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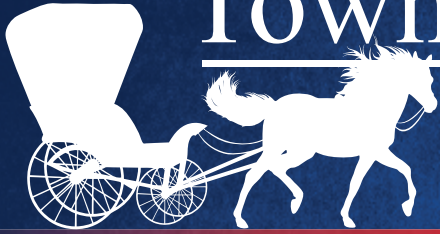


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REALTOR SPOTLIGHT

Ciara Mercer Bishop



Ciara Mercer Bishop was born and raised in DeSoto County, Florida where she graduated from DeSoto High in 2016. She married her husband Kyler in March of 2020, who is a watermelon farmer and cattleman.

They currently reside in Charlotte county near his farm while still doing the majority of their business in Arcadia. Ciara's roots run six generations deep in Desoto county and agriculture, which has provided her with an inborn passion for serving those who wish to call this area home. That same passion sparked her desire to obtain her Real Estate License in 2018. Whether your interest lies in waterfront properties, agricultural living, or the city life, Ciara's attention to detail and desire to deliver top quality service ensures a pleasurable experience when buying or selling with her. Ciara is proud to call Arcadia her hometown and looks forward to one day raising her family here while continuing to serve its citizens.

BACK ON THE MARKET



Remarkably maintained 2 bedroom 2 bathroom home featuring over 1500 sq ft of living space on just under an acre of land! **\$138,000**



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3/2 Home on one acre of fenced property.

\$122,500



2/2 Concrete block home. **REDUCED TO**

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3/2 Country home on 1 acre

\$184,900



3/2 Home on over 4 fenced acres!

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Commercial Investment
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NEW LISTING

Looking for somewhere to build your dream home on? Look no further. Located in South Desoto County, this property is zoned agriculture allowing for cattle and horses!

\$125,000 C7433081



REDUCED

Recently renovated 2/1 in the city with possibility of expansion

\$77,900 C7420701



Beautiful Historic 4 bedroom 3 bath home convenient to everything

\$279,000 C7427202



This 12 +/- acres could be the perfect place to build your home

\$165,000 C7425967



6.1+- acres of vacant land located on Hwy 17N. The property is zoned C-1 with unlimited possibilities for your future ventures. With over 700 ft. of frontage, this property has a lot of Hwy visibility

\$150,000 C7432402



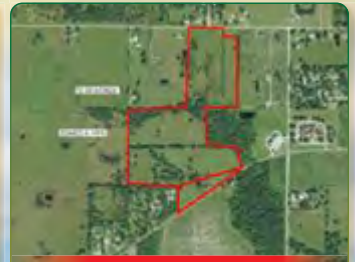
Spacious 3 bedroom 1 bath on large corner lot

\$158,000 C7428931



River front (9.03 acres) gated community- Small wildlife-Very secure but close to town- This is old Native Florida.

\$117,910 C7423529



HARDEE COUNTY

73+/- acres with frontage on Main and Louisiana and is perfect for new housing development

\$657,000 C7404842



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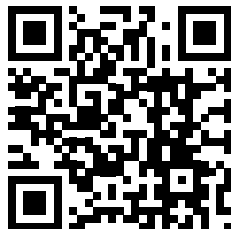
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- Copy and graphics for ads requiring design: *Wednesdays, 5pm*
- Classified Ads: *Thursdays, 5pm*

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C7431382



FOR SALE - LAND

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C7422644



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C7417990



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C7415594



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ARREST REPORT 9/4/20 - 9/13/20
DESOTO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

BATES, JERMAIN MONTORI

Failure To Appear - Written Promise To Appear, Failure To Appear - Written Promise To Appear, Failure To Appear - Written Promise To Appear, Failure To Appear - Written Promise To Appear

MORALES, ESTEBAN

Fraud-Imperson - Attempt To Use Id Of Another Person Wo Consent, Larc - Grand Theft 300 Less Than 5K Dols, Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo Prescription, Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use, Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive While Lic Susp 2Nd Off"

RILEY, JOHN JOSEPH

Failure To Appear - Written Promise To Appear

GARNER, TIFFANY ELAINE

Traffic Offense - Dui Alcohol Or Drugs, Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive While Lic Susp 1St Off"

CHILDS, DEJOHN TAQUAVIOUS

Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo Prescription, Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use

