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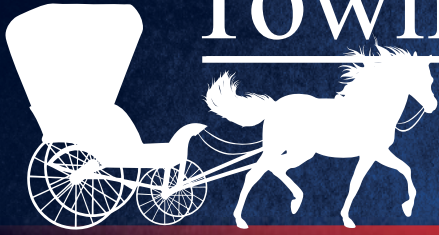


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NEW ARRIVAL

575 BRONCO DR.,
ZOLFO SPRINGS, FL 33890, MLS#A4637452



FEATURES

- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- 5 acres
- Butcher block counters
- Kitchen Island
- large rooms
- Large covered porch
- Mother-in-Law suite
- Metal shop/ barn
- Metal Shed with roll up door

LISTED AT
\$420,000



NEW ARRIVAL

1381 SE LAKE RD.,
ARCADIA, FL 34266, MLS#A4638048



FEATURES

- 3 bedroom
- 2 bathrooms
- Bonus room
- 55+ Community
- Own home & land
- .25 acre lot
- Two screened porches
- Carport
- Shed
- Fire pit
- Open concept

LISTED AT
\$190,000



1833 NE FLORIDIAN CIR.,
ARCADIA, FL 34266,
MLS#A4624475



FEATURES

- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- 1,300 sqft
- .25-acre lot
- Concrete Block (2019 build)
- Stainless steel appliances
- Island with power
- Fenced in Yard
- Shed & fire pit
- Water softener
- Seller motivated!

LISTED AT
\$282,000



NEW ARRIVAL

1660 SE SHEILA DR.,
ARCADIA, FL 34266, MLS#A4637725



FEATURES

- 3 bedroom
- 2 bathrooms
- 2023 CB Home
- .39 acre lot
- 2 car garage
- Open floor plan
- Split bedroom lay out
- Butcher block Island
- MB Dual Sink Vanity
- MB Walk in closet
- Barbeque area

LISTED AT
\$355,000



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6015 FLORIDA ST ST.
PUNTA GORDA, FL 33930



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DeSoto County's Weekly Publication

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Arcadia Do-It-Best Hardware	K & J Homegrown Produce
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Arcadia Municipal Golf Course	MyShelly's Kitchen
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Standard weekly cutoff times for ads apply to the week prior to each issue's release day.

Printed issues are released each week on Tuesday:

- Space reservation: Wednesdays, 5pm
- Camera-ready ads: Fridays, 4pm
- Copy and graphics for ads requiring design: Wednesdays, 5pm
- Classified Ads: Thursdays, 5pm

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Unbelievable what has transformed this simple 5 acres into a picture perfect retreat. First of all, it has near 400 feet of water front with a boardwalk, floating dock and screened enclosure for comfort. There is a 30x40 metal barn and concrete pad and enclosed workshop. Nearby is a landscaped spa area. There is a huge manicured lawn area surrounded with natural and planted plants, flowers and trees, a separate beautiful private garden area, a stocked pond with a dock and a small screened porch "cabin". Conveniently located among the landscaping are 2 separate storage buildings as well as an outdoor shower. Complete RV hook up under cover conveniently providing water, septic and electric. Gated entrance and winding drive as well as picturesque pathways give you peace and privacy. Call for appt. and details. Videos and pictures available online. Appointment necessary

ASKING \$375,000 OBO! MLS#C7489208



25 ACRES

Hard to find anymore, 25 acres, fenced and gated, couple of ponds, zoned for grazing animals and is at the end of it's street with very little if any traffic. Also included is a 3 BR 2 BA doublewide 1985 mobile home. This home was damaged in Hurricane Ian and will need roof and interior renovation. There are other storage buildings on the property that stay. Well, septic and electricity still in working order. Appointment necessary.



ASKING \$485,000! MLS#C7489237



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Prob Violation - Prob Violation

CONLEY, CRYSTAL JEAN:

Burgl - Unoccupied Dwelling
Unarmed, Larc - Petit Theft 1St
Degree 100 Less 300 Dols, Failure
To Appear - Written Promise To
Appear (X2)

GAUSE, JONATHAN

MARSHALL:

Out-Of-County Warrant - Out-Of-
County Warrant

GOLDEN, FRANK PHILLIP:

Prob Violation - Prob Violation (X4),
Drugs-Possess - Possess
Controlled Substance W/O
Prescription

HEEMAN, TYLER DONALD:

Drugs-Possess - Possess
Controlled Substance W/O
Prescription, Drug Equip-Possess
- Drug Equip-Possess: And Or Use

HERNANDEZ-AQUINO, DAVID:

Aggrav Assault - Aggrav Assault On
Specified Personnel, Moving Traffic
Viol - Operate Motor Vehicle W/O
Valid Lic 1St Conv, Hit And Run -
Leave Scene Of Crash Involve
Damage To Prop, Resist Officer -
Obstruct Wo Violence, Dui-Unlaw
Bld Alch - Dui Influence Of Alcohol
Or Drugs

