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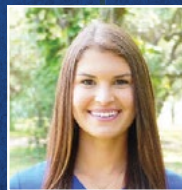
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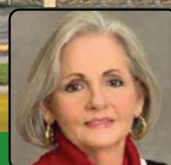


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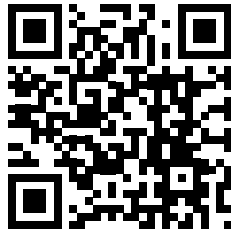
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Probation Violation.

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WILLIAM CURTIS

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ANGEL DE JESUS COLON

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REGINA PATRECE

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TYRONDA SHIMIA SHINE:

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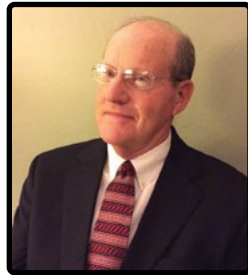
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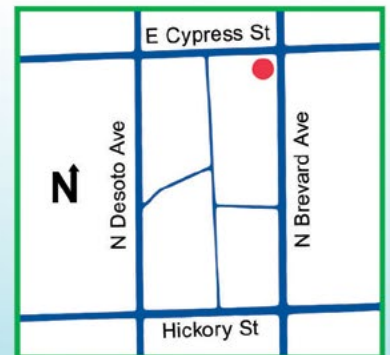


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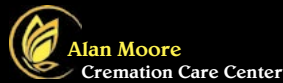
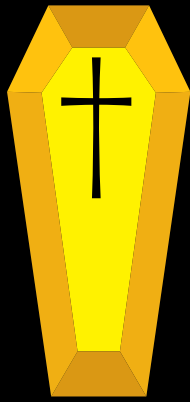
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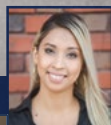


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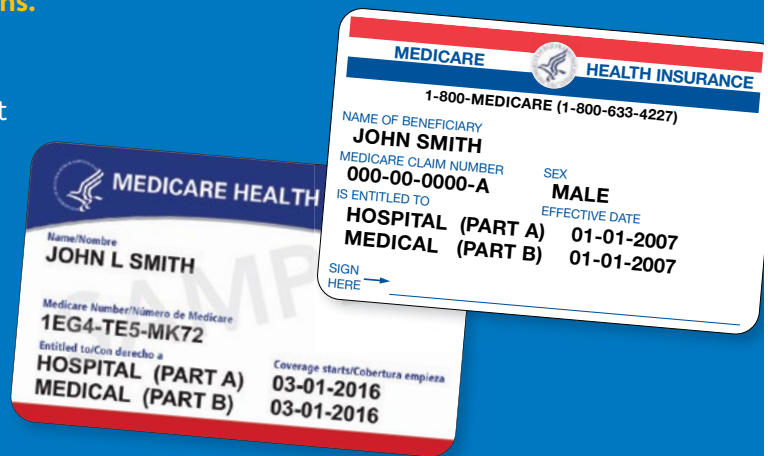
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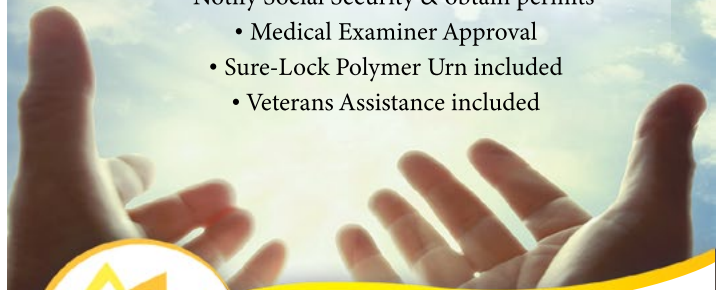
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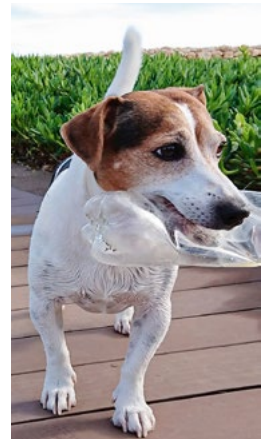
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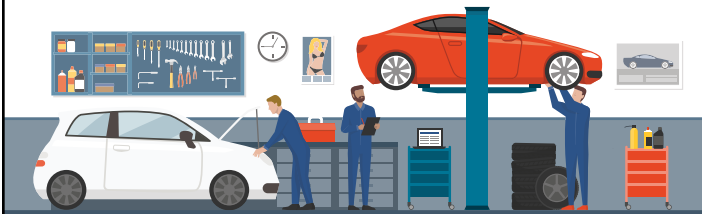
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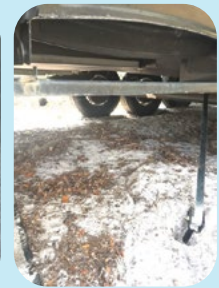
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BULLDOGS SLAY THE DRAGONS 70-3