PEREZ-TROXELL, ELIZABETH JEAN

Battery - Commit Domestic Battery, Prob Violation

PEREZ, NELSON

Trespassing - Occupied Structure Or Conveyance, Damage Prop-Crim Misch - Over 200 Dols Under 1000 Dols Battery - By Person Detained In Prison Or Jail Facility, Arrest On Warrant [Use For Out Of Co War], Arrest On Warrant [Use For Out Of Co War]

Arrest On Warrant [Use For Out Of Co War], Arrest On Warrant [Use For Out Of Co War]"

HARRISON JR.V, ROBERT ALLEN

Veh Theft - Grand Theft Of Motor Vehicle, Resist Officer - Obstruct Wo Violence

CHANZA, GEORGE LUIS

Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo Prescription, Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use, Larc - Grand Theft 300 Less Than 5K Dols, Fraud - False Owner Info Pawned Items 300 Dols Or More"

CARDONA JR., JAVIER

Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive While Lic Susp Habitual Offender, Possession Of Weapon - Or Ammo By Convicted Fla Felon, Dui-Unlaw Bld Alch - .15 Or Higher Or With Person Under 18 1St Off, Prob Violation

SUGGS, JENNIFER ELAINE

Larc - Petit Theft 2Nd Degree 1St Offense, Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo Prescription"

LOWMARK, JAMES MICHAEL

Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive While Lic Susp 1St Off

GARCIA, JOSUEL ANTONIO DAVID Arrest On Warrant [Use For Out Of Co War], Arrest On Warrant [Use For Out Of Co War]"

ESPINDOLA, JOSE LUIS

Traffic Offense - Dui And Damage Property

ROMAN, ANTHONY MIGUEL

Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive While Lic Susp Habitual Offender

GLASGOW, ROBERT DAVID

Larc - Grand Theft Of Firearm

PARKER, TONYA NICOLE

Fraud-Imperson - Attempt To Use Id Of Another Person Wo Consent, Larc - Grand Theft 300 Less Than 5K Dols"

ZAVALA, ARELI SIOMARA

Failure To Appear - Written Promise To Appear

PINEDA, JULIA BARRERA

Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo Prescription, Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use

FAUST, GERON TYRONE

Failure To Appear - Written Promise To Appear

GODWIN, CHARLES VERNON

Drugs-Sell - 1000Ft Worship-Busn Sch Methaq Mecloq Sch I, Drugs-Deliv/Distr - Other Wi 1000Ft Worship-Busn Sch Iii Or Iv"

VALLE, JASON

Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive While Lic Susp 1St Off

ROBERTSON, KYLE TRAVIS

Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive While Lic Susp Habitual Offender, Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo Prescription, Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use"

PHILLIPS, HIFIECE NISHAYE LAMAR

Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo Prescription, Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use

DIEGO PEREZ, MANUEL

Battery - Commit Domestic Battery

ROBERTS, BARBARA VEGA

Failure To Appear - Written Promise To Appear

PEREZ, MIGUEL ANGEL

Trespassing - Property Not Structure Or Convey

PARSONS III, VERNON BALLARD

Traffic Offense - Dui Alcohol Or Drugs

BERAQUIT, ALLAN POE

Arrest On Warrant [Use For Out Of Co War]

AVILA, OSCAR

Hit And Run - Leave Scene Of Crash Involve Damage To Prop, Traffic Offense - Dui And Damage Property"



SHERIFF JAMES F. POTTER

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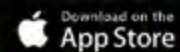
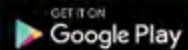


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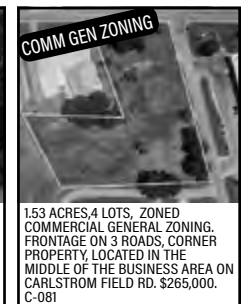
HIDDEN ACRES, .86 OF AN ACRE LOT. ZONED AGR, ALL ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED. LOT IS CLEARED AND READY FOR BUILDING. LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF ARCADIA OFF HWY 72. \$25,000. L-432



ROYAL PARK, .89 OF AN ACRE CORNER LOT FOR SALE. NATIVE TREES, ZONED AGR, ALL ANIMALS ALLOWED. LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF ARCADIA OFF HWY 72. \$25,000. L-433