LUKACH, EDWARD WILLIAM:

Obscene Material-Possess - Poss
Photograph Of Sexual
Performance By Child

PEET III, EDWARD C:

Dui-Unlaw Bld Alch - Dui Alcohol
Or Drugs 4Th Or Subsseq Off, Resist
Officer - Refuse To Accept Sign
Citation Or Post Bond, Hit And Run
- Leave Scene Of Crash Involve
Damage To Prop

PICARD, JESSICA ELIZABETH:

Prob Violation - Prob Violation (X2),
Resist Officer - Obstruct Wo
Violence

ROOF, DALE RAY:

Public Order Crimes - Keep Pub
Nuisance Structure For Drug
Activity, Drugs-Possess - Possess
Controlled Substance W/O
Prescription, Drugs-Health Or
Safety - Poss Harmful New Legend
Drug Wo Prescription, Rug
Equip-Possess - Drug Equip-
Possess: And Or Use (X2),
Obstructing Justice - Tamper W
Evidence In Criminal Proceeding,
Resist Officer - Obstruct Wo
Violence, Amphetamine-Traffic - Or
Methamphetamine 14 Grams Or
Over, Drug Equip-Possess - And
Or Use

**WETHERINGTON, TIMOTHY
JAMES:**

Drug Equip-Possess - Drug
Equip-Possess: And Or Use,
Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Fail To
Register Motor Veh

WILLIAMS JR, DARRIN GENE:

Battery - Touch Or Strike



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\$228,500



This charming 3-bedroom, 1.5-bath home is serving up comfort, convenience, and a whole lot of curb appeal! With a freshly painted exterior and a beautifully landscaped yard, this home is already making a great first impression. But step inside, and it gets even better! You'll love the kitchen that has lots of counter space, the split floor plan, the interior laundry room, and the extra bonus room—perfect for a home office, playroom, or that cozy reading nook you've always wanted. The roof was installed in 2023, so that's one big-ticket item you can check off your list! Plus, say goodbye to unnecessary fees—NO HOA here! And let's talk location! You're just minutes from everything you love about Punta Gorda—waterfront dining, charming boutiques, parks, and easy access to all the fun downtown. Oh, and did we mention the one-car garage? Because yep, you've got that too! This home is the total package, and it's waiting for YOU. Call today before someone else snags it!



\$99,900

This fully furnished 2-bed, 1.5-bath home in a 55+ community is perfect for winter getaways or simple, laid-back living. Enjoy an open kitchen, living, and dining area, plus a Florida room with peaceful views of a cow pasture. The home also has an inside laundry area and a one-car carport. Best of all, you own the land—no lot rent! Conveniently located an hour from I-75, beaches, golf courses, and more, this charming home is priced under \$100,000.



\$289,500

This cozy 2-bed, 1-bath farmhouse, built in 2023, sits on 5 fully fenced acres and blends modern design with rustic appeal. The spacious attic offers great storage, and the property is zoned for farm animals, perfect for homesteaders or hobby farmers. Enjoy a greenhouse, fruit trees (peach, fig, citrus), and endless possibilities to create your rural retreat.



\$475,000

This delightful 3-bed, 2-bath home on 10 acres is a homesteader's dream! Inside, enjoy a cozy sunken living room with a fireplace and a flexible bonus room. The home features a durable metal roof and a two-car garage. Outside, relax on the front porch or the spacious screened-in back porch, overlooking fenced and cross-fenced land with enclosures for animals. A well-equipped barn with stalls, plus an additional shed for storage, make it perfect for farming or projects. This peaceful property is ready for your homesteading dreams!



\$319,000

This brand new 2024 farmhouse in DeSoto County is the dream home you've been waiting for, sitting on 1.47 acres. The primary suite features a spacious walk-in closet and a spa-like bathroom. The kitchen, with its large island and coffee bar, is perfect for gathering, while the cozy living room with a wood accent wall sets the stage for relaxed evenings. There's also a bonus family room for extra space. The laundry room offers plenty of storage, and outside, the property is zoned for animals.



\$159,900

This 3-bed, 1-bath home is a prime opportunity for visionaries, investors, or future Airbnb owners! With brand-new electrical, plumbing, drywall, exterior paint, and landscaping, the heavy lifting is done—just add your choice of flooring and finishes. Located near beaches, shopping, dining, and entertainment in Southwest Florida, this home is a blank slate for your dream home or investment property. No flooding, just endless potential—don't miss out on this rare opportunity!



\$149,500

This 2-bed, 1-bath home on a spacious corner lot is a blank canvas full of potential. With natural light throughout, a bonus room perfect for extra living space, and plenty of outdoor room for tropical landscaping or entertaining, the possibilities are endless. Located near waterfront dining, parks, and beaches, this property is ideal for creating your dream.

