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MARCH 10, 2026

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- K & J Homegrown Produce
- Marathon
- MyShelly's Kitchen
- Nocatee Post Office
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- Publix Liquor
- RMZRealty
- Speedway
- Toby's RV Resort
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- Before & After Hair Salon
- Big Tree RV Resort
- Champs
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- City of Arcadia
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- Crews Bank & Trust
- DaVita Dialysis Center
- DeSoto County Annex
- DeSoto County Library
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- DeSoto County Tax Office

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Standard weekly cutoff times for ads apply to the week prior to each issue's release day.

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- Copy and graphics for ads requiring design: Wednesdays, 5pm
- Classified Ads: Thursdays, 5pm

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Failure To Appear - Written
Promise To Appear

BRADY, NYTREVIOUS LEVON:
Drug Equip-Possess - Drug Equip-Possess: And Or Use; Drugs-Sell - Sell Controlled Substance Schedule II; Marijuana-Possess - Possess Less Than 20 Grams Cannabis; Public Order Crimes - Keep Pub Nuisance Structure For Drug Activity

BRONDER, KAY ANNE:
Disorderly Intox - Disorder Intox Public Place Cause Disturbance

CADIEN, SEDNEY GEORGE:
Drug Equip-Possess - Drug Equip-Possess: And Or Use; Drugs-Possess - Int SELL/MFG/DEL Ctrl Sub WORSHIP/CONV Schd II; Marijuana-Possess - Possess Less Than 20 Grams Cannabis; Possession Of Weapon - Or Ammo By Convicted Fla Felon; Public Order Crimes - Keep Pub Nuisance Structure For Drug Activity

CONSTANT, SEAN DAVID:
Moving Traffic Viol - Driv While LIC Suspend Revocation Equiv Status

FAIRCLOTH JR., JEFFERY DEAN:
Prob Violation - Prob Violation

FERNANDES JR., HERBERT VICTOR:
Moving Traffic Viol - Dwlsr Or Revocation Equiv Status

FERNANDEZ, JAIMIE DAWN:
Damage Prop-Crim Misch - Over 200 Dols Under 1000 Dols; Resist Officer - Obstruct Wo Violence

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

FRAZIER, CHRISTOPHER CHARLES:
Damage Prop-Crim Misch - 1000 Dols Or More; Weapon Offense - Missile Into Dwelling Veh Building Or Aircraft

GARRETT, MICHAEL Q:
DUI-Unlaw Bld Alch - DUI Influence Of Alcohol Or Drugs

GONZALEZ, JOSE FEDERICO:
Battery - Touch Or Strike

GUZMAN, DAVID:
Drug Equip-Possess - Drug Equip-Possess: And Or Use; Marijuana-Possess - Possess Less Than 20 Grams Cannabis; Moving Traffic Viol - Dwlsr Or Revocation Equiv Status Subsq Off

HARDEN, GREGG MARCELLUS:
Failure To Appear - Written Promise To Appear

HARRISON, DANIEL CLYDE:
DUI-Unlaw Bld Alch - DUI Influence Of Alcohol Or Drugs; DUI-Unlaw Bld Alch - Refusal Submit DUI Testing

HERNANDEZ, DARIO:
Failure To Appear - Written Promise To Appear

HEYNE, XANDER ARTHUR ALAN:
Larc - Other Theft (x4)

JUAREZ DE LEON, JULIO CESAR:
Moving Traffic Viol - Operate Motor Vehicle W/O Valid LIC 1st Conv

LAINKO, DANIELLE NICOLE:
Prob Violation - Prob Violation

LOPEZ-VELAZQUEZ, JESSICA NICOLE:
Aggrav Battery - Aggrav Battery With A Deadly Weapon; Drug Equip-Possess - Drug Equip-Possess: And Or Use; Drugs-Possess - Possess Controlled Substance W/O Prescription; Marijuana-Possess - Possess Less Than 20 Grams Cannabis; Resist Officer - Obstruct Wo Violence; Veh Theft - Grand Theft Of Motor Vehicle

LOUISSAINT, LIGENSON:
Moving Traffic Viol - Drive While LIC Susp Habitual Offender; Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Driver Present Non Current Insurance; Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Fail To Register Motor Veh

