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Three bedroom two bath concrete block home on 20+/- acres of cleared pasture used for grazing with artesian well and much more! **\$350,000** C7422880



REDUCED!

Charming 2/3 with big yard and storage shed **\$106,500** C7409386



REDUCED!

Three bedroom two bath single family home **\$125,000** C7421900



POSSIBLE MULTI-FAMILY

15 acres; 5.19+/- acres is platted and other 10 acres are zoned for a-10. Not many properties available with this building density. **\$475,000** C7409109



HARDEE COUNTY

Perfect mini ranch 41.33 acres **\$289,900** (possible short term owner financing) C7406654



HARDEE COUNTY

73+/- acres with frontage on Main and Louisiana and is perfect for new housing development **\$657,000** C7404842



Recently renovated this 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom, 2 car garage on 1.22+/- acres awaits its new owners **\$285,000** C7418916



Welcoming and spacious three bedrooms two bath home in country setting. **\$186,000** C7415402



3/2 home recently updated on quiet street with shaded **\$199,000** C7417158



21+/- acres of pastureland with road frontage **\$199,500** C7251376



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Here it is as promised! 3BR 2BA home on 5 acres with room for small 4th BR in family room. As you enter property on new circular drive and wonderful front porch you will enter into the spacious living and dining room combo. The master bed and bath are privately located to the left of L/R. The right hallway from the L/R leads you to two other bedrooms and hall bath. Smaller bedroom currently an office. As you enter the kitchen, you will note the breakfast bar and all the counter space and cabinets. Appliances do convey. As you exit the kitchen, you will pass the laundry area and to the right you will descend into the huge family room featuring a brick wall, a closet converted into a bar/serving area and access to the breezeway. In the breezeway, you will find a private hot tub, a nook for your grill, 2 large rooms for storage and workshop areas, both with locking doors. Out in the back yard, you will find a large building (24x30) also with two enclosed sections that lock and in the rear, either equipment parking or horse stalls. Pasture is fenced and gated. Appointment required.

MLS #C7422644

\$420,000



56 acres in this property zoned A-10. It is currently being leased for cattle on month to month agreement and tenant would like to remain. The property is accessed by a legal easement and verified by County to be proper access. The tenant owns the silver panels inside the main gate. The property can be farmed as well as uses for livestock. This would be a lovely home site for someone wanting a smaller manageable ranch. The WELL is free flowing and flow depends on water table. There is a pond in the rear of the property, water depends on rain. Call for your appointment to view this property. Please don't enter with out a Realtor or an appointment.



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THE DESOTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORTED THE FOLLOWING ARRESTS 12/1/19 - 12/7/19

HARVEY ALBERT GRADEN: Nonmoving Traffic Violation-Drive While License Suspended.

MICHELLE GRAY: Retail Theft (Value \$100 Or Less), Drug Equipment-Possess-&/Or Use.

CARLTON ANTONINE JAMES: Fraud-Swindle-Obtain Property Under \$20,000, Fraud-Utter False Bank Bill/Note/Check/Draft, Frand-Imperson-Use/Possess ID Of Another Person Without Consent, Fraud-Illegal Use Credit Cards-Use More 2 Times 6 Months Obtain Goods/Money \$100 Or More, Larceny-Grand Theft \$300 Less Than \$5,000.

JENNIFER LYNN KRAWCZYNSKI: Contempt Of Court-Violate Injunction Protection Domestic Violence, Drug Equipment-Possess-&/Or Use.

JAMES MICHAEL LOWMARK JR: Drugs-Possess-Controlled Substance Without Prescription, Drug Equipment-Possess-&/Or Use, Probation Violation.

LUIS ARTURO RAMON: Probation Violation.

JOSHUA SHANE RAY: Failure To Appear.

TINA LOUISE SHAVER: Probation Violation.

JOSHUA COLE VARNES: Return For/From Court.

OCTAVIAN WAITERS: Probation Violation.

REGINA CHRISTINE ALBERT: Arrest On Warrant (Use For Out Of County Warrant).

TYREE DESHAWN BROOKS: Conditional Release Violation-Pre Trial Release Conditional Violation For Domestic Violence.

CECIL BRIAN BROWN SR: Nonmoving Traffic Violation-Drive While License Suspended Habitual Offender, Nonmoving Traffic Violation-Fail To Register Motor Vehicle, Nonmoving Traffic Violation-Attach Registration License Plate Not Assigned.

TIARA JENENA DAVIS: Marijuana-Possess-Not More Than 20 Grams, Drug Equipment-Possess-&/Or Use, Nonmoving Traffic Violation-Drive While License Suspended.

JOHN DINH: Battery-Touch Or Strike.

GLEN TAYLOR EVON: Obscene Material-Possess Photograph Of Sexual Performance By Child, Obscene Communication-Use Computer To Seduce/Solicit/Lure Child.

ROZENA LATASHA HAWKINS: Writ Of Bodily Attachment (NON Criminal Arrest).

CHELSEA MORGAN JIMENEZ: Battery-Touch Or Strike, Conditional Release Violation-Pre Trial Release Conditional Violation For Domestic Violence.

