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Representing the Miss DeSoto Fastpitch Softball league, Tonya Wallace, at right, presented Nancy "Eric" Erickson with a certificate of gratitude "in sincere appreciation for your dedication, passion, and lasting impact on women's sports."

"Nancy, whom some know as "Eric," made Arcadia her home in 1973. By that time, she had already accomplished what most could only dream of—playing professional baseball, professional softball, and even professional football. She's been recognized at the highest levels of sport, earning her place in the baseball and football halls of fame.

"But what matters most to us isn't just what she did before got here—it's what she did after.

"Nancy has always believed in the power of team sports—what they teach, what they build, and the

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On Apr. 29, the Miss DeSoto Fastpitch Softball League honored Nancy "Eric" Erickson during the Suncoast Remake Learning Days (SRLD) Softball Clinic. Erickson had served as a special guest coach at previous SRLD softball clinics.

Tonya Wallace read the following, "When most women describe their diamonds, they talk about clarity, carats, and cut. But not Nancy Erickson. When Nancy talks about diamonds, she uses words like opportunity, scholarship, and youth sports.



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GOVERNMENT MEETING SCHEDULE

CITY OF ARCADIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS OCCUR THE 1ST AND 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

Margaret Way Building
23 N. Polk Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266

MAY 12	DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUES 9A	Administration Building 201 E. Oak Street, Suite 103 Arcadia, FL 34266
MAY 12	DESOTO COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC WORKSHOP
TUES 1P	Administration Building 201 E. Oak Street, Suite 103 Arcadia, FL 34266
MAY 25	DESOTO COUNTY COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED
	In observance of Memorial Day

Active dates and times are subject to change.
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DeSoto County Comprehensive Plan

The Central Florida Regional Planning Council is working in partnership with DeSoto County to update the DeSoto County Comprehensive Plan.

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DESOTO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WORKSHOPS

The DeSoto County Comprehensive Plan is the guiding policy document for land use and development in unincorporated DeSoto County. This update ensures our community is prepared for the future while preserving what makes us unique. Florida law requires every city and county to update its comprehensive plan regularly to reflect community needs.

A community's Comprehensive Plan affects daily life like where homes are built, how traffic flows, the protection of natural spaces, and the future look and feel of our community.



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You're invited to a workshop with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss the update of the County's Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) to 2050. Scheduled at 1:00 p.m. on May 12 in the County Administration Building, 115 E. Oak St., the workshop will include an opportunity for public comment. If you've ever agreed or disagreed with the Board's decision

about what development to allow or reject, this is the time to share your thoughts and/or your vision for the County's future.

You may also share your ideas through a survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/desoto2050>. The survey asks questions, such as "What do you love about DeSoto County? What should change? Where should growth occur? How to preserve rural character? [and] What services are needed?"

Last updated in 2004, the Comp

The Central Florida Regional Planning Council has set up a survey and a Website for the update of the DeSoto County Comprehensive Plan at <https://www.cfrpc.org/desoto-county-comprehensive-plan>

Plan is "the blueprint to guide the development of land, economic growth, resource protection, as well as the provision of public services and facilities." Changing conditions in the County, surrounding regions, and the State have made the current Comp Plan outdated or inadequate.

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, director of the Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC), wrote, "The Comp Plan's goals, objectives and policies reflect the County's vision for the

future and how it will meet the needs of existing and future residents, visitors, and businesses. The Plan informs decision-making and guides growth and development."

For more information, contact Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, jcodosalisbury@cfrpc.org or at (863) 534-7130 ext. 178 or check the Comp Plan Update Website at <https://www.cfrpc.org/desoto-county-comprehensive-plan>

HISTORICAL SOCIETY CUTS RIBBON AT MUSEUM GRAND RE-OPENING



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On May 1, the DeSoto County Historical Society cut the ribbon during the Grand Re-Opening of the John Morgan Ingraham House Museum at 300 N. Monroe Ave.. Society President Adrian Cline thanked Luke Wilson for entertaining before the program began and introduced the Society's Vice President, Vernon Keen, who gave the invocation and benediction. Society Member Ron Jones, Sr., led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cline welcomed everyone and emceed the program. He said that the Society is "not just opening the doors of this building, we're also celebrating the 250th anniversary of America.

... History ... is lived, built, and

preserved by people who care deeply about their community. . . . this house will once again serve as a place of learning, storytelling, and connection.

"To everyone who contributed—whether through labor, donations, advocacy, or encouragement—we extend our deepest gratitude. You have helped ensure that the Ingraham House will continue to stand as a symbol of resilience, memory, and pride. And to all of you here today, thank you for joining us. Your presence affirms that history matters, that our stories matter, and that preserving them is a gift we give to the generations who follow."

As a special guest speaker, Mayor Judy Wertz-Strickland noted that she walked by the Ingraham House daily on her way to and from West Elementary School when she was a student there years ago. "This [house] is a part of



Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Taylor Jones, third from left, cut the ribbon at the Grand Re-Opening of the John Morgan Ingraham House Museum: from left, Society Member Cindy McLeod Ely, Main Street Director Pam Ames, Jones, Mayor Judy Wertz-Strickland, Society Vice-President Vernon Keen, and Society President Adrian Cline.

