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RARE OPPORTUNITY

NEW

5045 NW HIDDEN LAKE CIR,
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FEATURES

- Main Home- 1 bedroom & 1 bathroom
- 1st Guest house- 1 bedroom & 1 bathroom
- 2nd Guest house- 1 bedroom & 1 bathroom
- 5 acre river front property.
- Additional outbuildings
- Unique opportunity!
- Perfect investment!

LISTED AT **\$499,000**

2021 HOME ON QUARTER OF AN ACRE!

NEW PRICE

1279 SW MARTHA ST,
ARCADIA, FL 34266, MLS#A4602971

FEATURES

- 2 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- Office/ potential 3rd bedroom
- 2021 build
- Open/Split floor plan
- Large shed
- New Septic system

REDUCED TO \$208,000

OLD ARCADIA CHARM!

1102 N ARCADIA AVE,
ARCADIA, FL 34266, MLS#A4611354

FEATURES

- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- 2 Car garage
- Almost half acre lot
- Living & family room
- Workshop space
- 12 x 20 Shed
- New A/C 2020
- New metal roof 2020
- 2017 Kitchen remodel
- 2017 new plumbing
- 2017 new electrical

LISTED AT **\$349,900**

LARGE HOME & ACREAGE

NEW

1466 FISH BRANCH RD,
ZOLFO SPRINGS, FL 33890, MLS# A4613154

FEATURES

- 4 Bedrooms
- 3 Bathrooms
- 1958 Build
- 3,248 Heated SqFt
- 2.58 Acres
- 2 car carport
- Zoned for livestock & ag
- 2020 water heater
- 2022 drain field

LISTED AT **\$449,500**

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5 N JOHNSON AVE,
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POPASH RD,
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↓

11739 SW Pine Ave, Arcadia, FL 34266
MLS# C7489182



\$40k
Price Drop
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1728 SW Fletcher St, Arcadia, FL 34266
MLS# C7492037



★ 2 Bedroom/1 Bathroom

★ Over 1200+/- sq ft

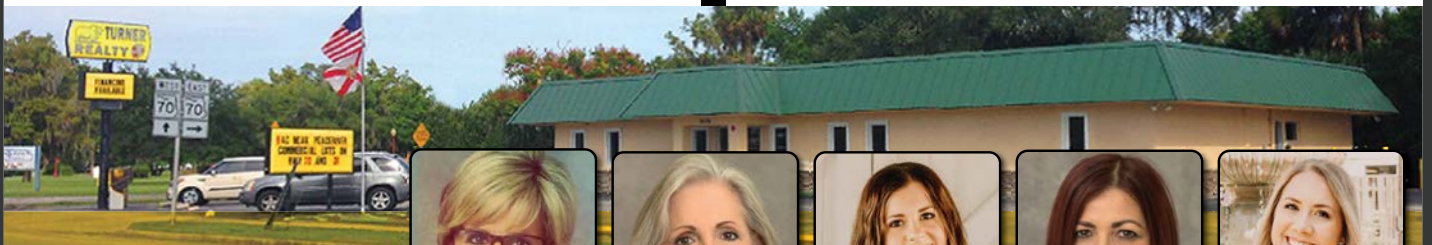
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★ 5 Bedroom/3 Bathroom

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★ 1.42 +/- Acres



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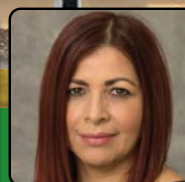
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JUNE 18, 2024

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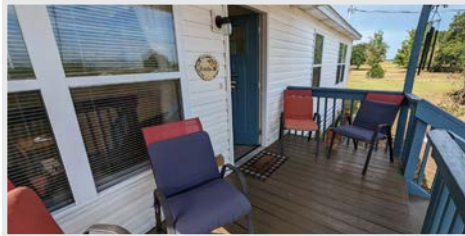
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ASKING \$279,900! *MLS#C7493886*

Here is a GEM just waiting for YOU. This is a concrete block, 2BR 2BA POOL home on just shy of 1/2 acre lot. This home has undergone renovations that are exactly what you would want. Those would be new metal roof, Garage door, POOL pump and POOL heater, electric panel , fresh paint, new yard fence, new kitchen cabinets and counter tops and complete with appliances, including the new washer and dryer...the list goes on. Very MOVE IN READY. If you like to golf, this home backs up to a golf course. You can sit on your covered lanai next to the beautiful screened inground pool and watch the golfers play. The back yard fence gives plenty of play room for fur babies also. Another BONUS is the primary bedroom and bath have direct access onto the lanai and pool—perhaps a late nite dip?? This home just has everything you need for comfort and the convenience of being close to both Arcadia and Punta Gorda/ Port Charlotte.






