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ASKING \$35,000 MLS#C7441308

1/2 Acre lot, cleared, survey available.

Zoned RSF 1

60 ACRES

ASKING \$12,000/acre MLS#C7438582

Pasture, large pond, woods, gated drive.

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20 ACRES

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Zoned A-10



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2.42 Acres

ASKING \$139,000 MLS#C7217374

Mostly cleared, 2 parcels, visible from Hwy 17 S.

Zoned 1-L

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VOSS OAKS

ASKING \$45,000MLS#C7431144

Corner lot, partially cleared, oak trees.

Zoned RSF-1

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Fla Felon, Drug EquipPossess - And Or Use,
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Take a look at this show stopping three bedroom concrete block home! NO DESCRIPTION NEEDED! Come see for yourself!



This property measures 1.25 acres and has gorgeous trees. Some of the property has been cleared, but there is still a lot of the land that has trees for shade. A well is already in place but it is not guaranteed. The property also has new power service with pole and meter. Live off the grid with tons of privacy. You will have access to a private boat ramp so you can enjoy the best fossil hunting, fishing and canoeing that the Peace River can provide! Peace River can provide!



Lovely three bedroom, one and a half bathroom concrete block home! This home sparkles and shines with a gorgeous kitchen with dark cabinetry, huge inside utility room, three spacious bedrooms and pristine bathrooms! The living room is large enough for lots of fun and entertaining and the dining room sits right in between the living room and kitchen. A sprawling oak tree provides shade to the front yard and the back yard is sizeable and includes a shed for tools and equipment.



Three bedroom, one bathroom concrete block home! Enjoy the large living room, great kitchen with bright cabinetry, spacious bedrooms, and a huge yard. The home has a metal roof that was installed in 2018!