ROBERT MARSHALL LEVINE: Sexual Assault-By 18 Years Of Age Older Sexual Battery Victim Under 12 Years Of Age.

TAMMY SUE MORALES: Amphetamine-Traffic-Or Methamphetamine 14 Grams Or Over, Drugs-Possess-Controlled Substance Without Prescription, Drug Equipment-Possess-&/Or Use.

COURTNEY LYNN RAINES: Writ Of Bodily Attachment (NON Criminal Arrest), Failure To Appear-Written Promise To Appear.

MICHAEL BERT ROBERTSON: Larceny-Grand Theft \$300 Less Than \$5,000.

NEKISHA RACHELLE TICE: Arrest On Warrant (Use For Out Of County Warrant).

CURTIS TYRONE TURNER: Battery-Touch Or Strike.

WILLIE LEE VINSON JR: Nonmoving Traffic Violation-Drive While License Suspended.

JAKEYLA YTIKI WASHINGTON: Arrest On Warrant (Use For Out Of County Warrant).

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PRS *Community* CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TUESDAY DECEMBER 10

Ribbon Cutting - Farm Credit of Florida

9am - 10am, 330 N. Brevard Ave., Arcadia

Senior Friendship Center

Daily coffee and conversation 9am - 1pm Movie Day 9:30am - 11:30am, lunch served at 11:30am, 1 S. Orange Ave. Arcadia

Ladies League

Arcadia Golf Course, 5:30pm, 1769 NE Livingston St., Arcadia

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11

Senior Friendship Center

Daily coffee and conversation 9am - 1pm Low-Impact Exercises start at 9:30am., Weigh-In Healthy Eating and Recipe Sharing 10:00am, lunch served at 11:30am, 1 S. Orange Ave. Arcadia

Bingo

Every Wednesday Beef O' Brady's, 4pm - 6pm, 1703 E. Oak St., Arcadia

THURSDAY DECEMBER 12

Senior Friendship Center

Daily coffee and conversation 9am - 1pm, Crafts 9:30am, 2nd and 4th Thursdays Free Blood Pressure Screenings by DeSoto Memorial Home Health. Lunch served at 11:30am, 1 S. Orange Ave. Arcadia

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13

DMH Auxiliary Bake Sale

Annual fundraiser bake sale. Come to the hospital lobby early for best choice of home-baked goodies. 900 N. Robert Ave., Arcadia

Holiday Wine Walk & Shop Hop

Sample great wines and snacks provided by participating shops as you enjoy the sounds of Christmas. Downtown Arcadia. 6pm - 9pm

Men's League

Arcadia Golf Course, 9am, 1769 NE Livingston St., Arcadia

Senior Friendship Center

Daily coffee and conversation 9am - 1pm Low-Impact Exercises start at 9:30am, BINGO 10am, lunch served at 11:30am

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14

Holiday Historic Home and Business Tour

4pm - 8pm. Tickets \$12, available at Top Hat Guys Antiques - 117 W. Oak St., Arcadia or Crews Bank & Trust 400 N. Brevard Ave., Arcadia

Ugly Sweater Party & Jeep Night

to support Toys for Tots. Prizes for different categories men and women. Beef O' Brady's, 6pm, 1703 E. Oak St., Arcadia

Arcadia's Antiques, Artisans and More

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 15

Christmas Music Program

First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia, 5pm, 209 W. Hickory St.

MONDAY DECEMBER 16

Six-Man Scramble Shotgun

Arcadia Golf Course, 1pm, 1769 NE Livingston St.

Senior Friendship Center Daily coffee and conversation 9am - 1pm Low-Impact Exercises start at 9:30am, lunch served at 11:30am

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Cute two bedroom, two bathroom home. This property includes a spacious living room, huge kitchen, tile flooring with carpet in the bedrooms and living area, fully fenced in yard, two gated entrances, carport and a concrete building for storage and/or mother-in-law suite!
\$149,900



Huge five bedroom, two bathroom home with additional two half bathrooms. This property includes large bedrooms, vinyl flooring, wood accent walls, spacious kitchen, two huge bonus rooms. This house sits on more than a third of an acre and has a fenced in back yard.
\$129,900



Remodeled two bedroom, one bathroom home. This property includes bamboo flooring, new wood cabinets with butcher block counter tops in kitchen, large bedrooms, covered patio, and fenced in area in the back yard.
\$109,000



Breathtaking quarter acre lot in the county. A great neighborhood to build your dream home! This lot includes gorgeous trees and fencing around most of the property.
\$17,500