ASKING \$435,900! *MLS#C7493908*



Jean Vitali

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ARREST REPORT 6/7/24 - 6/13/24

DESOTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

AGUILAR, EDDIE:

Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo Prescription, Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use, Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive While Lic Susp 1St Off

ARTHUR III, GLEN D:

Hit And Run - Leave Scene Of Crash Involve Damage To Prop, Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use

AVILA-RODRIGUEZ, EDUARDO RAFAEL:

Prob Violation

BROWN, WILLIE:

Failure To Appear - Written Promise To Appear

BUTLER, MIA SAMANTHA:

Dui-Unlaw Bld Alch - .15 Or Higher Or With Person Under 18 1St Off

COKER, SHONA LYNN:

Aggrav Asslt - Weapon - W Deadly Weapon Without Intent To Kill, Battery - Touch Or Strike

COX, LLOYD DOUGLAS:

Battery - 2Nd Or Subsq Off

GARCIA, RODRIGO:

Out Of County Warrant

GARZA, BRIANNA MARIAH:

Battery - Touch Or Strike

HARVEY, ROGER ALLEN:

Trespassing - Fail To Leave Property Upon Order By Owner (X2)

HODGES, DAVID ALLEN:

Trespassing - Fail To Leave Property Upon Order By Owner, Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use, Trespassing - Fail To Leave Property Upon Order By Owner

KEENE, KENYA ELIZABETH:

Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive While Lic Susp 1St Off

LOTT, CAROLYN DIANNA:

Battery - Touch Or Strike

MCCOWN, CALVIN SEAN:

Larc - Petit Theft 1St Degree 100 Less 300 Dols

MONTENEGRO-CASTILLO, ANA GABRIELA:

Cruelty Toward Child - Abuse Causes Great Bodily Harm Disability

POFFENBARGER SR, PAUL EUGENE:

Fail To Stop Remain At Crash Inv Ser Bod Inj, Evidence-Destroying - Tamper With Or Fabricate Physical

RODRIGUEZ-COLMENATES, ALEJANDRO:

Battery - Touch Or Strike

ROY, STEPHEN PAUL:

Resist Officer - Flee Elude Leo With Lights Siren Active, Resist Officer - Obstruct Wo Violence, Neglect Child Without Great Bodily Harm

THOMPSON, RODERICK DEMETRIC:

Fraud-Swindle - Obtain Property 50K Dols Or More, Fraud - Obtain Vehicle By False Representation, Veh Theft - Grand Theft Of Motor Vehicle, Fraud - Utter False Instrument

WATERS, JENNIFER SUSZANNE:

Burgl - Dwelling Structure Or Conveyance Armed, Burgl - Unoccupied Dwelling Unarmed, Larc - 20K Dols Less Than 100K Dols, Possession Of Weapon - Or Ammo By Convicted Fla Felon, Larc - Grand Theft Of Firearm (X21)

WORLEY, JAMES CURTIS:

Battery - 2Nd Or Subsq Off, Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo Prescription, Disturbing Peace - Breach Of The Peace

ZAVALETA, JOSE LUIS:

Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo Prescription, Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use, Flee/Elude Police - Fail To Obey Leo Order To Stop, Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Operate Motorcycle Wo License, Resist Officer - Obstruct Wo Violence, Evidence-Destroying - Tamper With Or Fabricate Physical, Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Operate Motor Vehicle Wo Valid License, Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Fail To Register Motor Veh



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 270-836-8887

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Hailing originally from Kentucky, Bailey, alongside her husband, relocated to Florida in 2018. Drawing from years of dedicated customer service, coupled with the firsthand experiences of navigating multiple real estate transactions, she discovered her true calling in the realm of Real Estate.

Bailey brings to the table a relentless work ethic, complemented by a unique blend of emotional intelligence and professional demeanor, both indispensable traits in the competitive real estate landscape. Her unwavering commitment lies in providing her clients with clear communication, unwavering transparency, genuine honesty, and contagious enthusiasm. Beyond her professional pursuits, Bailey cherishes moments spent with her husband Colby and their daughter Nayvie. She finds solace and joy in lending a helping hand on her parents' farm, soaking up the sun on the boat, and indulging her passion for thrifting.

