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**IN BRIEF**  
**DeSantis expects 'constitutional carry' in Florida**

Gov. Ron DeSantis said Friday he expects to approve changing Florida gun laws to allow what is known as "constitutional carry," though it is not clear when that could happen.

DeSantis didn't say whether he would add the issue to a special legislative session that will start May 23 on property insurance. But he said he intends to eventually sign such gun legislation.

"The one thing that I wanted the Legislature to do, and I think we will do it, I can't tell you exactly when, but I'm pretty confident that I will be able to sign constitutional carry into law in the state of Florida," DeSantis said while at an infrastructure-funding event in Williston.

Under current law, people who want to carry guns must get concealed weapons permits from the state. Constitutional carry would allow people to carry guns without the permits.

"The Legislature will get it done. I can't tell you if it will be next week, six months, but I can tell you that before I am done as governor we will have a signature on that bill," DeSantis, who is running for re-election this year, added.

Alabama and Georgia, both also under Republican governors, enacted forms of constitutional-carry laws in the past two months. As of March 31, Florida had just under 2.5 million concealed-weapons permits issued, according to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, which administers the program.

**Hearing set on race-related instruction law**

A federal judge on Friday scheduled a June 21 hearing to consider a request to block a new Florida law that seeks to limit the way race-related issues can be taught in schools and in workplace training.

Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker will consider a motion for a preliminary injunction filed by five plaintiffs who contend the law violates First Amendment rights. The plaintiffs filed the underlying lawsuit April 22, shortly after Gov. Ron DeSantis signed the measure (HB 7) into law.

The law enumerates race-related concepts that would constitute discrimination if taught in classrooms or while training employees. For example, part of the law dealing with schools labels instruction discriminatory if it leads people to believe that they bear "responsibility for, or should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment because of, actions committed in the past" by people of the same race or sex.

DeSantis and Republican lawmakers approved the law as conservatives across the country criticize critical race theory, which is based on the premise that racism is embedded in American society and institutions.

The law is scheduled to take effect July 1.

## Surgery closer for teen with Tourette syndrome

### Jeremy Schreifels awaiting Deep Brain Stimulation procedure

By **NANCY KENNEDY**  
Chronicle Reporter

Now 19, Jeremy Schreifels is still waiting for his much-anticipated Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) surgery that will hopefully

alleviate the often-violent tics he has suffered with since he was 3.

"I feel like my life has been at a standstill, and at times I feel like I'm going backwards," Jeremy said.

With Jeremy, the disorder

is throughout his entire body. At its worst it has caused him to jump, or his arms to jerk, his shoulders to shrug or his head to turn, almost like he's being slapped or punched in the face by an invisible hand.



**SCHREIFELS**

In the past, his vocal tic has sounded like he's sneezing.

Also, the tics have been so severe that he would get hurt — tripping and falling, hitting his head on something, crashing into things.

Last year, beginning in May 2021, the community came together to raise more than \$245,000 to pay for the surgery and the related

preliminary and follow-up costs.

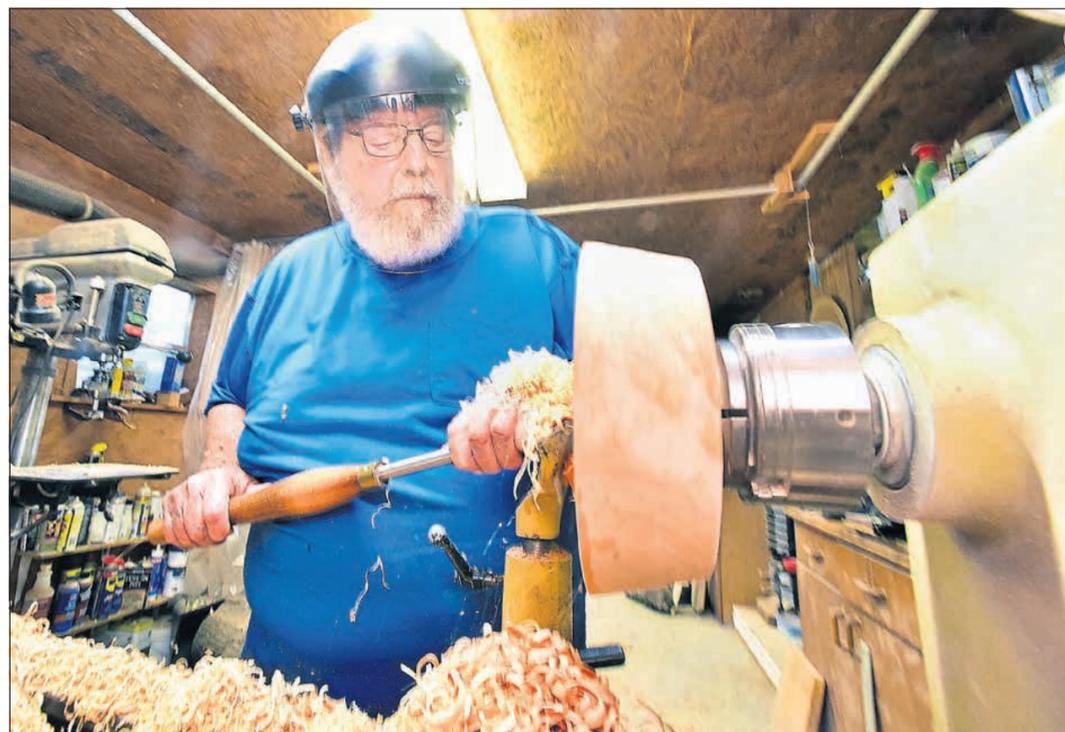
His health insurance won't cover it because it's still considered experimental for Tourette syndrome, although it has been approved for Parkinson's disease.