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BOARD TABLES ORDINANCES ALLOWING AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING BONUS DENSITIES



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At the Apr. 28 public hearing, the Board of County Commissioners tabled the ordinances to adopt the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan (CP) and Land Development Regulations (LDRs) related to bonus densities for affordable and workforce housing. They will reconsider the legislation at the May 26 public hearing.

According to the proposed amendments, the only future land use categories allowing affordable or workforce housing are Urban Center Mixed Use or Neighborhood Mixed Use. For property within those categories, a developer may apply for the bonus densities if the parcel is within a 1,000-foot radius of a public school or major employer (50 or more full-time employees) and is able to be connected to County or City potable water and sanitary sewer. In addition, the owner must agree to a Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA) guaranteeing the affordable/workforce designation for at least 30 years. These restrictions limit the potential for the affordable/workforce housing bonus densities to about 85 total acres in the County.

Commissioner Gross did not want to allow these higher densities throughout the County except on a case-by-case basis. Agreeing with Gross, Commissioner Elton Langford said, "I don't want us painting ourselves into a corner."

Planning Director Misty Servia reminded the Board that they will review the development plan or for a Planned Unit Development (PUD), the concept development plan, for all projects. She reminded the Board: "You will have the final say . . . on these projects; this text amendment only allows [developers] to make an application for that particular density."

County Attorney Valerie Vicente said, "You need the policy decision—and it comes through a text amendment to the LDRs and to the Comprehensive Plan. Somebody can't come in and request bonus density for workforce housing projects if the framework doesn't exist in your code or your comp plan."

In addition, the Board adopted the resolution with conditions approving the development plan for Arcadia Self Storage: a 71,666 square foot facility consisting of three one-story buildings on a 4.42-acre parcel in the neighborhood mixed use future land use designation, currently zoned Commercial General, at 2114 SW U.S. Highway 17, just north of Hillcrest St.. The Board agreed to the staff-proposed conditions and added two more to protect the neighboring residences: a six-foot solid PVC fence on the east



Speaking against bonus densities for "low-income housing," Jerry Gaskins was also concerned about the proposed deletion in the amendments of "conservation and enhancement of natural or scenic resources, including farmland" and other related criteria in the Land Development Regulation (LDR) Sec. 20-1626.



Theresa Collins-Hill also spoke against granting bonus densities for affordable or workforce housing, and she recommended that the Board table the matter so they can research the proposed changes and "give the public more time to understand this extensive amendment."



Speaking on behalf of Storage Experts of Florida, LLC, and Red Bay Realty, LLC, Engineer James W. Herston presented the development plan for Arcadia Self Storage at 2114 SW U.S. Highway 17, just north of Hillcrest St.. Architect David Davenport assured the Board that "the light fixtures will be completely blocked by any opaque fence."



City Administrator Beth Carsten and Municipal Airport Director Shelley Peacock spoke about improvements at the airport noting that many marked as "future" on the Master Plan have already been accomplished: additional T-hangars, security gates, and the obstruction removal project with the Jet A Fuel Farm and Taxiway Alpha upgrades currently underway.

side of the project with the required landscape buffer between the fence and the property's east boundary, and for "the lighting not to emit off-site."

The Board also approved the ordinance to adopt the amendments for the CP and LDRs related to Essential Services and Structures: "government owned services and structures, including but not limited to utilities, general communications, public safety uses, municipal public-use airports, penal facilities, and solid waste disposal facilities and may be allowed in any zone district as provided by the County's LDRs."

Finally, the Board adopted the resolution with conditions approving the development plan for the municipal airport that "includes existing buildings, hangars, maintenance structures, carport, restrooms, a pavilion, and future improvements at the airport. The airport also has Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved camping northwest of the airport where pilots can taxi their aircraft behind the T-hangars into a wooded area where they can pitch a tent under their wing. It is believed that Arcadia airport is the only FAA approved municipal airport in the State of Florida that allows camping all year. The development plan includes (2) 10X20 cabins that will have air conditioning and heat to be used year round. Running water is not proposed for the cabins as the campground, known as Aviation City, currently has 2 showers and 2 bathrooms nearby. A courtesy car is provided for transportation to get groceries and run errands while camping at the airport."

REGULAR BUSINESS

At the Apr. 28 meeting, the Board approved the Utility Service and Conveyance Agreement for TMV Properties, Inc. and McAlpine (Briarwood) Inc., for developer Maronda Homes, LLC, of Florida for the McAlpine project located on U.S. Highway 17, south of SW Ogden Acres Rd., for 49 Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs) of Phase 1 Water and Wastewater upon approval of the agreement and payment of Phase 1 Water and Wastewater

Capital Charges of \$106,918.00 \$230,447.00, respectively.

The Board accepted the Utility Easement for the Preserve Phase 3 Project and authorized its recording with the Clerk of Court because the County previously had "committed to owning and maintaining the onsite water and sewer systems installed by the developer's contractor." County representatives have witnessed required tests and "received acceptable as-built drawings including all components to be owned and maintained by the County."

The Board adopted the resolution to authorize the County Administrator "to execute participation and release forms and related documents for current and future opioid litigation settlements. . . The State of Florida and numerous local governments initiated legal action against pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors involved in the opioid crisis. A statewide agreement, known as the Florida Memorandum of Understanding, was established to guide how settlement funds stemming from said litigation are distributed and used. DeSoto County previously agreed to participate in this plan in 2021. As additional settlements are reached, participating entities must complete specific documentation to facilitate the disbursement of funds. This resolution streamlines that process by granting the County Administrator authority to execute required documents, ensuring timely participation and maximizing available funding for opioid abatement efforts."