MITCHELL, JAMES ALFRED:
Moving Traffic Viol - Driv While LIC Suspend Revocation Equiv Status

OLMO-RIVERA, ALEX:
Fraud - Utter False Instrument; Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Fail To Register Motor Veh

REYNAGA-VILLANUEVA, JUAN FERNANDO:
Moving Traffic Viol - Operate Motor Vehicle W/O Valid LIC 1st Conv

RUIZ, JESUS APARICIO:
Moving Traffic Viol - Operate Motor Vehicle W/O Valid LIC 1st Conv

SANDERS JR., ROBERT MICHAEL:
Drug Equip-Possess - Drug Equip-Possess: And Or Use; Drugs-Possess - Possess Controlled Substance W/O Prescription

WILLIAMS, JEVONTAE DESHAWN:
Moving Traffic Viol - Driv While LIC Suspend Revocation Equiv Status

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LISTING PRICE

\$269,900



2465 SW KLEIS DR, ARCADIA, FL 34266

4 2 2,056 SQFT

- 0.79 ACRES
- BUILT IN 2023
- FENCED FRONT YARD
- WALK-IN PANTRY
- KITCHEN ISLAND
- SPACIOUS PRIMARY

LISTING PRICE

\$415,000



2788 SE CREEKWOOD TER, ARCADIA, FL 34266

3 2 3,340 SQFT

- COASTAL-INSPIRED
- COZY LIVING ROOM
- UPDATED KITCHEN
- PRIVATE BACKYARD
- LARGE FLORIDA ROOM
- DETACHED GARAGE

LISTING PRICE

\$129,000



7724 BROOK BLVD, ZOLFO SPRINGS, FL 33890

2 2 1,836 SQFT

- BRIGHT LIVING ROOM
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- LOW HOA FEES
- CLUBHOUSE ACCESS
- COVERED CARPORT

LISTING PRICE

\$360,000



3082 NE TOP TER, ARCADIA, FL 34266

3 2 1,438 SQFT

- UNDER CONSTRUCTION
- 1+ ACRE LOT
- METAL ROOF
- CONCRETE BLOCK
- CHEFS KITCHEN

LISTING PRICE

\$179,000



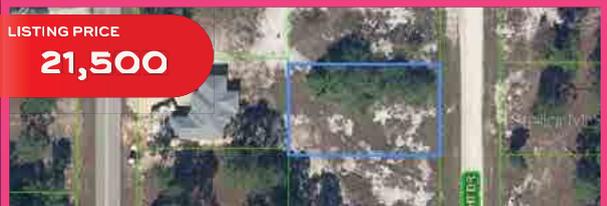
SE DURRANCE ST, ARCADIA, FL 34266

0.36 ACRE LOT

- WOODED HOMESITE
- CREEK FRONTAGE
- ZONED FOR ANIMALS
- MATURE OAKS
- RV PARKING
- PRIVATE SETTING

LISTING PRICE

21,500



648 TWILIGHT DR, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

0.22-ACRE LOT

- HOME SIGHT
- PEACEFUL SETTING
- LAKE ACCESS NEARBY
- CLOSE TO AMENITIES
- PRIVACY
- SPACIOUS LOT

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CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:
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ATVs
Bikes
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Motorhomes
Campers/RV
Scooter
SUV

Travel Trailers
Trailers
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Vans

Parts & Accessories

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2. MERCHANDISE

Antiques & Collectibles
Appliances

Computers & Electronics

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Clothing-Children

Exercise Equipment

Guns & Ammo

Farm Equipment

Furniture

Hunting & Fishing

Lawn & Garden

Medical Equipment

Miscellaneous

Music Items

Produce

Sewing & Crafts

Sports Equipment

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Feed & Supplies

FREE Livestock

22

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Pets for Sale

Free Pets

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Help Wanted
Looking for Job

24

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Mobile Home Rentals
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Rooms for Rent
Vacation Rentals
Lots for Rent

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Wrecker Service

30

9. WANTED

Cars & Vehicles
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Livestock
Pets
Real Estate
Rentals
Services

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10. COMMUNITY

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Meetings
Lost & Found
Yard Sales



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5+ ACRES



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SHORT OR LONG TERM RENTAL AVAILABLE
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VACANT LOT