MOBILE HOME LOT FOR SALE, .58 OF AN ACRE, PAVED ROAD, HAS TREES. WEST SIDE OF ARCADIA. \$35,000. L-434



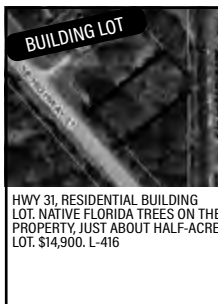
1.53 ACRES, 4 LOTS, ZONED COMMERCIAL GENERAL ZONING. FRONTAGE ON 3 ROADS, CORNER PROPERTY, LOCATED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BUSINESS AREA ON CARLSTROM FIELD RD. \$265,000. C-081



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HWY 31, RESIDENTIAL BUILDING LOT. NATIVE FLORIDA TREES ON THE PROPERTY, JUST ABOUT HALF-ACRE LOT. \$14,900. L-416



2 HOME BUILDING LOTS, .36 ACRE EACH LOT. LOTS ARE SIDE BY SIDE. MINUTES TO PEACE RIVER PUBLIC BOAT RAMP & SUNNYBREEZE GOLF COURSE. \$25,000 EACH LOT, L-421



HALF ACRE BUILDING LOT, CLEARED, TREES, OVERSIZED CULVERT, FENCED ON 3 SIDES, LETTUCE LAKE AREA. \$24,500. L-429

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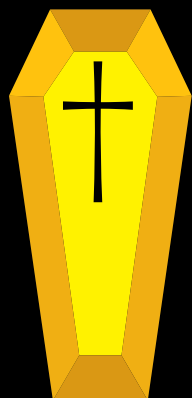
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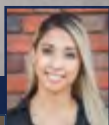


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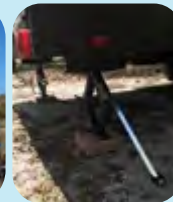
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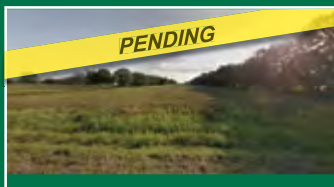
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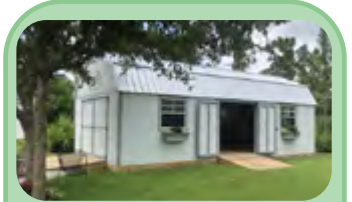
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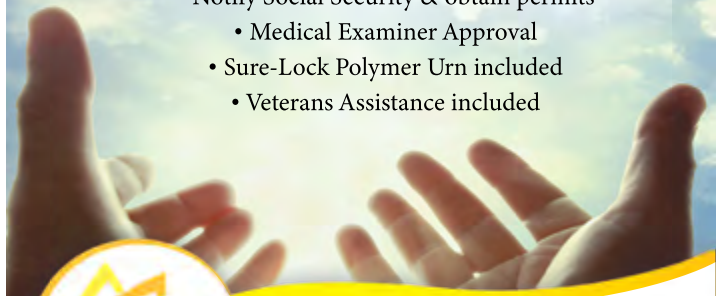
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QUICK STRIKES RESULTS IN BULLDOGS LOSS

STEVE "BIG DADDY" KNAPP
PRS Sports Writer

The Port Charlotte Pirates scored a 52 yard touchdown on the first play of the game in route to a 56-12 win over DeSoto County last Friday. After a Pirate interception, they scored on their second offensive play of the game to make it 14-0 with just over 2 minutes off of the clock. The Pirates had 5 touchdowns in their first 7 plays as they built up a 35-0 lead after the first quarter.

The lead grew to 42-0 before Keimar Richardson scored on a 45 yard pass play in which he had to fight his way through several defenders after the catch. The Pirate lead grew to 49-6 at the half.

Donta Smith put the other points on the board with a 66 yard run in the third quarter to give the Bulldogs their final points. Smith had a really great game as he totaled 175 yards on 25 carries for a nice 7 yard average.

With the Pirate



The Bulldogs gather for a pre game prayer before taking the field at Port Charlotte.

underclassmen playing the second half, the Bulldogs held them to just 7 points. As it was last week against Charlotte, once the other team puts in the players of the same age level as the out manned young Bulldogs, DeSoto can play some very good football.