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Trailers

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Hunting & Fishing

Lawn & Garden

Medical Equipment

Miscellaneous

Music Items

Produce

Sewing & Crafts

Sports Equipment

Tools & Building Materials

18

3. FARM & LIVESTOCK

Livestock for Sale

Feed & Supplies

FREE Livestock

20

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Pets for Sale

Free Pets

Lost and Found

Pet Supplies

22

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Help Wanted

Looking for Job

24

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24

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Apt & Condo Rentals

Home Rental

Mobile Home Rentals

Office Space

Rooms for Rent

Vacation Rentals

Lots for Rent

28

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Business Services

Boat Repair & Maint.

Caregiving

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Transportation

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Cars & Vehicles

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10. COMMUNITY

Auctions

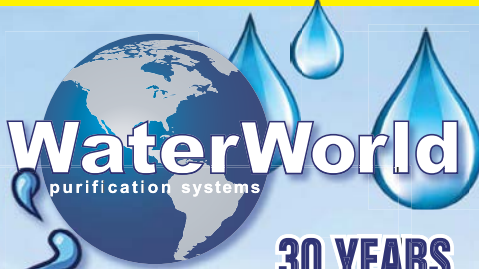
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Kathey L. Gamiotea
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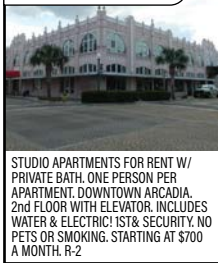
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FOR RENT



PT CHARLOTTE, 3 BR, 2BA HOME, OVER-SIZED 2 CAR GAR, LIV RM, FAM RM, TILE FLOORS, RANDALL ST. 1ST, LAST & SEC. NO PETS OR SMOKING. \$1,750 MO R-4

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RENTAL



4 BR 2 BATH HOME, FAM RM, LIV RM, DIN RM, LARGE KITCHEN, GARAGE, ON 40 ACRES. \$2500 MO. OCCUPANCY LIMIT. NO ANIMALS, NO SMOKING.

WATERFRONT



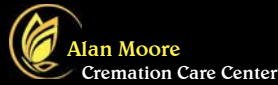
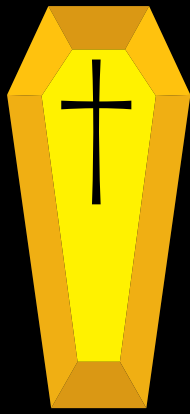
COTTAGE HOME IN PT CHARLOTTE. CUSTOM DESIGNED 2 BR 2 BA, ON 2 LOTS, 233 FT WATERFRONT, OVER HALF ACRE. OPEN CONCEPT, 10 FT CEILINGS, 8 FT DOORS, FIREPLACE IN LIV RM, KITCHEN W/ ISLAND, QUARTZ COUNTER TOPS, GAS STOVE, ALL APPLIANCES STAY. HOME IS 6 YR YOUNG. 1393 SF LIV AREA. PRIMARY BATH IS 10X14 W/ DBL SINKS, WALK IN SHOWER. PORCHES ACROSS FRONT & 15X30 LANAI ON BACK. 2ND BR HAS PRIVATE ENTRANCE & PRIVATE LANAL. PROPERTY HAS OAK TREES ON BOTH LOTS. VERY PEACEFUL HOUSE & PROPERTY. CONVENIENT TO SHOPPING WALKSAD, IN UPPER RH CORNER. MEDICAL. \$398,500 H-2391

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GOLF CARTS

Golf Cart

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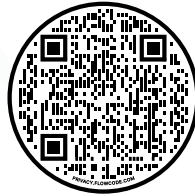
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WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE:

- Listening and Learning In DeSoto County Through Community Conversations
- Catalytic Community Guide Spotlight: Jennifer Bowser, Executive Director of Arcadia-DeSoto County Habitat for Humanity
- Prepare for Hurricane Season
- Community Spotlight: Casa San Juan Bosco
- Nearly \$100,000 in Grants Awarded in DeSoto County Through Participatory Grantmaking
- Community News Alert

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DeSoto County **Ahead**
 an initiative of The Patterson Foundation

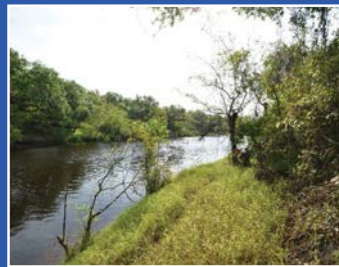


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 Real Estate**



VOSS OAKS!