VACANT LOT IN CITY LIMITS. CORNER OF MAGNOLIA ST (HWY 70 E) & MANATEE AVE. GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR SMALL BUSINESS OR HOUSE. \$59,000 L-382

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MOVE IN READY



\$72,000 FOR HOME ON .26 OF AN ACRE OF LAND. THIS IS A PARK MODEL HOME WITH ONE BEDROOM, ONE BATH, LIVING ROOM AND DINING ROOM AREA. KITCHEN INCLUDES REFRIGERATOR AND STOVE. HOME HAS A COVERED FRONT PATIO. 10X16 STORAGE SHED WITH LAUNDRY HOOKUP. HOME IS FURNISHED, MOVE IN READY. \$72,000, M-505

RENTAL



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Tuesdays: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. | **Thursdays:** 2-6 p.m.

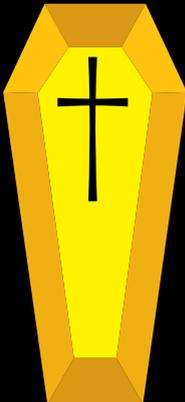
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lot 325.

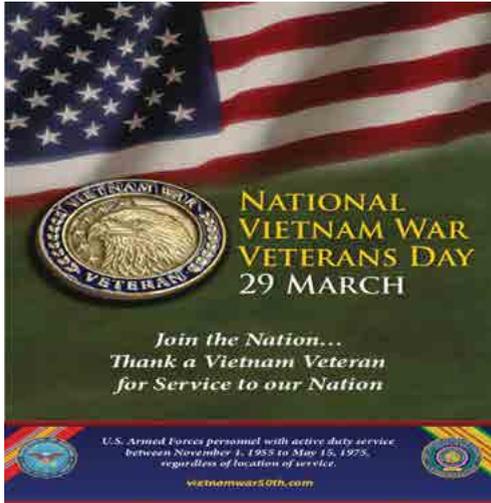


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3	6	5	4	8	1	7	2	9
8	5	9	2	7	3	5	8	6
2	8	7	8	2	3	4	1	3
8	2	9	6	3	7	4	5	1
4	7	4	9	2	5	3	6	8
6	5	3	4	1	8	2	9	7
7	9	2	8	4	1	3	5	6
2	1	9	5	6	8	4	3	7
9	6	2	3	4	1	8	7	5
4	3	6	9	2	7	8	1	5

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Level: Advanced

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Charlotte Miller, Manager of External Affairs for Fort Myers and Naples, Florida Power & Light Company

Every day across southwest Florida, volunteers are powering strong communities. Consistent, hands-on service helps ensure families are supported, essential programs remain strong and local nonprofit organizations can continue serving those who depend on them.

Yet many organizations are being asked to do more with fewer hands. According to the Florida Nonprofit Alliance, about 40% of nonprofit organizations say they need more volunteers to meet current demand. Here in southwest Florida, that need is clear. With extra support, food banks like Community Cooperative can distribute more meals, youth organizations such as YMCA of Collier County can mentor more students, and community groups like Keep Lee County Beautiful can keep our neighborhoods and shorelines clean. But many still lack the regular volunteers they depend on to operate at full strength.

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On Feb. 18, 2026, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) volunteers, along with LaBelle Middle FFA Chapter, help complete the new LaBelle Educational Garden. Volunteers installed educational signage for foliage, hammock posts and a fountain and also landscaped the area and planted a new pollinator garden area – creating a welcoming outdoor learning space for students and the community. This project is in partnership with the City of LaBelle, Arts of the Inland Gallery, LaBelle Garden Club, National FFA Organization, LaBelle Middle School and Hendry County School District. Now in its 18th year, FPL's Power to Care program reinforces the company's long-standing commitment to powering strong communities making Florida an even better place to live, work and raise a family. This year, FPL's Power to Care week consists of more than 30 projects led by hundreds of employees in over 10 counties across Florida.

the year, as FPL volunteers contribute more than 55,000 volunteer hours annually working alongside hundreds of nonprofit partners, from preparing meal kits for seniors ahead of hurricane season alongside Community Cooperative and Collier Senior Center - Golden Gate to supporting programs that help families meet basic needs.