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Cars

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Trailers

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Medical Equipment

Miscellaneous

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Livestock for Sale

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FREE Livestock

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Free Pets

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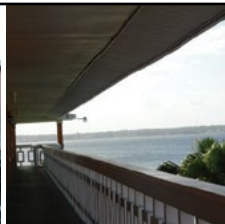
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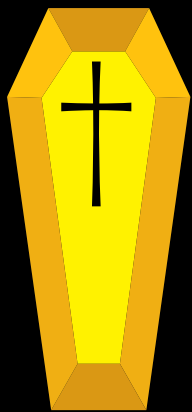


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FILE ONLINE

Online Exemptions Applications are provided as a courtesy.

IMPORTANT

Please do **NOT** use the Online Exemption Application on **PUBLIC** computers, such as those at the public library or coffee shop. You will be required to provide **PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL** information, such as Social Security Number and Driver's License.

TO FILE ONLINE, VISIT:
desotopa.com/online_exemptions/

OR

FILE IN PERSON

The application process can be overwhelming, due to the nature of the form supplied by the Florida Department of Revenue and the number of documents required to be provided.

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- Disabled Veteran's Exemption
- Widow's / Widower's Exemption
- Disability Exemption
- Exemption for Blind Persons
- Veteran's Combat-Related Percentage Discount (age 65 or older)
- Deployed Military Exemption
- Exemptions for Surviving Spouse of Veteran or First Responder

If you have questions concerning the qualifications for these exemptions, please contact our office:

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Social Security Number
- Florida Driver's License or ID Card (with current address)
- Florida Vehicle Tag Number
- Voter Registration (if applicable)
- Immigration Information (Residency, Passport, etc.)
- School Information where dependent children are registered
- Checking/Savings Account Statement (leave in envelope)
- Paid Utility Bill (with Service Address)
- Death Certificate for Spouse (when applying for widow/widower's exemption)
- Copy of Trust (for properties titled to Trusts)
- For disability exemptions, contact the office for the documentation required (includes service-connected)