3 BR 2 BA HOME. METAL ROOF ON HALF ACRE LOT
\$400,000 MLS #C7492847



RIVERFRONT!

2.8 acres nestled on the Peace River.
 150 ft of river frontage
\$200,000 MLS #C7489524



LARGE HOME ON 2.5 ACRES!

4-BR, 2.5 BA, living room/family room.
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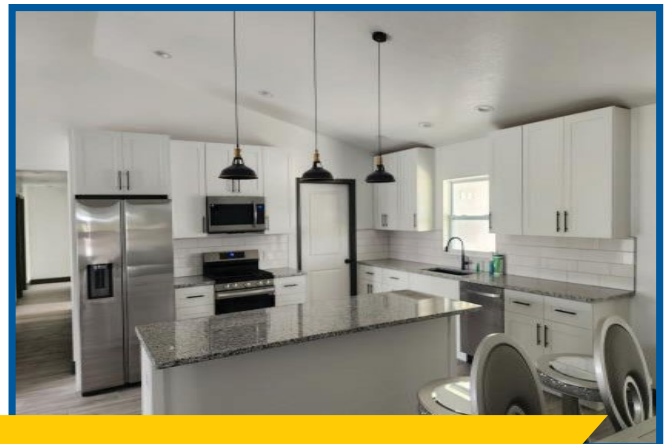


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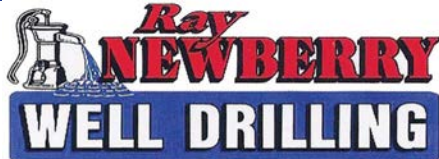
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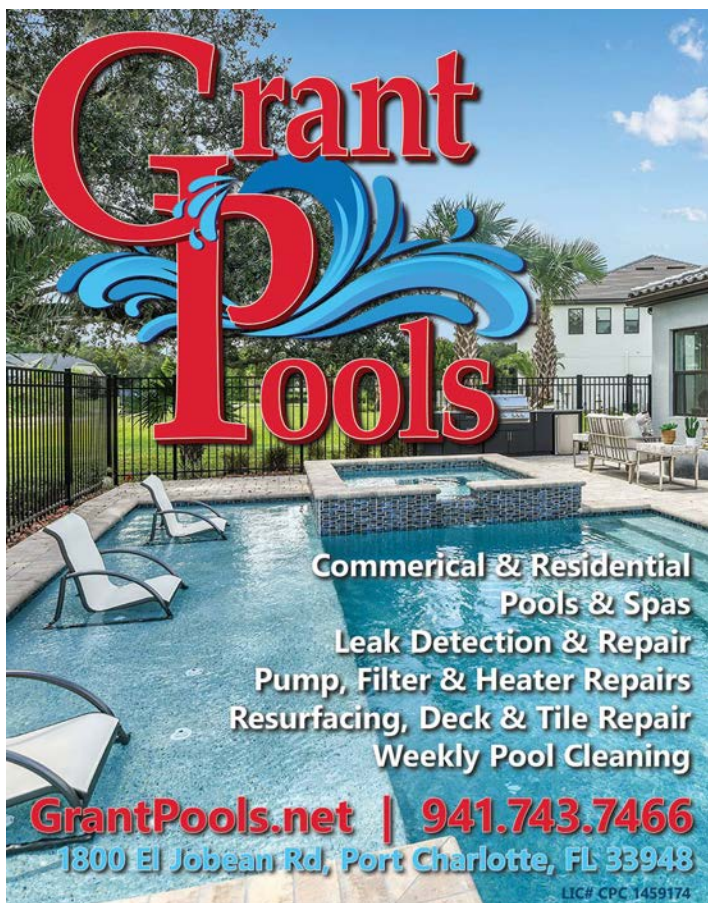
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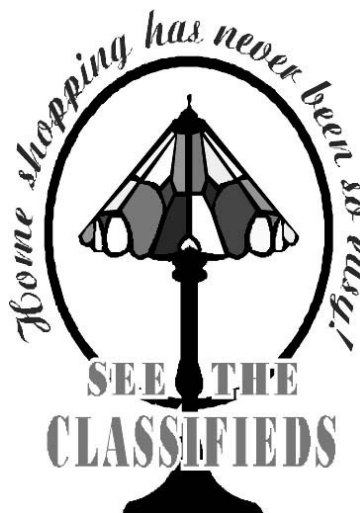
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2	7	6	9	3	8	1	4	5
4	1	9	7	5	6	2	3	8
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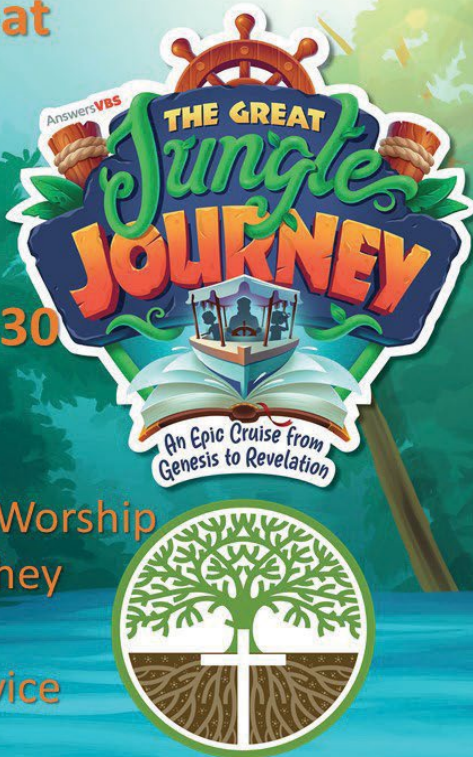
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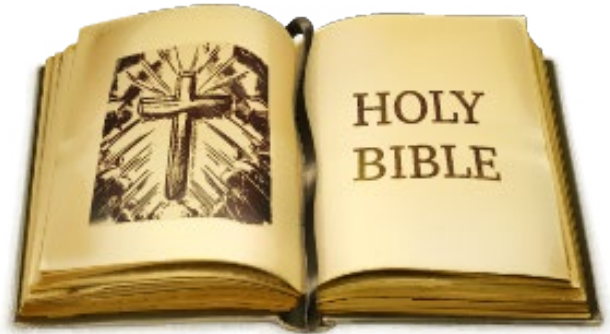
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OBITUARIES