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board ratified the Piggyback Agreement for \$83,977.38 with Okeechobee County and Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc., for mosquito control services for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026.

As the Public Library is "a critical community facility that supports disaster response and recovery efforts as a hub for emergency services, including housing the National Guard, operating as a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Recovery Center (DRC), and providing residents

with access to technology, information, and assistance," the Board approved an application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of \$79,984.75 from Florida Commerce for hurricane impact-resistant windows and doors plus a permanent backup generator. "This project will serve as a companion to FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding of \$239,954.25 administered through the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM)."

In 2022, Hurricane Ian damaged the living quarters, truck carport, and fire apparatus bays in Fire Station 1, 25 E. Cypress St., and "without these critical facility components, personnel may be unable to safely remain on station and provide essential life-safety and emergency response services to the community during disasters." So the Board approved the application for a CDBG of \$5,000.00 from Florida Commerce for the design and engineering (Phase 1) to construct a FEMA-compliant safe room within the existing facility. "This project will serve as a companion to FEMA HMGP of \$15,000.00 administered through FDEM."

As Surveying and Mapping, LLC, purchased Hyatt Survey Services on Dec. 15, 2025, with whom the County had an agreement for surveying services since May 2025, the Board approved an amendment recognizing the name change and reassigning the contract with no other changes.

Both Jerod Gross and Steven Hickox were elected in 2022 to complete the unexpired terms—approximately two years—of their predecessors, and then re-elected in 2024 to serve four-year terms, so the Board approved revising the Public Official Bond term date for them from Nov. 2026 to Nov. 2028.

The Board adopted the resolution to appoint Justin Fussell, Crews Bank & Trust Area President, DeSoto and Hardee Counties, as a new member of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) to represent the financial services sector after the resignation of Jacqueline Wolcott.



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DMS GIRLS GET FIRST WIN AT HOME 3-1



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After suffering a loss in their first game as an official school team at Hardee, the Lady Bulldogs bounced back with a 3-1 win over Lake Placid in front of the home fans. The Bulldogs took a 2-0 halftime lead with goals from captain Chloe Martinez and Aryanna Patterson. When the Dragons cut the lead in half with a goal early in the second half, MiLenah Angeles put the game away with a goal to give the Bulldogs a 3-1 win.

"The girls did an amazing job in their first home game. A couple of things I believe that we could use some improvement is their communication. We also need to put in a little more practice with putting up a solid wall to block those free kicks. Overall they came together, worked hard and put in the effort to secure the first win of the season. I'm super proud of them," said assistant coach Amanda Espinoza.



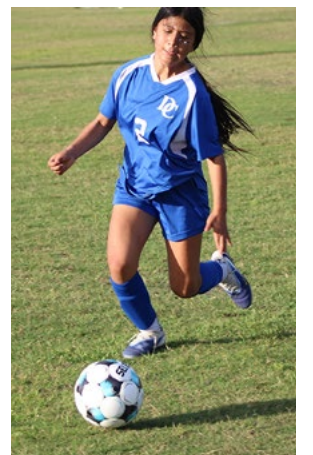
The team shows its joy as the Bulldogs take a 3-1 lead late in the game.



Kailyn Vazquez-Magana controls the ball in front of the net in the 3-1 DeSoto win.



Aryanna Patterson does some fancy footwork to get past the Lake Placid defensive player. Patterson scored the second goal which turned out to be the winning goal.



Perla Barajas Reyes gets to the ball before it goes out of bounds in the 3-1 win.



MiLenah Angeles is congratulated by her team on her second half goal to put the Bulldogs ahead 3-1 in the win over Lake Placid.



Naima Balderas and Nevaeh Aanye Valenzuela were named the co-MVP's of the game.



The Bulldogs got two first half goals from Chloe Martinez and Aryanna Patterson and a second half goal from MiLenah Angeles to defeat Lake Placid 3-1.



The DMS Bulldogs celebrate their win over Lake Placid.



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GAME OF THE WEEK



DESOTO JV SOFTBALL ENDS SUCCESSFUL SEASON

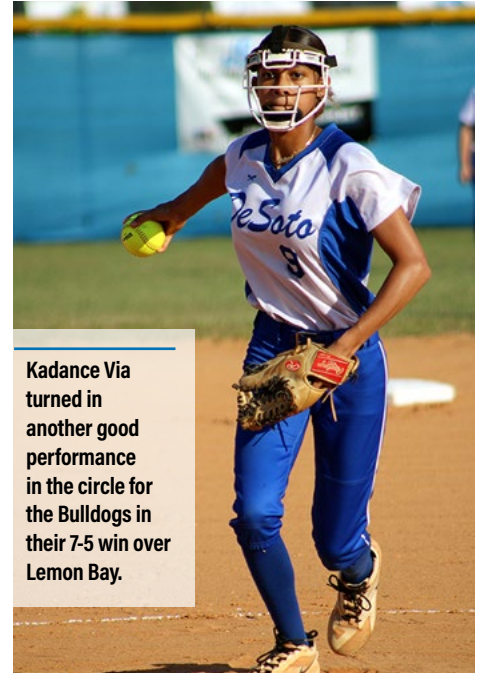


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The DeSoto JV softball team finished the season with a 7-5 win over Lemon Bay. The win was their final game of the season in which they finished 7-3. There are several talented players on the team that will help the varsity over the next couple of seasons.