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December, 2019

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10 Tue	☾	☀	12:31 am 1.8 ft ▲	8:33 am -0.3 ft ▼	3:13 pm 1.2 ft ▲	7:17 pm 0.9 ft ▼	80 high	🐟🐟🐟	
11 Wed	☾	☀	12:58 am 1.9 ft ▲	9:11 am -0.4 ft ▼	4:00 pm 1.1 ft ▲	7:42 pm 0.9 ft ▼	84 high	🐟🐟🐟	
12 Thu	☾	☀	1:29 am 2.0 ft ▲	9:50 am -0.5 ft ▼	4:47 pm 1.1 ft ▲	8:07 pm 1.0 ft ▼	86 high	🐟🐟🐟	
13 Fri	☾	☀	2:05 am 2.1 ft ▲	10:32 am -0.6 ft ▼	5:35 pm 1.1 ft ▲	8:37 pm 1.0 ft ▼	86 high	🐟🐟🐟	
14 Sat	☾	☀	2:45 am 2.1 ft ▲	11:17 am -0.6 ft ▼	6:26 pm 1.0 ft ▲	9:15 pm 1.0 ft ▼	82 high	🐟🐟🐟	
15 Sun	☾	☀	3:31 am 2.1 ft ▲	12:06 pm -0.5 ft ▼	7:19 pm 1.0 ft ▲	10:08 pm 1.0 ft ▼	76 high	🐟🐟🐟	
16 Mon	☾	☀	4:23 am 1.9 ft ▲	12:58 pm -0.4 ft ▼	8:07 pm 1.1 ft ▲	11:27 pm 1.0 ft ▼	70 high	🐟🐟🐟	
17 Tue	☾	☀	5:24 am 1.8 ft ▲	1:52 pm -0.3 ft ▼	8:49 pm 1.1 ft ▲		63 average	🐟🐟🐟	
18 Wed	☾	☀	1:12 am 0.9 ft ▼	6:41 am 1.5 ft ▲	2:46 pm -0.1 ft ▼	9:26 pm 1.2 ft ▲	60 average	🐟🐟🐟	
19 Thu	☾	☀	3:04 am 0.7 ft ▼	8:20 am 1.3 ft ▲	3:38 pm 0.1 ft ▼	10:01 pm 1.3 ft ▲	59 average	🐟🐟🐟	
20 Fri	☾	☀	4:40 am 0.4 ft ▼	10:12 am 1.1 ft ▲	4:27 pm 0.3 ft ▼	10:36 pm 1.5 ft ▲	63 average	🐟🐟🐟	
21 Sat	☾	☀	5:55 am 0.1 ft ▼	11:54 am 1.1 ft ▲	5:11 pm 0.5 ft ▼	11:10 pm 1.7 ft ▲	69 average	🐟🐟🐟	
22 Sun	☾	☀	6:56 am -0.2 ft ▼	1:19 pm 1.1 ft ▲	5:51 pm 0.7 ft ▼	11:45 pm 1.8 ft ▲	75 high	🐟🐟🐟	
23 Mon	☾	☀	7:48 am -0.4 ft ▼	2:31 pm 1.1 ft ▲	6:27 pm 0.8 ft ▼		80 high	🐟🐟🐟	

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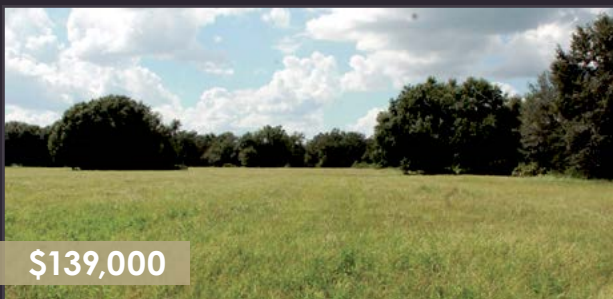
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Bulldogs fade in second half- lose to Charlotte

By **STEVE KNAPP**
"BIG DADDY"
PRS SPORTS WRITER

The DeSoto basketball team battled the Charlotte Tarpons in the first half of their first meeting this season as they trailed by just a bucket at the end of the first period 16-14. They

were still in the game at the half trailing 29-20.

The second half saw the Tarpons pull away as they outscored DeSoto 36-16 to take a 65-36 win over the Bulldogs.

Speedy Gilchrist led the Bulldogs with 9 points with two Juniors, Tony Blanding and Ethan



Ethan Redden and Nnamdi Edeoga collide during the Charlotte 65-36 win at DeSoto County.



DeSoto's Keimar Richardson comes down with a rebound in front of the Tarpons' Faustin Phanor as the Bulldogs lost to the Tarpons 65-36.

Redden, adding 6 points each.

"I love the way they fought. If we keep playing like this we can do something great. I'm thinking about the district championship. This game prepared us for what we are going to see in districts. We played good

defense and didn't back down. We played Bulldog basketball. We were down by 9 at halftime and I thought we had a chance. They're (Charlotte) a very well coached team and they have good size. They know how to play basketball," said DeSoto coach Darrell Nicklow.

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Bulldogs Hang on in Exciting Win Over Hardee

By **STEVE KNAPP**
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The DeSoto girls basketball team led Hardee Wildcats from the opening shot and all through the game. They built up a 16 point lead going into the final period but had to hang on by their fingernails in their 47-45 win.

DeSoto coach Ardine Primus took three of her starters out to begin the final quarter, but 5 turnovers in just a minute and 37 seconds got the starting five back on the court.