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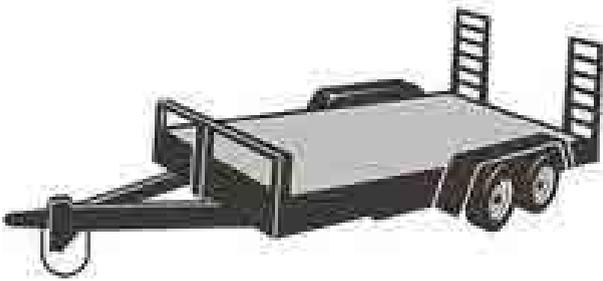
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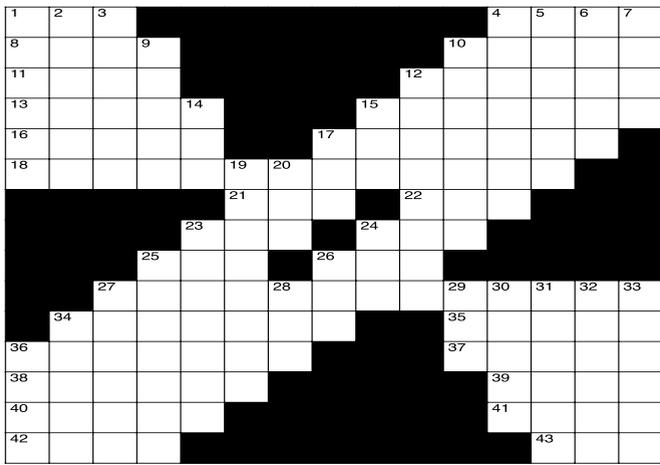
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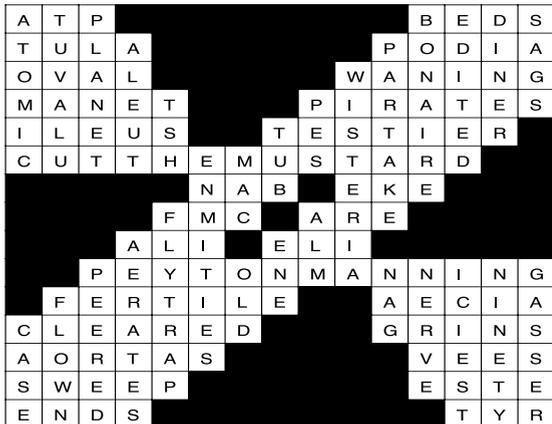
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Racquet sports association
- 4. Places to sleep
- 8. Native American tribe
- 10. Small platforms
- 11. Egg shape
- 12. Running out
- 13. French painter
- 15. Some are "of the Caribbean"
- 16. Painful intestinal problem
- 17. More irritated
- 18. Prove yourself
- 21. Catch
- 22. Supplement with difficulty
- 23. American automotive giant
- 24. Form of "to be"
- 25. Boxing's GOAT
- 26. Peyton's little brother
- 27. Eli's big brother
- 34. Capable of producing
- 35. Reproductive structures in fungi
- 36. Allowed to go forward
- 37. Smiles
- 38. Arteries
- 39. VVV
- 40. Win a series without losing a game
- 41. This (Spanish)
- 42. Opposites of beginnings
- 43. Germanic mythological god