The 2026 DeSoto JV softball team finished the season with a 7-5 win over Lemon Bay to give them a fine 7-3 record for the season.



Kadance Via turned in another good performance in the circle for the Bulldogs in their 7-5 win over Lemon Bay.



Quinn Gallagher takes a hard tag as she safely slides into third in the season finale.



Rayna Hatcher stands in the box ready to hit in the season finale win.



Brooke Suggs beats the throw home in the win over Lemon Bay.



The team gets their post game breakdown after a 7-5 win over Lemon Bay to end their season at 7-3.



JV coach Victoria McKown talks to her team between innings.

ERRORS, LACK OF TIMELY HITS STOP BULLDOGS 8-2



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It's been said in all sports that offense wins games and defense wins championships. That was never as true as it was last week in the district championship game at Lemon Bay.

If you look at the numbers, it should have been a closer game as both teams had 7 hits. The big difference was the 6 free passes given out by the Bulldog hurlers, 5 wild pitches and the 8, yes 8 errors committed.

The Bulldogs had beaten Lemon Bay twice this season 7-6 in 8 innings and then just 10 days before their district championship game they handcuffed the Mantas 6-0. You can see why hopes were high as the Bulldogs and Mantas squared off for round three

of their rivalry. DeSoto's plans for a district championship and home game in the regional tournament were dashed early by the Mantas in their 8-2 loss at Englewood.

DeSoto took a 1-0 lead after 1 1/2 innings when Layla Morales got a one out bases loaded single to plate Lilly Fullerton. With the bases still loaded and the top of the order up, the Bulldogs had a chance to make a statement early. An inside pitch to Lacey Berini hit off the handle and sent an easy pop up to short for the second out. Ellie Whidden hit the ball well but it was hauled in by the Mantas center fielder to end the inning. A golden opportunity was gone.

The Mantas put 4 on the board in their half of the inning with a little help from the Bulldogs. The Mantas had just 1 hit, but 2 walks, a passed ball and two wild pitches along with 2 DeSoto errors took starter Livia Evans out of the circle in favor of Jo Duke. Evans just didn't have her best stuff as she walked 5 in just 1 2/3 innings of work.



With the Mantas runner hung up in a rundown, Ellie Whidden watches a bad throw sail by her to give the Mantas their first run in their 8-2 win over DeSoto.

Two errors contributed to the Mantas' run in the third. Two more errors and two hits put 2 more on the home side of the scoreboard as the Mantas pulled away. They added a run in the 5th for their 8th run.

The bottom of the order gave the Bulldogs a little spark in the 7th. Singles by Evans, Duke, and Morales juiced the bases again with the top of the order

DESOTO COUNTY

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



CRUZE MIETHKE



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Sophomore Cruze Miethke turned 16 last week just in time to enjoy his weightlifting and track and field regional tournaments.

Miethke finished 4th in the discus with a PR of 33 meters. He also competes in the shot put but didn't

advance in that event. As a member of the weightlifting team he had an outstanding day in the regional event held at Lake Wales. Miethke had all of his lifts turn out to be PR's. He finished 5th in the Olympic lift and 7th in the traditional portion. His snatch was 170lbs, clean was 210 pounds and his bench topped out at 250 pounds.

Miethke is a rare 4 sport star as he received All Area honors in football, played on the DeSoto basketball team and competed in both weightlifting and track and field in the spring. Last year

he won a putting contest showing his skills in golf too.

His skills didn't come naturally, he has been putting in work at the gym and also has gone to sport camps and had personal trainers working on various parts of his skills such as flexibility.



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SOFTBALL

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up and no outs. A big rally looked like it was about to happen as Berini knocked in Evans and left the bases still loaded with the meat of the order coming up.

A double play is called “a pitcher’s best friend” and that’s what put a damper on the Bulldogs’ rally. A fly to right and a perfect throw home nailed Duke and a pop up to first ended the game.

Of the 7 Desoto hits, Duke and Berini each had two with Berini knocking in one run. Morales got the other rbi with her second inning single.

Desoto played the Academy of Holy Names last night in Tampa. DeSoto is 0-4 lifetime against the Jaguars who are ranked number 2 in the region. Last year the Bulldogs’ season ended against the Jaguars with a 14-0 loss. A return to timely hitting and a solid defense along



DeSoto catcher Ellie Whidden fires to second as a Lemon Bay runner attempts to steal in the district championship game last week.

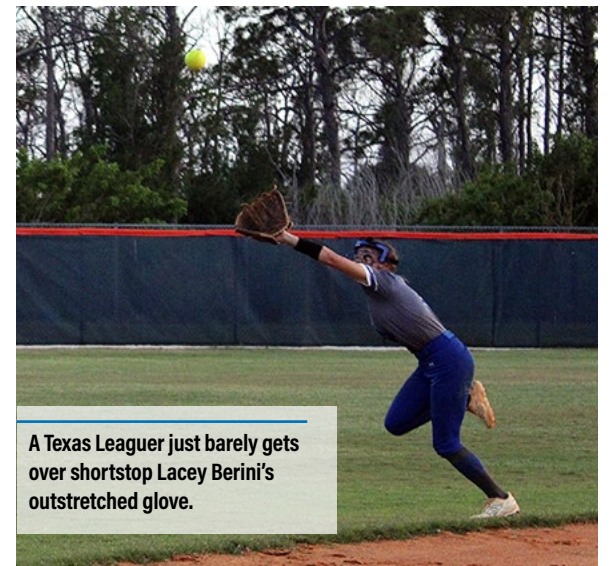
with strong pitching gives the Bulldogs a chance for a win, but they need to have their best games in all three areas to pull off the upset.