The Bulldogs led 44-39 with 3 minutes to play and saw that lead shrink to just a bucket with a minute left on the clock. The 46-44 Bulldog lead got cut in half as a Hardee shooter missed her first shot from the free throw line but converted on the second to give the Bulldogs a 46-45 lead with 6 ticks left on the clock.

Trenity Morales was fouled and missed the front end of a 1 and 1 opportunity at the free throw line. Zeri Tyler went for the rebound and was fouled with just 1.7 seconds left to play. If she sank just one of her free throws the Bulldogs would win the game.

Tyler said. "When I stepped on the line with



Trenity Morales floats a left handed shot past the Hardee player for 2 of her 8 points in the Desoto 47-45 win.



Zeri Tyler concentrates at the line with the Bulldogs holding a 1 point lead with just 1.7 seconds left in the game.



1 second remaining, all I was thinking is that I really have to put my mind to this shot. When I missed the first one, I knew I had to get back right and adjust my shot. Then when I made it, that was the game and we defeated the Cats."

"Primus talked about Tyler's performance. "It was another strong game

for her both offensively and rebounding. She works really hard in practice and it shows at game time. Her work ethic is through the roof." Tyler led the team with 21 points followed by Ta'Nyah Smith with 12. Morales had 8 with Genesis Goldwire adding 6 more.

Desoto goes on a three game road trip and

returns on December 19 for a district game with Lake Placid starting at 6pm. They will not play at home again for nearly a month so come out and watch this very good and young team.

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JV Soccer Team Loss Ends Perfect Start

By **STEVE KNAPP**
"BIG DADDY"
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The DeSoto County JV boys soccer team had a perfect 4-0 record this season. What makes it even more impressive is the fact that they hadn't allowed a goal in any of those four games.

Ruben Mar is the keeper with the clean sheet. In the Bulldogs final game before the Thanksgiving break, they finished off Charlotte early in the second half 8-0 after leading 7-0 at the break.

That all came to an end as the Bulldogs allowed their first goal last



The DeSoto Bulldogs "clap up" for their fans and return to their side of the field after beating Port Charlotte in their first game this season. They are now 4-1 with all games being shutouts so far this season.

Thursday as they hosted Sebring and lost the game 1-0. The Bulldogs have now outscored their opponents 19-1 with a strong 4-1 record.

Bulldog coach Jose -Manuel Garcia said. "This has been a tremendous season for DeSoto

County soccer. Not only is the varsity having an outstanding season, but the JV is on the way to the best season on record. The boys are motivated and tightly knit. Our 4 captains (Dario Aguilar, Jonathan Rojas, Fernando Marquez and Salud

Villafuerte) have been the keys to our success. They understand the importance of having a clean, well positioned team. We have 9 games left and our goal is to continue to become better in each game."

Poor Performance Results in Big Loss To Tarpons

By **STEVE KNAPP**
"BIG DADDY"
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The Desoto County JV basketball team was blown out 77-13 by the Charlotte Tarpons in front of a big home crowd last week. The Tarpons put up 21 points in the first quarter before the Bulldogs could get their first, and that came on a free throw by Trevor Robichaud late in the quarter.

The Tarpons led 21-1 after the first quarter and had a running clock by halftime when they took a 51-10 lead at the break. If

you look at the numbers, the Tarpons had enough points midway through the first period to win the game. They outscored the Bulldogs 30-9 in the second period and blasted the Bulldogs 26-3 with a running clock in the entire second half.

The Bulldogs are a young team with only 3 players from last year's squad still remaining. The step from middle school basketball to high school ball is a big one, especially when you play a team like the Tarpons. The team just didn't play like they had in earlier games this season.



Justin Kinville drives to the basket on a fast break against the Tarpons. The Bulldogs lost 77-13.

Varsity head coach addressed the team after the disappointing game. "Y'all were scared, I could see it in your eyes. Charlotte puts their pants on the same way you do, there's nothing to be scared about."

JV coach Joe Davis said. "Its a long season, it isn't our last game, but

we've got to get better. I don't know if any of the players can look at themselves and say they gave 100% tonight. The kids were scared, they played like robots. They're not used to play in front of a big crowd with so many family and friends in the stands. We'll get better."

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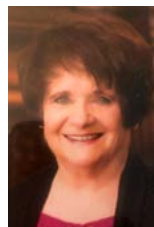
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Community Obituaries



Carol Hollingsworth Eldridge Filomena, 85, of Ooltewah, TN passed

away on December 2nd, 2019. She was born on October 28th, 1934 to the late Vernon C. Hollingsworth and Abbie Bernice Harrison in Arcadia, FL.

She grew up in Arcadia before leaving to attend high school at Forest Lake Academy in Apopka, FL. She then attended college at Southern Missionary College in Collegedale, TN and graduated from La Sierra College in Loma Linda, CA with a degree in elementary education. After graduation, she taught elementary school. Later in life, she obtained her Master's degree in Special Education at Stetson University in DeLand, Florida and subsequently taught children with learning disabilities.

