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NEWS BRIEFS

Election deadlines approaching

Voters have until Monday, July 20, 2020 to register to vote or change their political party to vote in the Aug. 18, 2020 Primary Election.

To register online or find additional information about registering to vote, go to the website www.votecitrus.com.

Voter registration applications in English and Spanish are available on the website to print and deliver in person to the elections office or to mail to PO Box 1870 Le-canto, FL 34460.

Voter registration applications may also be obtained by calling 352-564-7120 or toll-free 800-655-6645, or by or visiting the Supervisor of Elections Office located at 1500 Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River. Additional locations for obtaining a voter registration form include the Citrus County public libraries and government offices.

FDOH offers drive-thru COVID-19 tests

The Florida Department of Health in Citrus County (DOH-Citrus) will no longer require appointments for drive-thru COVID-19 testing at the Citrus Springs Community Center, 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs.

Testing, which will begin Tuesday, July 14, will be offered at no cost to adults and children 12 and older, with or without symptoms; however, it will be limited to the first 150 individuals.

Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. followed by testing at 8.

Additional testing sites in Citrus County, include:

- Langley Health Services at 151 E. Highland Blvd. Suite 151. Staff can be contacted at 352-419-5760.

- Quick Care Med: Schedule a telemedicine appointment by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/y87btr95> or call 844-797-8425.

— From staff reports

MONDAY VIRTUAL FORUMS

The Chronicle will be publishing stories from its virtual forum. Monday's edition will cover the County Commission races.

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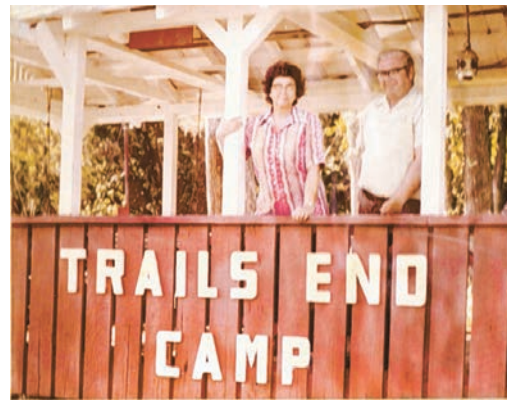
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Roam, sweet home



DONNA CONDRY/Special to the Chronicle
From left, Billy Zeigler and Roy Smith were ready to help customers put gas in their vehicles at Trails End Park. Smith owned the park and Zeigler was a nephew of Smith's wife, Meda.



DONNA CONDRY/Special to the Chronicle
Meda and Roy Smith owned Trails End Park, starting in 1986.



Special to the Chronicle
These unidentified children wait for someone to give them a boat ride at Trails End Fish Camp.



Special to the the Chronicle
This unidentified woman and girl had their fish memorialized in this photo, hanging inside the Trails End RV Park's office.



ABOVE LEFT: This Tin Can Tourist Camp of Gainesville photo was taken around 1920. Some say the "Tin Can" camps got their names because campers ate their food out of tin cans. Others say the "Tin Can" refers to the Tin Lizzies that tourists drove. ABOVE RIGHT: This postcard describes "a trailer park down Florida way." The postcard is from 1946.



Memory Project of the State Library and Archives of Florida

RV parks offer outdoor adventure and luxury

MARGO WILSON

■ SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

They were called "Tin Can Tourists," and by 1919, they had founded a national organization in Tampa to promote camping and motoring.

Each winter, they met at a campground in Florida and each summer, at a campground in Michigan, according to the Memory Project of the State Library and Archives of Florida.

Today, "Tin Can Tourists" have transformed into RVers. And many RV parks have transformed into luxury hotels without walls, offering outdoor adventures, indoor socializing, and amenities

ranging from dog-washing facilities to bands on Saturday nights.

But if you poke around just a little bit, you still can find area RV parks that are a blend of the tranquil Old Florida fish and camper parks of yore, and the teeming tourist destinations of today. RV parks still let you get back to nature — in conditions as primitive or as modern as you choose.

Moreover, in this time of the coronavirus, people who are yearning for a getaway are turning to RVing as a safer alternative than staying in a hotel, said Mike Shoemaker, general manager of Nature's Resort RV Park in Homosassa.

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TRAILS END: A LONG COLORFUL HISTORY

MARGO WILSON

■ SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

When Jewel Pontius, 75, of Dunnellon, was growing up in Tampa, her family spent much of their free time hunting and fishing.

Her mother and father, Meda and Roy Smith, as well as her siblings and Pontius, hunted from land near Trails End Fish Camp outside of Floral City. They fished from another fish camp at first, but later discovered Trails End.

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ELECTION 2020

Sheriff candidates tackle hot issues

MICHAEL D. BATES | STAFF WRITER

Getting drugs off the street, reducing traffic accidents, paying deputies more and making Citrus County safe.

Those were identified at a candidate forum as some of the big issues facing whoever is elected Citrus County sheriff in November.

And, as to be expected, the three Republican challengers hoping to oust current sheriff Mike Prendergast, all said they could do a better job and disagreed with his current direction.

Republicans Patrick Crippen, Mel Eakley, Michael Klyap Jr. and incumbent Prendergast

ON THE WEB

To see a video of the forum debate, visit chronicleonline.com

were at the Citrus County Chronicle political forum Tuesday, July 7, 2020. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the event was closed to the public and recorded for later broadcast.

They will compete in the Aug. 18 primary and the winner will face no-party-candidate Lee Alexander in November's general election. Because Alexander is not competing in the primary, he did not attend Friday's forum.

No Democrats filed to run for sheriff.

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■ **OFFICE:** Citrus County Sheriff

■ **WHO:** Republicans Patrick Crippen, Mel Eakley, Mike Klyap Jr. and incumbent Mike Prendergast; no-party affiliation Lee Alexander.

■ **TERM:** 4 years

■ **SALARY:** \$138,491

■ **COVERS:** All Citrus County

■ **ON THE BALLOT:** Aug. 18 Republican primary winner will face Alexander in the Nov. 3 election

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WEEK IN REVIEW

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

LEMONADE — THE WRIGHT WAY



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Sisters Kynleigh Wright, 7, Kelsey Wright, 9, Avery Moore, 8, Kamryn Wright, 11, Kayton Wright, 8, and Rylen Moore, 10 spend Wednesday afternoon selling ice-cold lemonade along Gospel Island in Inverness.

“It became a new way of life for families who’ve never experienced having need before; they never knew what to do before. They’ve never been vulnerable before.”

— SHAUNDA BURDETTE, CITRUS COUNTY EDUCATION FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ABOUT THE PEOPLE ECONOMICALLY IMPACTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS SHUTDOWNS. CCEF AND ITS LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS HAVE STEPPED UP TO SUPPLY AS MANY STUDENT FAMILIES AS THEY COULD WITH FOOD, SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND OTHER RESOURCES.

GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

The six Wright family sisters, ranging in age from 7 to 11, are selling lemonade every Wednesday from noon to 6 p.m. from their Wright Way Lemonade Stand in front of their grandma’s house on Gospel Island Road in Inverness.

Their motto: “Lemonade so good it will make your mouth pucker.” The girls want to earn enough money to take their parents on a vacation and buy themselves a golf cart.

Their grandma, Brenda McKenzie, who takes care of the girls on Wednesdays during the summer while their parents work and who owns her own permitting business, said she wanted the girls to learn first-hand how to earn their own money and run a business.

HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

Crystal River considering rules and a fee system for kayak-rental businesses launching into King’s Bay. Currently, businesses are using the city’s launches with little or no restrictions or cost.

Local kayakers voiced their opinions on Facebook: ■ John Hogan: “If kayak rental companies are forced to use the Northwest Third Street launch, the area will become congested making it difficult, if not impossible, for private kayakers and paddle boarders to launch there.”

■ Erin Barth: John Hogan, that’s exactly what’s happening at Hunter Springs; it’s almost impossible to get in or out because the kayak companies take up the whole launch.”

■ Larry Schenavar: “This is a dangerous situation at Hunter Springs.

I’m glad the city is doing something. Someone will get hurt if things are left the way they are ... a kayak safe zone needs to be marked in the waterways, steering the paddlers away from boat traffic. The north side of the

Hunter Springs area all the way to Pete’s (Pier) is safe from boats. Need to be marked as such.”

■ Tasha Bush: As a local, I’m not seeing a great solution just yet.

All I really saw was fees and change of location. I sure hope our waterways don’t become so regulated like the Rainbow. I prefer it like it is. I really don’t want to see giant storage buildings for kayak storage by the water. I miss the times where you could go and swim effortlessly. I sure hope we don’t regulate ourselves into ruining it for those who have always lived here.”



THE MOST POPULAR STORIES FROM THE WEEK THAT WAS

CR unveils rules, fees for kayak-rental businesses

On Monday, July 6, 2020, members of Crystal River’s Waterfronts Advisory Board voted 5-0 in favor of a proposed set of rules seeking to regulate and charge Crystal River’s kayak-rental industry launching into King’s Bay, recommending City Manager Ken Frink’s plan for City Council to consider at its July 13 meeting.

Although the fee structures for commercial kayak launches and safety rules are still in the process of being fine-tuned and won’t provide a quick or certain fix, Frink said, they will help ease an overcrowding of paddlecraft launching into narrow canals alongside boats, and gain additional revenue for the city to manage influxes of tourism.

“Businesses are using city launches with virtually no restrictions and no costs,” he said. “The physical impact is huge and the industry is contributing nothing to the city to manage this.”

Hunter Springs Kayak owner Dave Perry and other local tour operators said Kings Bay Park’s docks and launches are treacherous for guests, especially those paddle-boarding.

Under Frink’s plan, all commercial kayak business licensed in the city would launch from Kings Bay Park by Aug. 7, sparing the city’s Hunter Springs Park, its adjacent cove and surrounding neighborhood from kayak and traffic congestion.

Massullo: No support for state-wide mask mandate

As the coronavirus pandemic turns more bleak



both in Citrus County and throughout Florida, Rep. Ralph Massullo, R-Le-

canto thinks that the decision about mandatory use of masks and social distancing is best decided by individual counties and cities. However, the dermatologist was quick to add that he thinks people should wear masks and keep social distancing, but that it should “be left up to the individual.”

Massullo told the Chronicle on July 3, 2020, that he wears a mask when indoors, near the public, and at work “and I encourage other people to do that, but we have a country with individual rights and freedoms.”

He made his comments the same day Florida set a new record for the state with 10,109 new cases.

Massullo also said if the state issued a mandatory mask order, there would be problems enforcing it. He also said many people wear their masks incorrectly.

As for the most recent spike in cases, Massullo said he sees it as “a mixed bag,” noting that while infections and infection rates are up, the death rate from the virus continues to decline and remain relatively low.

“There’s so much about this we don’t know,” he said, “but you can’t live in a bubble in this society.”



CR waterfront mansion sells for record \$2.29 million

If you had your eye on that Crystal River waterfront mansion owned by local gastroenterologist Dr. Paul Hellstern and were ready to make an offer, forget it.

It just sold. For a cool \$2.295 million. That makes it the most expensive sale in Crystal River in the past five years.

The 7,000-square-foot home, at 2115 N. Watersedge Drive, features such amenities as a home theater, gymnasium and game room (with bar, of course).

The five-bedroom mansion also has a massage room, gourmet kitchen (with heated floors), living and family rooms with fireplaces and waterfront views.

The master bedroom has a sitting area with a private balcony, tiled patio, heated pool and spa. The private back yard as a dock and two boat lifts.

“Having listed and sold the most expensive property in Crystal River is a positive sign that real estate is making a strong recovery in the area,” said Jim Henkel, with Premier Sotheby’s International Realty. “Even during these uncertain times, luxury buyers are still looking for exceptional properties and deals are being made.”

Postscript — Kirsten Tomlinson: Full of energy, laughter

At 17, Kirsten Rain Tomlinson had her whole life ahead of her, with dreams of becoming a model or of being a veterinarian or marine biologist.

She had just moved to California to reconnect with her U.S. Navy dad who is stationed in San Diego when she was killed in a hit and run accident as she crossed the street on June 6, 2020.

She was a bundle of energy, a whirlwind of fun, a caring and loyal friend. “She was the sweetest little girl,” said Kirsten’s mom, Erica Connery. “She was the oldest of her siblings and stepsiblings and she was a ‘mommy’ figure. She loved to mother people.”

Citrus students start summer school

For the first time since COVID-19 shuttered Florida’s campuses in mid-March 2020, a few Citrus County schools reopened their doors for students to learn during the summer.

Around 70 elementary students enrolled in the Citrus County School District’s face-to-face summer school program had their first day Monday, July 6, 2020.

Middle and high school students also began summer courses online, and almost four dozen students from the CREST (Citrus Resources for Exceptional Student Transition) School have been learning on campus.



Fire destroys Crystal River-area home: ‘It was gone’

Beth Rao was at a friend’s house the afternoon of Monday, July 6, 2020, when she got a call saying her Crystal River-area home was on fire.

Rao walked a couple streets to her home on West Tangerine Lane to find what was left.

“It was gone,” said Rao, who lived at the property on and off for about five months. “It sucks, man. All my stuff was in there, all of it — what I had left.”

Citrus County Fire Rescue (CCFR) Battalion Chief Lucas Williams said he arrived at 12:30 p.m. to find a single-wide mobile home fully involved with flames.

No one was inside the house at the time and no injuries were reported, Williams said.

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ELECTION 2020 ✓

Two candidates vie for circuit judge seat

Judge Angeliadis: experience counts on bench | Pam Vergara runs subtle, passionate campaign

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Circuit Court Judge George Angeliadis knows he can't say if a law or policy is wrong or right when campaigning to retain his judgeship.

So he touts his 24 years of legal experience to his constituents instead.

"The people of the circuit should expect their judges to have been tested in the courtroom before becoming a judge," Angeliadis said Tuesday, July 7, 2020, at the Chronicle's taped election forum.

Angeliadis faces off against challenger and Brooksville attorney Pam Vergara in the nonpartisan race for six years as circuit court judge in Hernando County within Florida's Fifth Judicial Circuit.

Voters from the circuit's jurisdiction of Citrus, Marion, Hernando, Lake and Sumter counties will decide a winner at the Aug. 18 primary.

Before then-Gov. Rick Scott appointed him in April 2018 to preside over court in the circuit, Angeliadis practiced criminal and civil law as an attorney for 22 years.

Angeliadis spent four years prosecuting misdemeanor and felony cases out of Hernando County, under former State Attorney Brad King.

He then began his 18-year tenure with the Hogan Law Firm out of Brooksville, becoming a firm partner and handling a variety of civil case-loads — from corporate and construction litigation, to government and family law.

Angeliadis was attorney for the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, Sumter County's elections and tax offices and the Hernando County Clerk of Court.

He also served as Crystal River's lawyer for around eight years, and received a key to the city for his work.

Angeliadis also represented law enforcement for the Fraternal Order of Police and Florida Association of State Troopers.

"I gained substantial courtroom experience during those 22 years ...



George Angeliadis

- **OFFICE:** Circuit Court Judge, Fifth Circuit
- **WHO:** Incumbent George Angeliadis, Pam Vergara. Race is nonpartisan.
- **TERM, SALARY:** 6 years, \$160,688
- **COVERS:** All Citrus, plus Hernando, Lake, Marion and Sumter counties
- **ON THE BALLOT:** Aug. 18 primary winner is elected. This contest is open to all voters.



Pam Vergara

handling jury trials, non-jury trials and numerous evidentiary hearings," he said.

Angeliadis' community service includes time with the Brooksville Rotary Club, the Sheriff's Office Youth Educational Services Program, Teen Court and long-time coach of the First Hernando Youth Soccer Club.

He's also president of the Hernando County Bar Association.

Angeliadis decided in 2018 to apply for a vacant circuit judge seat opened by Curtis J. Neal's retirement.

"After a very diverse and distinguished legal career," he said, "I decided it was time to serve the community in a different way."

Angeliadis passed a grueling nomination process alongside 11 other applicants before the governor appointed him to a circuit bench in Hernando County, where Angeliadis first presided over the family law and probate dockets.

He was later assigned to oversee part of the civil docket dealing with medical negligence, personal injury, foreclosures, sinkhole and tobacco litigation.

Angeliadis also presides over cases in the drug, mental-health and veterans-treatment courts, where defendants can have charges dismissed if they complete the court-diversion programs.

With his years of background in courtrooms, Angeliadis said there should be no choice for voters.

"I'm confident that when you research my qualifications and experience," he said, "you'll find I have what it takes to remain your circuit judge."

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Brooksville attorney Pam Vergara has been subtle but passionate in her campaign for a contested judgeship.

"Being a judge is something I have always wanted to do," she said Friday, July 10, 2020, in an emailed statement to the Chronicle. "I believe our citizens deserve a judge who will serve them by listening, being completely independent and serve them with honesty and integrity."

With exception of her statement, attached to her resumé, Vergara did not respond to numerous phone calls and emails from the Chronicle requesting interviews and her appearance at the newspaper's political forum on Tuesday, July 7, 2020.

Vergara has been challenging incumbent George Angeliadis for his circuit judge seat in Hernando County ever since she filed her candidacy in March 2019.

Voters within Florida's Fifth Judicial Circuit of Citrus, Hernando, Marion, Sumter and Lake counties will elect a winner in the non-partisan race during the Aug. 18 primary.

To learn more about her, visit Vergara's campaign website, www.vergara4judge.com, and Facebook page, facebook.com/vergaraforjudge.

Vergara was admitted to the Florida Bar in 2011, and has had no marks of discipline, according to the Florida Bar's website.

As a current associate counsel with the Law Offices of William B. Eppley in Brooksville, Vergara handles cases dealing involving wills, probate and civil litigation.

While caring for her mother, Vergara became involved in guardianship cases, dealing with how the caregivers for seniors are appointed and what their duties are.

RV

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Furthermore, Shoemaker said, since the virus, RV sales are skyrocketing, and manufacturers can't build RVs fast enough.

But for those RVers who don't want to commune with hundreds of other campers, one of the more laidback area RV parks is Eleanor Oaks RV Park in Yankeetown, just a golf-cart ride away from the Gulf of Mexico.

"It's so easy to be here, just to be present," said park manager Carrie Thomas.

"There's no stress and there's always a laugh," she said.

Maida Swenson Fortune of La Crosse, Wis., owns Eleanor Oaks, as well as Lake Hernando Resort & Fish Camp (formerly Watson's) in Hernando. She also owns Leeson's Lakeshore Mobile Home Community in Inverness and Baja Mobile Home Community in Crystal River.

Swenson Fortune took over both the Eleanor Oaks and Lake Hernando RV parks two years ago and has been busily upgrading the properties ever since.

Swenson Fortune described the Lake Hernando camp, which is on Lake Hernando, and has 10 RV spots, 20 mobile home sites, and 10 cabins, as "quirky" and a "much-loved place ... a special place."

Eleanor Oaks, which offers 66 RV and five tent sites, has a clubhouse that formerly served as the Yankeetown town hall. Inside, there is a stone fireplace, as well as old photos of Yankeetown.

Swenson Fortune said Yankeetown is a good example of "Old Florida," which she defined as "very organic, quirky, creative. It's the concept of working with what you have. Everything is a little different."

During a golf-cart tour of some of the streets surrounding Eleanor Oaks, the park's manager Thomas pointed out a log-cabin-type house made from palm trunks and a stone house made from local rocks.

Mel Harcourt, who manages Swenson Fortune's four area properties, said she likes meeting "all the different kinds of people" who visit the parks. "They talk about camping and about how they live. I like hearing their stories. They get excited when they get a big fish."

Said Thomas about Eleanor Oaks, "This is a beautiful piece of property. It's off the beaten path. It's charming to people. It's getting harder to find rustic, but this is the way we like it."

Over at Buddy's Lakeside Park on Lake Rousseau, Michael Abernathy is helping fix up that RV park, which his family purchased when the park, as well as the nearby Big Bass Village RV Park, was in

foreclosure about seven years ago. Buddy's has 67 sites, and Big Bass has 14 RV sites, six cabins, and room for tents.

The cabins are simple concrete block buildings, possibly built around the time the Inglis Lock was constructed in the 1960s, or a little later. Perhaps crews who operated the hydroelectric plant on the west end of the lake from 1909 to 1965 stayed in the cabins, although the cabins seem of a later vintage. The lock was part of the ill-fated Cross Florida Barge Canal Project, which the State of Florida, following Congress' lead, deauthorized in 1991.

The Withlacoochee River was dammed in the early 1900s, forming Lake Rouseau. The trees on the land that was flooded were not chopped down, which makes for tricky boating. But the trees provide cover for all manner of fish, Abernathy said.

"You can see why this became a fish camp," he said, adding it's his family's goal to keep his family's parks as fish camps.

Abernathy, who lived in Orlando before moving to the area, said at first, he was "a little shell-shocked" at the slower pace, but now he finds "It's nice to get in my car and not have to brake."

William Hudnall, Abernathy's uncle, who is finishing repairing the roofs of the Big Bass cabins, said he feels their camps represent some of the "last of Old Florida." Their visitors "like the fishing, being close to the ocean. Most everybody's friends."

Sandy Oaks RV Resort of Beverly Hills is a camp that's not on the water. But what it lacks in aquatic amenities (it does have a nice pool), it makes up for in camaraderie. General Manager Robert Goethals said the park, on North Lecanto Boulevard in Beverly Hills, "gives people the chance to get away from the normal, everyday chaos and have a little peace and quiet."

He said the park is about 20 years old, used to be solely a mobile home park, but now attracts people from all walks of life.

"They're from all cultures, all races, and they all have the same focus: 'Let's relax and have fun,'" Goethals said.

Thus, this park, with its 185 full RV hookup sites, as well as accommodations for people with different kinds of rigs — or no rigs — is not so much about "Old Florida" RVing as it is about what Old Florida camping has evolved to. There's a clubhouse where, during snowbird season, there are dinners, bands and dances. Residents have their own kayaking, bowling, biking and other groups. There's always something going on.

Goethals, his staff, and residents agree that one key ingredient of old-time Florida camping remains — the companionship that abounds.

Barb McClarren, who was overseeing

the phones and front desk one recent sunny morning, said, "Family" is a key word. There's a big sense of community and family. We take care of each other's needs."

Camper Debbie Reitenauer-Miesen of Bethlehem, Pa., said, "You get to know your neighbors. In an RV camp, you get closer to your friends than back up North, where you see your family, but not your friends and neighbors as often. It's probably because you're away from your own family here that it becomes such a close-knit family."

If Sandy Oaks is an example of a "happening" RV park, then Nature's Resort RV Park on the Halls River in Homosassa is a model of an up-to-date park with a bounty of amenities. The 400-site park, built in 1969, is constantly being updated, said General Manager Mike Shoemaker, who also is on the board of directors' executive committee of the Florida and Alabama Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds. He said Nature's Resort is the biggest RV camp in Citrus County.