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Consisting of uncombined atoms
- 2. Island country
- 3. Heavenly body
- 4. Caribbean island
- 5. Copyread
- 6. A place to eat
- 7. Drops down
- 9. Native group of Alaska
- 10. Engage in
- 12. "Desperate Housewives" lane
- 14. Thyroid-stimulating hormone
- 15. Foot (Latin)
- 17. A place to bathe
- 19. Animosities
- 20. Partner to cheese
- 23. Venus __, plant
- 24. A donation
- 25. Pokes holes in the ground
- 26. Midway between northeast and east
- 27. Looked into
- 28. Not young
- 29. Annoy constantly
- 30. Something one can strike
- 31. Most glacial
- 32. Ten less than one hundred
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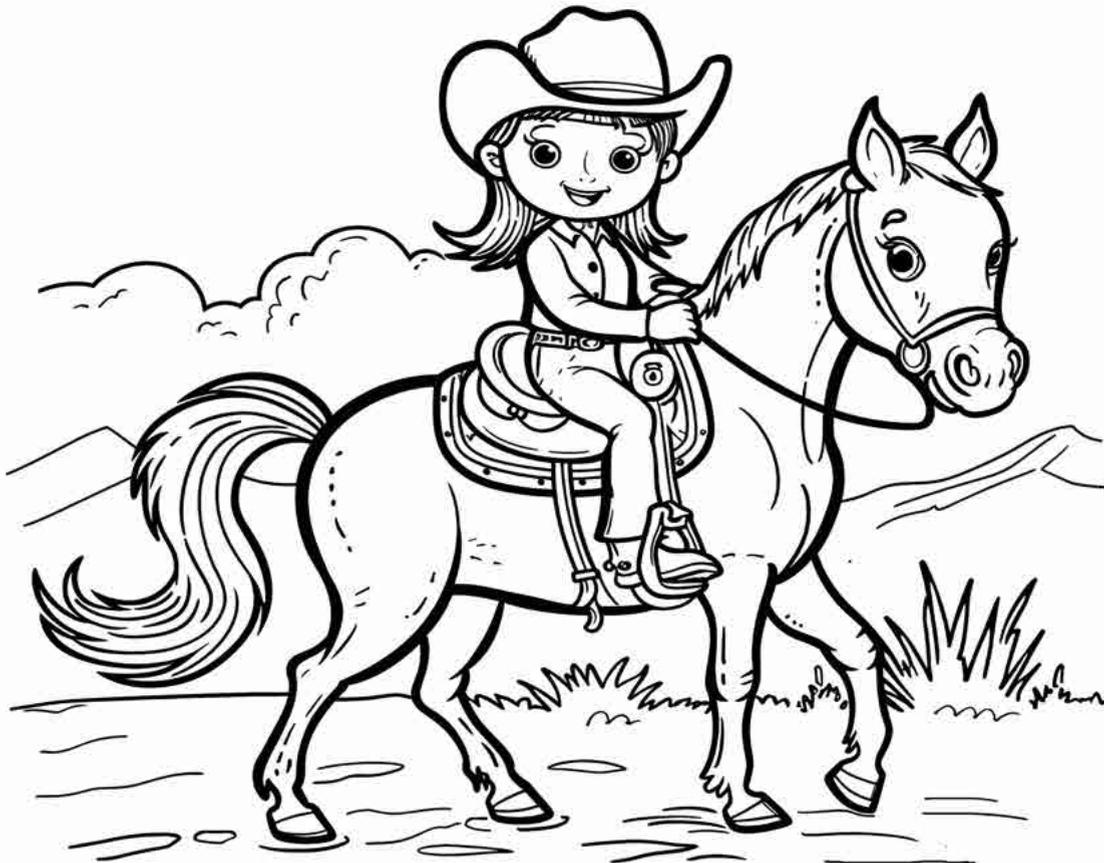
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Rubeola, known as measles, is an illness caused by one of the most contagious viruses.

How does it spread?

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- Measles spreads through the air when an infected person breathes, coughs, or sneezes.
- Measles can remain infectious in the air and on surfaces for up to two hours after an infected person leaves an area.
- If 10 individuals without immunity come in contact with measles, up to 9 of them will contract the disease.

What is the severity?

In some cases, measles may cause severe illnesses including pneumonia or encephalitis. While encephalitis is rare, this swelling of the brain requires hospitalization and intensive treatment. It can cause seizures, hallucinations, permanent brain damage, blindness, hearing loss, and memory loss.

Who is at highest risk of severe illness?

- Children and adults that are immunocompromised or have underlying health conditions
- Infants under 12 months
- Pregnant women

Is there treatment?

Since measles is caused by a virus, there is no specific treatment. Medications can help manage symptoms. However, based on exposure time frame, susceptible contacts may be candidates for post-exposure prophylaxis through MMR or immunoglobulin through their health care provider.

Vitamin A supplementation may be beneficial when administered under the supervision of your health care provider.

What should I do if I recognize symptoms?

Do not abruptly visit a health care provider without contacting them ahead of time. If you suspect or notice any symptoms, contact your health care provider or local county health department to receive instructions on how to safely seek medical attention without exposing others.

Symptoms

Measles symptoms appear 7 to 14 days after contact with the virus and include:

- High fever up to 105° F
- Red, watery eyes
- Cough
- Runny nose



MEASLES RASH

The most common symptom of measles is a rash that often develops on the face and neck, but can spread to the entire body.