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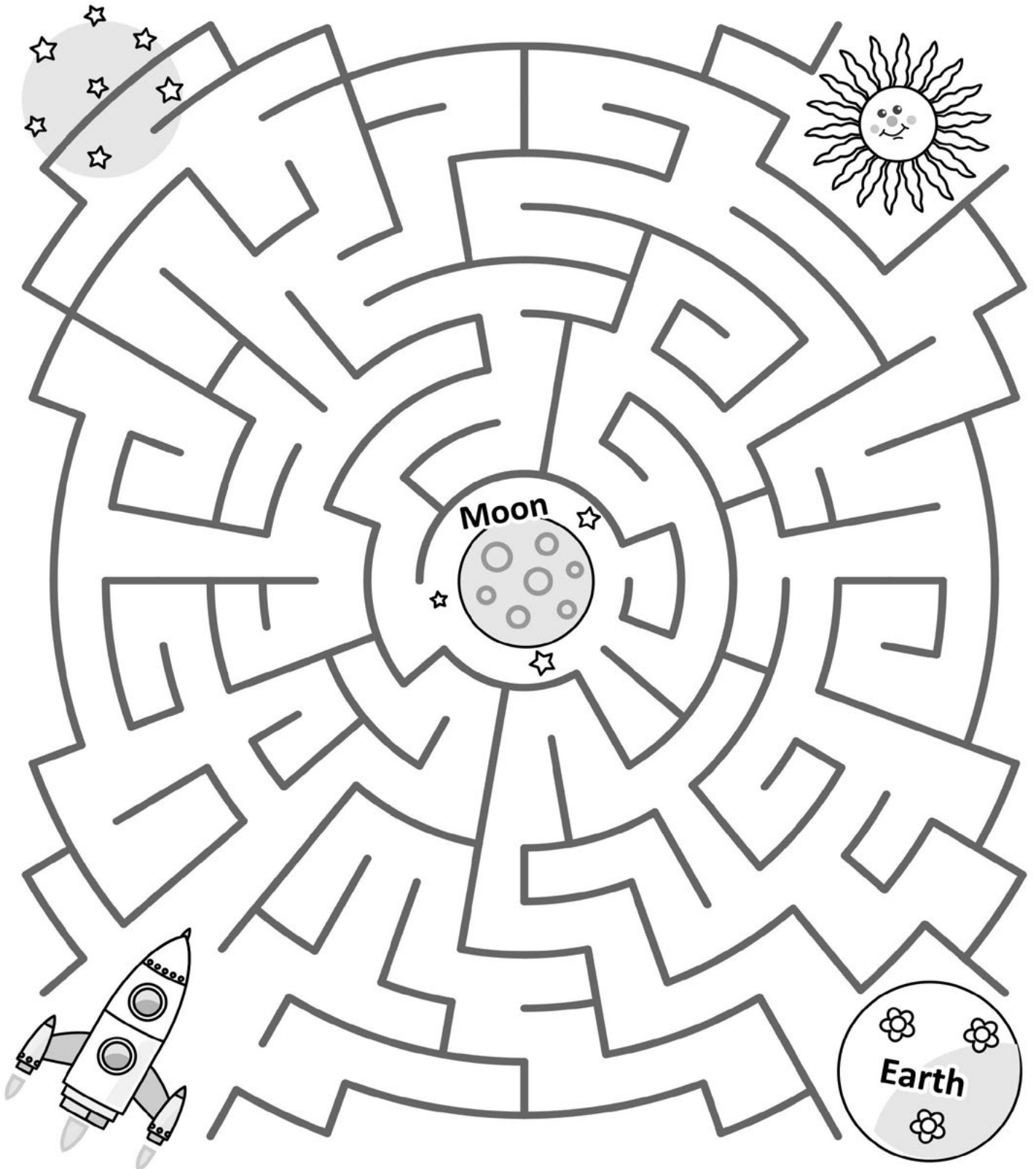
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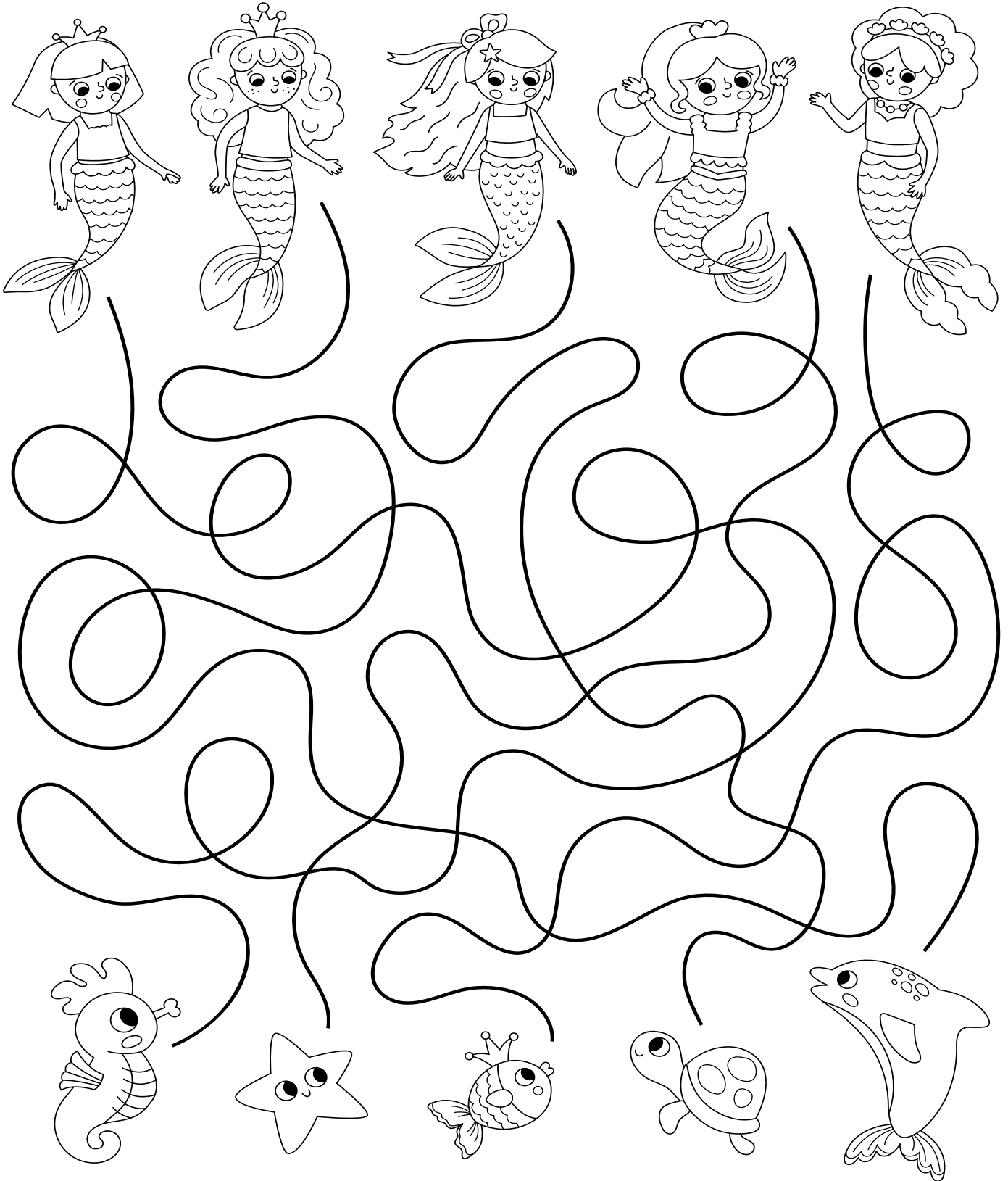
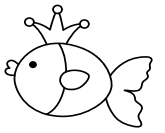
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8	5	7	9	4	6	1	3	2
9	4	6	2	1	3	5	8	7
1	2	3	7	8	5	9	4	6
6	9	1	5	7	4	3	2	8
3	8	5	6	9	2	4	7	1