Carol enjoyed travelling, was a voracious reader, and had an insatiable curiosity and zest for life. She enjoyed walking in nature, flower arranging, gardening, and creative crafting. She never met a stranger and

was always interested in learning as much about them as possible. She was an active member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church and led singles and senior ministries for many years. She also went on several mission trips to various parts of the world. She is remembered for her generosity and the joy she brought to others through giving thoughtful cards on special occasions and tokens of friendship and appreciation.

Carol is survived by her sons, Greg (Hilary) Eldridge of Cumming, GA and Cary (Terrie) Eldridge of Mt. Vernon, TX; her daughter, Debra (Ronald) Amick of Alpharetta, GA; her sister, Nancy Sue Turner of Moultrie, GA; six grandchildren: Aaron, Jaimie, Michael, Autumn, Chase, and Brooke; and five great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Anthony Filomena, and brother Vernon Clyde Hollingsworth, Jr.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, December 8th, 2019 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 2865 SE

Ami Dr, Arcadia, FL 34266 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. A funeral will follow at 3:00 PM, with interment at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

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Ponger-Kays-Grady have been entrusted with the arrangements.



Marilyn M. Tipton, 56, of Brooksville, FL, passed away after a well fought battle with cancer.

Marilyn was born in Arcadia, FL, and moved on to spend 25 years in Orlando. She retired as a Captain from the Department of Corrections after 27 years of service. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Florida Gulf Coast University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Studies and also received her Masters of Science Degree in Emergency Services Management from Columbia Southern University. She loved animals deeply, and her love for children showed through her volunteering as a Guardian Ad Litem. Marilyn was dedicated to our Lord and her church, the Nocatee Church of God.

Survivors include her father, Ronald Tipton of Weeki Wachee, FL (formerly of Arcadia); daughter Kelli Browning of Orlando; son Kaleb Browning (Kristen) of Orlando; grandson Hudson Browning; her beloved dogs Tilly and Layla; and her cats Little B and Charlie.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, December 8th, 2019 from 1-2PM at the Nocatee Church of God, 4870 SW Hwy 17, Arcadia, FL 34266. A funeral service will follow at the church at 2PM, then burial will take place at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Marilyn's name to the SPCA of Hernando County.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.pongerkaysgrady.com.

Ponger Kays Grady Funeral Homes have been entrusted with the arrangements.



Lucinda Fitchett, Age-41 passed away unexpectedly at her residence in Arcadia, FL. on November 30th 2019. Linda was a resident of Arcadia for the last 12 years coming

from Saginaw, Michigan. She enjoyed painting, dancing, camping and spending time with her family camping, fishing or just sitting around a bonfire. She is survived by her mother, Delilah Fitchett of Arcadia, FL; two daughters, Alexa Ramirez also of Arcadia, FL and Olivia Anderson; two brothers; Raul DeLaO of Saginaw, MI and Enrique DeLaO of Arlington, Texas, a beloved Uncle and Aunt, Albert DaLaO of Saginaw, MI and Mercedes Perez of Odessa, TX.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday December 11th 2019 from 5-6pm at Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home 50 North Hillsborough Avenue Arcadia, FL. where a funeral service will be held at 6pm. Pastor Ellis Cross officiating. Interment will be private.



A lifelong resident of Arcadia, **Frances Earle Pooser** died on December 8th, 2019 at Tidewell Hospice in Arcadia. She was born on October 25th, 1918 in Fort Ogden and moved to Arcadia before she was two years old.

As a child, Frances attended the Church of the Brethren, The Tabernacle, and joined Trinity United Methodist Church. She was only twelve years old

when she started teaching Sunday School at Trinity, and she continued to do so for most of her life.

A 1936 graduate of DeSoto County High School, she earned her two-year teaching certificate from Florida State College for Women (Florida State University since 1947) and her bachelor's degree from the University of Florida. She taught for 41 years within the DeSoto County School District, including 40 years at Memorial Grammar School.

Frances loved animals of all kinds, nature, history and genealogy, poetry, reading, flowers, knitting, and handwork. Her family and friends will remember her as a kind and generous person who was interested in – and cared about – her family, friends, students, and everyone she met. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, DeSoto County Historical Society, and the 20th Century Literary Club.

She is survived by nephew Michael (Irene) Pooser, great-niece Mary Frances Pooser (Michael) Hathcock, and great-great-niece Elizabeth Grace Hathcock. She was preceded in death by her parents L.B. Pooser and Frances Michael Pooser,

and her brothers Mike (Doris) Pooser and Jack (Marie) Pooser.

A visitation will be held from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Friday, December 13th, 2019 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W Oak St Arcadia, FL 34266. A funeral will follow at 11:00 AM with Pastor Louie Mabrey officiating. Interment will be private.

The family will

gratefully accept flowers, or memorial donations to the DeSoto County Historical Society in Frances's memory would also be greatly appreciated.

Online condolences may be made at pongerkaysgrady.com.