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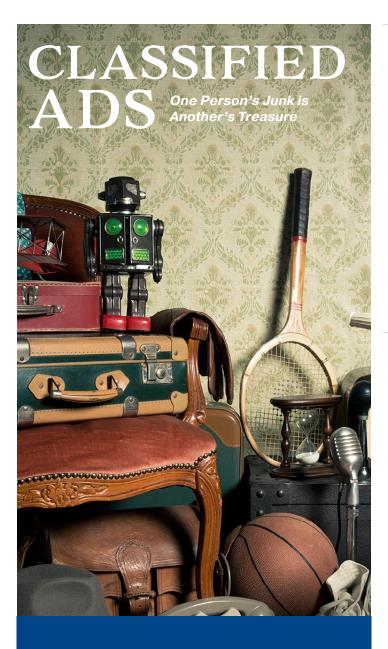
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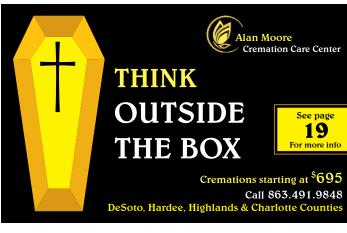
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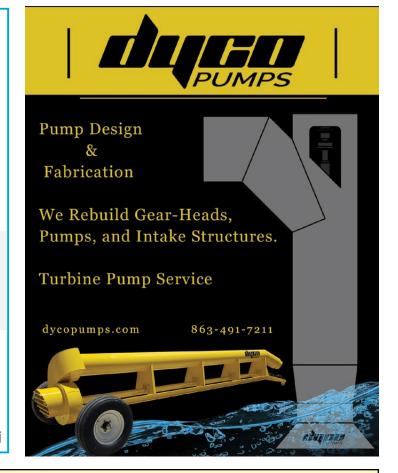
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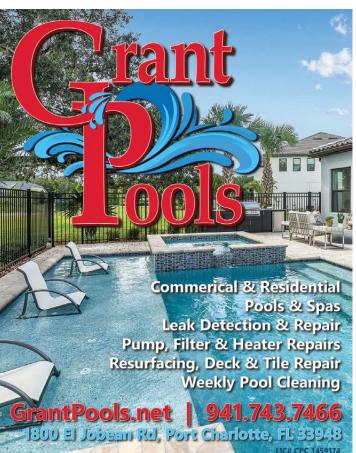
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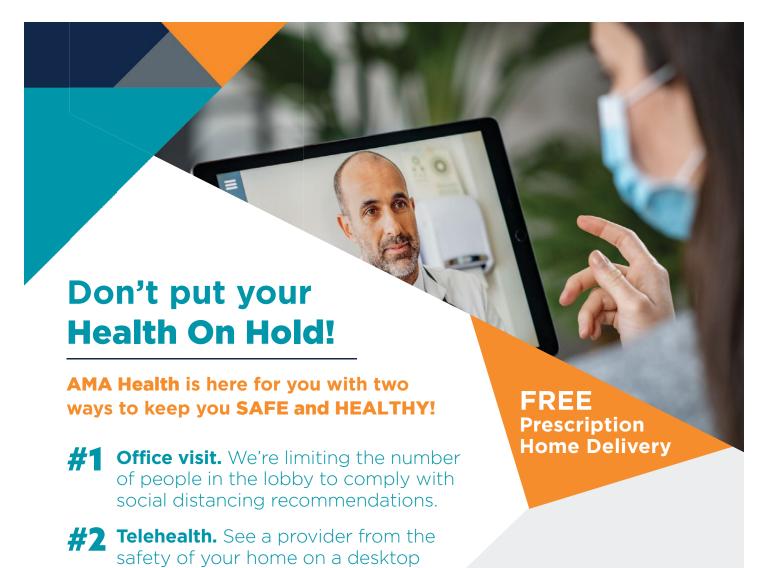
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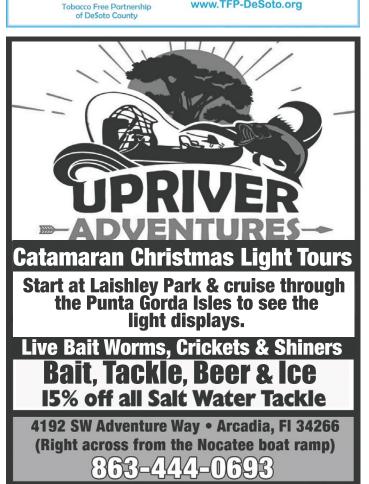
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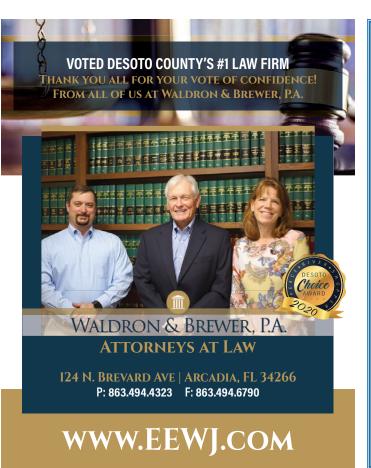
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Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Switches
- 7. Legal financial term (abbr.)
- 10. Sweeties
- 12. Competition
- 13. Measures electrical resistance
- 14. Psychotherapy researcher
- 15. Causes injury to
- 16. Open
- 17. Polish peninsula
- 18. Hebrew calendar month
- 19. Whale ship captain
- 21. Children's accessory
- 22. Unknown point
- 27. Exists
- 28. Extremely confident
- 33. Expression of disgust
- 34. The government has many
- 36. Small constellation
- 37. Northern Indian city
- 38. The best pitchers
- 39. Naturally occurring solid
- 40. Apple computers
- 41. Portuguese city
- 44. Ancient Greek war dance
- 45. More reliable
- 48. Sailboat
- 49. Newspapers
- 50. Frequently flooded area
- 51. They dig for coal

