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## Remembering Marie Kay Rich



Local champion of animals, former Mount Dora City Council member and real estate businesswoman Marie Kay Rich died July 15 in a vehicle crash. She was 61.

Many community members shared memories and tributes to Rich, and a few excerpts are shown below.

Valerie Foerst: “Marie was a champion for the underdog, no pun intended. People loved her vibrant personality, passion for animals and willingness to help when needed. Her legacy will live on. This shining, energetic force of nature will be missed more than she would ever know.”

Mary Conrad: “I had the privilege to know Marie for 30 years. She was positive, loving, kind and passionate for as long as I can remember. No matter

what she went through personally, she always had time for others. I will miss Marie Rich; she was a bright light that could always be counted on, always willing to lend a helping hand or a hug for support.”

Jodie McEwen: “Such a vibrant, confident, loving, funny and fearless woman. I have been thinking a lot over the last week about what leaving a legacy means. It means when people think of you, they know what you stood for in this life. You leave this world a better place.”

Valeria Harris: “It is an honor to remember a beautiful person. Marie and I met when I opened my nail busi-

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## Free Tuition for Adult Education Classes

Thanks to a local scholarship organization, Lake Technical College’s Adult Education students will receive an automatic scholarship valued at \$30 to cover their fall tuition. This can be used by both returning and new GED® Prep and English language (ESOL) students.

GED® Prep classes help individuals prepare for the GED® test, and once an individual passes all four sections of the GED® test, they earn a State of Florida High School diploma. ESOL classes are for individuals who want to improve their conversational English and basic language skills.

GED® Prep and ESOL fall semester classes start in August, and students can enroll anytime throughout the semester. To provide options during the COVID-19 pandemic, Lake Tech is offering Adult Education classes face-to-face throughout Lake County, fully online classes, and the ability to attend in a hybrid format.

Lake Technical College is a public, post-secondary institution that offers career training.

Visit [www.laketech.org](http://www.laketech.org) or call (352) 589-2250 for more information.

## City of Mount Dora Requires Face Covering in Public Places



At last week’s Mount Dora City Council meeting, Mayor Cathy Hoechst and Council members instituted a resolution requiring face coverings when in public places open to the general public in Mount Dora.

In a letter to residents, Hoechst said, “We had a lengthy discussion about the continued concerns and the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases in the State of Florida and in our community of Mount

Dora ... Last night we believe we improved the Resolution and provided further clarification for residents and visitors and businesses.”

For details, read Resolution 2020-130 on the City website: <http://cityofmountdora.com/DocumentCenter/View/12623/Resolution-2020-130>

“The Council discussed penalties for not wearing face coverings; however, at this time the Council felt we wanted to allow citizens and visitors to continue working towards the wearing of face coverings as per the CDC recommendations,” Hoechst stated.

She also said that Council members agreed that during the previous two weeks there has been a noticeable change and improvement, and people were wearing face coverings. A number of retail chains now require face coverings, including Publix, Walmart, Walgreens and Lowe’s.

## Back to School Immunizations Start Aug. 4

The Florida Department of Health in Lake County and Lake County Schools will be conducting an immunization event 9 a.m.–4 p.m. at the following locations for school-age children only:

Aug. 4 and Aug. 10: Lake County Fairgrounds, 2101 County Road 452, Eustis 32726

Aug. 6: East Ridge Middle School, 13201 Excalibur Road, Clermont 34711

Parents and children will need to wear a mask and practice social distancing at this event.

The following required vaccinations will be provided: Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap); Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP); Hepatitis B (Hep B); Polio; Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR); and Varicella (Chickenpox).

There is no charge for immunization for children, birth to 18 years of age, provided they are still enrolled in elementary, middle or high school. Parents or a guardian must bring a copy of the child’s immunization records. Immunization services also are offered Monday through Friday at DOH-Lake locations. Call (352) 771-5500 for hours and appointments.

A Parent’s Guide to Childhood Immunizations is available for parents at the CDC’s website via download or by request of a free booklet, which features children’s drawing to assist in educating the entire family. For more information regarding the CDC’s National Immunization Program, visit [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents) or call 800-CDC-INFO or contact the Florida Department of Health in Lake County at (352) 771-5500 or <http://lake.floridahealth.gov>.