4	7	2	1	3	8	6	9	5
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	4	5						
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3	1	9	7	4	2	8	6	5
4	5	8	6	3	9	2	7	1
6	8	4	3	2	7	5	1	9
5	9	7	4	6	1	3	8	2
1	2	3	5	9	8	6	4	7
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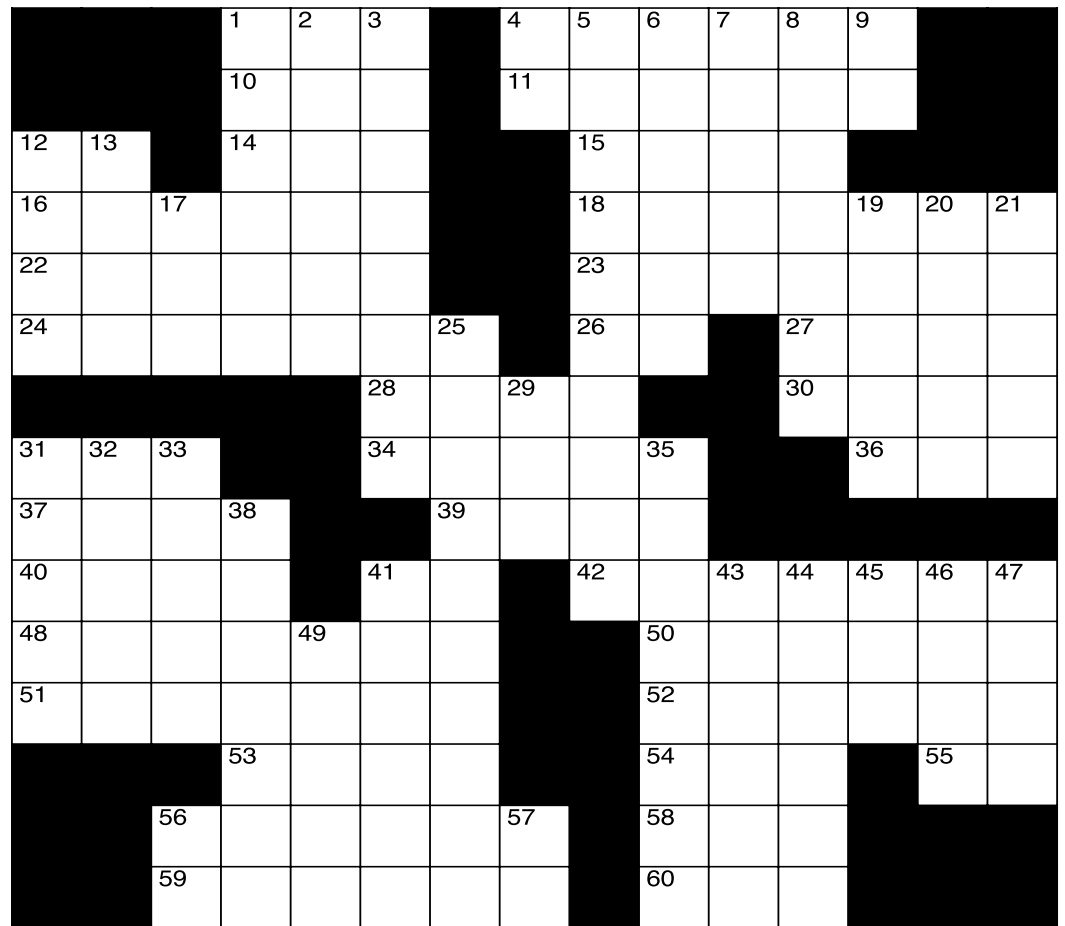
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CLUES ACROSS