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Bucky then returned to his roots in 1980 and became the DeSoto County Administrator until 1986. He then decided that more schooling was in order as it was his desire to become an attorney, so he attended Stetson Law School, where he graduated in 1988. Upon graduating Law School, he returned to serve the people of DeSoto County, where he worked with Gary Vorbeck for a short time and then opened his own practice in 1990 and it is still in full swing to this day.

Bucky had a couple of partners in his practice in early years such as Fletcher Brown and David Carlton but since 2003 has operated on his own.

Bucky Waldron is married to his high school sweetheart Cindy Van Meter Waldron. They have been married for 22 years and together they have 6 kids and 11 grandchildren.

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It has come to my attention that an error was made in the 12/03 issue of the Peace River Shopper Word Search. Many of you may have realized that the word list did not coincide with the search.

I am the new graphic designer for the Peace River Shopper and wanted to let you know that I have included the word list for that search and you will find those words in the box to the right. In addition, I've included **TWO** word searches for your enjoyment this week.

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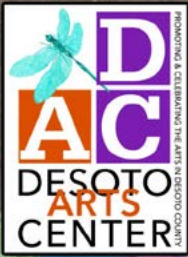
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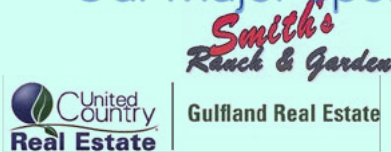
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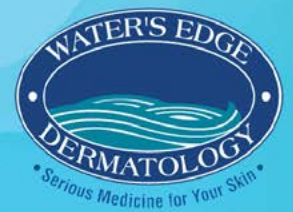
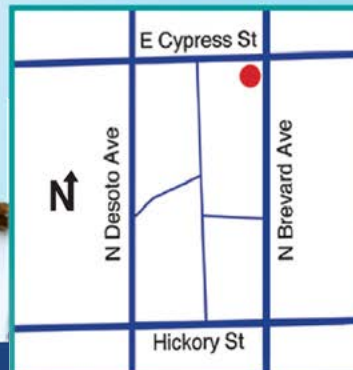
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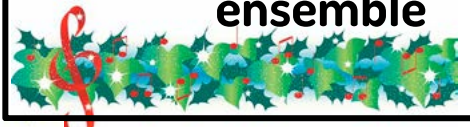
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INGREDIENTS

- 4..... pounds bone-in beef short ribs, well trimmed
 - 1..... teaspoon salt, plus additional for seasoning
 - 1/2..... teaspoon ground black pepper, plus additional for seasoning
 - 1..... tablespoon vegetable oil
 - 6..... ounces thick-cut bacon cut into 1/4-inch dice
 - 1..... large onion, halved and cut into 1/4-inch slices
 - 1..... tablespoon tomato paste
 - 2..... tablespoons all-purpose flour
 - 2..... tablespoons spicy brown mustard
 - 1..... bottle (12 ounces) Irish stout
 - 1..... bay leaf
 - 1..... cup beef broth
 - 2..... tablespoons finely chopped parsley leaves
- Hot mashed potatoes or cooked egg noodles

INSTRUCTIONS

Season beef with salt and pepper. Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat until almost smoking. Working in batches, cook short ribs in skillet, turning to brown on all sides. Transfer each batch to a slow cooker as it is finished. Wipe out pan with paper towels and return to heat.

Cook bacon, stirring occasionally, until crisp, about 4 minutes. Transfer with a slotted spoon to a paper towel-lined plate to drain. Remove and discard all but 1 tablespoon drippings from pan. Reduce heat to medium and add onion. Cook until softened and translucent, stirring occasionally. Add tomato paste, flour, mustard, 1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Cook, stirring constantly, 1 minute. Remove from bottom of pan. Pour over short ribs. Add drained bacon, bay leaf and beef broth. Cover and cook on low 8 hours, or until meat is tender and falls off the bone.

Remove beef and skim fat from cooking liquid. Remove bay leaf and stir in parsley. Serve with mashed potatoes or egg noodles. Tip: This recipe can be cooked ahead and refrigerated overnight.



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The project is based on the research of Dr. Ronald Ferguson from Harvard University, and shares five simple things to do every day with children from birth to age four that will help develop language. The five things are things that most parents do quite naturally, but the key is to do all of these five things purposefully and meaningfully each and every day. The five simple, fun things to do are maximize love, count with your child, talk with your child, play and explore, and read to your child. The Proverbs Project shares detailed information about each of these areas that explains what to do, how to do it, and why it works.

In the following weeks, the Shopper will highlight each one of these five simple things to do. We encourage you to read each short article, to practice the activities suggested, and then share the information with others who could benefit from it. Readers are also encouraged to go to the Proverbs Project website at www.theproverb-project.org to learn more, and to follow us on Facebook where additional tips and ideas for developing language in our youngest children can be found.