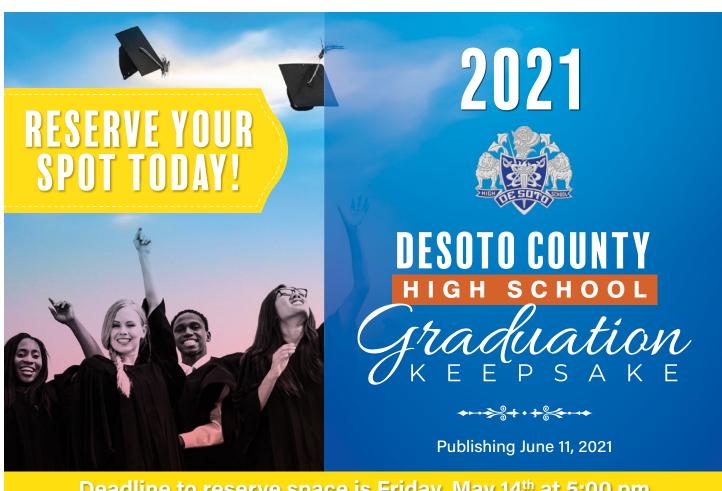
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Partial
- 2. "Mad Men" leading man
- 3. The of March
- 4. Healthy
- 5. Where golfers begin
- 6. Soviet Socialist Republic (abbr.)
- 7. Of the cheek
- 8. Injury reminder
- 9. Statesman Franklin
- 10. For an unknown reason
- 11. Brain parts
- 12. Islamic calendar month
- 14. Avenue where ad men work
- 17. Possesses
- 18. Accept

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- 20. Stake
- 23. Former British PM May
- 24. US battleships circa 1939
- 25. Greek alphabet letter
- 26. When you hope to get there
- 29. Top lawyer
- 30. Fiddler crabs
- 31. Intolerant
- 32. Persons that cause extreme fear
- 35. Car mechanics group
- 36. Capital of Ghana
- 38. Famed ballplayer Hank
- 40. Emphasizes insignificance
- 41. Light-colored
- 42. Distinctive smell
- 43. Muckraking journalist Jacob
- 44. Sunscreen rating
- 45. Short-term memory
- 46. Japanese delicacy
- 47. One point north of due east

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- Heat oven to 400 F. Season the chicken with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Roll up each cutlet with 1 slice of the ham and 1 slice of the Swiss cheese. Skewer the roulades closed with toothpicks.
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OBITUARIES

Robert R. Norris Jr.



Robert R. Norris, Jr., age 63, passed away on April 8, 2021 in Sebring, FL. He was born on June 8, 1957 in Arcadia, FL. to Robert R. and the late Sarah "Sally" Stringer Norris, Sr. He was a proud lifelong resident of Hardee County, FL. Robert was of the Baptist faith and a member of First Baptist

Walter "Dale" Beeles



Walter "Dale" Beeles, 82, lifetime resident of Arcadia, passed away April 8, 2021, at the Bayfront Church of Wauchula.

Robert was a devoted. loving husband, father, grandfather, son and friend and will be greatly missed. He was a graduate of Hardee High School, Class of 1977. After high school, he spent his life working in the Florida citrus industry as Vice President of Robert R. Norris, Inc. Robert was an avid outdoorsman, he loved fishing, competing with the Highlands County Bass tournament and Bass Anglers of Hardee County. He enjoyed camping out or just sitting by a campfire, deer and dove hunting or maybe 4-wheeling. Robert was also very musically

Healthcare in Punta Gorda. He was born October 18, 1938, in Arcadia to Walter W. and Violet (nee

Martin) Beeles. He served his country in the United States Army and worked 32 years at Tinsley's IGA,

retiring as the Meat Manager.

He was a member of the North Hillsborough Baptist Church and enjoyed shing and spending time with

his family. He will be remembered for being a

inclined, playing the guitar with several bands over the years. But, Robert's biggest accomplishment was his love for his family, his faithful dog and many friends.

He is survived by his loving wife Donna Bethea Norris of Wauchula, FL; father Robert R. Norris, Sr.; three children Nina (Mike) Hand, Stephen (Lindsay) Norris and Christopher Norris; one brother Ben (Robyn) Norris and one sister Meg (Tim) Nunez; five grandchildren Haylee Norris, Raymond Norris, Mckenzie Bradford, Layton Bradford, and Clay Bradford and numerous nieces and nephews.

caring person as well as for his wisecracking jokes. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jessie M. Beeles; children, Tami and Bryon Jewell, Walter Deland and Kristin Beeles, Stacy and Steve Rickard; sisters,

Lynn Toelle Vandever and Michelle Gaylord; grandchildren, Ryan and Tony Rader, Holly

grandchildren, Ryan and Tony Rader, Holly Jones, Sloan and Kenny Eldell, Steven Jewell, Corey Callahan, Robert is preceded in death by his mother.

