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## VIEW FROM ABOVE



PHOTO PROVIDED BY POLK FIRE RESCUE

Last month, fire rescue personnel from Polk County Fire Rescue, as well as departments from Auburndale, Winter Haven and Haines City partook in an aerial class hosted by the Ridge Fire Academy.

That meant staff learned the ins and outs of using both ladder trucks and towers. They were given several situations at multiple locations throughout the class.

Pictured here is two staff in the tower on August 17.

Since these departments work closely on fire scenes at times, the training was an opportunity for the members to use and become familiar with apparatuses used by other agencies.

*Sun Staff*

## Lake Wales approves face mask ordinance

LAKE WALES – City commissioners approved a mandatory face coverings ordinance August 18, but amended the local law to remove enforcement burdens placed on local businesses.

The commission vote was 3-2 with Mayor Eugene Fultz, Robin Gibson and Terry Howell in favor of the measure.

Commissioners Curtis Gibson and Al Goldstein voted against it, suggesting that a resolution encouraging face masks being used in the city – passed on July 7 – was

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## Primary election results: Challengers prevail in handful of noteworthy races

By STEVEN RYZEWSKI  
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Voters around Polk County and the state took to the polls August 18, or previously by mail or early voting, as part of Florida's 2020 Primary Election.

In Polk County, a total of 103,261 ballots were cast out of 452,202 registered voters, making for a voter turnout of 22.84 percent.

Among the incumbents on the ballot in the primary election was Lori Edwards, Polk's Supervisor of Elections. Edwards held off challenger Debbie Hannifan in the non-partisan race with 77.67 percent of the vote.

### Congressional primaries

Depending on their residence and registration, Polk voters may have had the opportunity to vote in one of two Congressional primaries.

In Florida's 15th congressional district, which includes Lakeland and northern Polk in addition to parts of Hillsborough and Lake counties, incumbent Ross Spano was defeated in the

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## Polk disc golf course wins state award

A partnership between local disc golfers and Polk County's Parks and Natural Resources planning staff was recently awarded for its collaboration in creating a new disc golf course at Loyce E. Harpe Park, in Mulberry.

The course recently received the 2019 Jan Johnson Public Participation Award of Excellence from the Heart of Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association.

"This is a huge honor for Polk County, to be recognized by our fellow urban planners, and it would not have happened without the involvement and passion of the disc golfers in our county," said Tracy Mullins, the division's senior planner, who accepted the award.

The county's Disc Golf Course Service Learning Project was designed to engage members of the community

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