Betty Darlene Barrick



Betty Darlene Barrick, 91, of 566 Gloria Ave, Arcadia FL, passed away on June 7th, 2024 in Naples, Florida. She was surrounded by her loving family and under the care of Avow Hospice.

Betty was born on September 10, 1932 in Mason County, Illinois, to parents Hazel and John Baker. She was a devoted daughter, sister, and mother. Betty is survived by her four daughters: Lynn Matheny (Joe) of Davenport, Iowa; Karen Potter of Naples, Florida; Cheryl Barrick of Arcadia, Florida; and Patricia Keith (Larry) of Washburn, Illinois. She also leaves behind seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Betty's sisters Loretta Hindahl (Montana) and Zoe Buchanan (Illinois) survive her. Betty was also preceded in death by her sisters Mary Becker (Illinois), Clara

Reynolds (Illinois), and Shirley Wineburner (Florida).

Betty had a deep love for her daughters and grandchildren, and she found great joy in spending time with her family.

One of Betty's favorite pastimes was working in her yard and tending to her flowers. She could often be found outside, enjoying the beauty of nature and taking pride in her green thumb.

A Celebration of Life will be held in honor of Betty on Friday, June 28th at the Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, 50 N. Hillsborough Avenue, Arcadia, FL 34266 between 5pm – 7pm.



Betty Jo Sellers Hollingsworth



Betty Jo Sellers Hollingsworth passed away June 8, 2024 at the age of 91. She was born November 16, 1932 in Okeechobee, FL to the late Gladstone and

Bernice (Keene) Sellers. She was the youngest of 12 children. She and her family moved to Arcadia (Pine Level) when she was 10. She has been a member of the Arcadia community for 81 years. She graduated from DeSoto High School in 1951 and married her high school sweetheart in September 1951.

Betty was a devoted homemaker, loving and caring wife to her husband Clyde for 66 years. She also worked at DeSoto Middle School as a secretary for 10 years. She loved her children, grandchildren, and great grand-children. Her favorite time would be preparing a home-cooked meal to bring everyone in the family together. Betty was devout about her faith, read her Bible daily, and was a member of Pine Level Church. She enjoyed her Wednesday Silver Linings Bible Study Group and having her social hour and hair styled every Friday.