There's a pool, a Big Bounce for kids, a country store with souvenirs and camping gear, a marina, a tiki bar, and all types of watercraft for rent. There's a continental breakfast, bands on Saturday nights, and A-frame cabins for rent. Manatees and alligators sometimes visit a pond in the center of the park, Shoemaker said.

The Seagrass Waterfront restaurant is across the street and Publix, Winn-Dixie and other stores are just up the street and around the corner.

Yet there's a sense, especially by the river, of being in a more easygoing and exotic place than built-up Florida.

What's more, as Shoemaker sees it, "RVing is the safest method of travel. You have your own bed. ... For safety, RVing is the place to be," he said.

RVers seeking an additional layer of safety and tranquility might check out one of the more remote camps in the area, Trails End RV Park, at the end of a gravel road outside Floral City.

Offering 33 RV sites in a pristine setting on the Withlacoochee River, Tails End became a fish camp in 1931, according to a photo collage in the office. The park reportedly has the oldest and tallest cypress tree in Florida, said owner Michael Kennell.

Kennell bought the park in 2016 and spent 2 1/2 years readying the site before opening, he said.

From a covered wooden platform with seating overlooking the river, Kennell said, "Listen."

A few bugs, a bit of wind. Near silence was all that could be heard.

"This is as noisy as it gets," he said.

LOCAL RV CAMPS

- Big Bass Village RV Park, 10530 SE 20st St., Inglis, 352-447-3474.
- Buddy's Lakeside Park, 10050 Highway 40 East, Inglis, 352-447-3474.
- Eleanor Oaks RV Park, 41 Cattail Lane, Yankeetown, 352-447-3050.
- Lake Hernando Resort & Fish Camp, 4195 E Parson's Point Road, Hernando, 352-726-2225.
- Nature's Resort RV Park, 10359 W. Halls River Road, Homosassa, 352-628-9544.
- Sandy Oaks RV Resort, 6760 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills, 352-465-7233.
- Trails End RV Park, 12900 E. Trails End Road, Floral City, 352-341-4440.

— Margo Wilson/For the Chronicle

Donna Condry, 45, of Orlando, who grew up near Brooksville, spent many weekends and summer days at the park that her grandparents, Roy and Meda Smith, first camped at and then later purchased from Charlie and Gladys West in 1968. They sold it to William and Cornelia Thompson in 1986. David Vincent later took over the Thompsons' mortgage and paid it off.

Condry recalled the old cypress tree. She remembered her grandmother taking her out for sunrise or high-noon fishing. Her grandfather had a fish-cleaning building and would collect the fish parts, take them across the river, and feed the alligators.

"Then he'd hightail it back to camp," Condry said.

Staying at the camp "was fun," Condry said. "We kind of had free rein. We had bicycles to entertain us."

Condry's aunt, Jewel Pontius, 75, of Dunnellon, reported that Hiram W. Zeller of Hernando purchased the original plot in 1850. According to Pontius' records, Nellie Cosby Noyes and her husband, Donald, sold the camp in 1953 to the Wests of St. Petersburg.

Pontius said her family built a cabin at the camp and rented land from the Wests for many years before her parents purchased the camp.

Current owner Kennell pays tribute to the camp's history by posting old photos in the office, repurposing wood and buildings, and preserving an old gas pump.

Kennell said he thinks the camp is as important to guests now as it ever was because "People are way stressed out."

"I get a good group of people," he said. "They like a whole lot of nothing. They come back to the serenity."

Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthdays — Do things differently this year. Look for new ways to deal with people, manage money and do your job. Don't fear the unknown.
Cancer (June 21-July 22) — A change will be useful for you. Spice up your day and opt to spend it doing something that makes you happy.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Look for an outlet that will challenge you physically. Taking time out to enjoy life with the people you love will help you gain perspective regarding uncertainty you face.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Shake things up. If you aren't happy with the way someone treats you, share your feelings.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Unfulfilled promises will lead to dissatisfaction. Be true to your word and expect the same in return, and you will maintain a healthy relationship.
Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Learn as you go. Ask questions and use your resources to get inside information. An open and honest discussion will bring you closer to a loved one.
Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — How you run your household will determine how much extra cash you have. Don't be fooled into thinking you need something you don't.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A risk will leave you feeling anxious. Stick to what you know and make adjustments as you go. Home improvements should bring your family closer together, not push you further apart.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — The past will be a reminder of something you miss. Take a walk down memory lane.
Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Look for the best way to use your skills, services and time to help others. The insight you get will be eye-opening and will encourage you to make personal lifestyle changes.
Aries (March 21-April 19) — It's what you do that will count. If you love someone, shower them with affection.
Taurus (April 20-May 20) — It's up to you to bring about change. Consider what moves you and follow that path.
Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Consider what you can do to make a difference. Putting a smile on someone's face will make you feel good and boost your reputation.

ENTERTAINMENT

Disney World reopens as cases surge in Florida

ORLANDO — "The Most Magical Place on Earth" has reopened after nearly four months with new rules in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom and Animal Kingdom are reopening Saturday, while Epcot and Disney's Hollywood Studios will follow four days later.

"It's the chance to come back and be in the magic," said Diane Watkins, a preschool teacher from Helena, Alabama, who visits the park about eight times a year. "Hot or not, mask or not, we're just happy to be here. I feel like everybody here is in the same frame of mind. Everybody is just so excited to be here."

Watkins said that when she and her 16-year-old daughter walked into the Magic Kingdom on Saturday morning, then saw all the cast members lined up and clapping on Main Street, she cried.

"It was very emotional," she said.

The reopening comes as a huge surge of Floridians have tested positive for the new coronavirus in recent weeks. On Saturday, there were about 10,000 new cases reported, according to state statistics. Many cities and counties around the state have recently reinstated restrictions that had been lifted in May, when cases seemed to drop.

Disney's new rules include mandatory masks and social distancing. Visitors will need reservations to enter a park, and they won't be allowed to hop between parks. Both visitors and employees will receive temperature checks when they enter.



Associated Press

Park guests enter the Magic Kingdom during the reopening of Walt Disney World Saturday, July 11, 2020, in Lake Buena Vista.

Fireworks shows and parades have been suspended to prevent drawing too many people together.

Park-goers say that nearly everyone in sight wore masks on Saturday morning. Capacity is nowhere near where it is under normal circumstances, they said.

There were lots of hand sanitizer stations around, and people were respecting the physical distancing cues and guidelines.

Since the park is at lower capacity, there was only a five-minute wait for the popular Buzz Light-year ride — normally it's about 90 minutes, Watkins said.

Some attractions and dining areas aren't yet open. Another change: visitors can't hug and greet the costumed Disney characters. Instead, the characters are in "cavalcades," or motorcades, as they make their way through the park.

Alums giving LSU scores: 'Rocky,' 'The Right Stuff,' more

Oscar- and Emmy Award-winning composer who wrote scores for movies including "Rocky," "The Right Stuff" and "The Karate Kid" is giving them to Louisiana State University.

William "Bill" Conti and his wife, Shelby Cox Conti, are donating a lifetime of original scores to LSU, where they met as students.

The William and Shelby Conti Papers are expected to arrive sometime in the fall, LSU Libraries spokeswoman Sigrid Kelsey said in an email Thursday.

"We are proud to be stewards of the life's work of one of our own graduates and honored to have been part of Bill's remarkable journey as a musician. His and Shelby's generosity will make Bill's renowned scores accessible to our students, faculty and staff, strengthening our programs in musicology and music theory," Todd Queen, dean of LSU's College of Music & Dramatic Arts Dean, said in a June 30 news release.

—From wire reports

Today in HISTORY

Today is Sunday, July 12, the 194th day of 2020. There are 172 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight: On July 12, 1967, rioting erupted in Newark, New Jersey, over the police beating of a Black taxi driver; 26 people were killed in the five days of violence that followed.

On this date: In 1909, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in passing the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, allowing for a federal income tax, and submitted it to the states.

In 1962, The Rolling Stones played their first-ever gig at The Marquee in London.

In 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announced his choice of U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York to be his running-mate; Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice president on a major-party ticket.

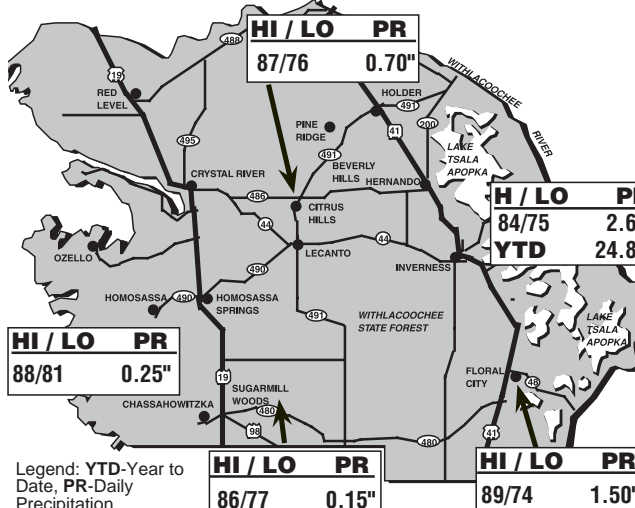
Ten years ago: Roman Polanski was declared a free man, no longer confined to house arrest in his Alpine villa, after Swiss authorities rejected a U.S. request for the Oscar-winning director's extradition because of a 32-year-old sex conviction.

Five years ago: On the final day of his three-nation South American tour, Pope Francis put into practice his call for the world's poor and powerless to not be left on the margins of society by visiting a flood-prone slum in Paraguay and insisting that the Catholic Church be a place of welcome for all — sick and sinners especially.

One year ago: The major U.S. stock indexes closed at record highs, with the S&P 500 ending above 3,000 for the first time.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-comedian Bill Cosby is 83. Singer-musician Christine McVie is 77. Fitness guru Richard Simmons is 72. Writer-producer Brian Grazer is 69. Actress Cheryl Ladd is 69. Actor Topher Grace is 42. Actress Michelle Rodriguez is 42. Actress Rachel Brosnahan is 30.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK
TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING

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RECORD*
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MEAN TEMP.
DEPARTURE FROM MEAN
PRECIPITATION
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HUMIDITY
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AIR QUALITY

SOLAR TABLES
DATE DAY MINOR MAJOR (MORNING) MINOR MAJOR (AFTERNOON)

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK
SUNSET TONIGHT
MOONRISE TOMORROW
MOONRISE TODAY
MOONSET TODAY

BURN CONDITIONS
Today's Fire Danger Index is: NONE. There is no burn ban.

WATERING RULES
Addresses with house numbers ending in:
0 - 1 Monday 6 - 7 Thursday
2 - 3 Tuesday 8 - 9 -or- Friday
4 - 5 Wednesday Common Areas

TIDES
SUNDAY
City High Low
Chassahowitzka** 12:03 p.m. 0.3 ft None n/a 7:19 a.m. 0.1 ft 7:13 p.m. 0.2 ft
Crystal River** 10:22 a.m. 1.8 ft 10:38 p.m. 1.7 ft 4:36 a.m. 0.5 ft 5:07 p.m. 0.7 ft
Withlacoochee* 7:44 a.m. 3.2 ft 7:57 p.m. 2.8 ft 2:07 a.m. 0.9 ft 2:54 p.m. 1.3 ft
Homosassa*** 11:12 a.m. 1.0 ft 11:33 p.m. 0.9 ft 5:16 a.m. 0.2 ft 5:38 p.m. 0.2 ft

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

Table with columns: City, H, L, F'cast. Lists temperatures for Daytona Bch., Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Gainesville, Homestead, Jacksonville, Key West, Lakeland, Melbourne, Miami, Ocala, Orlando, Pensacola, Sarasota, Tallahassee, Tampa, Vero Beach, W. Palm Bch.

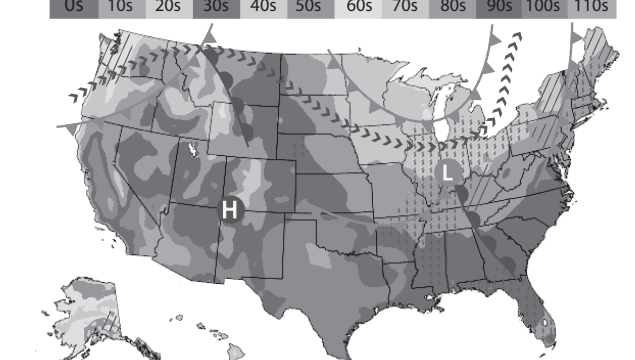
MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: West winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Scattered thunderstorms in the morning. Isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Tonight: West winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet.

LAKE LEVELS
Location SAT FRI Full
Withlacoochee at Holder 27.61 27.55 34.64
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Tsala Apopka-Inverness 37.29 37.20 39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City 39.01 39.00 41.37

Levels reported in feet above sea level. Flood stage for lakes are based on 2.33-year flood, the mean-annual flood which has a 43-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any one year. This data is obtained from the Southwest Florida Water Management District and is subject to revision. In no event will the District or the United States Geological Survey be liable for any damages arising out of the use of this data. If you have any questions you should contact the Hydrological Data Section at (352) 796-7211.

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Sunday

Table with columns: City, H, L, Pcp., H, L, Fcst. Lists forecasts for various cities including Albany, Albuquerque, Asheville, Atlanta, etc.

WORLD CITIES

Table with columns: City, H/L/Sky, Lisbon, Mexico City, Madrid, Montreal, Moscow, Rome, Sydney, Tokyo, Toronto, Warsaw. Lists forecasts for various world cities.

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TRAILS

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They built a cabin on land they rented at Trails End before her parents purchased the camp from Charlie and Gladys Smith in 1968. By then, Pontius was grown and married to Michael Pontius.

She told how she and her husband had been visiting the camp during hunting season when she was nine months pregnant. She unexpectedly found herself giving birth in the back seat of the couple's car on a road outside the camp.

She said this second daughter, Laura, born in 1966, "became an outdoor kid." But then, so did Pontius' other children, Cindy, who was born in 1965, and Jason, born in 1970. Pontius was a special education teacher before moving with her husband to Dunnellon. He died in Fall 2019.

In her email, Pontius wrote about some of the interesting people who

lived at Trails End, including a man "who lived over half his life in his airstream trailer in the fish camp," after he had fled his former life in Pinellas County, where a fire had killed his young wife and had destroyed his fix-it business.

Another resident "was an airplane barnstormer name (Clem) Whittenbeck, who had permanent physical impairments from some of his earlier plane crashes and accidents. He was a popular resident in his later days ...," Pontius wrote.

Pontius said in an interview that Whittenbeck had been a world champion aviator who held the world's record for flying upside down at a low altitude.

Pontius wrote about the citrus growers "who used barges on the river to ship fruit to buyers. One of the barges was scuttled along the riverbank in an area downriver from camp known as Lettuce Lake."

Pontius' records show that by the 1890s, the

Trails End land contained "two bearing orange groves." She said today, the trees and vegetation have taken over the land, and it would be hard to say where the groves were.

As a child, she and her siblings loved visiting the camp, she said. After her parents bought the camp, she was able to share the joy of outdoor life with her children.

"The kids loved it," she said.



This photo shows the covered dock at Trails End Fish Camp from sometime between the 1960s to 1980s. This scene hasn't changed much, even today.

JEWEL PONTIUS/
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Jewel Pontius of Dunnellon reviews photos of Trails End Fish Camp, a park she grew up in, and which her parents, Roy and Meda Smith, later bought.

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Obituaries

Dr. Carol Armon, 70

PALM BAY

Dr. Carol Armon of Palm Bay, Florida, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 21st, 2020. She was 70.

Born in Syracuse, New York, on December 8, 1949, Dr. Armon was determined from a young age to break gender barriers and become a physician. She earned a Bachelors Degree from Syracuse University, conducted research at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and like her father, graduated as a Medical Doctor from the New York University School of Medicine in 1974. She completed a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Miami in 1978, achieving the distinction of being named Chief Resident of the program. She then enjoyed a nearly-40 year career in OBGYN in Florida, Alabama and in Israel, dedicating her life's work to providing thousands of women with compassionate, respectful, and stellar health care. She was an entrepreneur, owning and maintaining solo medical practices in three communities and she was the sole owner and operator of the first commercial sperm bank in Florida, opened in 1984.

She dedicated time to her community, educating the public on women's health issues, and volunteered with schools in all of the communities in which she lived to promote STEM learning, particularly among female students. She was a philanthropist, giving generously to many local and international organizations. She was also a devoted reader, possessing a library containing hundreds of books, a talented artist, calligrapher, and created many beautiful works of needlepoint.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 35 years, Avi, her daughter, Shylie (Jesse) Bannon of Jacksonville, Florida, her grandson, Ari, her brothers, Dr. Robert (Pam) Schlamowitz of Vero Beach, Florida, and Dr. Kevan (Jane) Schlamowitz of Tucson, Arizona, as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Per her wishes, she was brought to her adopted homeland to be laid to rest in Ra'anana, Israel. Memorial donations may be made to the Hadassah Medical Organization at <https://www.hadassah.org/ways-to-give/>.

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Alan Dinkelman, 81

HOMOSASSA

Alan Roy Duane Dinkelman, 81, of Homosassa, FL, passed at home surrounded by his wife and daughters under the care of Vitas Hospice of Citrus County. Alan moved to Homosassa after retiring from Bemis in Vancouver, Washington. Most of his 41 years at Bemis were spent in Seattle, Washington until the plant closed and he was asked to open and manage the Small Bag Division in Vancouver. After moving to Homosassa, he did consulting for paper companies and punch-out and warranty work for a local contractor.

He enjoyed being out on the water, fishing, sailing, and boating. While living in Seattle he crewed on a racing sailboat, spending many weekends on Puget Sound and the San Juan Islands. He also liked to travel and enjoyed family time with his children and grandchildren. He had a

talent for taking something old and making it new again. His largest achievement was restoring an old Queen Anne home which had been converted to three apartments and closed by the City of Vancouver. Although he did most of the work himself, help from family members was always appreciated. Once restored back to a single-family home it was a beautiful addition to a quint old neighborhood. He was an active member of Woodmen in Seattle. After his move to Florida, he became a member of the West Citrus Elks #2693 where he served as an officer and volunteered in many areas.

He married Bonnie Jackson in 1957, who passed away in 1993. In 1996 he married Charlotte Breedlove. Their blended family includes children Duane Dinkelman (Lori), Enumclaw, WA; Annette Lloyd (Shawn), Federal Way, WA; Darla Jones (Scott), Beverly Hills, FL; Scott Jones (Darla), Beverly Hills, FL; Brian Breedlove (Nancy), Homosassa, FL; Brad Breedlove (Myriam), Matthews, NC and Roy Breedlove (Janet), Spokane, WA; grandchildren Jamie Baker, Enumclaw WA; Zac Lloyd (Amanda), Federal Way, WA; Patrick Jones (Tabatha), Beverly Hills, FL; Ashlee Breedlove, Homosassa, FL; Brian Breedlove, Jr., Homosassa, FL; Chloe Breedlove, Homosassa, FL; Payton Breedlove, Matthews, NC; Jalyn Breedlove, Matthews, NC and Garrett Breedlove, Spokane, WA; great grandchildren Nariah Frazier, Enumclaw, WA; Izabella Frazier, Enumclaw, WA; Tristan Lloyd, Federal Way, WA and Harlie Lloyd, Federal Way, WA; siblings Wayne Dinkelman (Anne), Seattle, WA; Sharon Matthews (Clark), Federal Way, WA; Dick Dinkelman, Quilcene, WA and the late Delores Matthews.

Wilder Funeral Home, Homosassa, FL. www.wilderfuneral.com

Raymond Pletz, 88

HERNANDO

Raymond O. Pletz, 88, of Hernando, was lifted to Heaven by an Angel from God, on Monday, July 6, 2020 at his home, while under the loving care of his companion, Robert. Ray was born in Villa Park, Illinois on September 15, 1931 to the late John G. and Aida (Phillips) Pletz. He and Robert came to Citrus County in 1994 from Largo, FL. Ray was the manager of the St. Vincent du Paul Food Center in St. Petersburg, FL, prior to his retirement. Ray enjoyed fishing, gardening and performing Karaoke. He was the most caring, loving, kind and giving person. Ray was a very outgoing person who loved making new friends. Forty-two years ago, Bob asked God for someone who would love him and that he could love, and along came Ray! They have both felt blessed with

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love and happiness since.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving companion of 42 years, Robert "Bob" L. Smith and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Ray's life will be conducted on Friday July 17, 2020 at 11:00 AM from the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory in Inverness, with Fr. Robert Swick, officiating. His urn will be interred at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, at a later date.

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John 'Skip' Fouts, 78

INVERNESS

John G. Fouts (Skip), 78, lost his long battle with cholangio carcinoma and other illnesses caused by his 20-plus years of military service to our country which included three tours of duty in Vietnam. He passed away on May 24, 2020, at home under the loving care of his wife, Judy and daughter, Robin. Skip was born in Richmond, Indiana. He joined the military as a young man and spent most of his life traveling all over the world. He never met a stranger and enjoyed talking about his life experiences and love of cars and trucks to everyone he met. He was happiest just riding his lawnmower.

Skip is survived by his wife and soul mate of many years, Judith (Mega), and son Jon (Leisa) Fouts, Okeechobee, FL, daughters Robin Richardson, Cynthia (Richard) Meahl, Inverness, FL, Michelle Rowlett, Sarasota, FL, Brittany Leonard, Canton, NY, and Bobbi Jo Fouts-Lizotte, Boca Raton, FL. Six grandchildren, Melanie Grob, Canton, NY, Kellie (John) Strickland, Renee' (Darrell) Reneau, Chad (Jessica) Meahl, Inverness, FL, Jessica Fouts, Okeechobee, and Justin Fouts, U.S. Navy. Twelve great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. Also, his buddy, Dan Arnold and his favorite little rays of sunshine, Kaylee and Kairi.

Skip will be laid to rest at Bushnell National Cemetery with the MacDill Military Honor Guard at later date under the direction of Hooper Funeral Home.

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Goodwin 'Goody' Stanton, 87

CITRUS SPRINGS

Goodwin "Goody" G. Stanton, age 87, of Citrus Springs, FL passed away on June 2nd, 2020 at VITAS Inpatient Hospice in Lecanto, FL surrounded by his loving family.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Goody's memory, hosted by the family, on Saturday, July 18th, 2020 at 1 pm at the North Oak Baptist Church of Citrus Springs, FL. A

visitation will be from 12 pm until the hour of service.



Robert Schoen, 89

Mr. Robert John Schoen passed away suddenly at home Jul 4 2020. He was born Oct 26 1930 to Ruth and Carl Schoen and grew up in Webster Groves, MO., graduating from high school there in 1948, and from Washington U of St Louis with Honors in 1952. In 1953 he married Joyce Zwygart and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict as a master Cartographer mapping the Iceland ice cap.