STEVE KNAPP
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That isn't a misprint. The DeSoto County girls basketball team crushed Lake Placid like a fat man on a wicker chair. According to Max Preps, 70 is the most points a DeSoto County girls basketball team has ever scored and of course 67 is the largest margin of victory for the Bulldogs too.

The Bulldogs outscored their opponents 15-0 in the opening period. Lake Placid made 1 free throw with 1:33 left in the first half as the Bulldogs outscored them 18-1 in the second quarter to take a 33-1 lead into the half.

The second half was much of the same as DeSoto



Lazaiya Kinville (2) and Kenzaria Wilson come off the court during a timeout. The talented freshmen scored 20 points between them with Kinville knocking down 14.



Asianna Payne and Khloe Goodman battle the Dragons for a loose ball in the 70-3 win for Desoto.

scored 21 points in the third period while Lake Placid got a follow up bucket that bounced off the glass for their final points of the night. Desoto put the cherry on the top of their offensive sundae with a 16-0 run to finish the game.

The game reminded me of the JV game against Frostproof back in December 2012. Both teams outscored their opponents 15-0 in the first quarter. Do you remember LoNeija Brandon or Aloni Richardson or Victavia Blandin?

They were the leading scorers

when the Bulldogs tied a national record by shutting out Frostproof 42-0. Darby Ellis coached that team which totally dominated the game.

The varsity went on to win that night 56-15 behind big games from Ladeja Dennis and Tishonna Riley. The coach of that team was Joe Davis who is currently the head coach for the boys' JV team.

It may not seem that long ago, but with this year's team being so young that some of the current players were in the first grade when that game was played.

Coach Ardine Primus put every member of the team into the game and a lot of playing time was seen by all of the players. Zeri Tyler led the team with 19 points as she was one of three Bulldogs who reached double

figures. Genesis Goldwire had 15 while Lazaiya Kinville came off the bench and put up 14 more. Kenzaria Wilson, Trenity Morales and Tamia Randolph each scored 6 points with Keyara Montinat adding the final 4.

While a game like this is good for the personal stats, it must be remembered that Lake Placid didn't have a lot of talent on the court. Primus will make sure this game doesn't inflate the team's ego and keep them grounded as they host Avon Park tonight at 7pm.



Freshman Keyara Montinat brings the ball up court for the Bulldogs. Montinat scored 4 points in the 70-3 rout over Lake Placid.

NOWHERE TO GO BUT UP FOR BULLDOGS

STEVE KNAPP
PRS Sports Writer

Ruben Sanchez picked up a hat trick with Alejandro Garcia adding a pair of goals as the Bulldogs rolled over Bayshore 7-1. Freshman Auselio Gutierrez and senior Eduardo Maldonado each added a score to bring the total to 7.

Goal keeper Carlos Diaz had another good night in the net allowing just one goal and making a great stop on a penalty kick. The Bulldogs will host a tough Cardinal Mooney team this Friday at 7 pm.



Carlos Diaz makes the stop on a shot heading towards the net in the 7-1 Desoto win over Bayshore.



Alejandro Garcia shows his kicking form as he put a pair of goals into the net in the 7-1 win over Bayshore.



Ruben Sanchez had a hat trick in the Desoto win over Bayshore.



Daniel Olvera and Eduardo Maldonado give a "side bump" just before the game begins. Maldonado scored a goal in the 7-1 win over Bayshore.

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DESOTO BRINGS HOME TRI-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

STEVE KNAPP
PRS Sports Writer

It wasn't easy and it wasn't a pretty game, but the Miss DeSoto 14-16U softball team beat North Port 12-11 in extra innings to become the first Desoto team in that age group to ever win the coveted championship.