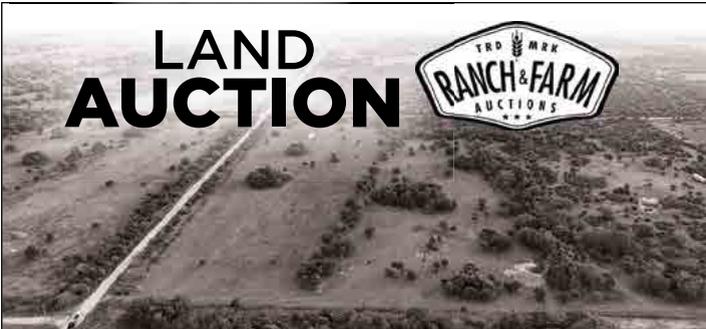
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4 1/2 ozunsalted butter
1 1/3 cupicing sugar
1/2 tsp.....vanilla extract
1 tbs.....milk
Green food coloring

To decorate:

11 ozwhite sugarpaste/fondant
4 oz..... pink sugarpaste/fondant
Icing sugar
Mini sugar eggs

For the cupcakes:

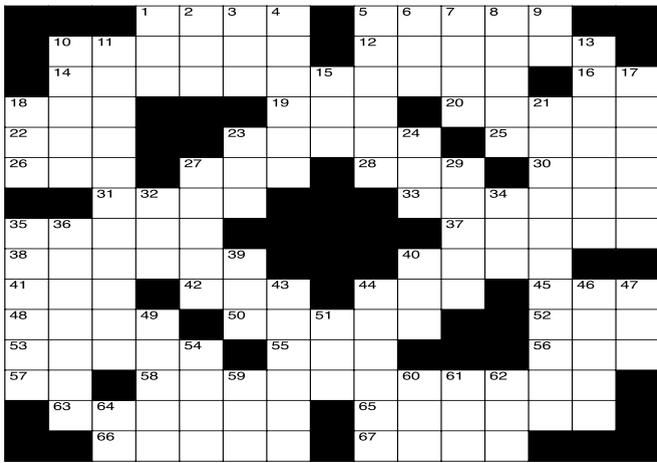
1. Heat the oven to 375 F. Place paper cupcake liners in a 12-serving muffin tin.
2. Beat the butter and sugar in a mixing bowl until light and fluffy.
3. Gradually beat in the eggs, beating until fully incorporated into the mixture.
4. Sift in the dry ingredients and gently stir into the mixture. Stir in the milk and vanilla until blended.
5. Spoon the mixture into the paper liners. Bake for about 20 minutes, until golden. Cool in the tin for 5 minutes, then place on a wire rack to cool completely.

For the grass:

6. Beat the butter until soft. Sift in the icing sugar and beat until smooth. Beat in the vanilla and milk until blended. Reserve about 2 tablespoons of buttercream and set aside.
7. Beat the food coloring into the larger amount of buttercream.
8. Spoon into a piping bag with a grass nozzle. Pipe on top of the cupcakes, starting at the outside edge and working in

circles, pulling up and away when a buttercream strand is long enough.

9. Roll pieces of white sugarpaste into 12 medium balls for the bodies and 24 small thick rectangles for the paws. Reserve some white sugarpaste.
10. Brush the paws lightly with a little water and attach to the bodies (see photo).
11. Roll 12 small balls and 72 tiny balls of pink sugarpaste. Cut the larger balls in half and press into oval shapes. Brush lightly with water and attach to the paws. Attach 3 tiny balls to each paw with a little water.
12. Put the reserved buttercream into a piping bag with a grass nozzle and pipe a ÔtailÕ on each bunny.
13. Arrange the sugar eggs on the cupcakes.
14. Roll out the sugarpaste trimmings separately on a surface dusted with icing sugar and cut out flowers (as in the photo) and place on the cupcakes.