Robert Schoen

Upon discharge he became a Registered Professional Engineer (Civil) working on several urban renewal projects and later relocating to Bartlesville OK and establishing Bart. Engineering and Surveying Co, doing design of subdivisions for various builders.

Finally retiring at age 77 and moving to FL. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed his many friends at Hillcrest CC and later in FL with his buddies Frank, Charlie and Floyd. Bob loved to travel and after many road trips in U.S. and Canada with golf clubs did many trips to Europe and later cruising. He made friends everywhere but it was up to Joyce to keep in touch.

He was preceded in death by a son, Stephan John, his parents, in-laws Susanne and Frank Zwygart, brother Carl Jr. brother in law Frank Jr. son in law Edward Stewart. Surviving are his wife Joyce of the home, son William (Cathy) son Ronald (Deborah) and daughter Carol Stewart, grandchildren Will, Matthew, Karen, Christopher, Andrew and 4 great grandchildren.

Friends who wish may send memorial donations to Central Ridge Library c/o Cheryl and online condolences to HooperFuneralHome.com. He will be interred at the Florida Nat'l Veteran Cemetary in Bushnell, FL. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Audrey Vogel, 88

CRYSTAL RIVER

Audrey Vogel, 88, loved and admired by family and friends for her sweet kindness, generosity, and infectious smile, passed away peacefully under Hospice Care on July 7th. A native of Wisconsin, she and her husband Ken (deceased), moved from Milwaukee to Coconut Creek, Florida in 1975, to enjoy the heat and sunny skies. In 2000 they retired to Crystal River, relishing the



Audrey Vogel

quiet serenity of Citrus County. The Meadowcrest community afforded Audrey community volunteer opportunities as well as park walks and water aerobics with friends. Sampling local cuisine with "The Lunch Bunch" was a special time. Her own great cooking and entertaining skills will be missed by all.

She is survived by daughter Terrill (Jim) McAdams, sons Ronald (Brenda) and Kurt (Nikkie) Vogel, grandchildren Brandy Ayers, Jennifer Van Der Beek Vogel, Lucas and Brandon Vogel, and great grandchildren Logan and Piper Ayers.

She goes to rest in the light of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In lieu of flowers, donations accepted for the ministries of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy. Hernando, FL 34442, and Vitas Healthcare Hospice.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Carol Van Ness, 77

Carol Ann Van Ness went to be with the lord on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 under the care of VITAS Hospice in Lecanto. She was 77 years old. She was born January 24, 1943 in T h e B r o n x , New York to Alfred and Virginia M o c h a Rockman and came to Citrus County in the 1970's from Brandywine, MD. She was a former Bus Driver for the Citrus County School System and was the owner of Van Ness Auto Parts. Mrs. Van Ness was a member of the Hernando Heritage Council and a past member of the Citrus County Cattleman's Association and the Citrus County Fair Association. Carol enjoyed wood working, stained glass making, raising Seeing Eye Dogs and playing with her cats. She was always on the go and loved spending time with her grandchildren.



Carol Van Ness

She was preceded in death by her husband: Glenn Morris Van Ness, 2 sons Charles Elmer and Keven David Van Ness. Left to cherish her memory are her son George Matthew Van Ness (Julie), Hernando; 2 daughters: Christine Waller (Danny), Inverness; Rebecca Lynn Mayle (Lenny), Inverness. 9 grandchildren Taylor, Kevin, Macie, Dean, Jenna, Jacob, Rachel, Helen, and David; 3 sisters: Virginia Morgan, Chris Trangas, and Donna Hartell; nephew Jay (Becki) and niece Kim (Tom).

A Graveside Service of Remembrance for Mrs. Carol A. Van Ness will be held Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 11am at The Van Ness Cemetery. There will be a viewing Tuesday, July 14, 2020 from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.HooperFuneralHome.com. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you make a memorial donation to Citrus County

Historical Society in her honor.

Jacqueline 'Jackie' Dean, 90

BEVERLY HILLS

Jacqueline "Jackie" Dean died July 7 at Always There Adult Family Home Care in Crystal Oaks. She was born on Nov. 24, 1929, to Gladys and Clarence Noah and is survived by her husband Bill, son Brian and daughters Laura and Donna and nieces Amy, Lisa and Sara and many grand-nieces and nephews. She had two grand-daughters, Heather Dean and Maija Altmaier and a great-grandson, Walker Altmaier. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Jim.

Jackie and Bill have been married for 61 years. Jackie moved with her husband to Beverly Hills in 1992 from Woodstock, IL, where she was a 5th-grade teacher at Dean Street School.

Jackie loved to sing and she did so with church and community choirs, including The New Oratorio Singers of Crystal Lake, IL, which performed with The Chicago Symphony. She was active with the Friends of Central Ridge Library and the Friends of Citrus County Library System. All who knew her are blessed with her grace, humor and loyalty.

There will be no service. Please honor her with a gift to your favorite charity in her name.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Cathy Westbrook, 68

MAGGIE VALLEY, N.C.

Cathy Lee Roddenberry Westbrook, age 68, passed away at her residence in Maggie Valley, North Carolina on July 4, 2020.

Cathy was born on February 20, 1952 in Crystal River, Florida. No services are planned at this time.

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DEATHS

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Rosemary Sanders, 96

LECANTO

Rosemary Sanders, 96, crossed over Jordan July 7, 2020, in Lecanto, Florida. Born on January 20, 1924, she spent her childhood in Central City, Kentucky, where she met her husband, Jack. They married in Chicago in 1942 and for 56 years lived a magical life together in seven states, having two daughters along the way.



Rosemary Sanders

After she lost her husband and confidant in 1998, Rosemary marched on to live a full and fruitful life for another twenty years — even traveling around the world on the Queen Elizabeth with her sister, Martha, at 78 and celebrating her 90th birthday in Las Vegas with family and friends.

No matter where she lived, Rosemary brought joy into the lives of all who knew her and was an inspirational mentor and friend to many. She was the life of the party, the hostess with the mostest, and pretty much a mini celebrity wherever she went. Whatever task or game or delight before her — be it decorating a home, cooking a meal for her family, playing tennis or bridge, walking and traveling with her friends, working crossword puzzles or whistling the blues — she embraced it with all her heart and soul.

Over the years, Rosemary was proudest of her grandchildren, who affectionately called her Moppa. Their words capture her spirit best. "Moppa was Neverland for Grandchildren, the bad Mamma Jamma. ...so formidable she once killed a snake with a

steam iron. She was a ray of sunshine on my face and had a keen eye for the finer side of living, not a pillow out of place or a sheet unironed. Moppa was my biggest cheerleader, a rock, larger than life, a mover and a shaker, always growing and learning new things ... and dancing, sweet but sassy, dressed to the nines. She could annihilate you on the tennis court and inexplicably make you feel good about it ... just completely present when she was with you. Words don't do her justice. If there ever was doubt she truly believed in me, I never saw it, not once."

Rosemary is preceded in death by her parents, Sadie Nunley Jones and Mitchum "Pat" Nunley, her husband, Jack Sanders, her sisters, Ruth Peacock, Eloise Stirsman, and Patty Beaver; her granddaughter, Martha Cook, and her great grandson, Samuel Carroll. She is survived by her sister, Martha Vanderspool, her daughters Mary Milan Cook (George) and Betsy Schneider-Akins (Bruce), her grandchildren Mary Catherine Cook (AL), Matthew Cook (Heather), Andrew Cook (Lanette), Milan Davis (Jeannine), Katie Carroll (Justin), Elizabeth Walker (Gerald), Jenny Beckhorn and Rosemary Cook, her great grandchildren, Zachary, Jeremiah, Grace, Maddie, Sophie, Sadie, Alex, Emma Catherine, Caroline, Liam, Chloe, Violet, Harrison, Rosemary, Ethan and Mitchum, and her great great grandchildren Jacob, Matthew, Sadie Grace and Emma Jane.

The family would like to thank the Oxford Unit staff at Diamond Ridge in Lecanto for their loving care of our beloved Mom and Moppa in her final two years. We will be eternally grateful. A graveside service will be held at the family cemetery in Tennessee when the pandemic subsides. Private Cremation with Care by Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

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

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

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

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

■ The Citrus Springs Civic Association candidate's forum scheduled for Thursday, July 16, is CANCELED due to COVID-19 precautions.

■ The "Dialogue at the Depot" meet-the-candidates event scheduled for July 25 is

CANCELED due to COVID-19 concerns.

■ Jimmie T. Smith, Republican incumbent for county commission District 5, will have a meet-and-greet from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at the builders alliance building. Information: www.votejimmiet.com.

■ Holly Davis, Republican for county commission District 5, is seeking hosts throughout the county for Zoom gatherings. For information, email holly@hollydavisforcitrus.com. Also, visit the website, www.hollydavisforcitrus.com.

■ Ruthie Schlabach, Republican for county commission District 3, has these events: meet-and-greet contactless from your car, Saturday, July 18, "mini" breakfast from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and "mini" lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Schlabach Security & Sound parking lot, 2175 W. Norvell Bryant Hwy., Lecanto. Also, Schlabach supporters will wave signs from 10 a.m. to noon at the following locations and dates: Saturday, June 27, U.S. 19/ Grover Cleveland Boulevard, Homosassa; Saturday, July 11, South Apopka Avenue and S.R. 44, Inverness; Saturday, July 18, Schlabach Security and Sound, 2175 W. Norvell Bryant Hwy., Lecanto. Information: ruthieforcitrus@gmail.com or www.ruthieforcitrus.com.

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

Citrus County Superintendent of Schools.

■ Scott Adams, Republican for supervisor of elections: www.adams4soe@gmail.com.

■ Maureen Baird, Republican for supervisor of elections: www.electmobaird.com.

■ Mark Garlock, nonpartisan for school board District 2: www.garlock4schools.com.

■ George Angeliadis, nonpartisan incumbent for circuit court judge: www.keepjudgeangeliadis.com.

■ Jimmie T. Smith, Republican incumbent for county commission District 5: www.votejimmiet.com.

■ Mark Hammer, Republican for county commission District 3: www.hammerforcitrus.com.

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

■ Luis Marin, Republican for county commission District 3: www.marin4commission.com.

■ Cregg Dalton, Republican for property appraiser: www.votedalton.com.

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

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

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

■ Patrick Crippen, Republican for sheriff: patrickcrippenforsheriff.org.

■ Mel Eakley, Republican for sheriff: www.eakleyforsheriff.com.

■ Mike Klyap Jr., Republican for sheriff: www.mikelyapforsheriff.com.

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

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

Campaign TRAIL

Around the COUNTY

Abuse shelter seeks donations

The Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association (CASA) is in need of gel pens, adult coloring books, teen novels and reading materials, shredded and sliced cheese, juice, laundry baskets, hair spray, hair mousse, chapstick, anti-diarrhea medicine and ladies underwear of all sizes.

The next time you're out shopping, pick up some extra supplies and drop them off at the CASA Outreach office between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at 1100 E. Turner Camp Road in Inverness.

For information, call Carol Brown at 352-344-8111.

— From staff reports

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Keep Virginia "Ginger" Bryant

I am dedicated to my family, community, church and the children of Citrus County. I offer my experience, knowledge, enthusiasm and integrity to be a board member you can trust.

Facts About Ginger:

- 🍏 25 years as Teacher at Crystal River Middle School
- 🍏 20 years as Citrus County School Board Member
- 🍏 Board of Directors member of Florida School Board Assoc.
- 🍏 Trustee on Florida School Board Insurance Trust since 2004
- 🍏 Kiwanis member for many years & our main objective is to serve Citrus County Children
- 🍏 Voted Teacher of the year by my colleagues in 1987
- 🍏 Currently serve on Advisory Council for SRMI/ Renaissance School, Crest School, Lecanto Primary, Crystal River Middle and Homosassa Elementary
- 🍏 Attended Homosassa Elementary and Crystal River Elementary
- 🍏 Graduate of Crystal River High School and Central Florida Junior College
- 🍏 Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from University of Florida
- 🍏 Real Estate Broker in State of Florida
- 🍏 Certified Board Member of Florida School Board Association
- 🍏 Member of Chamber of Commerce in Citrus County for 20 years
- 🍏 Counselor & Teacher at Florida Bible Camp for many years
- 🍏 My grandfather is a veteran of World War I & my father is a veteran of World War II
- 🍏 Grandson received scholarship to Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland and served 3 years operating nuclear submarines
- 🍏 Husband Nick Bryant, retired teacher & coach, Realtor, and Citrus County Commissioner for 12 years
- 🍏 3 Children graduates of Citrus County Schools: Nick Bryant III-owner of Nick Print near Atlanta, Alice Harrell-former Principal of Citrus Springs Elementary and current Principal of Homosassa Elementary & Beverly Tidwell-Math Teacher at Crystal River High School
- 🍏 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren (6 attend Citrus County Schools)

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Yankees closer Chapman has COVID-19

NEW YORK — Yankees closer Aroldis Chapman has tested positive for the coronavirus and is experiencing mild symptoms.

New York manager Aaron Boone said Saturday that Chapman "overall is doing well" but "will not be here for the foreseeable future."

The AL East champions are scheduled to start the virus-delayed season on July 23 at Washington.

Hours after Chapman's diagnosis, Yankees slugger Aaron Judge was scratched from a simulated game with a stiff neck. The 2017 AL Rookie of the Year was set to bat second and play right field at Yankee Stadium but was taken out of the lineup shortly before first pitch.

Judge declared himself "game ready" earlier this week after being diagnosed with a broken rib in March. The 6-foot-7 slugger used the coronavirus shutdown to get healthy and had been swinging at full strength for at least a couple of weeks before reporting for preseason camp last week.

Boone said Judge's neck "locked up" but he doesn't expect it to be a long-term issue.

Chapman threw a bullpen session Tuesday, and Boone wouldn't comment on whether the left-hander had been at Yankee Stadium since. Boone said the team had done contact tracing, and no other players or personnel would be forced to isolate because of Chapman's positive test.

Creed wins rain-shortened Trucks race

SPARTA, Ky. — Sheldon Creed won the NASCAR Trucks Series race Saturday night at Kentucky Speedway when rain washed out the final stage.

The 22-year-old won for the first time in 37 series starts, taking the second stage just before the thunderstorm hit the track.

Dixon wins at Road America for 3rd straight

ELKHART LAKE, Wis. — Scott Dixon raced to his third straight victory Saturday with an improbable triumph in the opener of a weekend doubleheader at Road America, as IndyCar welcomed fans to its races for the first time this season.

Dixon took the lead shortly after a caution flag and beat Will Power by 2.5386 seconds.

— From wire reports

Thomas keeps clean card

Leads by two at Muirfield Village

DOUG FERGUSON
AP golf writer

DUBLIN, Ohio — Justin Thomas never looked to be in a hurry.

Not when he stepped to the first tee Friday trailing by 13 shots. Not when he was simply trying to keep up with Collin Morikawa on Saturday in the Workday Charity Open.

And after turning a three-shot deficit into a two-shot lead with another clean card, he certainly didn't see any need to sprint to the finish at Muirfield Village as he goes after his third victory this season.

"Just going to keep trying to hit the fairways and hit the greens and make as many birdies as I can," he said.

That's been the philosophy all week, and along the way, he has managed to keep bogeys off his card. There were a few dicey moments, such as a pair of two-putt pars from over 50 feet, and a shot that stuck in the grass high on the lip of a bunker on the par-3 12th.

Otherwise, it's been a clinic. Thomas had three straight birdies to stay in range of Morikawa. And when Morikawa fell back with three bogeys over a four-hole stretch around the turn, Thomas made efficient birdies on the par 5s and a smart birdie on the reachable 14th for a 6-under 66 to keep two ahead of Viktor Hovland (66).

After a delicate chip to tap-in range on the par-5 fifth, Thomas walked half-way up the hill behind the green and plopped down in the grass, leaning back

on his hands, much like a spectator at a tournament that has none.

Too bad there won't be any fans Sunday, a final round that offers another glimpse of the new generation.

Thomas is the proven star, already a major champion and former world No. 1 at age 27 as he goes after his third victory this season and the 13th victory of his career.

Hovland and Morikawa had just left college at this time last year and already have victories, albeit the opposite-field variety the same week as the World Golf Championships.

Hovland, the former U.S. Amateur champion from Norway, had eight birdies in his round of 66. Morikawa, who never looks as though he'll make a mistake, had enough of them that he needed a birdie on his last hole for a 72.

Because of an early start to avoid storms, they will be in the final group. Thomas figures it won't be the last time they all play together.

"It'll be fun to hang with those guys tomorrow, but at the end of the day I'm worried about myself and trying to win a golf tournament and have a good round," he said.

Thomas was at 16-under 200.

Morikawa had the lead for 31 straight holes, dating to the 15th hole in the opening round, until missing the ninth green with a short iron, hitting a wild tee shot on the 10th that led to bogey, and sending his tee shot on the par-3 12th well over the green in such a bad spot that even making bogey was hard work.

"I put myself in spots you couldn't put yourself in," Morikawa said. "Couldn't really figure out wind directions, how much to adjust. But whole new day tomorrow, and



Justin Thomas reacts to his putt on the eighth hole during the third round of the Workday Charity Open, Saturday, July 11, 2020, in Dublin, Ohio.

kind of glad I fought it out through even par got myself three back. So that can change really quickly tomorrow."

Jiménez's hopes of record-breaking victory fades

ATZENBRUGG, Austria — Nicolai von Dellingshausen and Marc Warren shared the lead after a rain-drenched third round of the Austrian Open as Miguel Angel Jiménez's hopes of a record-breaking victory deteriorated on Saturday.

With rounds of 2-under 70, Von Dellingshausen and Warren moved to 11 under par overall — a shot clear of three players: Sebastian Garcia Rodriguez (69), Connor Syme (69) and Darius van Driel (70).

The 56-year-old Jiménez led by two strokes after two rounds, putting himself in position to break his own record as the oldest winner of a European Tour event.

However, the Spaniard made two doubles and five bogeys in a 77 to drop to a tie for 12th place, five shots off

the lead. Warren will go in search of a fourth European Tour

victory, and his first since 2014, while Von Dellingshausen is bidding for a first title.

Florida LOTTERY

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

PICK 2 (early) 9 - 5	FANTASY 5 4 - 11 - 23 - 27 - 33
PICK 2 (late) 6 - 8	LOTTO 2 - 20 - 24 - 26 - 38 - 48
PICK 3 (early) 0 - 8 - 5	XTRA 5
PICK 3 (late) 3 - 7 - 4	POWERBALL 14 - 19 - 61 - 62 - 64
PICK 4 (early) 9 - 7 - 7 - 8	POWER BALL 4
PICK 4 (late) 1 - 4 - 7 - 7	CASH 4 LIFE 5 - 11 - 22 - 27 - 41
PICK 5 (early) 3 - 6 - 1 - 3 - 8	CASH BALL 4
PICK 5 (late) 6 - 1 - 2 - 1 - 3	

Friday's winning numbers and payouts:

Jackpot Triple Play: 9 - 13 - 30 - 34 - 42 - 43	4-of-5 MB No winner
6-of-6 1 winner \$425,000	4-of-5 13 winners \$500
5-of-6 26 winners \$403.50	3-of-5 MB 32 \$200
4-of-6 1,075 \$23.50	3-of-5 978 \$10
3-of-6 18,059 \$1	2-of-5 MB 750 \$10
Combo 10+ No winner	Fantasy 5: 1 - 6 - 22 - 25 - 28
Combo9 5 \$500	5-of-5 No winner
Combo8 86 \$50	4-of-5 249 \$555
Combo7 488 \$20	3-of-5 8,342 \$21.50
Combo6 2,670 \$10	Cash 4 Life: 13 - 17 - 27 - 39 - 50
Combo5 9,959 \$5	Cash Ball: 4
Mega Millions: 10 - 15 - 20 - 49 - 53	5-of-5 CB No winner
Mega Ball: 22	5-of-5 No winner
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

- 9:05 a.m. (ESPN) Formula 1 Styrian Grand Prix
- 12 p.m. (13 FOX) (51 FOX) NHRA Drag Racing
- 12:30 p.m. (2 NBC) (8 NBC) IndyCar REV Group Grand Prix at Road America 2
- 2:30 p.m. (FS1) NASCAR Cup Series Quaker State 400
- 9:30 p.m. (FS1) NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series, Event 1 (Same-day Tape)
- 11 p.m. (NBCSPT) NASCAR Whelen Series: White Mountain Raceway Park (Taped)
- 1 a.m. (ESPN2) Formula 1 Styrian Grand Prix (Same-day Tape)

GOLF

- 1 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour Workday Charity Open, Final Round
- 3 p.m. (2 NBC) (8 NBC) American Century Championship, Final Round
- 3 p.m. (6 CBS) (10 CBS) PGA Tour Workday Charity Open, Final Round
- 10 p.m. (GOLF) American Century Championship, Final Round (Same-day Tape)

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

- 6 a.m. (NHL) United States vs Canada (Taped)
- 7:30 a.m. (NHL) Canada vs United States (Taped)

RODEO

- 1:30 p.m. (6 CBS) (10 CBS) PBR Bull Riding Monster Energy Team Challenge

SOCCER

- 7 a.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League Wolverhampton Wanderers vs Everton
- 9 a.m. (ESPN2) MLS Group Stage: D.C. United vs Toronto FC
- 9:10 a.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League Aston Villa vs Crystal Palace
- 11 a.m. (ESPN) Italian Serie A Genoa vs SPAL
- 11:25 a.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League Tottenham vs Arsenal FC
- 1:25 p.m. (ESPN) Italian Serie A Parma vs Bologna
- 1:55 p.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League AFC Bournemouth vs Leicester City FC
- 5 p.m. (ESPN2) USL Louisville City FC vs Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC
- 8 p.m. (ESPN) MLS Group Stage: Minnesota United FC vs Sporting Kansas City
- 10:30 p.m. (ESPN) MLS Group Stage: Colorado Rapids vs Real Salt Lake

TENNIS

- 12 p.m. (ESPN2) World TeamTennis Orlando Storm at Springfield Lasers
- 8 p.m. (ESPN2) World TeamTennis San Diego Aviators vs Orange County Breakers

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Workday Charity Open

Saturday
At Muirfield Village Golf Club
Dublin, Ohio
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Yardage: 7,456; Par: 72
Third Round

Justin Thomas	68-66-66—200	-16
Viktor Hovland	69-67-66—202	-14
Collin Morikawa	65-66-72—203	-13
Sam Burns	69-66-70—205	-11
Kevin Streelman	70-64-71—205	-11
Ian Poulter	68-69-69—206	-10
Rory Sabbatini	69-68-69—206	-10
Gary Woodland	73-68-66—207	-9
Rickie Fowler	72-69-66—207	-9
Chase Seiffert	68-69-70—207	-9
Hideki Matsuyama	67-68-72—207	-9
MJ Daffue	73-69-65—207	-9
Matt Jones	69-72-67—208	-8
Troy Merritt	69-72-67—208	-8
Sepp Straka	69-70-69—208	-8
Xander Schauffele	69-73-66—208	-8
Sam Ryder	70-72-66—208	-8
Stewart Cink	72-69-68—209	-7
Zach Johnson	67-74-69—210	-6
Charley Hoffman	74-68-68—210	-6
Russell Henley	70-70-70—210	-6
Jason Day	69-71-70—210	-6
Brendan Steele	69-70-71—210	-6
Brian Gay	71-71-68—210	-6
Talor Gooch	71-68-71—210	-6
Henrik Norlander	70-69-71—210	-6
Mackenzie Hughes	70-68-72—210	-6

Jerry Kelly	75-67-68—210	-6
Graeme McDowell	68-73-70—211	-5
Roger Sloan	68-73-70—211	-5
Billy Horschel	72-69-70—211	-5
Bronson Burgoon	74-68-69—211	-5

Austrian Open

Saturday
At Diamond Country Club
Atzenbrugg, Austria
Purse: \$1.975 million
Yardage: 6,819; Par: 72
Third Round

Marc Warren, Scotland	66-69-70—205	-11
Nicolai Von Dellingshausen, Germany	68-67-70—205	-11
Connor Syme, Scotland	67-70-69—206	-10
Darius van Driel	71-65-70—206	-10
Sebastian Garcia Rodriguez, Spain	70-67-69—206	-10
Joost Luiten, Netherlands	65-70-72—207	-9
Joel Stalter, France	68-69-70—207	-9
Marcel Schneider, Germany	69-69-69—207	-9
Craig Howie, Scotland	66-69-74—209	-7
Scott Vincent, Zimbabwe	71-66-72—209	-7
Allen John, Germany	69-70-70—209	-7
Oscar Lengden, Sweden	69-68-73—210	-6
Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain	68-65-77—210	-6
Renato Paratore, Italy	68-67-75—210	-6
Christopher Mivis, Belgium	68-70-72—210	-6
Philip Eriksson, Sweden	67-73-70—210	-6
Oliver Lindell, Finland	69-71-70—210	-6
Adrien Saddier, France	70-72-68—210	-6
Wil Besseling, Netherlands	68-69-74—211	-5
Nicolai Hojgaard, Denmark	67-73-71—211	-5
John Catlin, United States	71-69-71—211	-5

Stamkos injured heading into restart

Oilers' Green joins list of players opting out of NHL return

STEPHEN WHYNO
AP hockey writer

Roman Polak of the Stars and Mike Green of the Oilers are opting out of playing, and Lightning captain Steven Stamkos will try to play after recovering from injury.