Pre-game drills were sloppy as the players constantly either missed the ground balls or made wild throws to the catcher. Head coach Jinny Schaefer stopped the drills to ask the girls what the problem was. The Desoto team had beaten North Port twice this past season by identical 9-0 scores and she wanted to make sure the team didn't take their opponent lightly and focused on doing things the right way.

North Port jumped out to a 2-0 first inning lead. DeSoto scored two in the first after there were two out and hung up 4 more in the second also after the first two batters were retired. Another pair in the third gave DeSoto a comfortable 8-2 lead as DeSoto appeared to take control of the game.

The ace of the staff, Hailey David, shut down

North Port 1-2-3 in both the second and third innings. David did a nice job of mixing up her pitches and changed spots very well. She had two change ups that had the batters buckling their knees as they tried to adjust their swings.

Defensive lapses and a few well placed hits gave North Port a run in the fourth and 3 in the 5th to cut the lead to 8-6. A two run rally in the 7th tied the game as DeSoto failed to score a run in four straight innings.

In extra innings three fly balls were dropped as North Port tallied three more to take an 11-8 lead. Desoto plated two in the bottom of the 8th with the tying run on third with two outs. Carlisha Redding had two strikes on her as the season looked like it might end with a tough loss. Redding ripped a shot in the 5-6 hole to score the tying run.

North Port failed to score in the top of the 9th. Redding was the runner on second as the teams played a Texas tie breaker format. A wild pitch got her to third. Andrea Welker, a right hand hitter, got two strikes on her and came through with a fine



The players listen to assistant coach John Schaefer as he congratulates them on their 12-11 extra inning win for the Tri-County championship.

piece of hitting as she hit the ball to the opposite side and was thrown out as Redding scored the winning run.

There were many heroes in the game. Welker's ground out was important and she was given a game ball. David had a nice night in the circle and also received a game ball. Redding had that key hit to tie the game and then scored the game winner. Laci Grimes paced the 8 hit attack going 2-3. Her first single pushed across the run that

broke the tie in the second inning. Joni Taylor had a fine defensive game behind the mask in an important position and also had a pair of base knocks. Overall it was a fine team win that needed all 14 players to take home the hardware for Desoto County.

Schaefer spent the 8th inning (when her team was down by 3 runs) pacing the pathway behind the dugout. She tried to look away but was constantly looking over her shoulder to see her team. It was like a car wreck when you don't really want to see what happened, but can't help but look at it. "I'm proud of these girls, they never quit and we came out with a big win and the championship," said Schaefer.

It was one of the most exciting games I had seen in a long time with so many twists and turns and ups and downs and so much suspense in the game. Schaefer's assistant coach (husband John) was lining up the girls for a team photo with their trophies. He said, "We've got 14 girls here so I need 7 and 7." (in two rows). That may have been his drink of choice after such an exciting conclusion to the season.



The Bobby and Jessica Taylor had two players on the championship team with Joni on the left and Bailey on the right.



Joslynn Defilippo was injured in a car accident October 3 and her season was cut short. The team wore her uniform number (19) on their sleeves. She stands with a very happy Carlisha Redding who singled in the tying run in the 8th inning and scored the winning run in the 9th.



The 2020 Tri County 14-16U champions pose with their trophies after their 12-11 win.

FEEDING THE PLAYERS

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Football teams have been known to be able to down a lot of food during the season especially with teenage boys on the team. During the season various people and organizations have provided a meal on Thursday night and before the game on Friday.

Those that provided meals this past season include Ben and Nicole Adams (twice) and FBC Ft Ogden (twice). Other who provided meals were, Mosaic, Esmeralda Manriquez, Batter up Bakery, Donald and Michelle Padgett, Mansfield family, Brian Burns, Winn Dixie, Nadia Daughtrey, Turner and co construction, DeSoto Automall, Hershberger family, Josh Bartlett, and Calvary Baptist Church.

Before their final road game of the season, the team had a meal at Joshua Citrus and PRS was there. The team had plenty of burgers, fries, drinks and ice cream to fill them up. It also happened to be the birthday of Jackson Hay, son of coach Bumper Hay.



Caleb Adams, George Mays, Shawn Allen and Dalton Hill give their approval of the meal provided by Joshua Citrus.