Betty is survived by her children Nancy Lynn Mills, Mary Lou (Brian) Hoopingarner, Myra Beth Thornton, VC (April) Hollingsworth III all of Arcadia, FL; nine grandchildren: Matt (Courtney) Mills, Chris Mills, Joshua Mills, Eddie (Chelsea) Thornton, Eli

(Erica) Thornton, Jake (Cierra Ward) Thornton, Kirby (Dan McGough) Hollingsworth, Abi Hollingsworth, VC (Courtney) Hollingsworth, IV, and 10 great grand-children.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband VC (Clyde) Hollingsworth Jr., her son Eddie Hollingsworth, her son-in-law Chuck Thornton, and her 7 brothers and 4 sisters.

Visitation and memorial service were held at Pine Level Church on June 13, 2024 at 10 am and 11 am respectively. Burial was at Pine Level Campground Cemetery immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pine Level Church, Inc. 9596 NW Pine Level St, Arcadia, FL 34266 in her memory.

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Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Homes, Arcadia are in charge of the arrangements.



Ivan N. Schlabach



Ivan N. Schlabach age 81 passed away on June 7, 2024 in Arcadia, Florida with his family by his side. Ivan was born on January 11, 1943 in Millersburg, Ohio to Nelson and Alta (Miller) Schlabach.

Ivan was an avid NASCAR fan and Dale Earnhardt enthusiast and loved being outside. Ivan was a carpenter by trade and owned his own construction company when he moved to Florida with his family in 1972. He also worked at Walmart in Arcadia for 10+ years. Ivan enjoyed attending First Baptist Church whenever he was able to.

He is survived by his loving son Darrel (Becky) Schlabach, daughters Diane (William)

Moncrief, and Debra (Mike) Young, along with his sisters Mary Troyer, Elizabeth (Levi) Troyer, and brother Mervin (Martha) Schlabach. He was Papaw to six grandchildren: TJ (Samantha) Johnson, Josh (Ana) Schlabach, Andy Johnson, Kalee (Taed) Moses, Ryan (Sterling) Young, Shelby (Bailey) Turner and 12 great-grandchildren: Dakota Johnson, Trib and Coleman Johnson, Blair Turner, Marshall and Salma Schlabach, Marley and Macklin Moses, and Adam, Carson, Roxanne, and Preston Young, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Ivan was preceded in death by his parents Nelson and Alta Schlabach.

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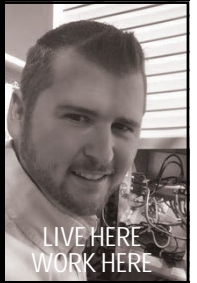


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THE Tree

CHAPTER 14

As we were all standing there listening to grandfather and talking about how to get started, the idea came up that the younger men would follow the older ones and we would leave through a different place than where we came in, and that the Others might be out there watching for us and we needed time to look for Uncle Doyle. All of a sudden, the rope that Hanson had been pulling on started being pulled back through the hole. Whatever was on the other end of that rope must be huge and moving fast. Hanson made a mad dash for the rope, trying to stop it, but he wasn't having much luck, that rope was going too fast. Then two or three of the people from there started trying to help, but nothing was even slowing it down. Soon, that rope was all gone and the hole was empty. Hanson was plainly upset. He told us that he had been working on bringing that thing in for days and now it was gone, but now he would just have to go out and catch another one and that it would just have to wait until his dad was found. After all, finding his dad was a lot more important. Catch what? I was thinking. I wanted to ask, but everyone was so upset about Uncle Doyle that I decided not to. Besides, it looked like I was the only one that didn't know what it was anyway, everybody else seemed to know what got away. I guess I would wait until the proper time to find out. Right now, we needed to find Uncle Doyle. As a matter of fact, we needed to find him pretty quick, the rest of that fertilizer would be gone soon. Grandfather must have been thinking the same thing, because he began organizing the ones who were going. He brought me out first and told everyone that I had to go because I was the only

Warrior left. I felt so proud standing up there by my grandfather, Me, the big Warrior. Who knew that I was going to be so important, little boy growing up in little town. Never thought of myself as anything. Now here I am, fixing to save the Tree. Everyone was looking at me, yes sir. It was my moment. Then Hanson gives a little cough and walks over and pats me on the back. I thought he came over to congratulate me. Not so, he already towered over me. As he was standing right beside me, it was even more obvious that he was a lot taller. I have to admit I was feeling a little intimidated. Actually, I was very intimidated, but I tried not to show it. Hanson put his arm on my shoulder and I thought he was going to tell us all something important. After all, he already butted in on my time. Hanson started right off with how it would take more than a Warrior to get to the top of that mountain. That we did need a Warrior to make the climb, but we needed more than just a Warrior. Just a Warrior; I thought.



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