In the aftermath of a deal being struck to resume the NHL season, Aug. 1, Green, Polak and three other players joined Calgary defenseman Travis Hamonic in choosing not to participate in the expanded 24-team playoffs.

"Due to the uncertainties surrounding COVID-19 and after much consideration, I've decided for deeply personal family health reasons not to participate in the return to play," Green said in a statement. After a trade from Detroit, the defenseman played two games for Edmonton before injuring his right knee.

Boston's Steven Kampfer, Montreal's Karl Alzner and Vancouver's Sven Baertschi also decided to opt out. Kampfer, who played 10 games with the Bruins this season, said his wife

and son have a congenital defect that could cause complications with the virus and called it "one of the hardest decisions" he has had to make.

Polak is a pending free agent who last month agreed to a deal in his native Czech Republic next season and told reporters there he wasn't planning on returning to the NHL if play resumed. Baertschi, who spent most of this season in the minors, is under contract through 2020-21.

"Sven informed us late yesterday that he has chosen to opt out of the NHL return to play program," Canucks general manager Jim Benning said. "It was a difficult decision but ultimately one we respect and understand."

The Lightning won't have Stamkos at 100% for the opening of camp because of a lower-body injury, but they're optimistic he'll be ready when games get under way in early August. GM Julien BriseBois said Stamkos fully recovered from core muscle surgery in early March but was injured again during voluntary workouts.

"We don't have a specific timeline for when he will be a full participant in camp, but we expect he will be ready in time for games," BriseBois said. "He's here, he's skating, he's been getting treatment, he's been coming to Amalie (Arena) doing his dry land work. But he will not be a full

participant on Day One of training camp."

While Stamkos has a better chance of being ready for Tampa Bay's next game than he would have after surgery if the playoffs had started in mid-April, the Flames will have to cope without Hamonic when they open their series against Winnipeg on Aug. 1.

Hamonic became the first player to publicly choose not to play in light



Steven Stamkos

of the coronavirus pandemic. Hamonic's daughter was hospitalized last year with respiratory issues, and he and his wife also have a baby boy. Their health concerns, not the soon-to-be 30-year-old's impending free agency, led him to opt out.

"I wish I could lace up my skates and be out there battling, blocking a shot and helping my team win, but my family has and always will come first," Hamonic said. "Being my little kids' dad every day is the most important job I have. I love this game and my team. This is a decision that is extremely hard for me to make."

The Lightning already got a pandemic scare when three players and additional staff tested positive for the novel coronavirus last month. The positive test results forced the team to close its facilities for a brief period of time.



Lee Alexander



Patrick Crippen



Mel Eakley



Mike Klyap Jr.



Mike Prendergast

SHERIFF

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Prendergast said voters made it clear when they elected him in 2016 that ridding Citrus County of drugs was the top concern. He believes he's succeeded, thanks to the hard work of his deputies. As proof, he mentioned several record drug seizures during his tenure as sheriff. It's so effective, he said, that word has gotten out among dealers that it's best to steer clear of Citrus County.

Prendergast came loaded with statistics: 688 folks arrested in 2017 for possessions of drugs and related crimes; 774 people arrested for illegal drugs and \$300,000 in drugs seized in 2018 — not to mention taking down 94 drug dealers.

In 2019, Prendergast said his office seized nearly \$1 million in illegal drugs and arrested 923 folks for drugs and related crimes.

"Our drug strategy is absolutely working," Prendergast said.

But his challengers don't think so and don't believe he's made a dent in the local drug trade.

"I don't believe so," Crippen said. "I think the drugs are still there."

Most arrests, he said, have been small drug amounts and paraphernalia.

"Granted there have been some bigger arrests but to have the drugs taken care of or rid from our county we have to have a multi-pronged approach," Crippen said. "We have to go after the people that are making it (and) bringing it in. We have to go after the street-level guides."

Crippen said the sheriff's office also has to provide more help for users so the problem doesn't keep occurring and "finally rid the county of the drugs that are tearing our families apart."

Klyap said Prendergast's drug programs are not working.

"You're never going to stop the drug problem," he said.

Currently, Klyap said most of the arrests are for low-level activity.

"We need to put into place what we had years ago — a multi-jurisdictional drug task force," Klyap said.

Eakley cited his undercover work as detective-corporal handling drug cases while at the Pasco County Sheriff's Office.

"Talking about drug arrests is one thing but actually doing them and understanding what drug arrests to focus on is something I truly understand,"

Eakley said.

Eakley added that a high number of low-level drug arrests has been ineffective "and has been for over 20 years."

Drug addiction recovery and mental health should be a priority, Eakley said.

BUDGET

Prendergast said he did a "bottom-up review" of his budget when he took over.

"The one thing that is lacking right now and I have not put into place yet because of the costs associated with it is a life-cycle replacement plan for our tasers that will cost approximately \$360,000 to implement," Prendergast said.

But his challengers believe more could be done.

"We'll bring common sense innovative programs to the sheriff's office, such as a citizen advisory board and a citizen impact unit (and) both will answer directly to the citizens," Crippen said.

Crippen said he would put the sheriff's budget on its website and will not charge for public information requests.

Regarding the budget, Crippen said "we've got to spend money right."

"It's the taxpayers' money, we've got to look at the vehicles we can't have expensive vehicles for command staff."

Klyap said he will go through the current budget and make changes where needed.

"There's a lot of wants, not needs," he said.

"We need to make sure the money we get from the county commissioners are put toward the salaries of our deputies," Klyap said.

BODY CAMERAS

Discussions about outfitting police officers with body cameras surfaced after the death of Minnesotan George Floyd by a policeman.

The idea is to prove transparency should conflicts evolve. Commissioner Jeff Kinnard said recently the sheriff has never requested them.

The reason, Prendergast said, is because he doesn't believe they are the most effective use of money.

"They're not going to solve the problem," he said.

Prendergast said the use-of-force incident rate in the Citrus County sheriff's office is one-sixteenth of the national average.

"Great training and leadership from top to bottom" will make a difference when it comes to use of force, he said.

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State sets record week for coronavirus deaths

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Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE — Florida's coronavirus death rate rose again Saturday, setting a one-week record of nearly 500 fatalities that is about 80 more than the previous seven-day high set in early May.

The state health department reported 96 new deaths, bringing the total for the week to 496 or an average of nearly 71 per day. Three weeks ago, Florida's seven-day average for deaths stood at 30 before it began creeping up and then exploded in recent days, as a record 120 deaths were reported Thursday and another 92 on Friday.

The state on Saturday reported 9,960 new confirmed cases and 421 addition hospitalizations. Since March 1, when the first Florida infections were recorded, the state has reported 254,511 confirmed cases and 4,301 deaths.

The previous weekly record average of 60 deaths per day had been set May 8. That was followed by a steep drop in fatalities caused by the economic shutdown that had begun about a month earlier.

Throughout May and into June, the state reopened much of its economy with some restrictions.

Testing has increased, but the percentage of people testing positive has risen

even more dramatically. A month ago, fewer than 5% of tests came up positive on a daily average. Over the past week, the daily average exceeded 19%.

Because of the increase in cases and the positivity rate, doctors had been predicting a rise in deaths, saying the mortality rate usually increases two to four weeks later as some of those infected get sicker and eventually die.

On Saturday, the Magic Kingdom and Animal Kingdom reopened at Walt Disney World in Orlando, concerning health experts who urge people not to gather in groups. Guests at the park said that people were wearing masks and social distancing, and that Disney is doing a good job at keeping people apart.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said that even with the rising rates, he still wants the schools to reopen as scheduled next month, saying children have not proven to be vectors for the disease in states and countries where campuses are open. He said while each county will have to come up with procedures, depending on their local infection rate, not opening the schools would exacerbate the achievement gap between high- and low-performing students.

"We know there are huge, huge costs for not providing the availability of in-person schooling," he said. "The risk of corona, fortunately, for students is incredibly low."

SHERIFF

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His challengers all said they would ask county commissioners for money to fund body cameras.

Crippen said he will make purchasing body cameras for deputies a priority

"If you don't ask, you don't get," he said. "I think it's time we represent the employees the way they need to be represented."

"It keeps everyone on a level playing field," Crippen added.

Klyap said body cameras are a necessity today and helps protect deputies from illegal and unlawful complaints and the incidents will be on video in case a citizen complaint is falsely accused.

Eakley said body cams are a priority to protect citizens and officers alike and said he can outfit deputies in Citrus County for less than \$140,000 a year.

DEPUTY PAY

Crippin, Klyap and Eakley said deputies' 3% annual cost-of-living raises is not

enough and will fight for higher salaries at the county commission.

Prendergast said under his current proposed budget, "deputy pay, effective (Oct. 1, 2020) would be 17.6% higher than it was when I took office back in 2017."

SAFER IN CITRUS?

Is Citrus County safer than it was four years ago:

■ Crippen: "I don't believe so," he said, and cited continued traffic fatalities, speeding problems and increased assaults.

■ Klyap: No. He cited Florida Department of Law Enforcement statistics showing the number of violent crimes is up in Citrus County.

■ Eakley: Property crimes are up, the traffic fatality problem continues to rise, he said.

■ Prendergast: "We're extraordinarily better than we were four years ago because we've got great deputies out there working the roads of Citrus County day in and day out."

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Virus deaths turn upward in U.S.

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — A long-expected upturn in U.S. coronavirus deaths has begun, driven by fatalities in states in the South and West, according to data on the pandemic.

The number of deaths per day from the virus had been falling for months, and even remained down as states like Florida and Texas saw explosions in cases and hospitalizations — and reported daily U.S. infections broke records several times in recent days.

Scientists warned it wouldn't last. A coronavirus death, when it occurs, typically comes several weeks after a person is first infected. And experts predicted states that saw increases in cases and hospitalizations would, at some point, see deaths rise too. Now that's happening.

"It's consistently picking up. And it's picking up at the time you'd expect it to," said William Hanage, a Harvard University infectious diseases researcher.

According to an Associated Press analysis of data from Johns Hopkins University, the seven-day rolling average for daily reported deaths in the U.S. has increased from 578 two weeks ago to 664 on July 10 — still well below the heights hit in April. Daily reported deaths increased in 27 states over that time period, but the majority of those states are averaging under 15 new deaths per day. A smaller group of states has been driving the nationwide increase in deaths.

California is averaging 91 reported deaths per day while Texas is close behind with 66, but Florida, Arizona, Illinois, New Jersey and South Carolina also saw sizable rises. New Jersey's recent jump is thought to be partially attributable to its less frequent reporting of probable deaths.

The impact has already been felt by families who lost kin — and by the health care workers who tried to save them.

Rublas Ruiz, a Miami intensive care unit nurse, recently broke down in tears during a birthday dinner with his wife and daughter. He said he was overcome by the number of patients who have died in his care.

"I counted like 10 patients in less than four days in our ICU and then I stopped doing that because there were so many," said the 41-year-old nurse at Kendall

Regional Medical Center who lost another patient Monday.

The virus has killed more than 130,000 people in the U.S. and more than a half-million worldwide, according to Johns Hopkins University, though the true numbers are believed to be higher.

Deaths first began mounting in the U.S. in March. About two dozen deaths were being reported daily in the middle of that month. By late in the month, hundreds were being reported each day, and in April thousands. Most happened in New York, New Jersey and elsewhere in the Northeast.

Deaths were so high there because it was a new virus tearing through a densely populated area, and it quickly swept through vulnerable groups of people in nursing homes and other places, said Perry Halkitis, the dean of the Rutgers University School of Public Health in New Jersey.

Many of the infections

occurred before government officials imposed stay-at-home orders and other social-distancing measures. The daily death toll started falling in mid-April — and continued to fall until about a week ago.

Researchers now expect deaths to rise for at least some weeks, but some think the count probably will not go up as dramatically as it did in the spring — for several reasons.

First, testing was extremely limited early in the pandemic, and it's become clear that unrecognized infections were spreading on subways, in nursing homes and in other public places before anyone knew exactly what was going on. Now testing is more widespread, and the magnitude of outbreaks is becoming better understood.

Second, many people's health behaviors have changed, with mask-wearing becoming more common in some places. Although there is no vaccine yet, hospitals are also



President Donald Trump wears a mask as he walks down the hallway during his visit to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., Saturday, July 11, 2020.

getting better at treating patients.

Another factor, tragically, is that deadly new viruses often tear through vulnerable populations first, such as the elderly and people already

weakened by other health conditions. That means that, in the Northeast at least, "many of the vulnerable people have already died," Halkitis said.

Now, the U.S. is likely in for "a much longer, slower

burn," Hanage, the Harvard researcher, said. "We're not going to see as many deaths (as in the spring). But we're going to see a total number of deaths, which is going to be large."

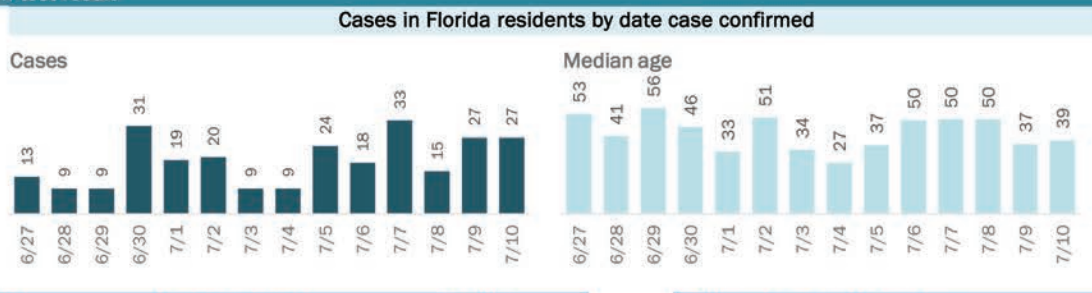
COVID-19: summary for Citrus County

Data through Jul 10, 2020 verified as of Jul 11, 2020 at 9:25 AM

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Cases: people with positive PCR or antigen test result

Total cases	523
Florida residents	523
Non-Florida residents	0
Gender for Florida residents	
Men	259
Women	261
Unknown	3
Age for Florida residents	
Range	0 - 97
Median age	50



Race, ethnicity	Cases	Hospitalizations	Deaths
White	394 (75%)	50 (83%)	14 (100%)
Hispanic	22 (4%)	1 (2%)	0 (0%)
Non-Hispanic	357 (68%)	48 (80%)	14 (100%)
Unknown ethnicity	15 (3%)	1 (2%)	0 (0%)
Black	33 (6%)	3 (5%)	0 (0%)
Hispanic	2 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Non-Hispanic	29 (6%)	3 (5%)	0 (0%)
Unknown ethnicity	2 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Other	37 (7%)	2 (3%)	0 (0%)
Hispanic	8 (2%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Non-Hispanic	25 (5%)	2 (3%)	0 (0%)
Unknown ethnicity	4 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Unknown race	59 (11%)	5 (8%)	0 (0%)
Hispanic	5 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Non-Hispanic	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Unknown ethnicity	54 (10%)	5 (8%)	0 (0%)
Total	523	60	14

Outcomes for Florida residents	
Citrus	
Hospitalizations	60 (11% of all cases)
Deaths	14 (3% of all cases)
New deaths	1

Statewide	
Hospitalizations	18,023 (7% of all cases)
Deaths	4,197 (2% of all cases)
New deaths	95

New deaths are those identified since last report.

Cases in facility staff/residents	
Citrus	
Long-term care	26 (5% of all cases)
Correctional	9 (2% of all cases)

Statewide	
Long-term care	16,240 (6% of all cases)
Correctional	4,562 (2% of all cases)

Age group	All cases	New cases (7/10)	Hospitalizations	Deaths
0-4 years	6 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
5-14 years	16 (3%)	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
15-24 years	69 (13%)	8 (30%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
25-34 years	74 (14%)	2 (7%)	2 (3%)	0 (0%)
35-44 years	58 (11%)	4 (15%)	4 (7%)	0 (0%)
45-54 years	74 (14%)	4 (15%)	6 (10%)	0 (0%)
55-64 years	108 (21%)	5 (19%)	12 (20%)	1 (7%)
65-74 years	63 (12%)	1 (4%)	17 (28%)	3 (21%)
75-84 years	36 (7%)	2 (7%)	11 (18%)	6 (43%)
85+ years	19 (4%)	0 (0%)	8 (13%)	4 (29%)
Unknown	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Total	523	27	60	14

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

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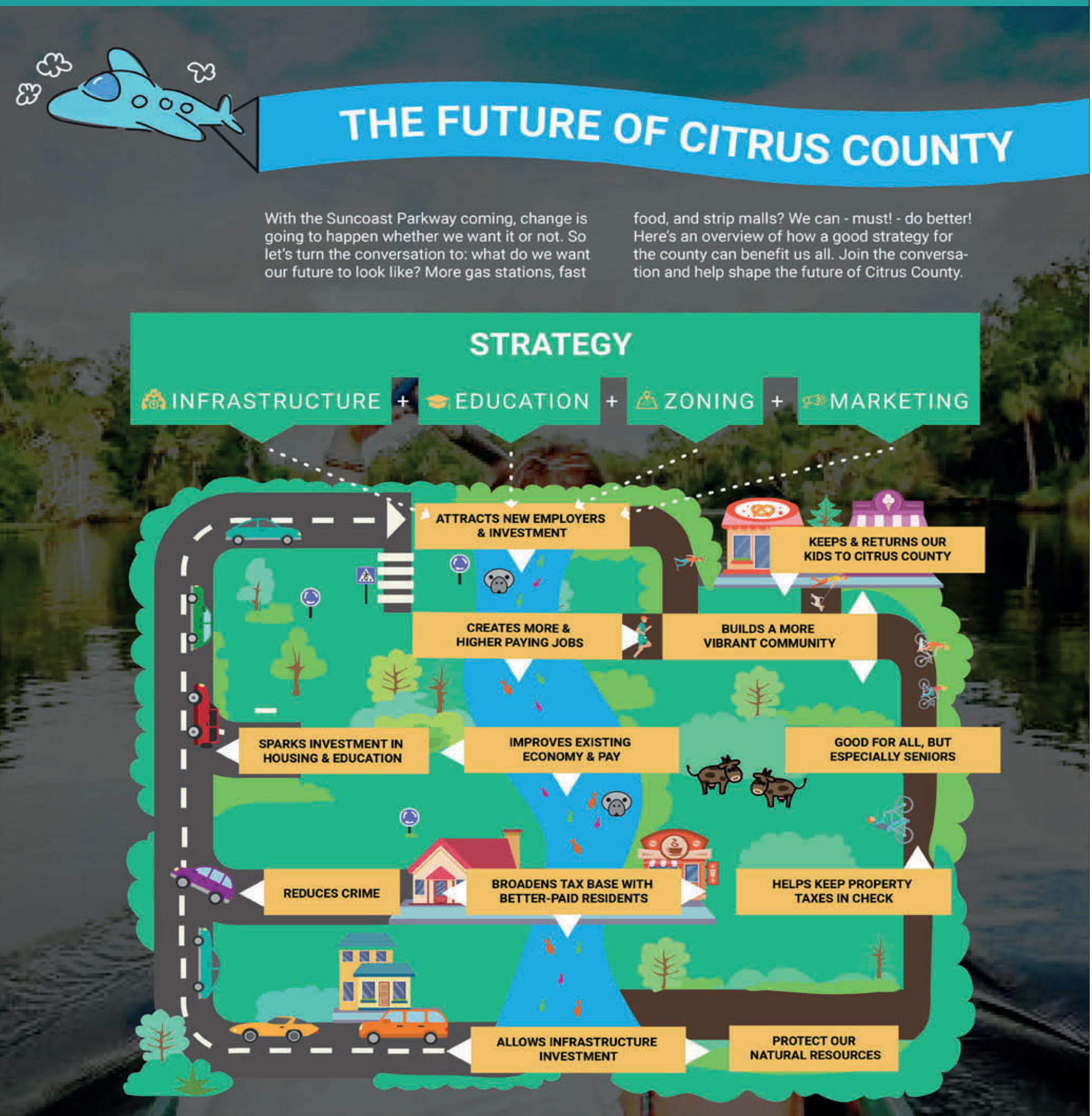


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Holly currently owns two businesses, but is at a point in her career that she can put Citrus County first, dedicating herself full time to drive the structural change needed to make Citrus County an even more wonderful place than it is now.