1. 060 MinutesÓ network
4. Train line
10. Go quickly
11. Straightforward
12. Canadian province
14. At any rate (abbr.)
15. Genealogy
16. Make changes
18. Utter repeatedly
22. In a way, turned up
23. Type of ship
24. Agents of oneÓs downfall
26. Not out
27. Something to scratch
28. Round water pot
30. Refreshing green fruit (slang)
31. Promotions
34. Primordial matters
36. One-time world power (abbr.)
37. Source of illumination
39. The content of cognition
40. An Arab ruler
41. South Dakota
42. Gnawed at with teeth
48. Hawaiian island
50. Smaller
51. Of a single person
52. Rigid bracelet
53. Barbary sheep (Fr.)
54. Not even
55. Specific gravity
56. Engage in petty bargaining
58. BoxingÓs ÓGOATÓ
59. Split between parties
60. Notable offensive

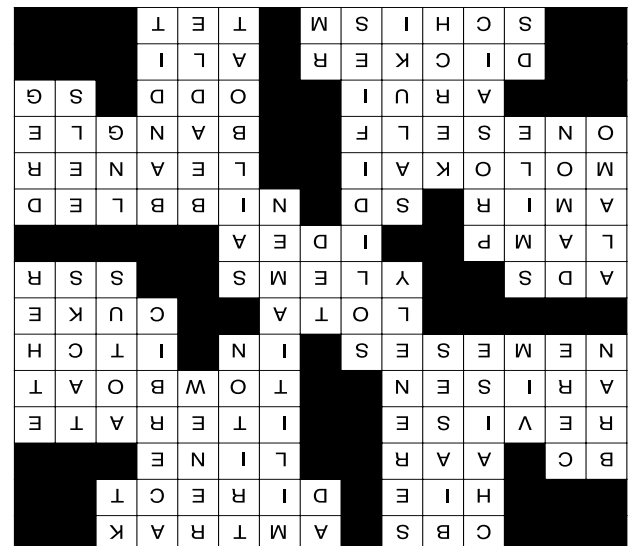
CLUES DOWN

1. A place to lounge
2. Skewed views
3. Peacefully
4. Commercial
5. Auxiliary forces
6. Large mollusk



7. Take out again
8. Sharp and forthright
9. Knight (chess)
12. Source of fiber
13. Flesh covering some birdsÓ beaks
17. Energy
19. Night monkeys genus
20. Small, sharp nails
21. Pleasant-smelling liquid
25. Affirms oneÓs hold
29. CNNÓs founder
31. Texans canÓt forget it
32. ÓOppenheimerÓ actor Matt
33. Expression
35. Vessel
38. Lacking poetic beauty
41. Tall, swift and slender dog
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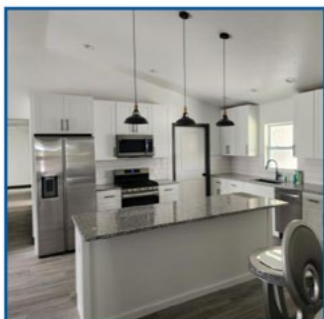
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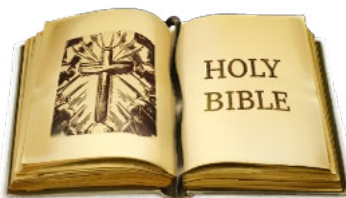
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OBITUARIES

JOHN WILSON WHIDDEN

01/30/1941 to 01/09/2025



John Wilson Whidden, 83, lifelong resident of Arcadia, FL passed away January 9, 2025 at 10:20 am. John passed away at hospice in Arcadia, FL. He was a caring and loving man. He loved to fish, watch wrestling, and spending time with his family, but mostly he loved being on his computer. He enjoyed talking to friends on Facebook. John loved his wife with all his heart. They would have been married for

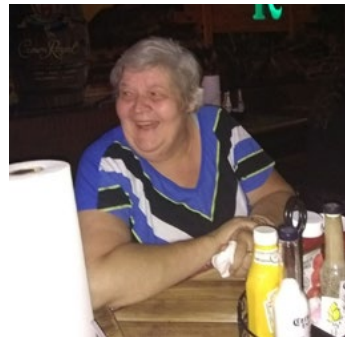
45 years this year. John was of the Baptist faith. John is survived by his wife Vivian Whidden, his daughter, Samantha (Brett) Yates of Arcadia, FL. He left behind 4 grandkids; John "JP" (Anis) Fewox, Zoey Yates, Vaisely Yates, and Charlie Yates all of Arcadia, FL. He also leaves behind nephew John Whidden. John also left behind plenty of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents John and Mary McGuire Whidden, and his brother Edward Lee Whidden.

Celebration of Life will be at a later date. John is missed and loved by all.



VIVIAN ANN WHIDDEN

08/01/1955 TO 01/12/2025



Vivian Ann Whidden, 69, passed away on January 12, 2025, at 6:15 pm in Sarasota, FL. She was of Baptist faith. She loved being with friends and family. She enjoyed the Jesus Loves Me Club. Vivian enjoyed helping others. Vivian enjoyed her outings with her best friend, Heather. Vivian is survived by her daughter Samantha (Brett) Yates of Arcadia, FL. She left behind 4 grandkids that she loved

dearly, John "JP" (Anis) Fewox, Zoey Yates, Vaisely Yates, and Charlie Yates all of Arcadia, FL. She is also survived by her siblings, George (Deborah) Mothershed, Orlando, FL; Jay Mothershed, Nocatee, FL; Debbie Webb of Nocatee, FL; Katherine (Kavis) Murray, Oklahoma and Darrell (Deborah) Mothershed, GA. She loves lots of nieces and nephews. Vivian also leaves a lot of adopted grandkids. Vivian is preceded in death by her parents Charles Martin Mothershed Sr. and Vivian Mothershed Trumpower, her loving husband John Wilson Whidden, and her baby brother Charles Martin Mothershed Jr. She loved her husband with all her heart. They would have been married for 45 years this year. She is loved and missed by all.

A celebration of life will be at a later date.



Michael “Mike” Lee Abbott



Michael “Mike” Lee Abbott, 63, of Arcadia, FL went home to Jesus on January 29, 2025, surrounded by loved ones.