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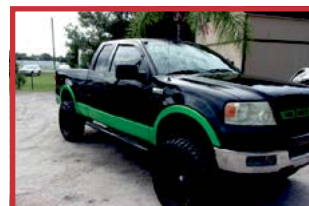
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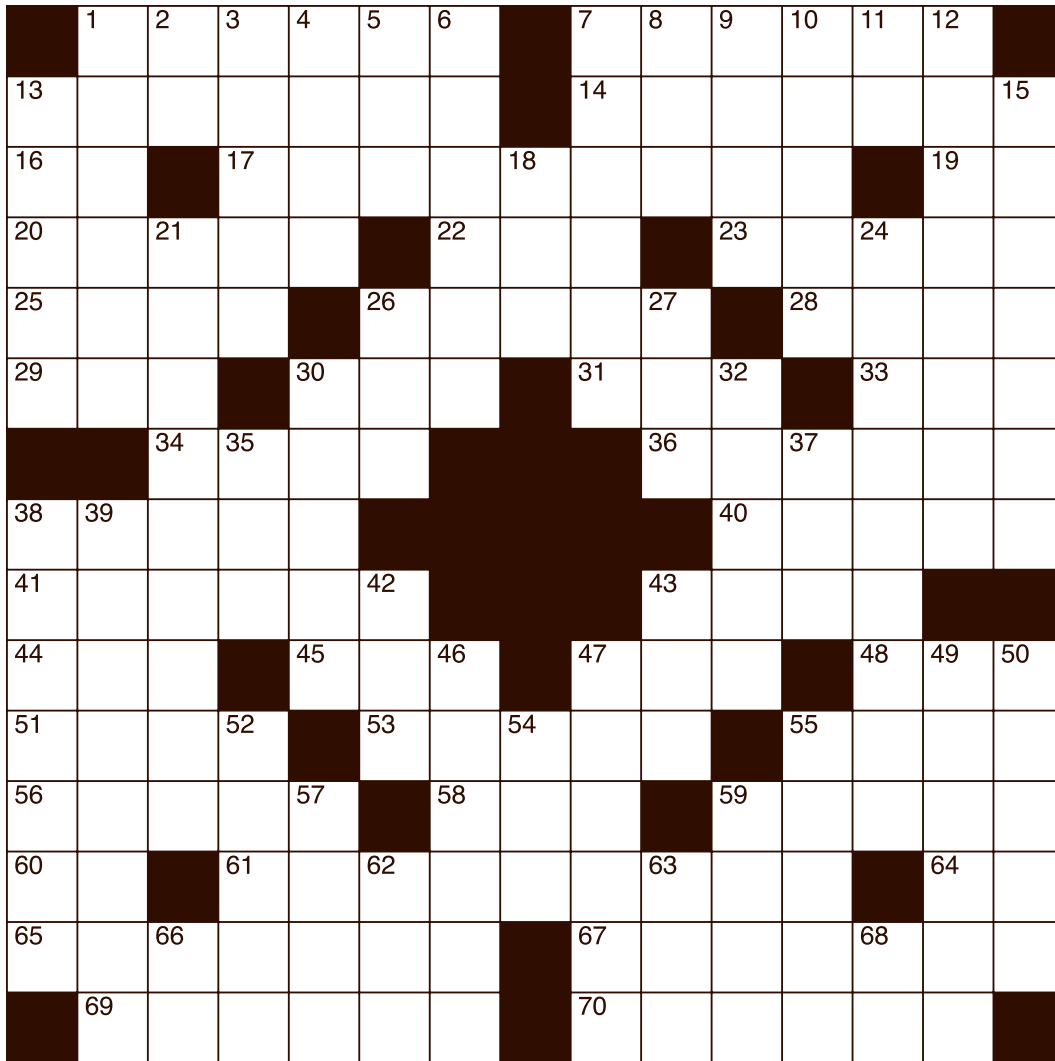


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- 12. Contrary beliefs
- 13. Type of pole
- 15. Distinguish oneself
- 18. 8th month of the year (abbr.)
- 21. One who monitors
- 24. Petty quarreling
- 26. Fiddler crabs
- 27. Touch lightly
- 30. American state
- 32. Pro wrestler Randy
- 35. Indicates spelling mistake
- 37. Macaws
- 38. Gradually narrowed
- 39. Installments
- 42. Female sheep
- 43. Politician
- 46. Servant
- 47. Said to facilitate concentration
- 49. California ballplayers
- 50. Once Toledo's tallest building
- 52. A type of pie
- 54. State of southwestern India
- 55. Principal member of Norse religion
- 57. Counterspy
- 59. Wellness practice
- 62. ___-de-sac: dead end street
- 63. Used to cook
- 66. Type of hospital
- 68. Direct message