Political advertisement paid for and approved by Holly Davis, Republican, for Citrus County Commission, District 5.

**HOLLY
DAVIS**
for County Commission

Get to know Holly at
www.hollydavisforcitrus.com

VETERANS NOTES

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

GOOD TO KNOW

CCVC expands services to those affected by COVID-19

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

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

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

For further information, call 352-400-8952.

Dog tag sales benefits veterans programs

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

These are the genuine notched and 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 with Carolyn Mills. Proceeds go to Post 237 veterans programs.

Pins available for Veterans Appreciation Week

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

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

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

Veterans Administration 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 more information on this volunteer opportunity call, 352-746-8005.

Enrollment open at Veterans Affairs 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 veterans in recovery

DAV Auxiliary Unit 70 in Inverness is

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VFW Auxiliary 8189 announces Members of the Year



VFW Auxiliary 8189 awarded their annual Auxiliary Member of the Year at their June meeting. Voting took place in February, when members submitted a secret ballot for the member that best exemplifies the spirit of volunteering. This year, it was a tie between two deserving members: Renee Tennant and Nona Pesnell. Both members displayed excellence this year. Tennant, for her efforts fundraising to purchase 237 flag-holding metal grave markers for veterans buried at the Stage Stand Cemetery. Pesnell, for spearheading nine "Operation Donut Drops" at the Lecanto VA, where donuts, coffee and orange juice were provided to veterans after their appointments. Additionally, each logged over 100 hours volunteering for the Auxiliary this year. Pictured, from left, are: Auxiliary Secretary Renee Tennant, Auxiliary Hospital Chairperson Nona Pesnell and Auxiliary President Roger Ingall.

Special to the Chronicle

Scholarly excellence

MOAA chapter awards two with scholarships



Special to the Chronicle

First place awardee, Cadet Lt. Col. Taylor Morris, Lecanto High School Army JROTC, receives a \$1,000 scholarship award. Cadet Lt. Col. Morris plans to attend Mary Baldwin University in Staunton, Virginia, to study biochemistry and eventually to go into the Marine Corps. Pictured, from left, are: 1st Sgt. Dean Kelly, USA (Ret) JROTC Army instructor, Lecanto High School; Lt. Col. David Brown, JROTC senior Army instructor, Lecanto High School; Wayne Smith, stepfather; Cadet Lt. Col. Morris; Melissa Morris, mother; and Capt. Terri Harrison, USN (Ret), president MOAA Citrus County Chapter. Special recognition goes to chapter member Chief Warrant Officer Four JJ Kenney, USMC (Ret), the scholarship awards director, who managed the awards selection process.

Special to the Chronicle

The Citrus County Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) presented its annual JROTC scholarship awards in ceremony on June 16, 2020. Although the large annual May formal luncheon award event had to be canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, scholarship recipients, parents and instructors were recognized by chapter President Capt. Terri Harrison, USN (Ret).

To learn more about the MOAA Citrus County Chapter or how you can join, contact Col. Mark Bodenheimer, USA (Ret), membership director and immediate past president, at markboden@hotmail.com.



Runner-up awardee, Cadet Lt. Cmdr. Arielle Hudson, Crystal River High School Navy JROTC, receives a \$500 scholarship award. Cadet Lt. Cmdr. Hudson plans to attend the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, Rhode Island. She eventually wants to become a fixed wing pilot. Pictured, from left, are: CWO-5 Liz Rivera, JROTC senior Navy instructor, Crystal River High School; Angela Hudson, mother; Cadet Lt. Cmdr. Hudson; Philip Hudson, father; and Capt. Terri Harrison USN (Ret), president MOAA Citrus County Chapter.

Veterans invited to Virtual Career Fair

Online event matches job seekers with open positions

Special to the Chronicle

National unemployment claims have surpassed historic

measures and veteran unemployment stays in step with this trend surging by 8% in just four weeks, from 3.8% in March to 11.8% in

April and back to 9% in May and holding steady.

The good news: there are organizations hiring this specific

demographic with identified military-trained skill sets and they need to fill jobs now. Industries such as distribution, supply

chain, logistics, e-commerce, data storage/broadband, pharmaceuticals, select retail are just a few of the areas of business that are

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SUNDAY EVENING JULY 12, 2020. Table with columns for channel, time, and program details. Includes programs like 'The First 48', 'Men in Black', 'The Perfect Stalker', etc.

Annie gives advice

Dear Annie: I'm recently divorced and seeing someone. We talk openly about our divorces and ex-spouses. There are no hard feelings either way. She has children, and I don't. We are in our 50s.



DEAR ANNIE

I had a prior marriage at a very young age. I was in the service and lonely. It was a long-distance relationship, and we were married within two years. We didn't even know each other. I was miserable, and the marriage ended. I don't like talking about it and am embarrassed by it, which is why I haven't mentioned it to "Jane."

postponed. Insurance companies are shortening the length of stays they will cover afterward, and I am hearing of people being discharged from the hospital the day after surgery, for what would normally have been a four- or five-day stay.

I am waiting to have surgery. More than the hospitalization, my concern is about home care afterward. I live alone, and my daughter plans to stay with me. However, she works where there are a lot of people in and out, and I know that she is going out with friends and not wearing a mask now that businesses are reopening.

I am starting to feel that I do not want my daughter staying with me after surgery without guaranteeing that she will not be socializing for two weeks before. Am I wrong to ask her not to go out socially for two weeks before? — Trying to Be a Patient Patient

I haven't lied, because the issue hasn't come up. Am I digging a hole by not telling her? Would you be offended if this was not disclosed? — Wondering in Michigan

Dear Wondering in Michigan: If your prior marriage is on your mind and you feel you should tell your new love interest, then tell her. It might feel embarrassing at first, but part of being in an intimate relationship is being willing to feel vulnerable. Once you both accept each other, real trust and bonding will take over.

I haven't lied, because the issue hasn't come up. Am I digging a hole by not telling her? Would you be offended if this was not disclosed? — Wondering in Michigan

Dear Patient Patient: You are not wrong to ask that of her. It is irresponsible of her to not wear a mask and socialize with a group of people. Your immune system won't be at its best while it is fighting to heal. If your daughter is offended by that, have a serious talk with her about the protocols she would need to follow to care for you.

If she judges you and has an issue with your two-year marriage, then it is better to find that out sooner rather than later.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

Today's MOVIES

Table with columns for Local Theater Information, Regal Cinemas, and The Valerie Theatre. Includes showtimes and movie titles.

Sunday PUZZLER

- ACROSS
1 Barges
6 Wilde or de la Renta
11 Lucid
16 Elaborate meal
21 Heavenly body
22 Sloping trough
23 — makes waste
24 Spear
25 Bedouins
26 Was concerned
27 Praise
28 Arrange
29 "Go, team!"
30 Not very interesting
31 Uncooked
33 Drop a syllable
35 Naval rank (Abbr.)
36 Imperfection
38 Pipe fitting
39 Upperclassman (Abbr.)
40 Grassland
41 Witness
42 Heaviness
44 Fair treatment
48 Kind of circus
51 Convoy
54 Raised platform
55 Ridicule
57 Have an effect on
61 Stringed instrument
62 Boxing match
63 Tine
65 One cubic meter
66 Top-notch (Hyph.)
67 "The Importance of Being —"

- 118 — Major
119 Official rulings
120 Sea nymph
122 Marsh bird
123 — dieu
124 The Sunflower State
125 Stuff
127 Wall Street contracts
129 Monarch
130 Machine part
133 Get some shuteye
135 Turf
136 Orchestra's place
137 Spoken
141 Time
142 Banded equine
144 Office machine, for short
145 Cumberbund
146 Big bird
147 Tiny fly
149 Paramour
151 Bone in the ear
153 Open cart
155 Howe the inventor
156 Call forth
157 Elk
158 "Hip" language
159 Slightest
160 Doctrine
161 Freshwater mammal
162 Offstage area
DOWN
1 Cold weather wear
2 Pinkish shade
3 Missouri River city
4 Delicate trap
5 Rds.
6 Hidden
7 "— We Dance?"
8 Ringlet
9 Had a meal
10 Set right
11 Masticate
12 Not very strict
13 Punta del —
14 Island
15 Kind of map
16 Floating ice mass
17 Pinna
18 South American range
19 Play part
20 Laconic
30 Detroit
32 Tiny colonist
34 Far-out painter
37 Complete
39 Set of rooms
43 Baseball stat.
44 Journey
45 Mischievous child
46 Business abbr.
47 Environmentalist's concern
49 Print measures
50 Fitting
51 Avoid
52 American Indian

- 53 Salon preparation
54 Column order
56 Recognized
58 Science of flight
59 Parisian pancake
60 Irritable
62 Farm machine
64 Girl
67 Most facile
68 Increase (2 wds.)
69 Levy
71 Tiresome
76 — Creed
78 Gift for a dad
81 Seaman
83 — Nuys, California
84 Show of assent
86 Piggery
88 Toy gun projectile
89 Auto feature
91 Name in fashion
92 Car type
93 Pointed arch
95 Fam. member
96 Meaning
98 Mediterranean island
99 Reference book
102 — and haw
103 Love god
105 Godunov or Badenov
109 Beige
111 Remedied
112 Game-winner's cry
114 Rule (Abbr.)
115 Sesame

- 117 Prop for a magician
119 Rather or Aykroyd
121 Sand hill
123 In the next month
124 — and kin
126 Pill
128 Neighbor of Can.
129 Mug
130 Saddle animal
131 Nimble
132 TV, radio, etc.
134 Demonstrate
136 Stop for a moment
138 Lear's daughter
139 With
140 Body organs
142 Gusto
143 The Bard's river
144 Fingerboard ridge
145 — and lot
148 Argon, e.g.
150 Supplement (with "out")
152 — a chance!
153 Compass pt.
154 Ring champ

Sunday puzzle answers are on Page A20.

20x20 crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting points for words.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, will hold a public hearing in the Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Room, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450, at 2:15 pm on July 28, 2020, for the purpose of hearing public comment on the adoption of a Resolution of the Board adopting the method of determining the amount of the Annual Disposal Assessment for the Citrus County Solid Waste Municipal Service Benefit Unit and determining the annual rates, fees, charges, assessments, or service charges to be imposed upon the owners of Improved Real Property and the Disposal Service Unit Rate (commercial solid waste disposal fee) as described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof. Also to be considered is the Fee Schedule for the Citrus County Landfill for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 as described in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and the Emergency Fee Schedule as described in Exhibit "C" attached hereto. Anyone not attending the hearing but who wishes to make comments shall do so in writing and address same to the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450. Said comments must be received prior to 12:00 Noon on Monday, July 27, 2020.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at this public hearing he will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which record shall include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the County Administrator's Office, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, FL 34461, (352) 527-5210, at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, dial 7-1-1, 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service. If you need a Spanish Translator please make arrangements with the County by telephone within two days of the publication notice at 352-527-5370. Si necesita un traductor de español por favor haga arreglos con el Condado, dentro de dos días de la notificación de la publicación a 352-527-5370.

By Order of:
CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Proposed Fee Schedule

EXHIBIT "A"
RESIDENTIAL DISPOSAL ASSESSMENT
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

Solid Waste Municipal Service Benefit Unit

\$25.00 per residential dwelling unit

Each single-family residence, condominium unit, apartment, mobile home or mobile home within a mobile home park shall constitute a residential dwelling unit, but shall not apply to commercial as defined in Section 90-731, Citrus County Code.

COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL FEE

\$1.25 per cubic yard (Disposal Service Unit Rate).

Nonresidential or commercial as defined in Sections 90-731 and 90-763, Citrus County Code.

EXHIBIT "B"
ASSESSED RESIDENTIAL FEE SCHEDULE
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TRANSACTION FEE:.....**\$4.00** per visit for all paid items
(Certified Haulers & Municipalities exempt)

**** LATE CUSTOMER CHARGE:**
(Starts at 4:40pm Mon-Fri and Starts at 2:40pm Sat).....\$1.50 per minute

**** ALL LOADS PAID BY BUSINESS CHECKS / BUSINESS CREDIT CARDS ARE CHARGED AT BUSINESS RATES**

BAGGED OR CANNED SOLID WASTE / YARD WASTE

Residential Solid Waste / Trash.....
.....**Up to 5** – 30 gallon bags or cans included under transaction fee
.....from 6 to 9 – 30 gallon bags or cans additional \$1.00 per bag/can
.....10 and over will be at per ton rate

Residential Yard Waste.....
.....**Up to 8** – 30 gallon bags or cans included under transaction fee
.....9 and over will be at per ton rate

NON-BAGGED WASTE:

Residential Solid Waste / Trash.....\$30.00 /ton
Uncovered or uncontained waste or yard waste / adtl. surcharge.....\$10.00 /ton
Residential Yard Waste.....\$22.50 /ton
(Logs or Stumps in excess of 4 ft. in diameter or in excess of 10 ft. in length will not be accepted)
Residential Christmas Trees - Dec. & Jan. only.....No Charge

BULKY WASTE NON-RESIDENTIAL SELF-HAUL:

Consisting of furniture / carpet & padding / mattress & box springs....No Charge
Amounts exceeding 1000 lbs. per year.....\$30.00 /ton

ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL SELF-HAUL ADVANCE DISPOSAL PAYMENT PROGRAM: SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS IN PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Bagged Household Garbage / Bagged Yard Waste
Eight 30 Gallon Containers per Week

Purchase Date:	Regular (Purchaser 62 or older)	Senior
Oct. 1–Dec. 31	\$ 96 per Vehicle	\$ 68 per Vehicle
Jan. 1–Mar. 31	\$ 72 per Vehicle	\$ 51 per Vehicle
Apr. 1–June 30	\$ 48 per Vehicle	\$ 34 per Vehicle
July 1–Sept. 30	\$ 24 per Vehicle	\$ 17 per Vehicle

The County has an established renewal by mail process for all existing pass holders for the rate schedule October 1 through December 31. In order to qualify for the senior rate, a copy of the applicant's driver's license must be attached to the application for verification. Applications delivered to the Landfill Administrative Office will be processed in a timely manner and returned by mail.

Loads may be combined with "No Charge" items up to per-visit limits and still use bypass lane.

Loads that contain items for which there is a charge must use the scale lane.

CERTIFIED WEIGHT:\$ 5.00 each

CLEAN CONCRETE FOR RECYCLING:\$10.00 /ton

CLEAN RECYCLABLES:No Charge

ADDITIONAL RECYCLABLES: (At the Landfill Only)

Used Oil, Used Oil Filters & Anti-Freeze....(Limit 10 gallons per visit)....No Charge
Cooking Oil.....(Limit 10 gallons per visit)....No Charge

CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS, BOATS OR TRAILERS:.....\$60.00 /ton

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT:

Televisions & Monitors\$30.00 /ton
Computers.....No Charge

HAZARDOUS WASTE, PAINT & RELATED MATERIALS:

First 10 gallons or 60 lbs.....No Charge
Over 10 gallons or 60 lbs.....\$0.35 /lb
Latex Paint 10 gallons or 60 lbs. limited per disposal.....No Charge

LEAD ACID & RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES:No Charge

MERCURY-CONTAINING DEVICES:

Fluorescent Lamps -- straight, circular, U-shaped & compact fluorescent bulbs
-(First 10, free thereafter).....\$0.80 per lamp
MCD/HIDs.....\$2.00 each

METAL APPLIANCES:

Refrigerators, Freezers, A/C units (First unit, No charge, thereafter)
.....\$30.00 /ton
Propane Tanks.....(First unit, No charge, thereafter)....\$30.00 /ton
Other Metal Appliances -- (Stoves, Washers, etc.)No Charge

SCRAP METAL:No Charge

SPECIAL WASTE:

Asbestos, Sludge, Oil-Contaminated materials (by Staff Approval Only), Items
Requiring Verified Burial, and Animal Carcass\$90.00 /ton

TIRES:

Residential Passenger Car Tires (Maximum 5 per visit - 2 times per year)
.....No Charge
Residential Car or Small Truck Tires over 5.....\$95.00 /ton
Residential Oversize tires any number.....\$200.00/ton

WASTE RELOCATION CHARGE:

(1 Hour Minimum Charge).....\$90.00 per Man-Hour

EXHIBIT "B"
COMMERCIAL & NON-ASSESSED RESIDENTIAL FEE SCHEDULE
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TRANSACTION FEE:**\$4.00** per visit for all paid items
(Certified Haulers & Municipalities exempt)

**** LATE CUSTOMER CHARGE:**

(Starts at 4:40pm Mon-Fri and Starts at 2:40pm Sat).....\$1.50 per minute

**** WASTE RELOCATION CHARGE:**

.....(1 Hour Minimum Charge)....\$90.00 per Man-Hour

**** ALL LOADS PAID BY BUSINESS CHECKS / BUSINESS CREDIT CARDS ARE CHARGED AT BUSINESS RATES**

SOLID WASTE TIPPING FEES:

Uncovered or uncontained waste surcharge.....\$10.00 /ton
Non-Certified / Non-Assessed Haulers & Commercial Self-Haul.....\$60.00 /ton
Non-Assessed residential self-haul.....\$60.00 /ton
Certified Haulers.....\$30.00 /ton
City Trucks / City Contract Haulers & Roll-offs with Solid Waste Disposal
Interlocal Agreement.....\$33.23 /ton
Roll-off containerized waste from unincorporated areas.....\$60.00 /ton
Non-Assessment Roll-off containerized waste.....\$60.00 /ton
Mixed-City / County Routes.....Per Agreement with BOCC Only
Out of County Waste.....Per Agreement with BOCC Only
Registered Non-Profit Organizations with Thrift Shop
.....First 1000lbs/month free, \$30.00/ton thereafter

BULKY WASTE BY NON-RESIDENTIAL SELF-HAULERS:

Consisting of furniture / carpet & padding / mattress & box springs...\$60.00 /ton
CERTIFIED WEIGHT:\$ 5.00 each

CLEAN CONCRETE FOR RECYCLING:\$10.00 /ton

CLEAN RECYCLABLES:No Charge

ADDITIONAL RECYCLABLES: (At the Landfill Only)

Used Oil, Used Oil Filters & Anti-Freeze....(Limit 10 gallons per visit)....No Charge
Cooking Oil.....(Limit 10 gallons per visit)....No Charge

CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS, BOATS OR TRAILERS:.....\$60.00 /ton

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT:

Televisions & Monitors.....\$60.00 /ton
Computers.....No Charge

HAZARDOUS WASTE, PAINT & RELATED MATERIALS:

By Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators.....\$1.00 /lb
Non-Assessed Residents.....\$0.35 /lb

**** HAZARDOUS WASTE from SMALL QUANTITY and LARGER GENERATORS, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ****

LEAD ACID & RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES:No Charge

MERCURY-CONTAINING DEVICES:

Fluorescent Lamps -- straight, circular, U-shaped & compact fluorescent bulbs
-(First 10, free thereafter).....\$0.80 per lamp
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Refrigerators, Freezers, A/C units.....\$60.00 /ton
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Asbestos, Sludge, Oil-Contaminated materials (by Staff Approval Only), Items
Requiring Verified Burial, and Animal Carcass\$90.00 /ton

TIRES:

Passenger Car Tires up to 10.....\$2.00 each
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Residential Oversize tires any number.....\$200.00/ton

YARD WASTE\$22.50 /ton
(Logs or Stumps in excess of 4 ft. in diameter or in excess of 10 ft. in length will not be accepted)

WASTE RELOCATION CHARGE:

(1 Hour Minimum Charge).....\$90.00 per Man-Hour

EXHIBIT "C"
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY FEE SCHEDULE
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

This fee schedule may be implemented under the following conditions:

Locally declared state of emergency or failure of the landfill's normal and backup power supply, scales, scale house building and/or computers for scale house management system.

This fee schedule will be terminated and the regular fee schedule will be reinstated under the following conditions: Return of function for power, scales, scale house building and/or computers for the scale house management system or termination of state of emergency or direction of BOCC.

Charge customers – certified waste collectors

Front load and rear load route trucks. Weight is equal to the average load weight for that collection vehicle, for the same waste type, within the past 30 days. Rate is the normal per ton rate. If the truck has no visits during the period of record, use the most similar truck (type, capacity) from the same collection company for the maximum load.

Roll-off truck with open-top box. Weight is equal to the density calculated for landfill CSA waste boxes times the capacity of the open-top box. Rate is the normal per ton rate. Compactor roll-off boxes. Weight is equal to the average weight for that container within the past 30 days. Rate is normal per ton rate. If the container has no visits during the period of record, use the most similar container from the same collection company for the maximum load.

Receipts will be manual tickets indicating date, time, truck number and material and if applicable, roll-off container capacity.

Charge customers - all others- See below.

Residential and commercial cash customers – prices include transaction fee

Car or van\$ 5.00
Single axle pickup truck\$ 9.00
Dual axle pickup truck\$18.00
Car or van with trailer\$ 6.00
Pickup truck with trailer <12 feet long\$18.00
Pickup truck with trailer > 12 feet long\$27.00
Dual axle with trailer <12 feet long\$36.00
Dual axle with trailer > 12 feet long\$60.00

Dump trucks - Weight is equal to the density calculated for landfill CSA waste boxes times the capacity of the dump bed. Rate is the normal per ton rate.

Items that are normally free for residents will be charged. Material separation for disposal location remains in effect. Receipts for all transactions (if requested) will be manual tickets indicating date, and cash amount paid.

No vegetative debris will be accepted during the first three days following a natural disaster.

ON THE NET

- **WHO:** DAV and RecruitMilitary will host the Tampa Career Fair for Veterans.
- **WHAT:** This is a free virtual hiring event for transitioning military personnel, veterans, National Guard members, Reserve members and military spouses.
- **WHEN:** From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 16.
- **WHERE:** <https://tinyurl.com/yculn3v8>

FAIR

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rapidly hiring and in large volume.

To facilitate employment efforts for both job seekers and employers, DAV and RecruitMilitary will host the Tampa Virtual Career Fair for Veterans online from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 16. This free virtual event is open to all members of the military community, past and present, as well as military spouses and dependents. RecruitMilitary's virtual events are technologically enhanced to provide personal interaction among job candidates and employers in large group, small group and one-one-one formats.

Bradley-Morris/RecruitMilitary, a company built on a storied history of military-trained talent and leadership, has been employing and recruiting veterans for nearly three decades. In response to COVID-19, the organization swiftly implemented virtual hiring events nationwide in just a matter of days. And today, the company is positioned to bring thousands of service members, veterans and military spouses into the civilian workforce more than ever before.

In April, Bradley-Morris/RecruitMilitary was appointed by the U.S. Army to provide all

transition services to soldiers, veterans and their families. The timing of this appointment is critical to serve the needs of transitioning soldiers and their families who are leaving the military and joining the civilian world amidst a global crisis. Bradley-Morris/RecruitMilitary also serves veterans and transitioning service members of all branches.