A visitation will be held Tuesday, April 13, 2021 from 2:00pm until 3:00pm at the First Baptist Church of Wauchula, 1570 W. Main St., Wauchula, FL. 33873.

Funeral services will follow the visitation at 3:00pm at the First Baptist Church of Wauchula, 1570 W. Main St., Wauchula, FL. 33873. Burial will be in New Hope Cemetery, Wauchula.

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Zackery and Jillian Beeles, Shelby and Bo Bianco, Kimberly Cooley and Joshua Rickard; 16 greatgrandchildren, nieces, nephews and a great deal of friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents and sister Zondra Casady.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at his favorite place, "Beeles Pond" on Saturday, April 24, 2021, at 1:00 pm.

James Ronald "Ron" McGowan



James Ronald "Ron" McGowan, age 82, passed away on April 11, 2021, in Arcadia, FL. He was born on

April 6, 1939, in Tampa, FL. to the late George V. and Lena A. McGowan. He became a resident of

DeSoto County in, 2002, moving from Venice, FL. Ron was of the protestant faith and a member of Pine

Level United Methodist Church in Arcadia, FL.

Ron was the Patriarch of his family. He loved his family and stood firm on his faith.

He was a wonderful husband and father, an incredible grandfather, and a loyal friend. He was a loving, kind, and understanding soul yet set high standards for his children and grandchildren to work towards. He always encouraged them to strive to be the best they could be and always treated others with respect.

He was a true gentleman with a song in his heart and a soft whistle as he worked. Ron was a devout

Christian and always looked to find good in everyone and in every situation. He positively influenced many lives and had an impact on everyone he met. Most adults, and children alike, called him "Papa".

He wore that name proudly! He will be missed for all the kind words he spoke and the gracious smile he so lovingly shared. Papas' hobbies were always a type of "Family Time", which included watching his granddaughter compete at barrel races and rodeos. his grandson compete in swimming competitions, working out in his yard, and polishing his prize possession the '54 Chevy 5 window truck. Papa loved his antiques. After graduating high school, Ron served our "Great Nation" in the United States Army. He then went on to become a Supervisor with General Telephone in Sarasota and retired from there.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Willa "Jean" McGowan of Arcadia, FL; one daughter Ronda

S. (Tommy) Butler of Arcadia, FL; one son Ronald "Darryn" (Alison) McGowan of Venice, FL; one sister

Kathryn Grimes-Baston of Plant City, FL and two grandchildren Rylee Butler of Arcadia, FL. and Cooper McGowan of Venice, FL.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents and brother Lloyd McGowan.

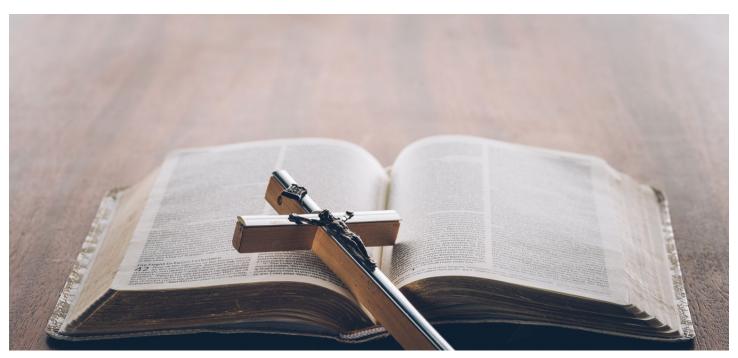
A gathering of family and friends will be held on Thursday, April 22, 2021, from 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm at the chapel of Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, 50 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia, FL. 34266 The

Celebration of Ron's life will follow at 6:30 pm with Rev. Brian Russell officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Tidewell Hospice, 919 N. Arcadia Ave., Arcadia, FL. 34266

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Funeral & Cremation Services have been entrusted with the arrangements.