Long time friends and teammates for more than half their lives, Lilly Fullerton and Jo Duke hold the runners up trophy for the Bulldogs.



Junior Layla Morales singles in Lilly Fullerton with the Bulldogs’ first run.



A Texas Leaguer just barely gets over shortstop Lacey Berini’s outstretched glove.



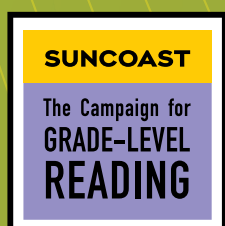
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MUSEUM

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history,” she said. “We need to preserve that. We need to take care of that.” She thanked everyone for attending the event as well as the Society for preserving the building.

Cindy McLeod Ely related the history of the Ingraham House, built for Robert Early Whidden in the late 1890s, and purchased by John Morgan Ingraham in 1919. He resided there until his death in 1980. When John Reynolds was Society president, he negotiated the donation of the house by the Pipkin family, and Ely recognized Marguerite Pipkin Hankins and Tom Hankins as representatives of the Pipkin family.

She related that restoration began on the house in 2002, and in 2004, Hurricane Charley damaged the house. Between 2006 and 2010, Kathleen Ingraham Kuhns, Mr. Ingraham’s granddaughter, wrote applications to the State Division of Historic Resources, and the Society received a total of \$158,000 in grants to restore the House.

In 2010, her father Harold McLeod suggested building a replica of Mr.

Ingraham’s Seed House to store the collection of Local Historian Howard Melton which the Society had purchased. McLeod designed a replica of the Ingraham Seed House, and the Howard and Velma Melton Historical Research Library was opened to the public in 2012.

On Jan. 27, 2014, the Society celebrated the first grand opening of the Ingraham House Museum thanks “to the many Society members and community volunteers working together to make it happen.” She also “personally thanked” Carol Mahler: “the Museum and Research Library Coordinator [who] has researched and catalogued every item in this house, set up displays, and she also gives tours of the house.” In addition, she appreciated Kathy Bryce, Elizabeth Kenney, and Karen Smoke for their many volunteer hours.

For more information, please contact the Society at 863-266-5774 or desotocountyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or historicdesoto.org.



The Historical Society thanked everyone who helped with the Grand Re-opening event: Society Member and Event Organizer Linda Williams; Society Vice-President Vernon Keen; Marshal Quinn Jones; Society Member Cindy McLeod Ely; Pastor Nathan Heinz of Arcadia Baptist Church; Sheriff Jim Potter; City Council Member Keith Keene, Society Member Ron Jones, Sr.; DeSoto Correctional Institution Assistant Warden William Bowden, Lt. Eddie Talley, Corrections Officer Kevin McHargue, Mayor Judy Wertz-Strickland, County Commissioner Judy Schaefer, City Administrator Beth Carsten, and Society President Adrian Cline.



Society President Adrian Cline welcomed everyone to the Grand Re-Opening of the Museum: from left, Luke Wilson who entertained before the program, Cline, and Special Guest Speaker Mayor Judy Wertz-Strickland.



From left, Society Member Cindy McLeod Ely told about the history of the John Morgan Ingraham House and Seed House as Mayor Judy Wertz-Strickland listened.



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

What: DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners Workshop

Topic: DeSoto 2050!
Comprehensive Plan Update

In Person Meeting:

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 | 1:00 PM
DeSoto County Commission Chambers
DeSoto County Administration Building
201 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266

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

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

La participación pública es solicitada sin distinción de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, edad, discapacidad, religión o situación familiar. Las personas que requieren asistencia bajo la Ley sobre Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (ADA) o la traducción de idiomas, de forma gratuita deben ponerse en contacto con la Coordinadora de Título VI / No Discriminación/ADA, Indihra Chambers, CFRPC a (863)534-7130, oa través de el Transmisión de la Florida 711, o por correo electronico ichambers@cfrpc.org al menos tres (3) días antes del evento o reunion.

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After the floodwaters receded and the ark settled on the Mount, Noah stepped into a world that was both familiar and yet vastly different. Creation had survived judgment, but it had not yet learned how to live again. In the silence after the storm, Noah's first act was not self preservation. He worshipped. "Then Noah built an altar to the Lord... and offered burnt offerings on the altar" (Gen 8:20). That moment matters because it's in response to that worship that God speaks. And what God says next reveals not just his power, but his heart. What unfolds next reshapes how we understand judgment, mercy, and life itself.

What followed is astonishing. God declared restraint—not because man had improved (we have not)—and not because sin was erased. "The intent of man's heart is evil from his youth" (Gen 8:21). Nothing had changed in our hearts, yet God promised never again to destroy all living things by a flood. And this tells us something essential: the flood didn't cleanse the heart. Judgment can wipe the earth clean, but it can't wash away sin. He understood, as we

must, that life continues after a storm only because God wills it, not because we've earned it. God's promise is rooted in his mercy, not our merit.

