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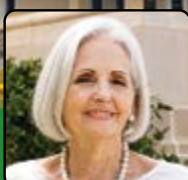
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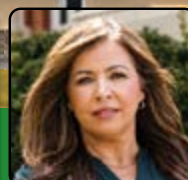
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FLETCHER, COREY EVIN:

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KIDWELL, TRENA JO:

Prob Violation - Prob Violation

LIN, FENG:

Fraud-Swindle - Defraud To Obtain Property Value Of \$20K-\$50K; Larc - Grand Theft \$20,000 Or More Less Than \$100,000

MENDEZ SALINAS, ROSALIA:

Hit And Run - Leave Scene Of Crash Involve Damage To Prop; Moving Traffic Viol - Operate Motor Vehicle W/O Valid LIC 1st Conv

MITCHELL, KATELYN BROOKE:

Out-of-County Warrant - Out-of-County Warrant

MITCHELL, TYNESHA SHANTE-SHERI:

Drug Equip-Possess - Drug Equip-Possess: And Or Use; Drugs-Possess - Possess Controlled Substance W/O Prescription; Smuggle Contraband Into Prison - Control Subs Defined Provisions Of s.893.02(4)

PHILLIPS, ROBERT LINCOLN:

Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Fail To Register Motor Veh

ROBERTS, ERIC ALAN:

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ROBLERO, RODRIGO:

Out-of-County Warrant - Out-of-County Warrant

RODRIGUEZ-BOLLAT, MARLEN:

Aggrav Battery - Aggrav Battery With A Deadly Weapon

SHAVER, JIM BOB:

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TIMES, KEVIN ELIJAH:

Battery - Touch Or Strike

VERZANI, BRENDA MAY:

Prob Violation - Prob Violation (x2)

WILCOX, TORI JULIANN:

Trespassing - Trespass Fail To Leave Prop On Order Of Owner

WILLIAMS, ERIC SHAVON:

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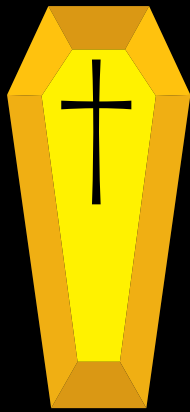


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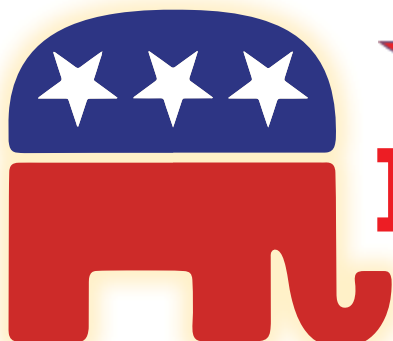
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**DeSoto County
NOTICE OF DESOTO
COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP ON
DESOTO 2050! COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN UPDATE**

What: DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners Workshop
Topic: DeSoto 2050! Comprehensive Plan Update

In Person Meeting:
Tuesday, June 9, 2026 | 1:00 PM
DeSoto County Commission Chambers
DeSoto County Administration Building
201 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266

The DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners will hold a workshop to discuss the update of the DeSoto County Comprehensive Plan to the 2050 Planning Horizon. The Plan's goals, objectives and policies reflect the County's vision for the future and how it will meet the needs of existing and future residents, visitors and businesses. The Plan informs decision-making and guides growth and development. To be effective, the Plan must continue to be updated to adapt to changing conditions and needs. This effort provides the opportunity to take a holistic look at how well the Plan is performing and meeting the community's vision.

Project contact: Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, jcodosalisbury@cfrpc.org or at (863) 534-7130 ext. 178. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, income, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact the CFRPC Title VI/Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Indihra Chambers, (863)534-7130, or via Florida Relay Service 711, or by email: ichambers@cfrpc.org at least three (3) days before the workshop.

