM!

TRICK OR TREAT!

AREN'T YOU GUYS TOO BIG TO BE BEGGING FOR CANDY?

WELL, IT SURE BEATS TRYING TO TAKE A CASTLE BY FORCE!

AMEN, BROTHER!

FOR SURE

Hi and Lois

by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

WOW! THIS HAS BEEN A GREAT GAME!

THE WORLD SERIES IS ALMOST OVER.

SO IS OCTOBER!

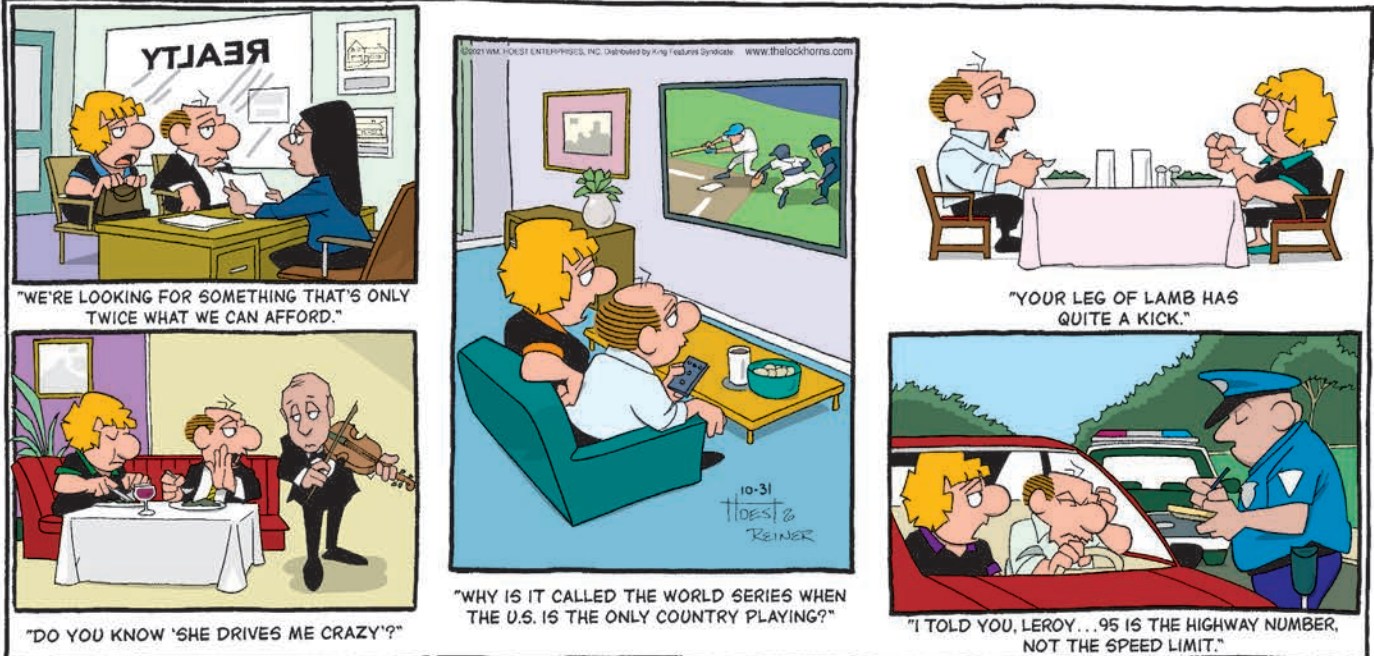
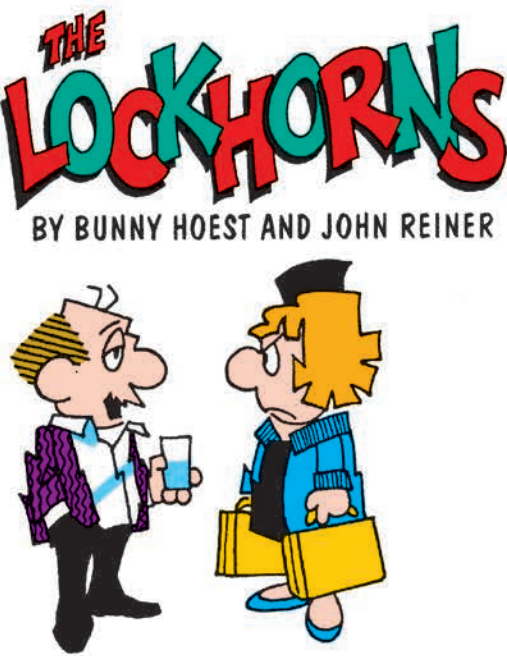
I THOUGHT BASEBALL WAS A SUMMER SPORT.

IT STARTS IN THE SPRING AND ENDS IN THE FALL.

AT LEAST YOU TAKE THE WINTER OFF.

NOT FOR US IN THE HOT STOVE LEAGUE.

THAT'S TRADING TIME.



Happy HALLOWEEN!

Pumpkin muffins

Soft and perfectly spiced, these delicious pumpkin muffins are sure to delight the palate of young and old alike. The perfect dessert for your Halloween gatherings!