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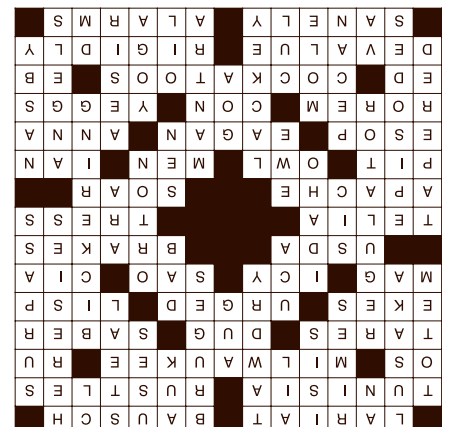
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- 7. Lomb's partner
- 13. North African nation
- 14. Rounds up cattle
- 16. Densest naturally occurring element
- 17. Home of the Brewers
- 19. Atomic #44
- 20. Vetches
- 22. Moved earth with a tool
- 23. Cavalry sword
- 25. Supplements with difficulty
- 26. Encouraged
- 28. Speech defect
- 29. Periodical (abbr.)
- 30. Very cold
- 31. ___ Paulo, city
- 33. Former OSS
- 34. Approves food

- 36. Cars need them
- 38. Sweden's dominant phone company
- 40. Long lock of a woman's hair
- 41. North American natives
- 43. Fly high
- 44. One type is fire
- 45. Nocturnal bird
- 47. More than one male
- 48. LOTR actor McKellen
- 51. Employee stock ownership plan
- 53. Tony-winning actress Daisy
- 55. Tennis star Kournikova
- 56. Pulitzer-winning composer
- 58. The opposite to pro
- 59. Safecrackers
- 60. Denotes past
- 61. Parrots

- 64. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- 65. Reduce the importance of
- 67. Stiffly
- 69. In a sensible way
- 70. Signs

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Capital of Zambia
- 2. Article
- 3. Country star LeAnn
- 4. Egyptian goddess
- 5. Afflict in mind or body
- 6. Showy but cheap
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"THE TREE" Chapter 25

By: Bumpy Thermos

Ok, now it's my turn. But then I got to thinking. What can I do? I mean, I know I get large and I know I have a long tail. Will I be super strong? Can I move fast or carry heavy things? I didn't test any of that. The bag dad gave me, I haven't even opened. Now I'm worried about if I will be all they expect me to be. Most important thing of all, will I be able to get them up the mountain? Looks like I will get my chance pretty soon. Hanson said he would be able to tell when we were within three miles of the fertilizer. He acted like that wasn't too far away. I knew after that conversation that I wasn't going to get any sleep. Hanson gave me a thumbs up sign and walked away. Soon we were all sitting around the camp fire. Some were still eating the food that the twins had brought. Boy am I glad they brought some food. It was some kind of dried up meat, but it wasn't hard like jerky. It was soft like fresh pancakes, tender and sweet. They seemed to have quite a bit of it and it looked like everybody was glad they did. Hanson didn't say much at the fire. He told everyone goodnight and went off to his sleeping bag. The twins hardly ever talked anyway, so pretty soon they went running off into the woods. Where were they going? I thought as they went running and jumping as they left us. That left grandfather, dad and me still up. The fire they had built was a pretty good size. It had been burning strong for a long time. It made me wonder what they had put in it to make it last so long. Both grandfather and dad were sitting there staring into the fire. I kind of hated to bother them with one of my stupid questions. But, if you can't ask your grandfather or dad, who could you ask, right? It took me a few minutes, but I finally got up the nerve to break the silence. Grandfather I asked,

Will I be able to get everyone up that mountain? Both him and dad turned and looked at me. With big smiles on their faces, they say together like they had rehearsed before, Yes Levi you can. Then dad continues. Levi, as a "Warrior" you have almost unlimited powers. You would be able to get three times as many people up the mountain if strength was all you needed. As far as your power goes, this little party will be no problem for you. Grandfather was shaking his head as dad was talking & then he added, the power of the "Warrior" is unbelievable. But, even with all that power you will still need Hanson and the twins to protect us as we go. The "others" will do everything they can to stop us. Their only purpose in life is to protect the fertilizer. They are super strong and can climb the mountain without even breathing hard. That's what they do. By now, they know we are coming and have set up traps for us. The mountain is pretty steep already and with them setting traps, we are going to have to be very careful with every step. They won't be able to do any damage to you as a "Warrior", but they can sure cause us a lot. Hanson and the twins will do what they can, but you will be the only one that can keep us safe. They can slow them down. They can probably even trap or kill one if they have the time. But, it will take you to stop them. One good hit from that tail of yours, will send them to their death. Great I thought, I haven't used that tail but once and then I almost knocked over a lamp. Dad senses that I am worried and says, don't worry son, all the power and knowledge doesn't come from you just eating a berry and growing huge. The "Warrior" will come out when you take the berry and smell the sweet fertilizer. Then it will all come to you. I promise...

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Solve the code to discover words related to restaurants.
 Each number corresponds to a letter.
 (Hint: 16 = e)

A. 7 8 17 13 3 11 16 10

Clue: Patron

B. 11 16 4 8

Clue: List of dishes

C. 10 16 7 18 22 16

Clue: Cooking instructions

D. 10 16 17 16 10 19 25 13 18 3 4

Clue: Booking

Answers: A. customer B. menu C. recipe D. reservation

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A. 4 16 23 26 14 6

Clue: Provides goods or services

B. 11 18 14 6 16

Clue: Place of business

C. 6 16 20 9 11 18 16 6

Clue: Where items are paid for

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Clue: Financial gain

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