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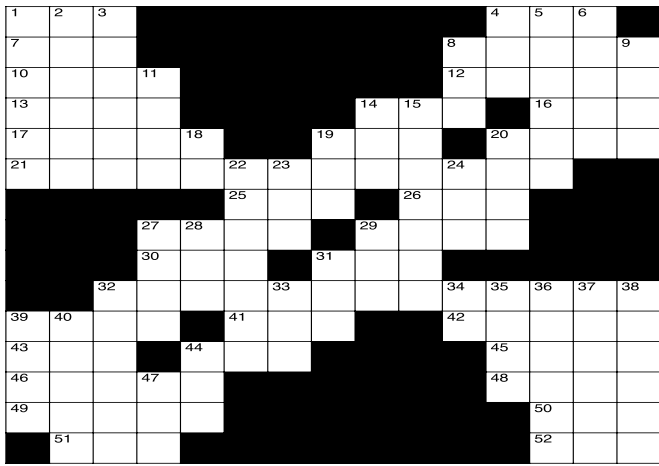
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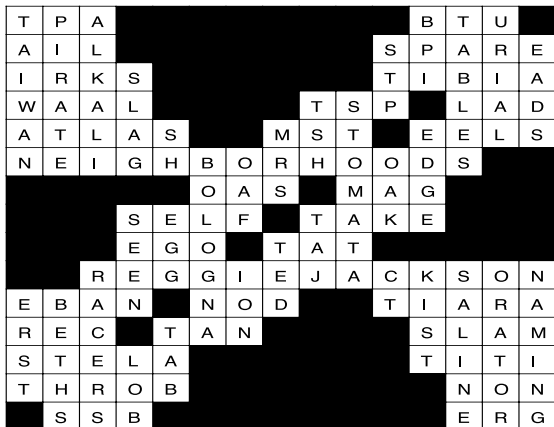
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- 4. British thermal unit
- 7. Afflict
- 8. Refrain from harming
- 10. Galls
- 12. Leg bone
- 13. Rhine distributary
- 14. Recipe measurement
- 16. Chap
- 17. Useful book
- 19. Mountain Time
- 20. Snakelike fishes
- 21. Places where people live
- 25. US, Latin America, Canada belong to
- 26. Periodical
- 27. A type of sense
- 29. A way to get possession of
- 30. Everyone has one
- 31. Body art
- 32. Mr. October
- 39. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 41. Head movement
- 42. Jeweled headdress
- 43. VCR button
- 44. A way to change color
- 45. Basketball move
- 46. Upright stone slab
- 48. Forest-dwelling monkey
- 49. Pulsate steadily
- 50. Negative
- 51. Sino-Soviet bloc (abbr.)
- 52. Unit of work

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Island
- 2. Pittsburgh ballplayer
- 3. Chemical compound
- 4. Indicates density of data (abbr.)
- 5. Mesas
- 6. Wild, long-legged sheep
- 8. Engine additive
- 9. "CSI" actor George
- 11. Stony waste matter
- 14. Thyroid-stimulating hormone
- 15. Pores in a leaf's epidermis
- 18. Digraph
- 19. Married woman
- 20. Peripheral
- 22. Northern Italy city
- 23. Klutz
- 24. Type of tree
- 27. Witnessed
- 28. Popular breakfast food
- 29. __ Mahal
- 31. BoSox legend Williams
- 32. Professional drivers
- 33. Atom or molecule type
- 34. The Constitution State
- 35. Chest to store clothes (Scottish)
- 36. Type of solution
- 37. Speaker
- 38. Specifying
- 39. Formerly (archaic)
- 40. Wiseman and Krom are two
- 44. The bill in a restaurant
- 47. Tennis shot

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7	1	5	2	3	9	8	6	4
8	6	4	5	1	7	9	3	2
1	3	7	6	4	8	5	2	9
9	5	6	7	2	3	1	4	8
4	2	8	9	5	1	3	7	6
5	7	9	1	6	4	2	8	3
6	8	1	3	7	2	4	9	5
2	4	3	8	9	5	6	1	7

ANSWER:

2				9			1	7
6							9	
	7				4			3
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	5				3		4	
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ANSWER:

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Level: Intermediate



OBITUARIES

Timothy Kratzer Sr.



Senior Deputy Timothy Kratzer Sr. passed away on Monday, May 25, 2026. Tim's smile brightened every room he entered, and his kindness brought comfort to those fortunate enough to know him. He will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to his family, his community, and the profession he loved.

Tim was a gifted athlete who excelled in softball, baseball, basketball, and tennis. His talent on the basketball court earned him a scholarship to West Palm Beach. Beyond his own achievements, Tim found great joy in mentoring young athletes. He coached Little League teams to championship victories and later successfully coached a minor league baseball team, leaving a lasting impact on countless young players.

Under the guidance of

Gene Cross, Tim earned his second-degree black belt in Ronin Goju Karate. He deeply valued the discipline, respect, and self-control that karate instilled in him and held tremendous admiration for Gene, whom he respected both as an instructor and mentor.

Tim spent more than thirty years in the automotive industry, where his leadership abilities and strong work ethic quickly became evident. At only twenty years old, he was promoted to Assistant Used Car Manager. Throughout his career, he also served as a Finance Manager and ultimately as a Sales Manager. Tim genuinely loved cars and took pride in helping members of the community find vehicles that suited their needs and families.

Above all else, Tim loved Arcadia and the people who called it home. From a young age, he dreamed of serving in law enforcement. Although his first opportunity at age eighteen did not work out due to limited openings, fate had other plans. A former Air Force Security Policeman visited the dealership to purchase a vehicle and invited Tim to participate in a ride-along. That single opportunity sparked a lifelong

commitment to service. Tim joined the Auxiliary, where he met every standard required while continuing his education and working full-time in the automotive business.