There is a lot of work to do going into the bye week before DeSoto takes on Clewiston for senior night on Sept 25th. There were over a dozen combination of bad center snaps and backfield fumbles. The kicking game was non existent as they never tried to kick an extra point. The punting game saw them angle to kicks to the

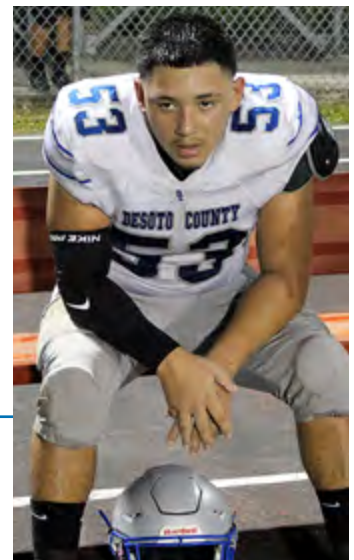
sidelines which resulted in short punts and good field position for the Pirates. The average field position for the first 7 touchdowns was the DeSoto 34 yard line. A short field makes it easy to score. The three DeSoto kickoffs were of the "watermelon" variety as Blas Cervantes poached the ball every time.

There were a lot of good things that happened too. The team played nearly a penalty free game and the offense clicked at times. The jump ball pass to Richardson

worked well as the 6'5' senior just went up in the air to take the ball away. Smith had a good night carrying the ball and earned the "Player of the week" award.

George Mays, also a senior, got low on several carries and picked up some good yardage with a couple of rough runs. Cervantes recovered a fumble and the team looked a little smoother than in their first game a week ago.

In the post game talk, coach Bumper Hay told the team that they were getting better. "The score board



Blas Cervantes rests after recovering a fumble for the Bulldogs. Cervantes played both ways and also did the kickoffs the DeSoto.

BULLDOGS SHUTOUT IN OPENER 39-0

STEVE "BIG DADDY" KNAPP
PRS Sports Writer

The DeSoto County Bulldogs knew they were in for a tough game as they opened their 2020 season on the road at Charlotte. The Tarpons are a 6A perennial playoff team with a roster of over 80 players. They have

their first high school football game. To play a team like the Tarpons in your first high school game is a real eye opener as to how fast high school football is compared to middle school or even a JV game.

To give you an idea of the experience level and size difference, the Tarpons had

Bulldogs so quickly. When you have a team of mostly 14 and 15 year old small and inexperienced players going against 17 and 18 year old bigger and more experienced players, do you think there will be any problems? That can be answered by the question, does a 3 legged dog swim in a circle?

With 5 seniors dressed in the blue and white of DeSoto County and only 3 of them who were starters last year, it didn't look good for the Bulldogs. They got beat up early as the Tarpons put 39 points on the board in the first half.

Both teams were scoreless in the second half as the Bulldogs played against Charlotte's subs. When the Bulldogs play against a team of

players who are the same age and experience level, the Bulldogs held their own and kept Charlotte out of the end zone. That is something to be proud of as they kept on



A pass sails over Keimar Richardson's head in the 39-0 season opener loss at Charlotte.

many experienced and skilled players on their team.

The Bulldogs had just two dozen players in uniform and 12 of them were playing in

more Juniors (29) on their roster than the Bulldogs had players! Add in 17 seniors and it is easy to see how the game got away from the



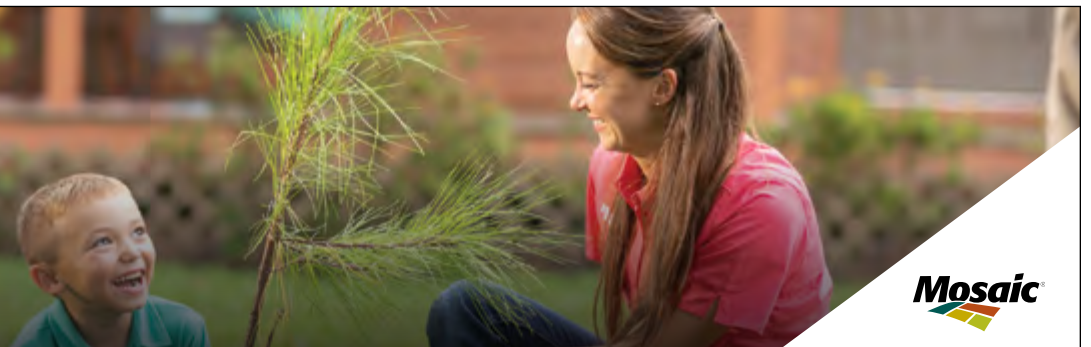
Donta Smith comes to the bench after scoring a touchdown on a 66 yard run. Smith totaled 175 yards in 25 carries and earned the "Player of the week" award.

may not show it, but you've gotten better. You weren't hesitant tonight. Sure you got into the wrong coverage and didn't know what you were supposed to do, but at least you were faster as you tried to get into position. In our first 4 games, three of them are 6A playoff teams. We are the smallest 5A school in the state and the majority of our team is made up of freshmen and sophomores. You're going to have to work and get better. We have to keep our heads up. You've got DeSoto County written across your shirt. Play with pride. You represent yourself, your school and whole community."