INGREDIENTS

- (Makes 12 muffins)
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
 - 2 cups sugar
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - 2 tsps. baking soda
 - 1/2 tsp. baking powder
 - 2 tsps. cinnamon
 - 1 tsp. ground nutmeg
 - 1 tsp. ground allspice
 - 3 eggs
 - 2 cups homemade or store-bought pumpkin purée (see note)
 - 2/3 cup vegetable oil
 - 2 tbsps. sugar frosting
 - Cooked pieces of pumpkin (optional)
 - Fresh mint leaves
 - Whole nuts (of your choice)

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 180 °C (350 °F).
2. In a large bowl, mix the dry ingredients and set aside.
3. In a separate bowl, beat the eggs, pumpkin purée and vegetable oil. Combine with the dry ingredients and carefully mix together with a spatula until perfectly blended.

4. Pour the batter into a muffin tray and bake for 20 to 25 minutes (or until a toothpick comes out dry when inserted in the middle of a muffin).
5. Garnish the muffins with sugar frosting, pieces of cooked pumpkin, mint leaves and nuts.



HOMEMADE PUMPKIN PURÉE

1. Preheat oven to 180 °C (350 °F).
2. Cut a small pumpkin in half and remove the seeds.
3. Place the pumpkin halves skin side up on a cookie sheet and bake for 75 minutes.
4. Cut approximately 25 small pieces of pumpkin (for the garnish) and set aside.
5. Purée the remaining cooked pumpkin in a food processor.

25 bone-chilling movies for a frightful time

It's that time of year when zombies, vampires, evil spirits, murderous villains and monsters of every shape and size take the spotlight. Do you like movies that keep you on the edge of your seat and send chills to run down your spine? Here are a few film suggestions to help you get in a sinister mood this Halloween season. Grab the popcorn, dim the lights and get ready to shiver with fright!



1. *Halloween* (directed by John Carpenter)
2. *The Blair Witch Project* (directed by Eduardo Sánchez and Daniel Myrick)
3. *The Shining* (directed by Stanley Kubrick)
4. *The Ring* (directed by Gore Verbinski)
5. *The Exorcist* (directed by William Friedkin)
6. *A Nightmare on Elm Street* (directed by Wes Craven)
7. *[Rec]* (directed by Jaume Balagueró and Paco Plaza)
8. *28 Days Later* (directed by Danny Boyle)
9. *Saw* (directed by James Wan)
10. *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* (directed by Tobe Hooper)
11. *Paranormal Activity* (directed by Oren Peli)
12. *The Conjuring* (directed by James Wan)
13. *The Babadook* (directed by Jennifer Kent)
14. *The Witch* (directed by Robert Eggers)
15. *It Follows* (directed by David Robert Mitchell)
16. *Psycho* (directed by Alfred Hitchcock)
17. *The Descent* (directed by Neil Marshall)
18. *Goosebumps* (directed by Wes Craven)
19. *Friday the 13th* (directed by Sean S. Cunningham)
20. *The Thing* (directed by Matthijs van Heijningen Jr.)
21. *Hostel* (directed by Eli Roth)
22. *Night of the Living Dead* (directed by George A. Romero)
23. *Alien* (directed by Ridley Scott)
24. *Carrie* (directed by Kimberly Peirce)
25. *Bride of Frankenstein* (directed by James Whale)

CELEBRATING HALLOWEEN WITH FAMILY? Depending on your children's ages, *Casper*, *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *Frankenweenie*, *Hotel Transylvania*, *ParaNorman*, *Ghostbusters*, *The Addams Family*, *AbraCadabra*, *The Haunted Mansion*, and *Scooby-Doo and the Reluctant Werewolf* are all timely picks! The magical world of *Harry Potter* is also very fitting for this supernatural time of year.

Halloween costume ideas for all ages

Are you the type to eagerly scour every Halloween store in town in search of *the* perfect costume that will make you the talk of the party? Or perhaps you're more the type to dig something up last minute, feeling compelled to dress up? And what about your children? Do they always know exactly what they want to be, or, on the contrary, can they never seem to make up their minds? No matter your answers to these questions, here are several ideas to help inspire your next Halloween get-up!

Are you fond of movies, television series or video games? Well, pop culture offers endless inspiration! Do you or your children go crazy for characters like Belle, Moana, Flash McQueen, Trolls, Minions or one of the furry members of the *Paw Patrol*? How about Toad, Daenerys Tar-

garyen, Princess Leia or Zelda, or the infamous Captain Jack Sparrow? Have you ever dreamed of embodying a superhero or villain like Wonder Woman, Batman, Harley Quinn, Joker or Deadpool? Lastly, if you're big on nostalgia, why not venture into the magical universe of *Harry Potter*?

Not much of a moviegoer or gamer? Then perhaps you're a fan of current events! Hop into the shoes of Donald Trump, Hilary Clinton or Justin Trudeau for the day — and don't forget to study your character to get their mannerisms just right. More of a social media addict? Channel your favourite emoji, or turn yourself into a hashtag. And if you're one to think outside the box, why not create your own

disguise? A quick online search will yield many unique DIY ideas for every personality type: bottle of wine, box of crayons, hot dog, tube of toothpaste, etc. The only limit is your imagination!

So, what will you and your children transform into this year?



BOO