In 2019, DAV RecruitMilitary hosted more than 140 veteran hiring events across the United States with 6,400-plus exhibitors engaging more than 28,000 military-trained job candidates.

"At Bradley-Morris and RecruitMilitary, we care deeply about the military community we serve that includes job seekers, employers and our own team. Given the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control regarding COVID-19, to protect the safety of everyone involved, we shifted all upcoming in-person hiring events into our virtual veteran career fair platform," said Chris Newsome, senior vice president at RecruitMilitary. "Virtual hiring events are not new to us. We've been offering these types of events, in addition to digitally interactive resources, for several years. We're proud to continue serving those who need us during this time to secure employment and sustain workforce development."

VFW 4337 Post and Auxiliary installs officers



The VFW 4337 Post and Auxiliary recently installed new officers for the 2020-21 season. Pictured, from left, are: Gloria Lane, patriotic conductress; Carol Hetherington, treasurer; Lori Acosta, secretary; Don Donahue, Jr., vice president; Carol Davis, president; Karen Loger, senior vice president; Prish Hansen, conductress; Jeanette Miles, guard; and Nancy Hetherington, chaplain.

Special to the Chronicle

Virtual concert supports wreath project

All invited to watch for Wreaths Across America

Special to the Chronicle

National nonprofit Wreaths Across America (WAA) is proud to announce that, this year, it is producing a free, virtual "Giving in July" concert on Facebook to replace its annual "Stem to Stone Rally in the Valley" weekend event in Maine. This family-friendly, virtual concert event will air live, nationwide on the WAA Official Facebook page at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 19, featuring patriotic musical guests who are supportive and appreciative of our

country's veterans and their families, and the organization's mission to remember, honor and teach.

The event will include a special message from Operation Red Wing lone survivor, United States Navy SEAL (Ret) Marcus Luttrell and his wife Melanie from their home in Texas. Also, during this virtual concert there will be appearances from local volunteers across the country who are giving back in their own communities through their participation in the WAA program.

Performers will

include, but are not limited to Craig Morgan, Chris Roberts, Lindsay Lawler, Mark Wills, The Bellamy Brothers, The Don Campbell Band, Darryl Worley and Six-String Soldiers.

Throughout the live event, viewers will have the opportunity to support these local groups and participating cemeteries in their hometowns. The sponsorship groups are part of a program where \$5 of each \$15 wreath sponsorship received goes back to them to be used locally for programs in their own

community. Through this national program, WAA has given back more than \$12 million in local contributions over the last 11 years.

In accordance with the CDC's recommendation against large gatherings stemming from concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, this will be a live virtual concert that will be held online using Vimeo Livestream, with the help of Black Fly Media and The Nashville Music Loft on the WAA Official Facebook page at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 19.

For more information, visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org.



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coordinating a "Sweats for Vets" drive, collecting new nylon sweat-shirts 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 sweatshirt 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@femaleveteransnetwork.com, 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 VSO

Scheduled appointments and walk-in clients at the Citrus County

Veterans Service Office will be seen from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. 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.

Benefits available from Camp Lejeune

Benefits have been extended from August 1953 to December 1987 for former residents of Camp Lejeune.

From the 1950s through the 1980s, people living or working at the U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, may have been exposed to drinking water contaminated with industrial solvents, benzene and other chemicals.

Veterans, and non-veterans, who served (lived) at Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days between Aug. 1, 1953, and Dec. 31, 1987, may be eligible for cost-free medical care through Veterans Affairs (VA) for a variety of health conditions. Contact a Veteran Service Officer for details or to file a claim.

Veterans must still meet the criteria of a veteran — minimum service time, character of discharge, serving in the active-duty military, naval or sea service. Operation Enduring Freedom veterans

If you know anyone who has served during Operation Enduring Freedom and has ties to Citrus County, call Barbara Mills with Operation Welcome Home at 352-422-6236.

Rides to VA clinic available for veterans

The Lecanto Clinic has DAV van service from the clinic to Gainesville with pick-up locations in Inverness, Hernando, Holder, Dunnellon and Williston.

The clinic has van service to the Village Clinic with the same non-scheduled stops as far north as Dunnellon.

Veterans must call the transport line at 352-746-8005 at least four days before their appointment to schedule a ride.

If you hear a recording, leave your name, last four, where you live, the date and time and location of your appointment.

VA claims assistance available

The Service Officer for the American Legion Post 166 in Homosassa is now available to handle your VA claims. Richard Starkey will be available between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. by appointment on Thursdays and Fridays, at the HPH Hospice facility at 2939 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461.

If you have any trouble with the VA about your benefits, call Starkey at 352-601-6180 to make an appointment.

Citrus County shelter for veterans

The Mission in Citrus provides shelter, clothing, tents, food, haircuts, help with furthering education, job help and much more for veterans.

The Mission needs local

businesses, individuals and churches to help adopt our veterans. We are the only veterans shelter in Citrus County. Help is needed for utilities, leases and more.

Stop by and visit. This year, we have placed many homeless veterans into homes and helped with jobs, education and more, as well as providing over 5,000 bed nights and 15,000 meals. In addition, five campers and RVs have been given to veterans.

To help and for information, call 352-270-4357. The Mission is at 306 S. Park Ave., Inverness.

Help support Old Homosassa Memorial

Flags are being sold to generate funds to help maintain the Old Homosassa Veterans Memorial on Yulee Drive (across from Homosassa Elementary school).

For \$20, get an embroidered, made in the U.S., 3-foot by 5-foot flag, of all-weather nylon material. POW/MIA flags are available for \$20. Places to buy flags include:

- Kane's Ace Hardware, 352-628-3566.
 - Badcock Home Furniture, 352-795-5346.
 - Homosassa Blueprint, 352-628-5893.
 - Fraternal Order of the Eagles, 352-628-0914.
 - American Legion Post 166, 352-247-1353.
- For flag orders, call Mark at 352-212-9359.

Vet discount info sought

The Citrus County Veterans Services Division is compiling a list of

local businesses that offer discounts to veterans. Those with local businesses who would like to have their discount information included on a list are asked to call 352-527-5915 with a contact phone number, amount/type of discount and required proof of veteran status. The Veterans Service Office provides guidance and assistance to veterans and their families to assist with navigation through state and federal VA systems and participate in coordination with local charitable organizations and businesses to ensure veterans and their families are receiving as much assistance as possible from the local community. Call the Veterans Service Office at 352-527-5915 or visit www.citrus-bocc.com.

Coast Guard auxiliary seeks assistance

Ex-military and retired military are needed to assist the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in helping the Coast Guard with non-military and non-law enforcement programs. These programs include public education, vessel safety checks, safety patrols and search and rescue, maritime security and environmental protection.

Wear the auxiliary uniform and your military ribbons with pride. A criminal background check and membership are required. Email Vince Maida at vsm440@aol.com; or call 917-597-6961.

Memorial honors vets in Homosassa

Purple Heart recipients are sought to be honored with centerpieces with their names on them at The Old Homosassa Veterans' Memorial. Call Shona Cook at 352-422-8092.

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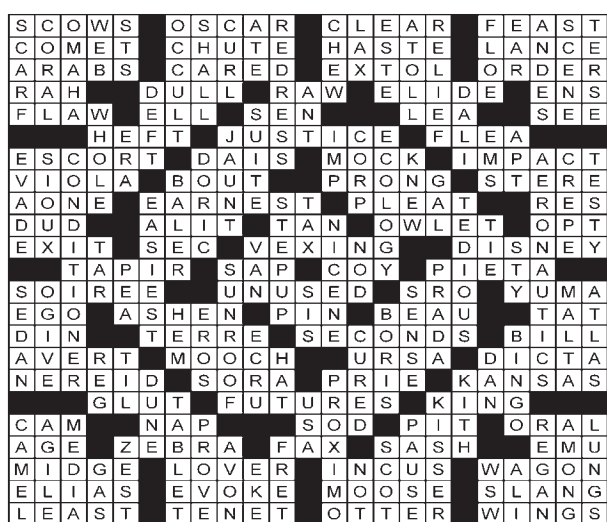
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Marriages recorded in Citrus County from June 22-28, 2020

■ Michelle Leslie Prentice, Citrus Springs / William Thomas Maloney, Citrus Springs.

Dissolution of marriage

■ Philip Bomhoff Jr., Lecanto vs. Kongpien Bomhoff, Lecanto.

■ Sonia Louise Hall, Inverness vs. Eric Yves Viau, Beverly Hills.

■ Patricia F. Ridgway, Charlotte, North Carolina vs. Blair R. Whitelaw, Inverness.

■ Sally A. Sullivan, Floral City vs. James C. Sullivan Sr., Wesley Chapel.

■ Roshika Allean Turner, Inverness vs. Ulysess Turner, Inverness.

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HAVE A NEWS TIP?

■ The Chronicle welcomes tips from readers about breaking news. Call the newsroom at 563-5660, and be prepared to give your name, phone number, and the address of the news event.

■ To submit story ideas for feature sections, call 563-5660 and ask for Nancy Kennedy or Sarah Gatling. Again, be prepared to leave a detailed message.

50th ANNIVERSARY

Jerry and Mary Alvarez

Jerry and Mary (Jones) Alvarez of Beverly Hills celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 10, 2020.

The couple married July 10, 1970, in Tampa. Jerry is a retired plant superintendent at Metal Container Corp., an Anheuser-Busch Company, and Mary is a retired secretary for Prudential Insurance Company.

Together the couple have six children: Daryl Royal of Dearborn, Michigan; Daniel Alvarez of Kissimmee; Laurie Bozeman of Port Richey; Robert Alvarez of Inverness; Tammy Weidman of Grand Saline, Texas; and Mary Lloyd of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

They have 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



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- The Chronicle runs birth announcements, engagements, weddings and significant anniversaries at no charge inside the Sunday Veterans section.
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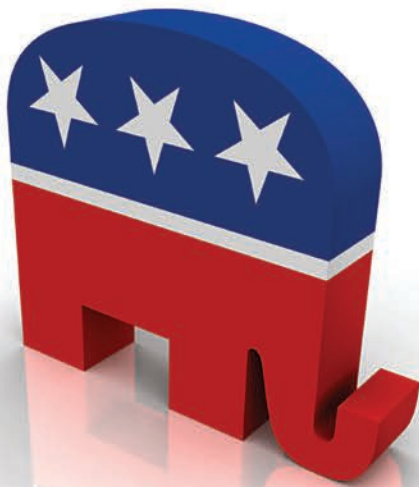


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COVID-19 changes election season



Gerry Mulligan
OUT THE WINDOW

For the past six decades, the Chronicle has always sponsored a political forum at the county auditorium in Inverness.

At times, more than 1,000 residents would pack the fairgrounds to hear all of the primary candidates answer questions and explain their positions.

Because of COVID-19, the public forum will not take place in 2020. While we are disappointed, we have planned the next best thing.

Citrus County early voting

- Early voting for Citrus County registered voters will take place from Aug. 7 to Aug. 15 at four convenient locations. Voters can go to the Central Ridge Library in Beverly Hills; the Supervisor of Elections office in Meadowcrest; the Homosassa Public Library or Inverness City Hall. The voting is open all days from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. For additional information, call the election's office at 564-7120.
- The primary will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 18, for those who want to visit their local precinct on election day.

Earlier this week Chronicle reporters and editors spent the day interviewing all the candidates who will appear on the Aug. 18

primary ballot. We conducted the interviews at the Citrus County Art League auditorium in Citrus Hills and had the good folks from Digital Hound Media record the event.

Those recorded interviews are now being made available at the Chronicle website — Chronicleonline.com — and via our political newsletter. (Free signup at Chronicleonline.com/Election2020). Each day a different race will be

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ELECTION 2020 ✓



The League of Women Voters of Citrus County decided that due to COVID-19 they would cancel their candidate forum for the Aug. 18, 2020, primary.

In lieu of the forum, they asked each candidate the following question:

In 300 words or less, tell us how your education, professional experiences, values and personal attributes qualify you for the office to which you aspire.

The Chronicle will be running the candidates' responses over the next few weeks. This week, candidates for sheriff and property appraiser are featured.

Citrus County Sheriff

Patrick Crippen

I'm Patrick Crippen, republican candidate for sheriff. My family has been in Citrus County for nearly 50 years and I am a Florida native. I was born in Miami and raised in Citrus County. I attended Homosassa Elementary School, Crystal River Middle School, and Crystal River High School graduating in 1984. I attended the Withlacoochee Vo-Tech in Inverness for both my law



Patrick Crippen

enforcement and corrections certification. My associate's degree I obtained from the Central Florida Community College in Lecanto. My bachelor's degree from Embry Riddle College in Daytona, and I am approximately one semester from my MBA in business.

My law enforcement career, of nearly 20 years, started in Citrus County because I wanted to give back

to the community I grew up in! I was employed as a police officer at the city of Crystal River Police Department, followed by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office under the leadership of Sheriff Charlie Dean.

I also worked at Marion County Sheriff's Office and the state of Florida Law Enforcement Department with the Fish and Wildlife Commission holding the rank of lieutenant. I was then recruited from Florida to Airbus Aircraft in Dallas, Texas, as their Law Enforcement executive manager. I was also employed with

Textron and director at General Dynamics. During this time, I also held the executive position as vice president. I have had both direct and indirect employees. These corporate positions and experiences that I bring to the table are at and beyond the rank of sheriff. In these positions, I have managed the same issues a sheriff would: personnel, budget, conflicts, hiring, terminations, and directing operations.

As your next sheriff, I will bring the community together as it was when I

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We'll need a lot of grace on hand for the new school year



Cortney Stewart
SEEING BEYOND

The 2016 election was one of the most bizarre political scenes our country has ever experienced. Most days during that tumultuous campaigning season it felt like we were living in the Twilight Zone. Sometimes I needed to pinch myself just to make sure it was all actually happening.

While each candidate had their devoted followers, the vast majority of people felt like they settled for whichever political candidate

they could tolerate the most. "The lesser of two evils" seemed to be the prevailing phrase surrounding the 2016 presidential choices.

America was kind of stuck. So everyone did the best they could with what they had, voted their personal conscience, and the rest is history.

Well, folks, we're stuck again. 2020 is a mess. And while we may find ourselves politically stuck again in November, we have a few obstacles to overcome before

we get there. As the effects of COVID-19 begin to become more and more of a reality for us, it seems that the feeling we had in 2016 is going to become the norm.

There are just no good options for the choices we are facing.

It's the beginning of July and a new school year is around the corner. School districts and lawmakers have been scrambling since March thinking through an immense array of situations that could befall us come next month.

Educators and legislators have been working overtime to figure out how to keep our kids moving forward.

And it's been no picnic. Soon school administrators are going to begin rolling out the plans for the start of school in the fall. What that plan is going to look like is anyone's guess but one thing is for certain: Our kids need to be back in school.

It isn't because virtual learning

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PROTECTING OUR COAST

Gov. DeSantis creates a state aquatic preserve

Although Citrus County didn't get everything it wanted from the 2020 Legislature and the governor, it did get one thing that will have enduring benefits: our coastal waters are now protected as part of the newly created Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve, and they have been declared an Outstanding Florida Water, the top level of protection. Citrus County thanks Rep. Ralph Masullo the bill's sponsor in the House and number one supporter, for his environmental leadership.

Gov. DeSantis signed the new preserve into law on June 29, and it became effective July 1. The Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve covers 400,000 acres of seagrass, the largest bed in the Gulf, off Citrus, Hernando and Pasco counties. It's the 42nd preserve in Florida, and the first one created for more than 30 years. Its establishment closes the gap so preserves now stretch from the Big Bend to Tampa Bay.

This effort received broad support from county governments, businesses and community members, and passed in the Legislature nearly unanimously. It got a boost from the Pew Charitable

Trusts, which began working on the project two years ago after discussions with business owners and fishing industry members about their concerns and perceived threats to the seagrass meadow.

What does being a "preserve" entail? It means that the seagrass beds are protected because of limits on

THE ISSUE:

Governor signs bill for first state preserve in 32 years.

OUR OPINION:

A beneficial move in so many ways.

dredging, well-drilling (including for oil) and installing structures other than docks (including utility infrastructure). Seagrass beds and associated habitats are home to such activities as fishing and scalloping,

worth some \$500 million annually to the three counties and supporting 10,000 jobs.

What's the next step? The state must develop the Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve's management plan, with input from stakeholders in all three counties.

As the law says, "It is the intent of the Legislature that the Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve be preserved in essentially natural condition so that its biological and aesthetic values may endure for the enjoyment of future generations."

Well done.

facilities to make money with. We buy the stuff and they make the profit. I see nothing in their plan that's going to ease congestion. The biggest part of their plan is they're going to make money on the deal. The heck with the people that live in Crystal River. The heck with the people that live on the water or use a boat here and have to deal with the hundreds of ignorant kayakers. I'm sorry, but they think they can go wherever they think they want to go. They'll cross right in front of you. They'll choke a waterway. They just need to be educated that they are a vessel and there are rules for vessels. I don't see anything in the plan that's going to educate them. It's going to be the same mess, but Crystal River will make money on it. That seems to be all they ever do.

Sound Off
CALL 563-0579

An act of kindness

This is a special thank you to the two ladies, who, at Applebee's this afternoon were kind enough to pay for my wife and my lunch and also leave the tip. You're a true blessing and I can assure you will pay it forward. Thank you very, very much.

Schlabach a strong businesswoman

My wife, Ruthie Davis Schlabach is a great choice for the Board of County Commission. She has the business background, the common sense and the strong tenacity to advocate for our citizens and make the right decisions for Citrus County.

For someone who has been married to Ruthie for over 27 years, I know just how strong of a supporter and leader she is. Without her trailblazing attitude, business expertise, and education, our company, Schlabach Security and Sound Inc., would not be where it is today. Throughout each level we pursued as a company, she was there to encourage me past the expectations of my own abilities. This not only helped in producing a successful tradesman in myself, but also a very successful local business here in Citrus County.

Because of Ruthie's role in the company, she has poured over countless profit and loss reports, ran our accounting department, negotiated prices with vendors and contractors, and built a sustainable rapport with other businesses in the community.

In addition, Ruthie and I have created numerous jobs within Citrus County for over 25 years. Ruthie prides herself in her contribution to the economy and working families while having necessary understanding of the payroll process.

These pivotal experiences have prepared her to be the county commissioner that we should all be voting for come Aug. 18. Her willingness to serve, desire to lead, and love for Citrus County paired with her education and experience enable her to protect our community and our families.

So, of course I am going to support Ruthie as her husband; but, I know her to be much more than a wonderful wife, best friend, incredible mother, and smart business partner. I support her just as strongly as a citizen of Citrus County because I know that her whole character will make a difference on the board and for every person in our great community.

Jarey Schlabach
Lecanto

Baird most qualified for elections job

As your current Supervisor of Elections, I enthusiastically encourage you to vote

■ I have a couple of questions: You are always putting in the paper about all the positive COVID-19 (cases). How come you're not posting anything on the number of people that recover? And if they're going to require masks, what are they going to do if you can't wear one and you need to go out in public? Are they going to arrest you, fine you or what?

■ I am so disgusted. We went into one of the locally owned restaurants. ... We took the plunge when restrictions were loosened, to support the locally owned eateries. Initially, they were all very demonstrative with table sanitizing and following the distancing rules. Masks were initially worn and there was an unspoken contract that they were doing everything recommended to protect us from cross-contamination. I have gradually seen these procedures erode to the spectacle I witnessed today. The staff in contact with customers were partially masked to none whatsoever. The wait-staff that did have a mask on was wearing it on their chins. I was seated within inches of another patron — so much for the 6-foot rule. I refused and picked another table that had old food on it. Obviously, nothing was cleaned. As I ate, I watched numerous

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for Maureen "Mo" Baird for Supervisor of Elections. Retirement is right around the corner for me, and I know Mo is the most qualified person to assume the office of Supervisor of Elections.

Mo and I have worked together for the past 24 years experiencing continuing election law and technology changes. We have conducted many successful elections over the years which included the epic 2000 presidential election recount and the three 2018 statewide recounts for U.S. Senate, governor and agricultural commissioner. During this time, we have also implemented two new voting systems and continued working with the Department of Homeland Security and other state and federal agencies on cybersecurity.

Mo is very well respected in the election world for her knowledge and willingness help others. Her passion for election administration is unmatched. She has increased her knowledge through education programs which led her to a designation as a Master Florida Certified Election Professional (MFCEP) where she was an instructor on subject matters. Mo advanced further earning a designation as a Certified Election Registration Administrator (CERA) from the National Election Center in conjunction with Auburn University.

Mo knows where the elections office should be headed in the future. We were always planning what would be coming next in elections with a focus on our budget and the time it takes to implement new programs and

technology.

This race is a universal primary and the next Supervisor of Elections will be decided in this primary. The race will be on all ballots: Republican, Democratic, Nonpartisan. This is your only opportunity to choose our next Supervisor of Elections.

Please remember, Mo's knowledge is extensive and she is ready to go on day one. Citrus County is known for fair, honest and accurate elections. When elected, Mo will continue this tradition. For continued successful elections, vote Maureen "Mo" Baird for Citrus County Supervisor of Elections in the Aug. 18 primary election.

Susan Gill
Citrus County
Supervisor of Elections

Dalton a great community leader

There are always going to be challenges ahead. These challenges affect us all and when they come we need one thing. We need leaders. We see it now, maybe more than ever, as we work through the tragedies and hardships that are facing us. We look for the leaders in government and businesses in our community for help.

One of those leaders we need in our community is Cregg Dalton, candidate for Citrus County Property Appraiser.

I first met Cregg in 2018 through a post he made on Facebook looking for help. He wanted to start a program in our community high schools that would provide mentoring to young men who needed guidance. Men Building Men, supported by the Citrus County Education Foundation, has helped high schoolers to improve attendance, increase grades and most importantly to be on track to graduate. I've been honored to be able to participate in this program.

Cregg's experience in leading people as a sergeant in the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, his six years working as a property appraiser, and his desire to help make others in our community better is why he should be one our next community leaders. He has done so much for our community already. I can't wait to cast my vote for Cregg Dalton for Citrus County Property Appraiser.

Justin Brashear
Citrus Springs

Hot Corner: MASKS

cross-contaminations; something as simple as wiping the table and wiping salt and pepper shakers between customers. I had to overlook my wait-staff handling their dirty money tips, clearing tables and touching other patrons' napkins, silverware, etc. My impression today was business as usual — fast, easy and be damned with the elderly customers. Their arrogance that this virus is going to infect someone else is almost stunning. The state is teeming in this virus. I guess these establishments liked being closed. If I don't see you trying to follow the rules, then my money will be spent somewhere else or not at all. Actually, takeout was very effective and less expensive. You've had your chance and you blew it. You think a mask is inconvenient? Try a ventilator.