When DeSoto County coach Bumper Hay suggested that every player on the team give Jackson Hay a birthday spanking, he ran away like he had stole something. He couldn't get away from Jalen (JT) Taylor who brought him back for his spanking.



Jake Owens, Brady Adams and Anthony Nania relax after having a nice meal at Joshua Citrus.

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MARY B. WESTBERRY



Mary B. Westberry of Arcadia, Florida, went to be with her Lord and Savior 11/9/20.

She was born May 11, 1943 in Arcadia. This was her homestead. She was the daughter of Hank & Mildred Westberry. She has left her three sisters; Faye (Corky) Coker, Theda (Junior) Strickland, Kay (Dale) Coker and nephews & nieces, which she had helped raise.

She retired from G. Pierce Wood Memorial Hospital where she worked for 30 years.

She will be missed so much by her family & her church family, which was her life.

At her request, she will have a graveside service which will be held at Oak Ridge Cemetery at 11:30 on 12/5/20.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations to be made to her church, North Hillsborough Baptist, and to Tidewell Hospice in Arcadia.



Jerome Goodson (1942-2020)



Jerome Goodson, 78, of Arcadia, Florida passed away on November 24, 2020 at the Hospice House in Venice, Florida.

He was born September 2, 1942 in Elba, Alabama. He is survived by his wife, Debra R. Goodson, his sister Virginia Parrish, his son Michael Goodson, his daughter Michelle (Ed) Bass, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Bunk I. and Bessie Goodson both of Elba, Alabama; his sister Louise Cole of Eufala, Alabama; and his brother Paul Goodson of Labelle, Florida.

He was an avid fan of the University of Florida

Gators and Enjoyed playing golf after his retirement from the Hardee County Tax Collector's Office.

He lived a fulfilling life as a father, brother, husband and friend. In keeping with his request, funeral

services will be private. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to honor his life can make a donation in his name to Tidewell Hospice.

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ORANGE SPICE CAKES WITH BERRIES

Cake

	Butter for the pan	3/4	teaspoon kosher salt
3	tablespoons fine dried bread crumbs	1	cup milk
3	cups all-purpose flour	2	tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
1/2	teaspoon ground white pepper		Grated zest of 2 oranges
3/4	teaspoon ground cinnamon	3/4	teaspoon peeled and grated fresh ginger
3/4	teaspoon ground cardamom	8	ounces unsalted butter, at room temperature
3/4	teaspoon baking soda	11/2	cups granulated sugar
3/4	teaspoon baking powder	3	large eggs

Glaze

1/2	cup granulated sugar	1	pint raspberries (about 2 cups)
1/4	cup freshly squeezed orange juice	1	pint blueberries (about 2 cups)
11/2	teaspoons freshly squeezed lemon juice		

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Butter a 10-inch Bundt pan and dust with the bread crumbs, tapping out the excess.
2. Sift together the flour, white pepper, cinnamon, cardamom, baking soda, and baking powder onto a piece of parchment paper or into a bowl. Add the salt and set aside. In a small bowl or measuring cup, stir together the milk, lemon juice, orange zest, and ginger and set aside.
3. Combine the butter and sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment and beat on medium-high speed until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Reduce the speed to low and add the dry ingredients in three additions, alternating with the milk mixture in two additions, beginning and ending with the dry ingredients and mixing well after each addition. Spread the batter into the prepared pan.
4. Bake the cake until a skewer inserted into the center comes out clean, about 40 minutes. Let cool for 15 minutes. Invert a platter on top of the pan and then invert the plate and pan together. Lift off the pan.
5. To make the glaze: In a small saucepan, combine the sugar, orange juice, and lemon juice over low heat, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Brush the glaze on the cake. It will seem like a lot of glaze, but the cake will absorb it. Let the cake cool to room temperature. Slice the cake and serve with raspberries, blueberries and cream, if desired.



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Chapter 6

When dad went on one of his trips, he was usually gone for a week. So that night when the phone rang, I was sure hoping it was him so I could find out about the light and the doll. Mom didn't answer me when I called out, so I called out again. "Mom is that dad on the phone?" Still there was no answer. That wasn't like mom to ignore me, so I got up and went down stairs to see what was up. Mom was sitting in her chair with her head down crying. "Oh no, what has happened?" I thought. I went to her and tried to hold on to her. I could almost understand the voice on the phone. It was a woman talking very calm and talking something about a car crash and how the hospital was doing all they could. I didn't get it all, but enough to know that something had happened to dad. Mom was crying hysterically and there was no way to get anything out of her right now. I went to the kitchen to get her a glass of water hoping that she could tell me what was going on.