The procedure involves implanting an electrode deep within the brain to

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**HOMEMADE**

## Ed's WorkShop and 'June Bugg'



Photos by Matthew Beck / Chronicle photo editor

Lifelong woodworker Ed Bryant uses a gouge to carve into a piece of cherrywood in his woodturning workshop outside of Inverness. He and partner Jane Tolputt operate Ed's Workshop and create ornate, functioning wooden items for the home. Bryant said he has been creating with wood for more than 40 years. "I just love turning wood," he said.

Ed Bryant uses a gouge to carve out a bowl from a solid piece of cherry wood. The wood is turned on a full-size lathe that spins the wood as it is carved. "Camphor is one of my favorite woods; cherry is a favorite, too," he said. "They're all different." Bryant and June "June Bugg" Tolputt, of Ed's WorkShop, both woodworkers and woodcrafters, live on a piece of property in Inverness, surrounded by trees. Ed makes bowls and boxes and platters, furniture and big stuff. June generally makes smaller, more delicate things.



### A love of wood unites couple

By **NANCY KENNEDY**  
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*Editor's note: According to the Small Business Association, an estimated 50 percent of the 31.7 million small businesses in the U.S. are run from home.*

*That's about 15 million people who manufacture products or provide services using their homes as their base of operation.*

*The Chronicle's occasional series, Homemade, tells the stories of, not just a person's home-based business, but of the why and the "how-I-got-here" behind it.*

*Today we're telling the stories of three woodcrafters: Ed Bryant and his partner June Tolputt, and in a second story, their friend, Dawn Horton.*

Ed Bryant can tell you the story of a tree.

"When I cut a log and I split the log, I'm the first one to see the inside, and let me tell you, some trees are prettier inside than others," he said from his workshop where, if he's not out hunting or fishing, he's there with his saws and sanders and his lathe.

He also has a portable sawmill.

"Camphor is one of my favorite woods; cherry is a favorite, too," he said. "They're all different."

As he pointed out the pattern in a slice of wood, he explained the various lines.

"When you see the outside of a tree, when you see wrinkles, that's where the tree moved, shifted in the wind.

"And the wrinkles on the outside will be bright colored lines on the inside. The burls, that's where the tree got damaged and healed itself," he said.

"This is sweet gum I got from some people who cut down a massive tree and gave it to me. The wood was snow white, but it sat for a year and started to turn black. That's called spalting, dark lines. It's actually a fungus in the bark."

Bryant picked up another piece of wood, ambrosia maple. "A beetle bites it, and everywhere the beetle bites it makes lines in the wood," he said. "It darkens, and some of it will turn pink, and it's really beautiful."

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## 'Horton House Handcrafted Wood Decor'

### Local nurse finds solace from a stressful job by working with wood

By **NANCY KENNEDY**  
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As a registered nurse, Dawn Horton often sees people at their worst, when they're sick or in pain.

Sometimes her patients don't get better. Sometimes they die.

"Nursing is definitely stressful, especially through COVID," Horton said. "I was the director of nursing at an assisted living facility when COVID hit. Everything was new. We had to follow new protocols, lock down the building.

"When everyone had to wear masks, I noticed a lot



Inverness resident Dawn Horton creates wooden artwork by incorporating a laser to etch designs. She also hand paints many of the items she creates. The woodworking is a source of relaxation from the stresses of being a full-time nurse.

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