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Jalen Taylor brings down Tarpon running back Isaac White in first half action of the opening game of the 2020 season.

nerves caused hesitation and got us in trouble right away. We got into the wrong formation a few times and they ran the ball the wrong way, but we only had 2 weeks to prepare for this game. We've got a freshman and two sophomores

grinding even after the game was decided by halftime.

There were problems on both sides of the ball as the Bulldogs gained just 95 yards in total offense. Donta Smith had a big chunk of that with a 43 yard gallop in the second half. He was caught from behind by the last Tarpon before the end zone. There was a lot of confusion on defense as the young defense got caught missing assignments. This will all get better as the season goes on and the players get used to their positions.

"We got the first one out of the way. These freshmen and sophomores have never started a varsity football game and there were a lot of jitters out there. Those

on the offensive line and they took their licks. Hopefully by the end of the season they will have the experience to do something in the playoffs. We've got three 6A playoff teams in our first four games so they are going to have to grow up fast," said head coach Bumper Hay.

Before the game, sophomore quarterback Lane Fullerton said he was a little nervous and had some butterflies as he prepared to start his first varsity game. After the game Fullerton said, "I lost that nervous feeling right after the first play. Then it was just like any other game. We are young, but we never quit. We will get better as the season goes on and be a pretty good team."

BULLDOGS TURN TABLES IN BREMER'S RETURN



The DeSoto County Bulldogs get last minute instructions from Coach Dave Bremer before picking up a 3-0 sweep over Lemon Bay in the season opener.

STEVE "BIG DADDY" KNAPP
PRS Sports Writer

With Dave Bremer back at the helm of the DeSoto County volleyball team, the Lady Bulldogs got some revenge for their season ending loss in the district semi finals from last year with a 3-0 sweep of Lemon Bay. With a loss of 8 seniors for the Mantas and four players who graduated from DeSoto, many of the players weren't on the team from last season. For those who remember the bitter end to last season, will remember the Mantas swept DeSoto 3-0.

With a new season

underway, the Bulldogs won 25-14, 25-21 and came back to close it out 25-19. The first game ended on a soft perfectly aimed corner shot by Adie Barrera. The Mantas called timeout trailing 14-9, but the Bulldogs kept on attacking and outscored Lemon Bay 11-5 to close it out.

Fayth Rackeweg missed the season finale last year with an injured knee. That knee was in a brace this time around and showed no ill effects. Rackeweg was tough on both sides of the net as the Bulldogs put up a good wall to block the Lemon Bay

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Fayth Rackeweg reaches behind her to make a shot. She fell on this play but her injured knee was not hurt. Rackeweg had an excellent game on both sides of the net.

kill attempts.

Bremer said, "She had a pretty good night especially in the first two games." Rackeweg did put a scare into her team as she took a hard fall during the second game. "My feet just weren't set right and I got myself out of balance and I knocked myself down. My knee is fine now, it doesn't hurt at all. The win was good, it shows how much we have grown already this season."

The second set saw DeSoto get within a point of a 25-16 win, but they just couldn't put that last point on the board. The Mantas rallied



Freshman Raegan Hancock makes an off balance shot to save a point. Playing in her first high school game, Hancock said, "It is a lot faster than middle school and the players are all a lot better."

to make it close before DeSoto put them away with a 25-21 win. Taylor Shaver had several strong kills, but it was the serving of Caroline Walker that put the game away.

"It felt

pretty good to get my serves in tonight," said Walker. "She was phenomenal. It was a great flat floater, barely over the net and floating and dropping. She had a hot night serving," said Bremer.

In the finale, the Bulldogs were on the short end of a 15-10 score, but took the game under control and outscored the Mantas 15-4 over the second half to get the clean sweep.

The Bulldogs will be home tonight as they host Lake Placid before traveling to Avon Park on Thursday. A week from today they will take on the Charlotte Tarpons at home with game time starting at 6 pm for the JV game with the varsity to follow immediately afterwards.