Mike was born in Sarasota, FL, to Ted and Marilyn Abbott, on February 20, 1961. Throughout his life, he was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing, diving, air-boating, and driving racecars. He could fix anything with a motor. Mike graduated from Riverview High School in 1979. He was a second-generation owner of Abbott's Construction Services with his brother, Craig.

Mike met his beloved wife, Cynthia, in 1989 on a blind date. They were married the following year, and had 5 children: Jeremy(Kella), Jesse(Gemma), Daniel(Cassidy), Lindsay(Derek), and Kimberly(Daniel). Mike was affectionately known as, “Papa” or, “Papa Buzzard Bait” by his 13 grandchildren: Brianna, Jennifer, Kierstin, Ethan, Zachary, Gracie, Dylan,

Juliet, Eli, Laynie, Boone, Beau, and Bellamy, and 3 great-grandchildren: Evelyn, Eliana, and Eros. He found his faith in Jesus, and was baptized into Christ as an adult.

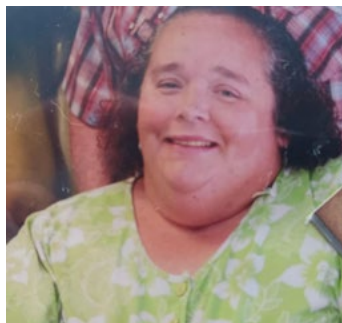
In addition to being a loving husband, father, and grandfather, Mike's passion was spearfishing and diving. His most prized material possession was his Yellowfin. You were always invited on the boat, as long as you weren't late and didn't want to come in early. Mike was known by all for his kindness and generosity. He was only a phone call away when someone was in need or needed advice.

Mike joins his Baby Sister, Uncle Bobby, Uncle Herald, and Aunt Margaret Earle in Heaven. He is survived by his wife, Cindy, his children, brother, Craig(Beth), parents, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces Jessica(Rhett) and Dana(Walt) and many close friends.

Please join us for a celebration of Mike's life at The Barn at Bert's Prairie located at 5990 N.W. Fussells Rd. Arcadia, FL on February 8th, 2025 at 11:00am

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Mike's honor to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital <https://www.stjude.org> or Operation Second Chance <https://operationsecondchance.org>

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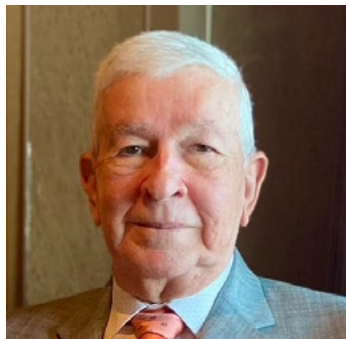
Rachell Maxine Summerall was born August 26, 1960 in DeSoto County, at the Arcadia General Hospital. She passed away peacefully, Saturday, January 25, 2025. She was preceded in death by her mother, Ruth (Mathis) Summerall, her father, Raleigh Summerall, Sr. and her great grandson, Tolkien Allen Avner Ames. All of them were no doubt there to greet her on the other side of the veil. She is survived by her devoted son, Daniel (Louise) Summerall, grandchildren: Carolina (Landon) Ames {great grandson: Ronin Ames}, Daniel Summerall, Jr., Adam Summerall, and Hailey Canfield. She is survived by all four of her siblings: Marvin (Lois) Summerall, Michael (Claudia) Summerall, Joanna (Gary) Lowery, Raleigh (Melissa) Summerall and cherished nieces, nephews, and dear sweet cousins, namely: Delton (Julie) Lynch who has been there for her at every turn. Last but not least, her “ride or die” best friend, Mary Magdalene “Mag” (Baxter) Roe, died the same week of Rach's tragic

accident. They are survived by Mag's daughter and Rachell's Goddaughter, her namesake, Rachell (Chris) Smith. ‘Mag’ and ‘Rach’ are having a good time reminiscing on the other side of the veil today.

In her younger years, Rachell was a nurse-caregiver, manager, and a skilled cook. She was a hard working, talented woman. She crocheted, carved artwork, and weaved baskets. When she was 37, she was in a horrific car accident leaving her paralyzed from the chest down. With all her challenges, she always remained a nurturer and found ways to show everyone that they were loved and important. She was an awesome listener, an avid reader, and a teenager at heart. She said her ‘grands and greats were the light of her life’. She loved to hear everyone's news, play and joke around, and jam out to good tunes. She always had an adventurous spirit, although, as a quadriplegic, it wasn't easy. Her son and the Good Lord always found a way to get her where she wanted to go. Her smile radiated from the inside out and lit up our lives. While we rejoice in her complete healing, literally walking with Christ, and that great family reunion that she is experiencing right now, she will be greatly missed. Glory to God and Jesus Christ for our opportunity to see our loved ones again. 1 Corinthians 15:54-57



Ronald Edward Stephens (Ron)



Ronald Edward Stephens (Ron), born on January 7th, 1946, went to be with Jesus on December 5th, 2024 in Palm Coast, Florida. The youngest of 5 children, Ron was born in Arcadia, Florida to Opal Keen and Joseph Stephens. Preceded in death by his parents, brothers Gordon and Joel, sister Betty, and son Scott, he leaves behind his wife Linda, daughter Melinda, son-in-law Jon, grandsons Colin, Cole, and Cameron, sister Barbara, in-laws, and many nieces and nephews.