■ (Re the June 26, 2020, Sound Off, "Stop telling me to wear a mask.") This is to the 85-year-old who said they don't wear a mask and tell people they're in stores to commit suicide by COVID-19: Please remember that when you get it, and don't go to the doctor or hospital seeking medical care and endanger anyone else because of your selfish choice. That goes for everyone who chooses to not

wear a mask.

■ I am so tired of people complaining about waitresses and waiters not wearing masks. I think it's absolutely ridiculous that you're having a fit. Don't go to those restaurants if you don't like the fact they don't wear masks. Let me tell you, I'm not a waitress but I used to be one. I know what it's like to run around with a mask on. It's hot. You're running back from one end of the restaurant to the other. It's very uncomfortable. You can't breathe. My thing is this: If you don't like the fact that they're not wearing masks, then don't go to the restaurant. There's plenty of restaurants in Citrus wearing masks.

■ If the people don't start cooperating and doing what they're supposed to do and wear masks and gloves to prevent coronavirus from spreading. I just came from (a) shopping center and 40% of the people in the store did not have masks on. Yesterday I went to (a fast-food restaurant) and the people behind the counter, only three of them had masks on. People cooking and taking orders did not have masks on. Many of the people in the (restaurant) did not have masks on. ... We'd better wake up before it's too late.

ELECTION

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was growing up in Citrus County. I already have firm relationships with many of the county leaders, business owners and citizens. I will promote a family atmosphere as it was when I worked at the Sheriff's Office. As your sheriff I will bring dependability, accessibility, accountability, responsiveness, respectfulness and last but not least, transparency to the sheriff's office. I will bring innovated programs to the sheriff's office. Another top priority for me is the formation of a citizen advisor board and citizen impact unit that will answer directly to the citizens. As sheriff we will step out of the proverbially law enforcement box focusing on a proactive approach and methodology for the community. We will start with a zero-based budget and compare it to the current archaic budget that is being used today; in order to ensure the sheriff's office is being operated effectively and efficiently.

We will leverage local, state, and federal grants. We will have business partnerships and utilize the forfeit and seizure fund to all help offset the budget.

We need an excellent sheriff's office to focus on the citizens, communities and the employees all while enforcing all the laws in a professional manner. Therefore, meeting and exceeding the exception of our great county.

Visit <https://patrickcrippenforsheriff.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/patrickcrippenforsheriff>.

Mel Eakley

During my 25 continuous years of progressive law enforcement, I have held nearly every position in law enforcement, from patrol, community policing, undercover narcotics, field training officer, school resource officer and major crimes investigator.

I have over 3,600 hours of specialized training within investigations, communications, leadership, community policing, undercover operations, traffic enforcement, DUI, school resource, active shooter, domestic violence, use of force science, first aid, national incident command management, firearms and mental health.

I possess a bachelor's degree from Saint Leo College in Criminology and a master's degree in Adult Education from the University of South Florida.

I have held nearly every leadership rank within a sheriff's office, starting with deputy, corporal, sergeant, lieutenant, captain and major. These assignments range from patrol, criminal investigations and logistics. My executive leadership roles range from patrol commander, commander of purchasing, fleet maintenance, human resources, Commander of Pasco-Hernando State College

(PHSC) Police Academy, Training, Intelligence led policing, Internal Affairs, and Executive Policy Group Member in Emergency Operations Center. I have managed natural disaster scenes and I have created, managed, and executed budgets in the millions of dollars while overseeing hundreds of employees who answered to me.

I have experience in community strategic planning, police executive leadership and have led the 26th largest Sheriff's Office Uniform Operations Bureau in the country. My leadership was instrumental in crime reduction and intelligence gathering strategies. I am a proven law enforcement executive with real sheriff's office experience. Obviously, I have the education and hands-on experience to return the agency to excellence.

I have been a joiner as a law enforcement leader and connect to the people I serve. My fiscal responsibility benefited both my organizations' effectiveness and resonated with the citizens. Please take time to learn more about me and my success.

Michael Klyap Jr.

My name is Michael Klyap Jr and I have resided in Citrus County for over three decades and served the law enforcement profession since 1978. My civilian education consists of a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's in management and leadership.

My law enforcement education afforded me the tools to accomplish my law enforcement duties and gain the knowledge necessary to advance in my career. This education made me a better police officer, trainer, supervisor and leader within my agency and a mentor to those in our community and allowed me to constantly improve community policing within our community.

My professional experiences in law enforcement have been both rewarding and heart breaking. Rewarding to be able to help those in our community, mentoring our children, helping a person or family in need, giving a person a second chance in lieu of arrest and seeing that person succeed, and happy to just go home at night. Heart breaking investigating the unnecessary death of a child or someone you knew, trying to keep someone alive that you know won't make it or wishing that if you got to the scene one minute earlier a tragedy may have been prevented.

My values consist of commitment, integrity, loyalty, responsibility, forgiveness, and my personal attributes are that I am understanding, trustworthy, sincere, kindhearted, sympathetic and respectful, which is important in law enforcement today.

My dedication and commitment to the people of Citrus County for decades, my knowledge and experience in the law

enforcement profession and my proven leadership and compassion for our community more than qualify me for the office of Sheriff.

For a more comprehensive summary of my career, please visit www.klyapforsheriff.com. If you have questions email me at mikekforsheriff@gmail.com or call me at 352-302-6096.

Mike Prendergast

Your sheriff's office is getting the job done. For example, on Aug. 11, 2016, as a candidate at the Chronicle forum, I made you a promise, "First of all, if you deal drugs in this county after I'm elected, I'm coming after you." Since I took office, drug arrests have increased more than 180%, and we are only getting started. I'm proud to be able to run on my record but let me first review my background.

For my traditional education, I earned three bachelor's degrees as well as three master's degrees in a variety of disciplines from a wide range of institutions including the University of Florida. My education that qualifies me the most to continue serving as your sheriff, however, was what I learned during a 31-year career as an active duty Army military policeman. During my service as a military policeman, I conducted law enforcement patrols, led complex investigations, executed strategic sting operations in some of the world's most challenging environments, and managed billion-dollar budgets. This prepared me to relentlessly pursue the scourge of drug activity in the county, and we are yielding some astounding results. We've had multiple record-setting drug busts including the largest methamphetamine bust, the largest heroin bust, and the largest bust of drugs in terms of street value totaling nearly one million dollars.

Traffic fatalities have also reduced by over 40% in the last year while starting deputy pay has steadily risen over the last three years. This is possible through strict budget management practices, cutting excess spending, and projecting future costs to minimize surprises. It's been an honor to lead the great men and women of your sheriff's office, and please know, a vote for your Sheriff on or before Aug. 18 is a vote to continue law enforcement excellence.

Citrus County Property Appraiser

Cregg Dalton

Cregg Dalton's strong ethical values, professional experiences, and extensive education have fully prepared him to become the next Citrus County Property

Appraiser.

With prior comprehensive experience in the property appraisal business stemming from past employment at the Sumter County Property Appraiser's Office and years of working with his family's property appraisal business, Cregg is fully capable of successfully operating the Citrus County Property Appraiser's Office.

For the past 11 years, Cregg has worked for the Citrus County Sheriff's Office serving and protecting our communities and its citizens. In 2015, he was promoted to sergeant, providing strong leadership and management initiatives throughout Citrus County, while also positively influencing his subordinates and improving the working environment of the entire agency.

Upon election, Cregg guarantees the Citrus County Property Appraiser's Office will provide:

- every possible exemption allowed by law to citizens and businesses;
- fairness and consistency to all residential and commercial properties;
- hands-on leadership - always being accessible to the taxpayers;
- continuous efforts to build and maintain property appraisal partnerships across the county and throughout the state

Cregg's education includes a master's degree in Business Administration from St. Leo University, and the recent completion of the Administrative Leadership Course and the Executive Leadership Graduate Program at the University of Louisville.

Additionally, Cregg also proudly served our country in the United States Navy.

Much of his free time in the last several years has been spent supporting and improving all of Citrus County through extensive volunteering in the following nonprofit organizations:

- Men Building Men Mentoring Program — Founder/Director
- Women Building Women Mentoring Program — Founder/Director
- Citrus County Education Foundation — Board of Directors
- Citrus County Blessings/Citrus County Harvest — Board of Directors
- Citrus County Chamber of Commerce — Board of Directors
- Citrus County Anti-Drug Coalition — Vice Chairman — Board of Directors

David Gregory

After Champlain Business College on the shores of Lake Champlain, where I

studied bookkeeping (accounting), I went to work for a contractor (Simmonds Precision) in Vergennes Vermont that was chosen by NASA to build the fuel gauges for Apollo's Lunar Landing Module and I became a Quality Control Inspector for the assembled fuel gauges of the Lander. There were six of them, three for each propulsion unit. Redundancy was the

name of that game. My inspection stamp may very well be on the moon! After Simmonds Precision, I went to Castleton State College and obtained my B.A. in Sociology. While attending Castleton, I ran my own country store and Amoco gas station in Whiting Vermont; during those four years of Castleton, I attended classes during the day and ran the store in the evenings having neighbors and friends working for me during the daylight hours, with an apartment over the store where I lived. It was a good fit.

Working as a private contractor for Citrus County for 18 years, as owner-operator of Liberty Delivery with 15-20 employees, we delivered all the county agendas and other documents to the various boards and offices of the county as well as other deliveries in and out of Citrus County included but not limited to, doctor's offices for lab specimens, transporting medical equipment between the two hospitals in the county during their early reconstruction, Damron's Parts (LKQ), etc. Additionally working for 14 years for the Citrus County Property Appraisers Office I have 32 years accumulated experience with the intricacies of Citrus County government retiring from the office in 2017 as a field appraiser. Additionally, being cross-trained in all departments in the office over those years, I have unparalleled experience to take over the reins of Citrus County Property Appraiser!

Tim Reynard

Most people don't realize the behind the scenes battles at the property appraiser's office, defending fair market values against power house corporations, like Duke Energy, Walmart,

Home Depot, Lowes, Walgreens, CVS and Hospital Corporation of America, who send some of the country's top attorneys, appraisers, accountants and CPAs who try every trick in the book to get their assessments lowered. Since 66% of our tax revenue comes from out of the county, it currently only costs local residents and small businesses 34 cents for every \$1 of services.

The property appraiser's office is the most critical position in preventing millions of dollars in needless and unproductive tax increases, for which we would get nothing, no new roads, firehouses, school resources, nothing. The property appraiser determines fair and equitable values for all properties in Citrus County, then, the real challenge is defending those values in court and at the Value Adjustment Board (VAB). Opposing attorneys can be crafty, CPAs can be tricky, and their appraisers can be deceptive, using their knowledge and experience against you. If you aren't as smart or smarter than they, it will shift

their tax burden to the rest of us.

I'm Tim Reynard, current deputy of appraisal at the Citrus County Property Appraiser's Office, working with senior management in assessment administration for six years and defending \$200 million to \$300 million dollars in valuations each year at VAB hearings and in appraisal litigation. I have been a professional appraiser for 34 years, with 15-plus years of appraisal litigation experience, with a doctorate level MAI designation from the Appraisal Institute, the highest designation you can get in appraisal. I personally don't want to see our \$18 billion tax roll, generating \$156 million in tax revenue, turned over to a novice that has never done an appraisal of commercial property.

Rob Tessmer

Proven experience matters. A private-sector business background will be a key asset in leading the office of the Citrus County Property Appraiser as we move forward in the current

economic climate. Managing a real estate brokerage here in Citrus County for 18 years, I have worked closely with the community through highs and lows of our market values and seen the impact volatility can have. Utilizing my degree in Business Management from UCF, along with countless hours of real estate continuing education, I successfully navigated those market changes and am ready to apply that knowledge to the property appraiser's office.

However, private-sector business experience alone is not enough. The position requires leadership in public service. I have led both the Rotary Club of Inverness and the Realtors Association of Citrus County as president. Rotary's mantra is "service above self." This has been a foundational principle for me in my 14 years as a Rotarian, 18 years as a business leader, and one I will apply to public service as your property appraiser.

A common misconception is that the property appraiser can raise or lower taxes. This simply isn't true. The property appraiser determines the market value of property for taxable purposes, less allowable exemptions, so that other governmental authorities can determine at what rate they need to tax to meet their obligations.

However, I will be a friend of the taxpayer. I pledge that I will work diligently to keep the budget as low as possible while maintaining continued excellence in office staff and technology.

Additionally, exemptions are the best way for taxpayers to keep their taxes low and protect from large variances. I will encourage every taxpayer to realize their allowable exemptions and engage the staff to cooperate and guide taxpayers through the application process.

BEYOND

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can't help kids get the information they require or effectively equip them with the skills they need to be successful. With the right amount of money, time and personnel, it is possible that virtual learning can become an important element of how education moves forward in the future.

But school isn't just about the transfer of knowledge. School is also about socialization. There is immense social value in the classroom setting. It teaches kids how to work and exist well in groups outside the family unit. It teaches them about respect for authority and how to build relationships with peers. It helps them begin to understand conflict management.

Schools also play an important role in our community — providing meals

for kids whose families may be struggling to make ends meet; providing a safe place for kids to talk to trusted adults. The value of our schools should not be overlooked. They are a necessary institution in our society.

Our kids need them to open their doors again in August.

Which is why our response to these soon to be rolled out reopening plans is vitally important. No matter what these plans turn out to be, it's not likely going to be what we want to hear. We want COVID to be a thing of the past and for school to go on as normal; football to be played in the fall. We want to think of the 2020 spring semester as a fluke that we'll never have to repeat.

But that simply isn't going to happen.

The reopening plans are likely to be inconvenient. They will feel burdensome and difficult. So as a

community we must remember a few really important things.

First of all, every precaution that our school system takes in order to reopen is necessary. It may not feel important to an individual student or family. But just remember that no one ever knows anyone else's story. When schools roll out the mandatory safety precautions for our students, we need to comply because we care about our community. We care, not just about our kids, but also the kids who sit across from our kids at lunch or ride the bus home from school with our kids.

Respect, compliance and collaboration are the only way we'll get our schools back to anything that resembles normalcy. So when we see the new list of things we need to consider while we're buying pencils, crayons and erasers, just remember that precautions that seem irrelevant to an individual

have an essential role to play for someone else.

And thinking about the needs of our neighbors in light of COVID is a responsibility we cannot afford to ignore.

Secondly, remember that teachers don't like this any more than parents and students. Teachers love the classroom. They love interacting face-to-face with their students; spending time with them in conversation; being a part of their lives. Zoom classes are not why teachers became teachers.

If there is a virtual component to the 2020-2021 school year, be patient with and kind to teachers. They are working extra hours to deliver the best experience they can for our students. Online teaching is really hard work. Engaging kids is difficult to do it on a computer in the kids' living room with their younger siblings crying in the background

anyway, is going to look a lot like a bunch of really bad choices. It's just the cards our leaders have been dealt. And they're going to do the best they can with what they have to make it the smoothest transition possible for our kids. But it won't be school as we've always known it.

And the choices we make as we navigate these new waters will make all the difference in the world.

That doesn't mean we sugarcoat it or act like everything is wonderful. It isn't wonderful. And our kids have experienced and will continue to experience a grieving process as they adjust to what the new normal of school is going to look like. We need to embrace that and help them walk through it.

Just remember, we can be their greatest motivator or we can be their greatest obstacle. It's truly our choice. We need to make the right one.

School, for a little while

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Sound OFF

It's always the money

This Sound Off's about "Poop in the Shoe" from Sunday (July 5, 2022, Commentary Section B, the "Out the Window"

column by Gerry Mulligan). Letters to the editor and Sound Off callers have been warning about traffic jams, congestion, noise, etc. Now we have new taxes for kayaks. Really? This is just the

beginning. It's always the money.

Gov't priorities seem wrong

You really have to love our government here in

Citrus County. They won't make mandatory mask use — something that might save the lives of its citizens — yet they're willing to come and get you if you water your lawn more than one day a week.

WINDOW

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promoted via Facebook so that the 29,217 followers have access to what the candidates have said.

And of course, our Chronicle reporters were in attendance at the interviews and those news stories are publishing over the week.

COVID-19 is messing with our form of government in Citrus County. We believe in "retail politics" where candidates have to go face-to-face with the voters at forums, shopping centers, civic meetings, churches and at the front door. Just about every civic club, veteran's group, business organization and environmental group held its own event in past years.

For the most part, that is not happening this year because of social distancing rules.

In 2020 candidates are spending a lot more time at home trying to figure out how to get their message out to voters. Without question, the pandemic restrictions give incumbents a leg up because they already have name recognition.

It also puts an extra

burden on you — the voter — to do your homework and make sure you are making the selection that lines up with your beliefs. There is a lot of rhetoric out there about protecting our form of government. Your role is to work extra hard to be an informed citizen at election time.

No one ever promised that democracy was going to be easy.

During the primary, voters will be asked to select candidates for school superintendent, school board, two county commission seats, sheriff, property appraiser, elections supervisor and a judge. It's a lot of information to digest for voters and we hope our presentation in the combined digital/print format will make things easier.

Our county commission races are some of the most contentious on the ballot. In the District 5 seat, incumbent Brian Coleman decided to retire. That's too bad, because Coleman, a retired sheriff's deputy, has been doing a really good job.

Two candidates have qualified in that race — Jimmie T. Smith and Holly Davis. Smith was the commissioner from District 3, but he decided to jump to

District 5 because there was less competition.

In the District 3 race, there are six GOP candidates in the race. No Democrat has qualified for the November general election for commission and that means the winner of the Aug. 18 primary will be the next commissioner.

The candidates in District 3 are Thomas Joseph Corkery, Ruthie Davis Schlabach, Mark S. Hammer, Angel Lewis, Luis Marin and Edwin Lewis Roberts.

The only primary election we were unable to document during the digital forum was for the supervisor of elections. Susan Gill, the longtime supervisor of elections, is retiring at the end of this term. Her chief office supervisor, Maureen "Mo" Baird has qualified to run and she is being challenged by former county commissioner Scott Adams.

The supervisor candidates were invited to participate in the Chronicle forum, but Adams said he had a conflict and could not attend. We have selected another date and will attempt to do a separate interview with these two candidates.

We will let you know how that works out.

Early voting has been

scheduled at four locations around the county from Aug. 7 to 15. For those who don't want to participate on election day, the early voting is the most convenient. There are almost never lines or waiting.

Voting by mail starts Monday, July 20. The mail voting option has somehow become a political football on the national level, but it's not controversial on the local level. In the March presidential primary, 51% of the 31,045 citizens who participated in the contest voted by mail. Another 18% participated in early voting and only 31% showed up on election day to vote.

Very few lines on Election Day when 69% of the voters have already participated. The vote-by-mail option is the most popular in Citrus County.

I hope the election information is helpful. This is the first time we've tried it this way and there have been a few bumps in the process. If you have questions or suggestions, let me know.

Gerry Mulligan is the publisher of the Chronicle. Email him at gmulligan@chronicleonline.com.

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Duke Energy proposes new subscription program to help save customers money



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Duke Energy says the Clean Energy Connection program would respond to customers who want to help boost renewable energy and might not want to have rooftop solar panels.

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

Duke Energy Florida is reaching out to business owners and residential customers to take advantage of a proposed solar energy subscription program that could save them money.

It's called the Clean Energy Connection (CEC) and must still be approved by the Florida Public Service Commission.

This all ties in with Duke's planned \$1 billion investment in 10 new 74.9-megawatt solar facilities it intends to build in the next three years. Duke has not announced where these plants will be built but the company plans to have the first one online in 2022 and more to follow through 2024.

Each plant will cost slightly more than \$100 million.

The CEC program will provide Duke customers in Citrus County and statewide with about 750 megawatts of new solar power and offer more options for qualified customers.

The plan comes amid a broader push by major utilities in Florida to expand the use of solar energy, as solar has become more

cost-efficient and utilities look to reduce carbon emissions.

Under the Duke program, customers would be able to voluntarily pay more on their electric bills to help finance the projects and would receive credits that would result in them getting a "payback" in about seven years.

Duke said the program would respond to customers who want to help boost renewable energy and might not want to have rooftop solar panels.

"(By) leveraging the utility's buying power, the CEC program allows customers to contribute to additional solar resources in Florida at a lower price than if they put up their own solar systems," said Lon Huber, vice president of rate design and strategic solutions for Duke Energy.

"Second, the CEC program allows customers who cannot or do not want to put solar on their premise to participate in a solar energy program."

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Duke provided these program specifics:

■ The monthly subscription fee is fixed at \$8.35 per kilowatt. A customer with average usage of 1,000

kilowatt hours per month would need to subscribe to about 5 kilowatts to cover their full usage.

■ Subscribers would receive bill credits based on their subscription size and the solar energy that is produced by the solar facilities each month.

■ For a residential customer subscribing to a 5-kilowatt hour block, the month-to-month impact will vary, but the net annual impact in year one is estimated to be a charge of about \$6.

■ Starting in year five, the annual bill credit is estimated to exceed the subscription fee. By year seven, customer credits are expected to exceed the charges paid to date for the program.

■ "The Clean Energy Connection Program is delivering on what our customers want — affordable clean energy options," Catherine Stempien, Duke Energy Florida state president, said in a press release. "It will be a measurable way for customers to share in reducing carbon emissions."

For more information, visit www.duke-energy.com/cec.

Material from the News Service of Florida was used in this report.

BUSINESS DIGEST

CMH named 5-star recipient for surgical procedures

Citrus Memorial Hospital is five-star rated for coronary bypass surgery and spinal fusion surgery outcomes according to a national report released by Healthgrades, the leading online resource for information about physicians and hospitals. This achievement is part of the Healthgrades 2020 Report to the Nation, which underscores the importance of hospital quality to both consumers and hospital leaders.

Every year, Healthgrades evaluates hospital performance at nearly 4,500 hospitals nationwide for 32 of the most common inpatient procedures and conditions using Medicare data, and additionally analyzes outcomes in appendectomy and bariatric surgery using all-payer data provided by 15 states.

"At the Citrus Memorial Heart and Vascular

Center we are committed to providing our patients and their families with the highest quality of cardiovascular and thoracic surgical care," said the center's Surgical Director Dr. Peter Kim. "The recognition from Healthgrades for superior patient surgical outcomes over the past six years is a testament to the dedication and compassion of doctors and nurses along with the leadership of the organization."

Variation in care has a significant impact on health outcomes.

From 2016-2018, if all hospitals as a group performed similarly to hospitals receiving five stars as a group, on average, 220,019 lives could potentially have been saved and 149,403 complications could potentially have been avoided. A five-star rating indicates that Citrus Memorial's clinical outcomes are statistically significantly better than expected when treating the condition or performing the procedures being evaluated.

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Special to the Chronicle

Lakeside Ranch — Weddings and Special Event Venue is a new member of the LIVE UNITED 365 Small Business Circle of the United Way of Citrus County. Pictured at left is Kaley Wirthlin, venue manager, with Meghan Pitzer, United Way CEO. To learn more about the program, call the United Way at 352-795-5483.