When I got back with the water my sister was with her and she was trying to talk a little. Through her tears she explained that dad had been a car wreck... That he was on his way to the meeting from the airport when a car ran a stop sign and broadsided him. The hospital was doing all they could, but it didn't look good. Then she started trying to get up saying that she had to get to him. Looking through the phone book, she got on the phone and got her a plane ticket. My sister asked her if we were going and she said no, for us to stay here for now. To go to school and she would let us know what to do when she got there. My sister and I were having a pretty rough time with this. I can only imagine what mom must be going through. She finally made it to the hospital and when she had talked to the doctor, gave us a call. She told us dad was in critical condition and had been through two surgeries already and had

to have two more. Bones were broken and organs bruised, they even had to remove part of his liver. We wanted to go up and see him, but mom wanted us to wait one more day. But we told her we couldn't wait. That if something happened to dad we wanted to be there. She agreed and got us some tickets. When we got there the hospital was busy. Lots of people everywhere. This was a big town. We found mom and found a couple of comfortable chairs to wait in. The doctor came out and told us that he had made it through another surgery and that he only had one more. That he would let us know as soon as he knew. The next day a strange looking man came in. He asked for mom. He said that he was from the firm that did dad's books and he wanted to talk to mom alone. We thought it was a little strange, but we went down to the cafeteria so they could talk. After we had a little snack, we came back to find mom crying in her chair. "What did he say, mom?" my sister asked. She looked up at me and ask if we knew anything about a story that dad was writing about. "What kind of story, mom?" she asked again. Something about a doll, something about a puppet doll. "Do you kids know anything about that story?" she said. I slowly sat down in a chair beside mom. "Why would they care about a story?" I asked. "Well for one thing, your dad had already sent them a story titled 'Puppet Boy'. So, when they found this strange looking doll in the crash, I guess they got suspicious. He told me that when the police got there, the doll was out of its box, had a seat belt on and was sitting in the seat right beside dad. EMS thought it might be important, so they brought it to the hospital with him. It's in the closet in his room."



Introduction of Newly Elected Superintendent



Dr. Bennett was recently elected into the Superintendents' position for the DeSoto County School District. Below is a short message and information regarding Dr. Bennett.



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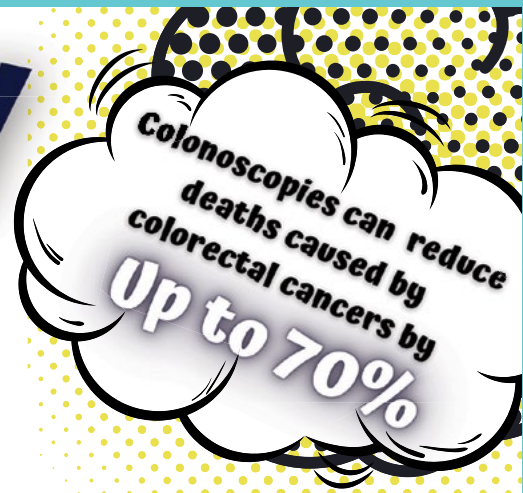
Dr. Bennett is greatly honored to be the superintendent of the school district. He is grateful for the effective leadership and work by his predecessor, Mr. Adrian Cline, and the school board members. Dr. Bennett knows that a robust financial foundation has been built throughout the district. He now seeks to lead the district to close achievement gaps and increase student proficiency. Dr. Bennett stated, "We must prepare our students to assume their roles as productive adults that are prepared for the challenges of life"

Dr. Bennett is a graduate of Warner Southern College where he graduated with a degree in Physical Education. He later earned a master's degree in Educational Leadership from the American College of Education. He continued his educational attainment at Liberty University earning a specialist degree and a doctoral degree in educational leadership. During his career he has served as a teacher, head football coach, athletic director, and school administrator in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina.

Dr. Bennett is thankful to lead our school district. His vision is for each student to have a safe, positive, and supportive learning environment that prepares them to assume productive positions in society.

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