God renews his blessing and mandate in Genesis 9: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth" (Gen 9:1 NASB). Just as with Adam, our God-given dominion over all creation remains intact, but now it is marked by a new tension. God has now permitted the eating of animals but also drawn a boundary around blood because life belongs to him (Gen 9:3-4). This was not a discussion about our diet—it's a matter of dignity. Why? Because dignity comes into sharp focus with God's declaration: "Whoever sheds human blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made mankind" (Gen 9:6). So, all human life matters because it bears God's image. And that dignity is not earned, achieved, or assigned by society; it is bestowed by our Creator.

So how do we live under this covenant today? First, honor life. Treat every person as sacred, because every person bears God's image (Gen 9:6; Gen 1:27). Second, remember the signs. God knows our hearts are forgetful, so he gives us visible reminders—Scripture, prayer journals,

stones of remembrance (Jos 4:7). Third, turn anxiety into worship by anchoring your mind in God's faithfulness (Ps 1:2). And finally, trust God's grace. The world may feel fragile, but God has already declared that he will hold it steady until

his purpose is complete (Isa 46:9-10; Col 1:17). And the takeaway is simple: You can trust him. God keeps his word. He secured creation by a promise, and he invites you to live with confidence under his covenant, resting in his grace.



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doors they open. When she arrived in Arcadia, there was no girls' softball program at the high school. So she took action—filing a Title IX lawsuit that ultimately helped establish the program

and create opportunities for generations of young women.

"And these fields we're standing on tonight—they exist because of Nancy. She helped secure the land, worked to get these fields built, and made sure this community had a place for girls to play, grow, and compete.

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recognize her impact, her determination, and her legacy with this certificate of gratitude."

After accepting the certificate Erickson recalled that when she was young during World War II, her parents weren't available to accompany her to something like a softball clinic.

She said, "You are lucky to have such

wonderful parents, and every day when you wake up, you should say thank you, Mommy, and thank you, Daddy." She also encouraged the youngsters to appreciate the league, coaches, and the chance to have "friends you will make and cherish."



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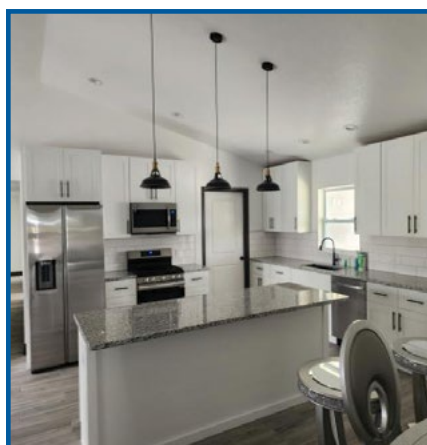
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OBITUARIES

CAROLE H. KENNEDY



Carole H. Kennedy, 67, of Arcadia, Florida, passed away on April 26, 2026. She was born on February 9, 1959, in Miami, Florida. Carole made her home in Arcadia for 47 years, where she faithfully served

her family, church, and community.

She was the beloved wife of Bishop Peter E. Kennedy. She is survived by her children: Geneva Kennedy; Andrea & Golden Faircloth; Amanda & Ric Sears; and Dana Kennedy. She also leaves behind six cherished grandchildren: Cameron, Jackson, Colin, Jillian, Jovie, and Jace, who brought her immense joy.

Carole devoted her life to ministry. She faithfully served as pastor's wife of The Apostolics of Arcadia for 43 years and as a bishop's wife for the last 4 years. She played a vital role in the church,

leading the music ministry for most of those years and helping shape countless lives through her leadership of Life Christian Academy. Her dedication, faith, and service extended far beyond titles, touching generations.

She was especially known for her anointed piano playing and beautiful singing, which ushered many into the presence of God. Carole lived by the words she often spoke: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," a principle she demonstrated daily through kindness, generosity, and compassion.

Beyond her ministry, Carole found joy in decorating and creating beautiful floral arrangements for every season and holiday. She had a special love for Hobby Lobby and took great delight in making things lovely for those around her.

Carole's life was one of faith, service, and love. She leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, any cards, gifts or remembrances can be sent to The Apostolics of Arcadia, 205 S Luther Ave, Arcadia, FL 34266. Thank you, from all of our family.

RALPH E. CUTCHEN



Ralph E. Cutchen "Papa" 90, of Arcadia, Florida passed away peacefully on April 29th, 2026, in Highlands County, FL. Born on

January 9th, 1936, in Frostproof, FL to the late J.D Cutchen and Clyde Ford Cutchen. Ralph was a man of God and was a member of the Sandy Baptist Church for many years. He served in the Army in Germany. He was a well-known cowboy as most of his days were spent on the back of a horse, working cows. He most enjoyed his family, friends, fishing, hunting, and ranching.

Ralph is survived by his brother: Paul (Marion) Cutchen; Two daughters: Margaret Goodwyn and Rene Fennell; Daughter n

Law: Kay Hampton; Grandchildren: Shawn Hampton, Brittany (Brett Johnson), Daylon (Jesse) Bowes, Dylan McCall, and Karson Keene; Great grandchildren: Clayton (Julia) Owens, Trinity and Larit Vansickle, Kendal Spiller, Joseph and Henry Hampton, and Bryson Bowes; Great - great grandchildren: Waylon Owens, and Alani Apolinar along with many other cousins, nieces, nephews, and close friends who loved him dearly.