When parents are the emergency fund

Financial fallout from the pandemic is hitting millennials hard — and many will soon turn to their parents for help, if they haven't already.

Before parents ride to the rescue, financial planners urge them to map out a strategy that doesn't just plug a short-term need but also makes sense in the long run.

"Often the heartstrings will get pulled — 'I really have to help them!' — but it can be detrimental to the parent," says certified financial planner Jeffrey L. Corliss of Westport, Connecticut.

(Of course, financial aid can flow the other way, as many millennials help support their parents. I'm addressing parents here, but most of the advice applies to kids helping their folks as well.)

MILLENNIALS LOSING JOBS, INCOME

Even before the pandemic, millennials had lower median incomes, far more debt and a much smaller slice of the nation's wealth than boomers had at the same age. Millennials — usually defined as those ages 24 to 39 — are more likely than older generations to have lost jobs or household income because of the pandemic, various surveys show.

"I've already seen clients coming in, worried about their kids," says CFP Deborah Badillo of Miami. "They're going to lose the house! What can I do to help them?"

HAVE THEM EXPLORE ALTERNATIVES

Encourage your kids to take full advantage of available financial help before extending yours, Badillo says. They may not know, for example, that unemployment benefits have been dramatically expanded because of the pandemic. Weekly payments are higher and are available to people who normally wouldn't qualify, including gig workers, the self-employed and people whose hours have been reduced.

In addition, there are many more options for people struggling to pay debt. Most mortgages qualify for forbearance programs that allow homeowners to skip payments for up to a year. Hardship programs have been added or expanded by credit card companies and other lenders. Federal student loan payments have been paused until Sept. 30, and income-driven programs can reduce payment amounts after that.

Another option is a coronavirus hardship withdrawal, which allows people to tap their IRAs and 401(k)s

without penalty if they were physically or financially affected by COVID-19. The withdrawals are taxable, but if the money is paid back within three years those taxes are refundable. Raiding retirement funds isn't ideal, of course, but your kids have many more years to replenish their retirement savings than you do.

ASSESS YOUR OWN SITUATION

While your kids are filing for unemployment and calling their lenders, take a moment to assess your own finances. Where will the cash for your kids come from? It's one thing to give away money you've been saving for a vacation, since you're unlikely to travel soon anyway. It's quite another to undermine your own ability to retire or handle a layoff or other setback.

Some parents make a conscious decision to operate with a smaller cushion, or to delay their retirements, to help their children, says CFP Lazetta Rainey Braxton in New York. Just keep in mind that you may not get to decide when you retire. Many workers retire earlier than expected, often because of a health problem or job loss. Helping your children now could mean you have to lean on them later, Braxton says. If you're not sure how this financial aid will impact your future finances, a consultation with a fee-only financial adviser could bring you some clarity.

SET SOME BOUNDARIES

Financial planners typically recommend deciding how much to give, and then setting clear boundaries about when the financial help will end. That's tricky now, of course, because no one knows how long the current economic crisis will last.

But parents can still set expectations in other ways, financial planners say. If the child didn't have an emergency fund, for example, parents can discuss the importance of saving money out of every future paycheck, so the child won't have to rely on family help again, Braxton says.

"Some parents will just put on a Band-Aid and give them money, but they really haven't helped in terms of their financial capacity," Braxton says.

If an adult child is moving back home, Corliss suggests a written contract outlining chores and responsibilities, such as how soon they'll be expected to move out after finding a job. A similar end date can be set for any cash the parents hand out. Corliss says the message should be clear: "We expect you to get on your feet as soon as you can."

This column was provided to the Associated Press by the personal finance website NerdWallet. Liz Weston is a certified financial planner and author of "Your Credit Score."



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CHAMBER EVENTS

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Chamber BOCC Candidate Forum to be released virtually Monday

In an abundance of caution due to COVID-19, the July Chamber luncheon that hosted the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners Candidate forum, was held at the Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club with limited attendance and strict physical distancing regulations.

To help voters get to know the candidates running for county commission, the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce decided to partner with Digital Hound Media's Citrus County Live to provide a

live taping of the forum. Candidates were filmed seated at a safe distance and responded to questions posed by the Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee.

The virtual forum will be released on the Chamber Facebook page on Monday, July 13th, at 6 PM.

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Rebecca Martin and Holly Davis

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This week, host Jade White, Chamber Public Relations & Communication Coordinator, talks with Seton Hengesbach, of Hengesbach & Hengesbach Law, about the importance of estate planning and how to get started. Also joining Jade is Mike Shilko of We Care to discuss the Great Scallop Treasure Hunt and your chance to win 2500\$!!!

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Seton Hengesbach (left) and Mike Shilko (right)

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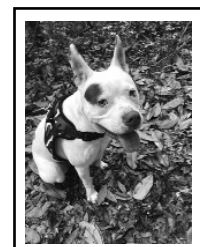
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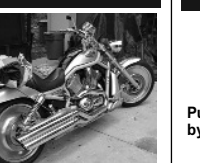
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Dear Gardener Gal: After one of these rains we have been having, my kids found some bugs on the sidewalk and on our porch. I've attached a picture. Is it a millipede or a centipede? Also, my kids said they will bite so we aren't touching them.

It seems like you almost always say leave stuff like this alone, but is this something we should deal with? — Amy

Dear Amy: I do usually say that, don't I? Hmmmm. I guess that's because both my training and my life experiences have shown me a better way than the knee-jerk killing approach.

You won't be surprised to read that this is indeed a bug to "leave alone." Your kids have found millipedes, and unlike their flat relatives the centipedes (millipedes are rounded and have more legs — two pair per segment vs. the centipede's one pair), these bugs are harmless. They will not bite or sting, don't hurt your plants and, in fact, are garden helpers.

They feast on decaying plant materials and help enrich your soil.

Having said they are not a problem, they do occasionally head inside people's houses — usually in search of moisture. While completely happy living in mulch or leaf litter, a drought can initiate the move.

Mechanical means of removal are best. Most of us already have the specialized equipment needed for this task: A broom and a dustpan.

Use as needed. **Dear Gardener Gal:** I bought a shrimp plant last year from a local nursery. After I planted it, another plant which apparently was with it turned out to be a creeping oxeye — an invasive plant.

A few days ago, a friend bought a plant from a nursery and the plant was labeled "wedelia" and it was described as a perennial groundcover. He has since found out that this plant is also invasive and should not be planted in Florida. Any suggestions on what can be



Special to the Chronicle

Millipedes are harmless garden helpers. They help improve your soil by eating decaying vegetable matter and should not be harmed.

done to prevent this unethical practice? Any suggestion would be appreciated. Thanks. — Ray

Dear Ray: I have three words for you: Education, education, education. It's why I started this column. My goal has always been to educate the public about gardening in such a way as to benefit the environment and to save people time and money.

The invasive plant aspect is hard. Most plants are bought on impulse or are given to us by friends and neighbors. What do you think your friends and

neighbors have the most of? The plants that have taken over in their yards, of course.

As far as nurseries selling invasives — it is supply and demand, as well as some accidents. Your experience could well have been an accident. We have all had things come up in pots that were a surprise. The key here is to recognize, as you did, that you don't want to have to deal with this invasive plant in the future, so out it goes. In this case, in the garbage, since it would happily take over a compost pile.

To make changes, we also have to speak up. Calmly talk to the nursery owner or plant department manager and express your concerns. Be ready to tell them what you DO want to see for sale there. At the big box stores, you won't have much impact. The folks placing those orders probably don't even live in Florida.

Please stick with your local nursery when possible, and speak up about wanting only Florida-friendly plants. Florida will appreciate your efforts.

Leslie Derrenbacher is a Master Gardener and native Floridian. Send your questions to askgardenergal@gmail.com.

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Can you tell me how old they are and the value? Thank you for the help. — B.K., internet

Dear B.K.: You have two very nice hand-decorated porcelain chocolate cups and saucers. The style of the decoration is Art Nouveau, a very popular style trend that got its start in France and spread throughout Europe, England and America, circa 1880s to 1910. I think your cups and saucers were made circa 1900. The country of origin is Austria, as marked. I was not able to find the maker's mark that you have described. It is likely a pseudo-mark. Depending on the damage, potential dollar value is below \$30 each.

John Sikorski has been a professional in the antiques business for 30 years. Send questions to Sikorski's Attic, P.O. Box 2513, Ocala, FL 34478 or asksikorski@aol.com.

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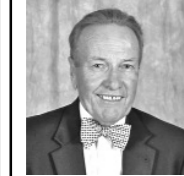


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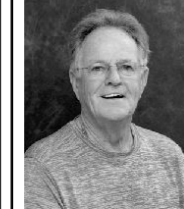
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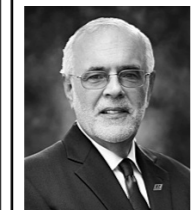
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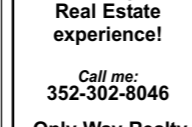
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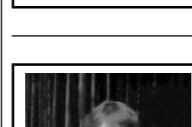


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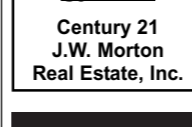


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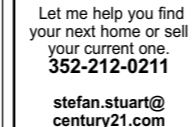
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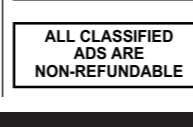


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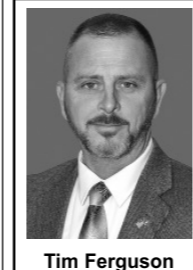
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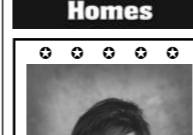
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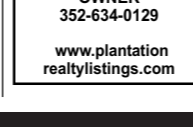


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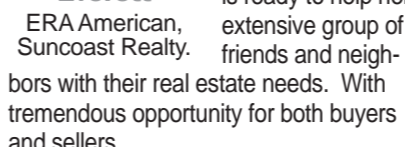
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A few small touches are all it takes to turn a patio from a bare spot in the yard to a comfortable, private retreat from reality. These ideas can help you maximize what you already have to create a patio that you love.

Find furniture you love

The most common and useful amenity for a patio is furniture. It provides a place to sit, dine or otherwise enjoy the space. When choosing patio furniture, consider the style and how it matches the surroundings, as well as how comfortable and durable it is. Outdoor furniture that has to be protected or that stains easily when exposed to the elements will probably prove to be more trouble than it is worth. Invest in furniture that will stand up over time without a lot of extra care.

Living SPACE

Green up with plants

The easiest and most versatile way to add plants to a patio is by using containers. Evergreen shrubs in containers can define areas of a patio, provide privacy and shade or serve as a windbreak. Smaller pots of perennials, annuals or bulbs can introduce seasonal color to a patio. One advantage to using containers is that they are portable, which means you can move the plants around to suit your mood and their needs. Just be sure that the containers match the style of the patio.

Another alternative is to have built-in planting areas on the patio. This is best done when you design and build the patio: leave open

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Jane's Garden

Gardener Gal

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A pair of unusual chairs

Dear John: I am curious as to the value of these two chairs. The solid wood one has a cupboard underneath the chair bottom. I would appreciate any information you can give me on them. — D., internet

Dear D.: It would have been helpful if you had included some information about the chairs.

The armchair with the little door below the seat is a potty chair. The time of production was late 19th the early 20th century. Potential dollar value is \$50 to \$100.

The other chair with the cross appears to be a prayer chair. The photograph is not complete. If you want to know what it is, send good photographs of the whole chair, including the dimensions.

Dear John: I live in Citrus County. I came across a lot of Manoil lead army



John Sikorski SIKORSKI'S ATTIC

guys, tanks and big trucks. Also, there is a lot of old train stuff. I am not sure if you buy this stuff or if you know anyone who does, but I would like to sell it. — D., internet

Dear D.: I suggest you contact Morphy Auctions in Denver, PA. They are one of the big boys on the block and one of their divisions specializes in toys. The website is www.morphyauctions.com. Good luck.

Dear John: Here is a photograph of my two cups and saucers. The cups are 3 inches tall. There is a little damage on each cup.

I could not get a photograph of the information that is stamped on the bottom so I will describe it.

First, there is a circle with the word Austria inside. Above the circle is a crown with wings.

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This is a potty chair. It probably dates from the late 19th or early 20th century.



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spaces to act as in-ground containers that you can plant directly into. This method creates more protection from freezing temperatures, and plants need less irrigation than if they are grown in containers. It also allows you to grow low ground covers that help soften large expanses of paving.

If you include a built-in in-ground planter, it is vital that the planting hole drain adequately and the soil does not become too alkaline as a result of adjoining mortar.

Here's how to get the best results: Once the patio is built, including the planting holes, excavate a hole at least 3 feet deep and fill the hole with water at least 12 inches deep. If the water does not drain within four hours,

you'll need to improve drainage or use containers or raised beds. If the hole passes the drainage test, line it with heavy plastic, make several large slits in the bottom of the plastic so water can drain, then fill the hole with good soil.

In general, proper drainage is essential for your patio — particularly if you have a sunken patio, which can quickly turn into a pond. A patio flush with or above ground can be drained by building it with a slight pitch that drains water off the patio and away from the house.

Add light, shade

Appropriate lighting makes the patio useful even after the sun goes down. If the patio is attached to the house, you can mount floodlights on the eaves for full illumination. Consider putting the lights on a rheostat so you can control the brightness. If the patio is not adjacent

to the house, consider mounting lights on tree limbs, an arbor, wood posts or decorative lampposts.

You'll also want to consider a canopy over the patio to provide shade and visually contain the area. Options include extending a lath or other open structure from the house (if the patio is attached to the house), building a free-standing structure, such as a pergola, or relying on the limbs of an existing shade tree. It is not necessary to provide a rainproof covering; you simply want to filter the sun and create the illusion of a roof. You might also want to leave a portion of the patio open to allow sunshine to warm the space on a cooler day.

Water features

Whether elaborate and built-in or simple and freestanding, water features are desirable amenities for a patio. Even a small pond can host a

number of plants and/or fish. Or install a fountain to provide a bubbling soundtrack to your outdoor experiences and minimize sounds from neighbors or traffic.

Focal points

In the same way you would decorate a room inside the house, use yard art to accent and otherwise decorate your patio. If the patio can be seen readily from inside the house, the use of ornaments such as wire spheres, metal obelisks or topiary frames with or without plants can help link the indoors with the outdoors. A focal point that also has a practical function serves double duty. A simple fire pit or an elaborate patio hearth can warm the body as well as please the eye.

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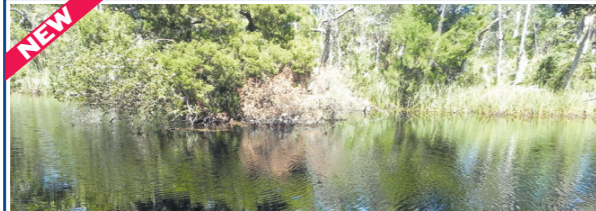
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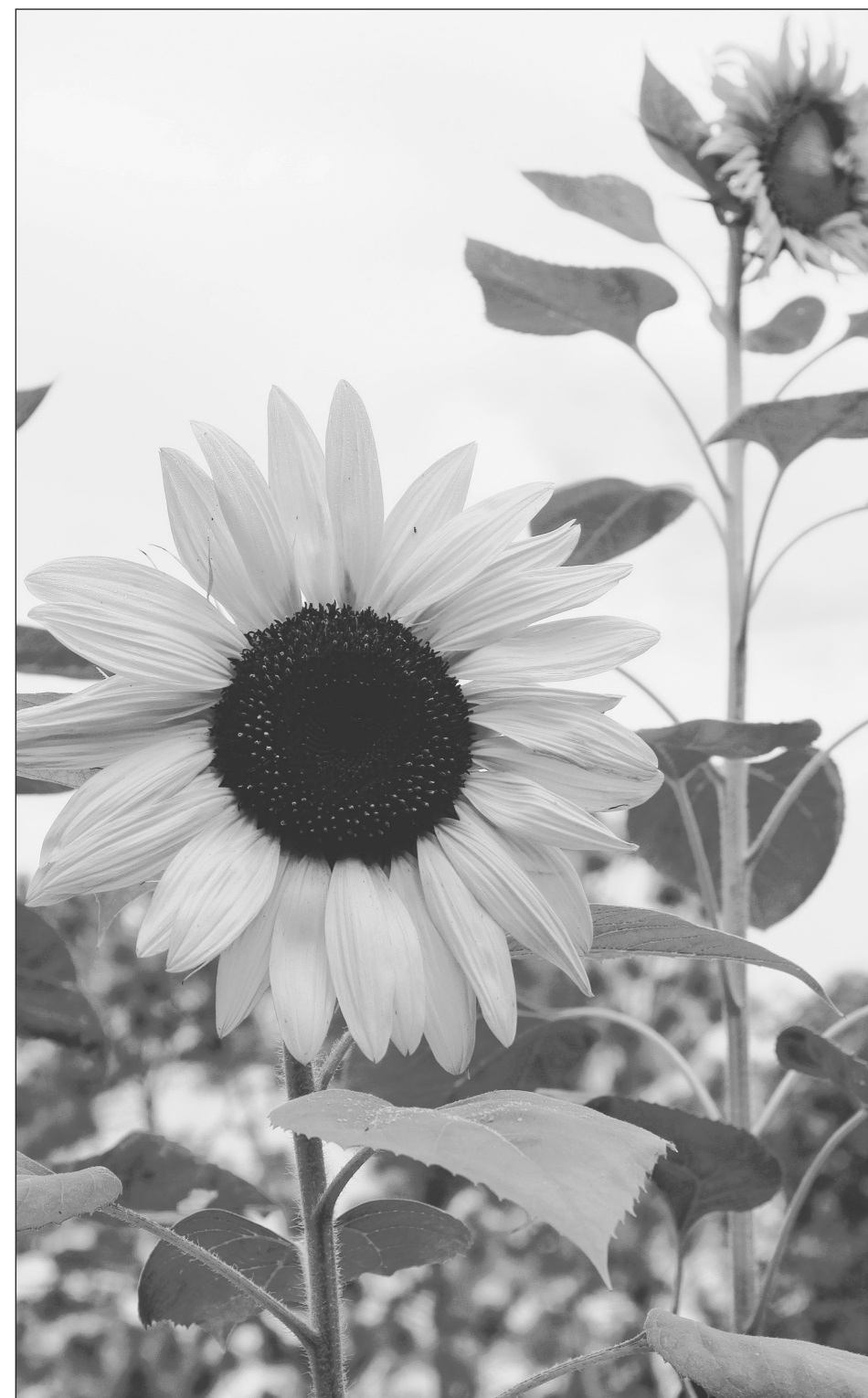
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Sunflowers: Big, beautiful, useful



JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

Farmers and plant breeders selectively bred Common Sunflower, *Helianthus annuus*, larger for black oil seeds. The result is this variety has only one large composite flowerhead per plant. Named varieties like "Mammoth" may grow to 12 feet tall. Original wild common sunflowers are shorter, with branching stems, several small flowerheads and much smaller seeds.

Globally, there are about 70 species of *Helianthus* sunflowers that evolved in the Americas. Only three originated in South America; the rest evolved in North and Central America.

About 1000 BCE, western native American people domesticated the annual Common Sunflower, *Helianthus annuus*. They traded edible seeds eastward and southward throughout North America from southern Ontario and Canada to Mexico. Two and a half thousand years later, in the 16th century CE, European voyagers took sunflower seeds east across the Atlantic Ocean. Annual sunflowers are now grown worldwide in temperate regions as a garden ornamental, for chewable nutritious seeds and the oil extracted from the seeds, for bird feeding, as livestock silage and meal and for industrial applications.

While growing, tall Common Sunflower stems are phototropic — meaning the head faces east in morning and west in evening. How does this circadian-like rhythm happen? The cells on the east side of the stem elongate in the warm morning sun, so the stem turns to follow the sun. Later in the day, cells on the other side of the stem elongate and catch up, turning the top developing flowerhead back east before morning.

After the stem reaches maximum height, most flowerheads face east. Rising sun warms east-facing flowers early so they attract more pollinators. Whole fields of sunflowers face the same easterly direction and make wonderful sights and photos.

In the Asteraceae family, the original daisy-like wild Common Sunflowers have several flowers atop tall branching stems. Selected varieties have been developed to produce one large round flowerhead with a central disk surrounded by bright yellow ray flowers and thin strap-shaped extensions called ligules. Large black oilseed sunflowers were developed for more oil, while the striped confection seed variety was created for birdseed and human snack food.

Seeds germinate best above 50 degrees and when planted 2 inches deep in pre-irrigated soil. Seeds germinate in 7 to 10 days. In a garden, homeowners can thin sprouted sunflowers as soon as the second set of leaves appear.

Gently and quickly replant sprouted seeds about 2 feet apart and water immediately. Be careful not to damage the delicate roots.

Sunflowers start to flower after about 80 days. Once flowers fade, seeds may take another month to develop and mature. Sunflowers make long-lasting cut flowers in a vase. Unless wanting to harvest seed or leave it for the birds, dying plants can be removed after flowers fade. Some homeowners plant sunflower seeds at monthly intervals to extend their flower season.

An extensive, deep branched root system helps drought-tolerant sunflowers absorb soil moisture and nutrients. Sunflowers need soil nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium, so are usually alternated with other commercial crops in different years and seasons.

In 2019 the U.S. price of oil-type sunflower seeds was around \$16.10 per cwt and confection-type seeds about \$21.60 per cwt. The old-fashioned centum weight (cwt), or hundredweight, is an English imperial weight still used as a U.S. unit for shipping. Globally, the standard is metric tons (MMT). Unfortunately, the U.S. population is slow to accept global standards. The U.S. has about 333,546,000 people, equivalent to about 4.25% of the total world population, ranking the U.S. number three by population.

Globally, oil-type sunflower harvest was about 1.1 billion pounds in 2019. In the U.S., about 1.7 million acres of sunflowers are grown; about 89% is in oil-type sunflower. The U.S. is the world's top oilseed producer, with about 85 million pounds exported in 2019. Canada and South Korea import the most U.S. sunflower kernels. Spain, Mexico and Israel are the largest importers of America's in-shell confection seed. Global sunflower seed production is about 51 million metric tons (MMT). Europe's sunflower seed production, 9.7 MMT in 2018-19, is increasing in Ukraine and steady in Russia.

Up to 47 insect pollinators species visit sunflowers, including bees, wasps, ants, beetles, moths and butterflies. All are critically important for pollinating human crops.

Only a few insects are "bad bugs" harmful to cash crops. In a home garden, resident breeding birds and other small predators can take care of most pest insects although most are beneficial pollinators.

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Sunflowers are used as ornamental and cut flowers and are easily grown in home gardens, on small farms and in vast commercial agribusiness fields. Here a field of sunflowers grows on a small plot on a valley farm in west central Hungary in October. It was planted about three months earlier to provide a late crop of confection seeds for human consumption. The plants can be used as livestock silage.

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