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As our community becomes safer, you and your family wish to plan a memorial service in your loved one's

Visit the FEMA website for complete information about eligibility requirements, documentation you will COVID-19 Funeral Assistance for expenses incurred be required to provide as part of your application, and how to start the application process.

fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus





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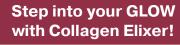
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I loved the dress that I bought at a flea market. It fit perfectly, and the skirt was a swirl of intricate pleats. I wore it confidently to an evening party and glowed when a woman exclaimed, "Oh, how stunning!" Yes, I was grinning from ear to ear, until she added cheerfully, "Hang on to it, honey. Pleats will come back someday."



As my two sons were climbing into the back seat of our car, Eric, five, yelled, "I call the left side!" That didn't sit well with Ron, four, "No, I want the left side!" "I want the left side!" "No, I want the left side!" Intervening, I said, "Since Eric is older, he can have the left side." "Thanks, Dad!" said Eric. "Which side is left?"



BOOK

THIS CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR
HAS WRITTEN ABOUT A PIGEON
WHO WANTS TO DRIVE A BUS
AND NEEDS A BATH.

ANSWER: MO WILLEMS

Math Blocks

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Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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Answer: Children's book



- 1937: THE GERMAN AIRSHIP HINDENBURG BURSTS INTO FLAMES OVER LAKEHURST, NJ.
- 1940: JOHN STEINBECK IS AWARDED THE PULITZER PRIZE FOR "THE GRAPES OF WRATH."
- 1994: THE CHANNEL TUNNEL BETWEEN ENGLAND AND FRANCE OFFICIALLY OPENS.



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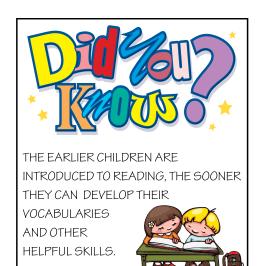
ENGLISH: Child

SPANISH: Niño

ITALIAN: Bambino

FRENCH: Enfant

GERMAN: Kind





THE Bumpy Thermos STATUE Chapter 16

Henry wasn't sure about that smile. He hadn't seen Bruce make a face like that before. What was going on he thought? As they went through the bushes, Henry couldn't believe what he was seeing. There were hundreds of gargoyles standing around a large fire. On the side of the fire was a small fire with something hanging over it like an animal being roasted. The shape of the roasted animal was different somehow. It was a long animal with long hair being turned over and over by one of the gargoyles. Was this Bruce's herd or was it the bad ones? There was no way he could tell. My sister couldn't take it anymore. She broke in on my dad's story. Dad, are you going to tell us about the statue from your office or not? Dad smiled and just looked over at my sister and says "what did you find when you got to Steve's?" She replied to him, that couldn't have been our statue, it was way too big. Dad couldn't hold it any longer and broke out in a big laugh. I just wanted to have a little fun and make you guys think that the gargoyle statue was growing. I replaced the statue down stairs

once to make you think it grew and then bought a giant one to leave at Steve's. I knew you guys would go over there. I hope I didn't scare you too much. OH DAD, you really scared us this time, she said. For me, that was a little too convenient. I wasn't buying that story. I know what I saw and something moved down in his office and besides that, he hadn't even been home when we realized that the statue had grown. I told my sister later that night that dad was making all that up, we know what we saw. My sister agreed with me, but we decided not to say anything to dad. Next afternoon at the same time as always, we met with dad for him to run his Statue story by us. He continued with his story. Bruce and his brothers walked right up to the others and they were slapping each other like they were all friends. Some were flying in and out of eyesight. Some were eating already. They were all talking in their language and there was no way to understand anything they were saying. They must all be some of Bruce's family he thought, hoping they were all good guys. Henry didn't see Bruce anywhere, so he just looked around. No one was looking at him funny, so maybe they all knew he was a friend of Bruce's. To the far right there was a smaller cave with a door on the front, like maybe it was a cage or a place to hold something. Henry thought he might give that a closer look to see if maybe that was where they had Ellie. The door to the cave was partially opened. He could barely see inside, but he did see a sweater and a pair of shoes. He thought, was this Ellie's stuff and if so, where was she???



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