Ralph is preceded in death by his wife: Gladys Hampton Cutchen;

his son: Joseph L. Hampton; Sister: Jean Griffin, along with two grandchildren: Justin Scott and Miranda Vansickle, and great granddaughter: Addison.

He was a loving husband, dad, uncle and was papa Ralph to many. He loved life and never met a stranger.

Graveside services will be held at New Zion Baptist Church in Ona Fl, Saturday May 9th, 2026, at 11:00AM with Pastor Skipper Calder officiating.

RONALD G. OVERCASH



Ronald G. Overcash, aged 85, passed away peacefully on April 22nd, 2026 at the Tidewell Hospice House of Arcadia, Florida, following a brief illness.

He was born June 26th, 1940, in Dunedin, Florida, the son of the late Kenneth Lee and Faye Shaw Overcash.

"Dr. O" as he was affectionally known, was a member of the Arcadia community for over 50 years, providing service as the town's beloved veterinarian until his retirement.

A man of great faith, he was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia, teaching Sunday School in every town in which he lived and was an avid student of the Bible. Prior to moving to Arcadia in 1974, he played collegiate baseball at the University of Florida where he twice earned All-SEC honors as the Gator's first baseman before going on to play professional baseball for the Kansas City A's (before the team moved to Oakland). Following his professional baseball career, he

graduated from Auburn University with a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine and then went on to earn a PhD in Comparative Pathology at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, serving as an associate professor on the University of Alabama teaching staff.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Sue Roberts Overcash, daughter Kelly Sue Overcash of St. Petersburg, FL, son, Brent Overcash (Victoria Gerken) of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and his two grandsons Cole Overcash (Sandie Overcash) and Graham Overcash. He leaves behind one great-grandchild, Cole and Sandie's son, Theodore Cole (Teddy). Ron is also survived by his younger sister, Marsha Johnson.

Services will be held Saturday, May 16th, 2026 at First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia. Visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m. with services to immediately follow at 11:00a.m. In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations be made to Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in Ronald's honor.



Our Father,
who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day,
our daily bread.
And forgive us
our trespasses,
As we forgive them that
trespass against us.
And lead us not
into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.

DESOTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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Broome, Lazayvia Corrielle:

Failure To Appear - Written Promise To Appear (x7)

Campbell, Felicia Twana:

Prob Violation - Prob Violation

ChenPop, Oscar:

Moving Traffic Viol - Operate Motor Vehicle W/O Valid LIC 1st Conv

Day, Amanda Faye:

Battery - Battery On Specified Personnel; Resist Officer - Obstruct Wo Violence

Dungerow, Emily Rose:

Drug Equip-Possess - Drug Equip-Possess: And Or Use; Marijuana-Possess - Possess Less Than 20 Grams Cannabis

Faust, Geron Tyrone:

Trespassing - Trespass Fail To Leave Prop On Order Of Owner

Freytes, Rafael:

Larc - Grand Theft \$20,000 Or More Less Than \$100,000

Hooks, Toby Junior:

Battery - Touch Or Strike

Loveall, Patrick John:

Moving Traffic Viol - Driv While LIC Suspend Revocation Equiv Status

Maldonado- Echevarria, Johnattan:

Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Fail To Register Motor Veh

Manganelli IV, Alfonso:

Drug Equip-Possess - Drug Equip-Possess: And Or Use

Robinson, Kerena Faylynn-Antonett:

DUI-Unlaw Bld Alch - DUI Influence Of Alcohol Or Drugs

Schmidt, Zachory Jay:

Hit And Run - Leave Scene Of Crash Involve Damage To Prop; Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Operate Motor Vehicle Wo Valid License; Resist Officer - Obstruct Wo Violence; Trespassing - Structure Or Conveyance; Veh Theft - Grand Theft Of Motor Vehicle

Sharp, William Daniel:

Battery - Touch Or Strike

Smith, Darryl Deandre:

Aggrav Battery - On Staff Of Sex Viol Pred Facility

Smith, Edward Lyle:

Battery - On Person 65 Years Of Age Or Older

Vitervo, Natalia:

Battery - Touch Or Strike

Williams Jr., Darrin Gene:

Battery - Touch Or Strike

Williams, Terrell Devon Leshawn:

Failure To Appear - Written Promise To Appear (x2)

Zeoli III, Gene Angelo:

Hit And Run - Leave Scene Of Crash Involve Damage To Prop; Moving Traffic Viol - Reckless Driving 1st Off

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NEWS FROM THE DESK OF SHERIFF POTTER

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2026



SHERIFF POTTER
DeSoto County Sheriff

I am grateful for our law enforcement officers here in DeSoto County, across Florida and the United States of America. These law enforcement professionals stand between us and those wishing to cause harm, steal and commit other crimes as they feel it is their right to victimize at will. I have written about Police Week in the past, but I always feel led to write about it as we approach the month of May each year. In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC, our Nation's Capital to participate in several planned events which honor those law enforcement officers that have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Although we may not be in Washington, DC we should pause

for a few minutes from our daily walk to join our fellow citizens and law enforcement professionals in honor of those who have laid down their lives in the line of duty.