JV VOLLEYBALLERS BEAT MANTAS 3-0



The DeSoto County JV team walks off the court after beating Lemon Bay 3-0 including an exciting 27-25 win in the second match.



The Bulldogs' Libero, Chloe Pomerleau, attacks the ball in the 3-0 win over Lemon Bay in the team's first game of the season.



Lauren McCray passes the ball in the first set 25-16 win for the Bulldogs.



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OBITUARIES

Peggy Simmons VanVlack



Peggy Simmons VanVlack of Arcadia, Florida passed away on September 5, 2020. She was born and raised in Arcadia and graduated from DeSoto County High School where she excelled as a majorette. She later attended college and studied psychology.

Peggy was a public speaker, counselor and the author of two books. She also enjoyed painting nature scenes and singing, especially the songs she wrote herself. Early in her career, she was a Pinkerton Security Guard. On one occasion, she was assigned as a personal guard over former Governor Askew during the Florida State Fair. She also served subpoenas for the Orange County Sheriff's Department along with her sister, Judy Simmons Fisher Broome.

She is survived by her son, Daniel (Pearl) Etnyre, of Orlando and his two daughters, Amber and

Amanda; daughter, Kimberly Etnyre, of Austin, Texas and her son, Nick (Kate); son, Robert Row, of Plano, Texas and his three sons, Robert, Kristopher (Jennifer) and Ryan. She also is survived by three grandsons, Dustin, Daniel (Fuse) and Jeremy. Their mother, Kelly Etnyre Williams, passed away in 2012. Kelly was Kimberly's twin sister. She is also survived by her brother, Tommy (Sandy) Simmons, of Arcadia, great grandchildren, "favorite" nieces and nephews, cousins, and Tara Winston of Ridgefield, Connecticut who was like a daughter to her.

Peggy is preceded in death by her parents, Paul James Simmons SR and Rubye Mae Martin Meeks; siblings, Paul Simmons JR, Jesse Simmons, Judy Simmons Fisher Broome and Michael Simmons; nieces Tammy Fisher and Debbie LaPlante Longley; and as mentioned above daughter, Kelly Etnyre Williams.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at Community Christian Fellowship (formerly known as Mount Pleasant Baptist Church), 4836 NW Florida Avenue, Arcadia. (Heading west on Highway 70 out of Arcadia, travel eight miles and turn left on NW Florida Avenue.) Her brother, Pastor Tommy Simmons, will officiate the service.

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generous nature. Though our hearts are broken, her family is grateful for all the memories we have, and we are so blessed to have been loved by such an amazing person.

Judy was born Judith Rae Kern on October 21, 1952 in Wilmington, Ohio. She married Charles Robbins in 1981, and they moved to Arcadia, Florida where she resided until her death.

Judy leaves behind; Her husband: Charles 'Chuck' Robbins; Her sons: Steven (Gabrielle) Robbins, Robert 'Kyle' (Heidi) Robbins; Her grandchildren: Kaden and Kendall Robbins;

Her siblings: Rochelle 'Penny' Freed, Carol Ann (Michael) Piper, Robert Kern, Douglas (Cheryl) Kern, Timothy (Tina) Kern, David (Angela) Kern, Theodore Kern, George (Margie) Kern. Judy was preceded in death by; Her father: Robert Kern; Her mother: Betty Mae Leech Kern; Her sisters: Joyce Slutz, Norma Cecil; Her bother: Kevin Kern.

At the request of Judy, there will not be any services held. In lieu of flowers, the family ask that anyone wanting to pay their respects simply make a donation in Judy's name to one of

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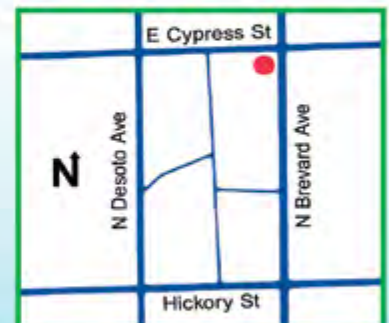