Ron served in the Air Force in Vietnam before becoming

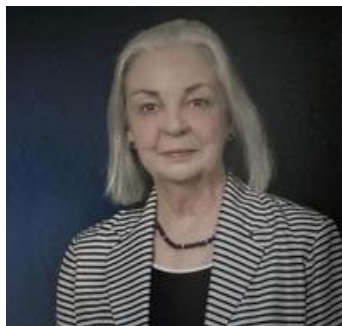
a Florida Highway Patrolman. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Human Resources and a Master's degree in Business Administration, both while working full time. Ron directed Human Resources in the government contract defense industry and private manufacturing; his expertise being startup operations. Even after retiring, Ron found a new joy in starting and running a family business along with his daughter and son-in-law.

Ron was a good man. He loved his Lord, his country, and his family. He truly enjoyed helping others, making people laugh, and was recognized as being a man of his word. He loved golfing, cruising, going to theme parks and resorts; but most of all, he enjoyed any time spent with his wife and family. Ron definitely lived life to its fullest.

Heritage Funeral and Cremation Service of Bunnell, FL assisted the family. www.HeritageFlagler.com



Stella Parnell Parker



Stella Joyce Parnell Parker died on Jan. 29, 2025. Born on Sept. 11, 1952, in Munford, Alabama, she was the youngest child of Lawrence Dumas Parnell and Ethel Fuller Parnell. After graduating from Munford High School in 1969, she accepted a respiratory therapy technician job at DeSoto Memorial Hospital (DMH). "She was a brave young woman," her son Thomas said, "as she moved to Arcadia not knowing anyone."

Working as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), she met her late husband who was also an EMT at DMH. Married in 1979, they had two sons. She also worked in medical records for DMH, and for more than 25 years, as the lead office staff for Dr. Louis Kirschner at Arcadia Chiropractic Clinic. She retired after years ten years serving as a control room operator at the DeSoto County jail.

A member of the DeSoto County Historical Society, she served as a director and secretary. Newsletter Editor Karen Smoke wrote, "Stella would take on tasks that she

was uncertain of and do them to perfection. She had a quiet determination to see a project through." A member of Trinity Methodist Church, Stella volunteered for events, on the scholarship committee, and taught Sunday School.

She loved to travel and collect souvenirs. Her miniature silver spoon collection chronicles her journey to Paris and Europe. She also enjoyed camping and the outdoors.

Strong and resilient but very humble, Stella was devoted to family first. She participated in whatever her sons chose to do—Boy Scouts, 4-H, sports, and more. She cared for her family and extended family, including her mother-in-law and grandmother-in-law.

She is survived by her sons, Travis Parnell Parker and Thomas Marion Parker, III; granddaughters Addisyn Marie Parker and Sydalee Taylor Parker; siblings Melba Parnell Ware and Kenneth Parnell; sister-in-law Karen Parker Raineri; nephew Kyle (Sandy) Parnell, and other nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband Lewis Henry Parker, IV; her parents; sister-in-law Louana Parker Thompson, and brother-in-law Barry Raineri.

A Celebration of Life will be at 11:00 a.m. on Mar. 1 at Trinity Methodist Church. In lieu of sending flowers, please make a donation to the DeSoto County Historical Society or Trinity Methodist Church.

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Another prophecy being fulfilled right now is counterfeit Christianity spreading all over the world. Jesus told his apostles; Take heed that no one deceives you for many will come in my name saying I am the Christ and will deceive many. As we as believers are to watch the Bible warns for a coming false prophet who will soon appear as Satan will be working through him. These prophecies written long ago are taking place right now.

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sounded like a great idea to me. What the heck, they already saw me once. What could happen anyway? I was just a boy. Who would want to hurt a little boy? We both went back in the house after that but nothing was the same. I was doing ok, I figured I would find out everything come Friday night. I was sure that all my questions would be answered then. So, while I was walking around the house smiling, Junior was walking around like he had lost his best friend. Even mom asked him what was wrong. You could tell Junior was in pain. I had never seen him like this before. His hands were shaking so bad he couldn't even hold a cup of coffee. It seemed like about Thursday that he was walking around like death warmed over. Not talking, not eating and for sure not smiling. Mom and dad were beginning to really worry about him. They even asked if they could take him to the doctor. Of course, he said no. He told them he was ok, that he just had a little stomach ache. As for me, it was getting closer to Friday night. The night all my questions would be answered. After a full week of torture, finally Friday came.

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