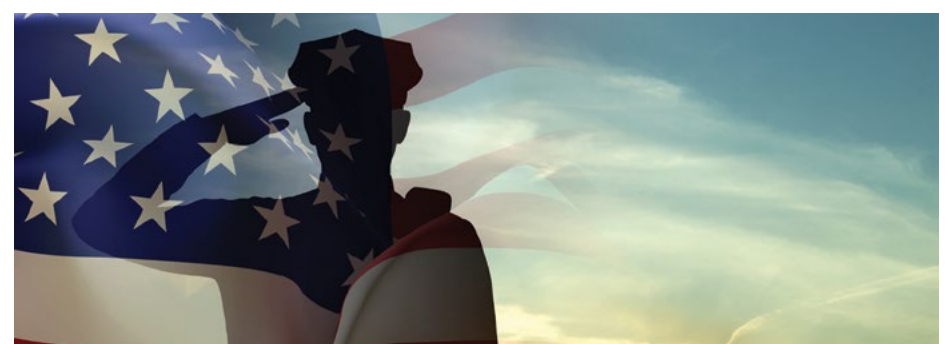
I personally know as you may know of a family or family member or friend of a family working in the law enforcement profession who has been taken from us too soon while serving as a protector in our community.

Our hearts go out to the families left behind to find their way in the world without the loved one at their side. We look with a sorrowful heart at the child who has lost their father or mother, a spouse wondering how they will continue without their loved one, a mother and father who has lost a son or daughter.

I am very thankful our DeSoto County Sheriff's Office has not lost a Deputy Sheriff in recent years but in the late 1800's and early 1900's we as a community did.

On February 13, 1892, Deputy Sheriff Herbert Julius Hard was shot during a raid of a "gambling den" south of Arcadia. He had been sworn in on the very day he was murdered. The killer was captured by an angry group and was hung.

On August 22, 1903, Deputy Sheriff Charles Edward Williams



was shot and killed as he was trying to assist a Punta Gorda Policeman break up a fight (At the time Charlotte County was a part of DeSoto County). The killers were arrested but were acquitted later.

On November 25, 1916, Deputy Sheriff John Henry Wiggins was attempting to arrest a suspected killer who was on the run for murdering a person earlier that night in Hardee County (At the time Hardee County was a part of DeSoto County). As Deputy Wiggins was performing his sworn duty the killer took Deputy Wiggins life with a single shotgun blast. The killer was eventually apprehended and after a lengthy court process was found guilty and executed by hanging.

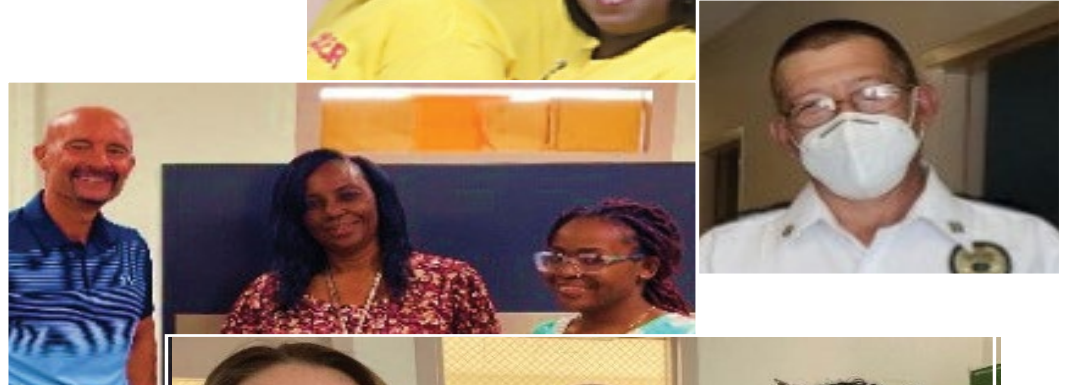
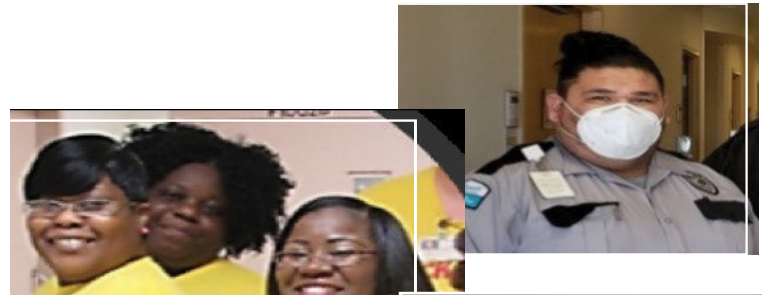
Please allow me to leave you with part of the message President Ronald Reagan conveyed on May 13, 1982 during the "Observance of

Police Week" and "Peace Officers Memorial Day". "Those Officers who have made the supreme sacrifice have demonstrated their devotion to the fundamental values of decency so essential to the well-being of American Life". "It is most fitting that all Americans pay tribute to police officers and that we join with them and the families of their fallen comrades in honoring the memory of those who have lost their lives while protecting their fellow citizens and communities".

Please except my heartfelt gratitude for your moment of pause in your daily walk as we remember those law enforcement officers who have fallen in service to our communities, thank you and God Bless!!

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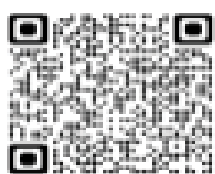
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