After the dealership changed ownership, the Sheriff Potter sent Tim to the academy to complete his official law enforcement training. He was overjoyed to officially become a deputy sheriff and proudly dedicated himself to serving the citizens of his community. He continued to grow in his profession under the guidance of Captain Tim Hilgeman, whose patience and mentorship helped shape Tim throughout his law enforcement career. Through that mentorship, Tim mastered many aspects of the profession, including

radio communications and courthouse operations.

Tim especially loved his work at the courthouse and took great pride in serving as a teen driver instructor, where he was able to train and mentor students in defensive driving.

Tim is survived by his loving wife, Maureen; daughter, Olivia; son, Tim Jr.; mother, Madeline; brother, Matt; and sister-in-law, Amber.

Tim's legacy of kindness, dedication, mentorship, and service will continue to live on through the many lives he touched. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Services will be held on Friday June 5, 2026, at 10:00AM at the Turner Center in Arcadia, Florida.



Richard E. Montgomery



Richard E. Montgomery, age 78, of Arcadia, Florida, passed away peacefully at his home on May 22, 2026. Born in Seymour, Indiana, in 1947, Richard later relocated to Bradenton, Florida, before settling in Arcadia in 1988 with his wife and children. He resided there for 38 years, during which time he contributed to the local community through his

work in construction until his retirement.

A dedicated member of North Hillsborough Baptist Church, Richard found joy in playing the drums. His retirement years were marked by a deep passion for carpentry and craftsmanship, particularly in the creation of birdhouses. Additionally, Richard nurtured a strong enthusiasm for astronomy, sharing his knowledge by teaching children at the Community Center of Port Charlotte, Florida. He also delighted in family camping trips, where he often brought his telescope to offer others the opportunity to explore the night sky. He also dabbled in fishing and genuinely enjoyed the outdoors.

Richard was preceded in death by his wife, Sandra

J. Bradley Montgomery. He is survived by his children, David Montgomery of Arcadia, Florida, and Deborah Montgomery of Fitzgerald, Georgia, as well as his three sisters, Regina, Nannette, and

Nancy.

Richard will be remembered for his dedication to family, community, and his various passions that enriched the lives of those around him.



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who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day, our
daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that
trespass against us.**

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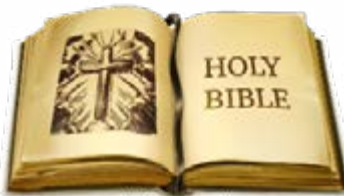
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Would your family conversations keep up it's usual pace? And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace? Would you sing the songs you always sing and read the books you always read and let him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed? Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go, or would you maybe change your plans for just a day or so? Would you be glad to have him meet your very closest friends or would you hope they'd stay away until his visit ends? Would you be glad to have him stay forever on and on, or would you sigh with great relief when he at last was gone?

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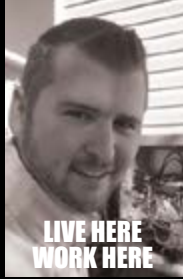
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CHAPTER 3

As far as I know, I have never been to church with John. Can't even remember him going, but I am pretty sure that I had asked him before why he prayed for the fish. My memory is low on this, but I seem to remember that he had said something about no one thinks about fish going to heaven. That fish have a brain too, and he wanted to make sure they ended their life knowing that they would go to heaven. I never did get that, but that was John. Later on in life we started going to events and parties, especially when I got my driver's license and a car. He got a car about three months after I did. Of course, my car was an old Oldsmobile and his was a new Chevy. Not a problem, I just rode with him everywhere, especially out of town. John's car was fast and quiet. We would go over to Lake Placid on a Saturday night and just ride around. It seemed like the ride only took a minute or two, but it is about 35 miles so I am sure it took longer than that. Still, it really only seemed about a minute and we were there. I never thought about the fact that John never bought gas when I was with him. Maybe he knew I didn't have enough money and saved me the embarrassment. I don't know. I just never saw him buy any. We stopped at gas stations for sure but always for a coke, chips or both. By the time we both had reached our teens, John had become a real peculiar kind of guy. By that I mean, quiet, real quiet. Lately he was always walking behind me, like he was watching out for me, kind of like a protector. Sure enough he had saved me several times from my big mouth, but that just seemed the right thing for a buddy to do. I mean with him about six foot five and me a little five foot nine, surely you can't expect me to cover my big mouth, and for sure with him around to make the odds better. It wasn't like I did it all the time, but enough that I knew that he had my back. I would always ask him to walk up here beside me and he would tell me to go on; he would catch up. He had turned out to be quite a big powerful man, but as gentle as a lamb. You couldn't get him mad, even when he got boys off me, he was still gentle as he threw them around. I just couldn't get him to tell me why he looked after me so much. Knowing he was there made me feel safe, but one night I have to say; John did not make me feel safe. I was scared crap less, if you know what I mean. And he was out of control.

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