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by Bumpy Thermos

As I walked down to the windmill, I remembered what my mom had told me once. She had told us all that the windmill was haunted and not to go down there by ourselves. Somehow that did not slow me down. It was just starting to get a little dark as I got close enough to get a good look at the boy. It looked like he had been hitting the windmill with a big stick. I saw the big stick still in his hand. But now he was just talking to the windmill. Was I now even more curious than before? Oh yea I was. The closer I got to the windmill the more scared I got. The rocks that had been moved there helped with my cover, but I just could not get close enough to actually make out exactly what was going on. I could hear him talking, but what was the other sound? I could see him talking. I could even see his eyes and his hands moving. I just couldn't get close enough to make out what he was saying. I just sat there hiding from the boy, waiting, I don't know for what but, boy was I scared. All of a sudden something touched me on my back and I just about messed up my pants. The boy who had come by and told me about this had not gone home, but had followed me and was standing right behind me. OMG, he had scared me so bad. I think that I must of made a noise. The boy

must have heard us and threw the big stick down and started waking back toward his house. That was a close one. If that neighborhood boy hadn't startled me, I might have found out what was going on. Darn him. The next day was the same for us, but I did not see the boy. He must have stayed home. He didn't walk by that day. That afternoon, the same two men that had come before the little girl was taken, arrived. I don't think that the mom knew they were coming this time. She did not act prepared. The two men walked up to the door and together they all walked back inside. No sound for a minute, then all kind of screaming was going on. The women was screaming at the top of her lungs and the little girl as well. Mom broke in then crying and said that that day was the worse day ever. The family was destroyed that day she said. The little crippled girl had passed away. At that point, mom broke down into a crying fit. She was crying so hard, dad had to stop the story and take her into the kitchen. When they came back, mom seemed to be better and dad went on with the story. Dad said that they were not sure what had happened, but the news was terrible. Oh no, what is going to happen when the boy finds out? What is he going to do? How will he be able to handle such a horrible thing? The boy was where he always was just screaming on his own, pounding on the windmill with that same old stick. The two men left and soon the mom and the little girl came out of the house. The little girl was able to walk now and off they went to where the boy was. I did not know what to do. It was terrible, just terrible. The mom and the little girl got to the windmill and tried to talk to the boy, but he wasn't having it. He just kept on hitting the windmill and screaming. The mom and little girl finally went back in the house, but the boy just kept on hitting and screaming. He continued to do the same hitting and screaming way into the night. I am not sure when he finally stopped, I had fallen asleep. But the next morning...



DeSoto School District Fall Game Plan



In compliance with CDC Guidelines, FHSAA, and NFHS recommendations the following must be adhered to by all coaches, athletes, and fans. Rules will be strictly enforced for the safety of everyone involved.

- ✓ All fans will have temperature checks before entering the site.
- ✓ No outside food or drinks will be permitted.
- ✓ Service animals only are allowed (excludes emotional support animals)
- ✓ Concessions will be available but are limited to prepackaged items

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9/8	@ Lemon Bay	6:00	7:00
9/12	Tourney @ Charlotte	----	TBA
9/14	@ Charlotte	6:00	7:00
9/15	Lake Placid	6:00	7:00
9/17	@ Avon Park	6:00	7:00
9/21	Ida Baker	6:00	7:00
9/22	Charlotte	6:00	7:00
9/24	@ Lake Placid	6:00	7:00
9/26	Quad Match Tourney	----	TBA
9/28	TBD	----	----
9/29	North Port	6:00	7:00
10/1	@ Imagine (North Port)	6:00	7:00
10/5	@ Lehigh	6:00	7:00
10/6	Hardee	6:00	7:00
10/8	Palmetto (Senior Night)	6:00	7:00

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Varsity Football		
9/4	@ Charlotte	7:30
9/11	@ Port Charlotte	7:30
9/18	BYE WEEK	7:00
9/25	Clewiston (Senior Night)	7:30
10/2	@ Lake Gibson	7:30
10/9	@ Lemon Bay	7:30
10/16	Labelle (Homecoming)	7:30
10/23	@ Estero	7:00
10/30	@ Cypress Lake	7:00
11/6	Hardee	7:30

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Admission \$3 per person

45 tickets available on a first come first serve basis

-35 seats in bleachers & 10 seated in chairs

Gates open @ 5:00pm

DMS Softball		
9/14	@ Hardee	5:00
9/17	Lake Placid	5:00
9/21	@ Sebring	5:00
9/24	Hill-Gustat	5:00
9/28	Avon Park	5:00
10/1	Hardee	5:00
10/5	@ Lake Placid	5:00
10/8	Sebring	5:00
10/12	@ Hill-Gustat	5:00

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