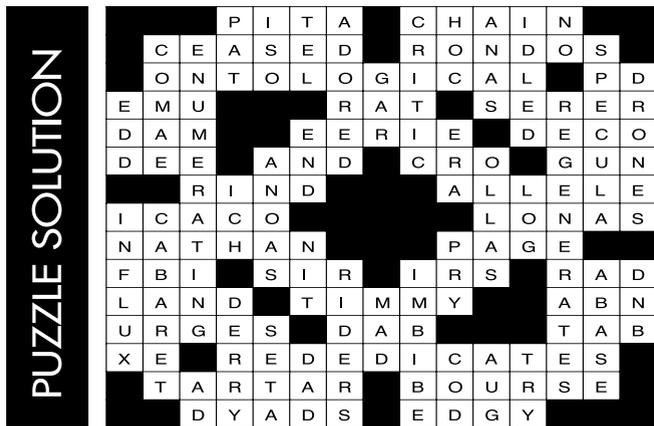


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Type of bread
- 5. Range of mountains
- 10. Ended
- 12. Musical forms with a recurring theme
- 14. On the nature of being
- 16. Law enforcement agency
- 18. Australian flightless bird
- 19. Subway rodent
- 20. More dried-up
- 22. A beaver might build one
- 23. Suggestive of the supernatural
- 25. Art __, around 1920
- 26. American rocker Snider
- 27. Not or
- 28. Earliest human: __-Magnon Man
- 30. Firearm
- 31. Tough outer skin of fruit
- 33. Alternative form of a gene
- 35. Low shrub some call "fat pork"
- 37. Plants in the chamomile tribe
- 38. Revolutionary War era spy
- 40. Portion of a book
- 41. Hoover's office
- 42. Title of respect
- 44. Tax collector
- 45. Cool!
- 48. Real estate
- 50. Boy's name
- 52. Airborne (abbr.)
- 53. Strongly recommends
- 55. Hit lightly
- 56. Bar bill
- 57. Atomic #54
- 58. Devotes again
- 63. Fish sauce
- 65. French stock market
- 66. Things that consist of two elements or parts
- 67. Tense

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Retired game show host Sajak
- 2. Equal (prefix)
- 3. Israeli city __ Aviv
- 4. Loved
- 5. A type of analyst
- 6. Ad __
- 7. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- 8. Ran without moving
- 9. Opposite of yes
- 10. Diffuse clouds of gas
- 11. Mentioning one by one
- 13. Instruments used to dilate
- 15. Freshwater fish
- 17. Remotely-manned flying objects
- 18. Doctor of Education
- 21. Renews
- 23. Not the start
- 24. Pitching stat
- 27. Small water buffaloes
- 29. Ceramic jars
- 32. I (German)
- 34. Something to toss on a fire
- 35. The process of flowing in
- 36. A series of acts at a night club
- 39. Egg of a louse
- 40. Inquire too closely
- 43. Travelers
- 44. Drink
- 46. Behave in a way that degrades
- 47. Electronic music style
- 49. Northern Ireland city
- 51. Upset
- 54. Stiff structure resembling a hair
- 59. Father
- 60. North Atlantic fish
- 61. 8th month (abbr.)
- 62. Make an effort
- 64. Commercial



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3. Missing design on inside of cup 4. Computer
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1807: The Embargo Act is passed by the U.S. Congress, forbidding trade with all foreign countries.

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God in the Old Testament of the Hebrew people had many names; Elohim, El Elyon, El Shaddai, Yahweh and Jehovah. We know that God is a spirit, a non material personal being, self-conscious and self-determining. Our God folks in everywhere, is infinite in his wisdom, holiness, justice and truth. God speaks through his son. God is eternal and unchangeable. God existed eternally before the creation. God is invisible. The heavens declare his glory. Jesus is holy because God sanctified him at birth Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah. The Holy Spirit is the 3rd part of the Triune Godhead. The New Testament tells us he is a person. He dwells in every believer. He inspires the scriptures and speaks through them. Jesus speaks of him as of his other self. Breathe and wind are symbols of his presence. Jesus sent him to teach us all things, to recall what Jesus taught us, to reprove the world of sins. He doesn't speak of himself only what he hears.

Jesus, the evening of his resurrection, breathed on his disciples and said unto them; Relive ye the Holy Spirit. The New Testament is full of the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers. Being filled with the spirit we shall experience Christ living within us. We live in a spiritual world folks. Humans are not the only ones here. The only difference is we cannot see the spiritual ones unless we have that gift from God. You may feel their presence but you can't see them. Folks, beware for there are evil spirits here also. I hope this message will get you to pray to our God through his son Jesus Christ, Thank You.

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SUDOKU

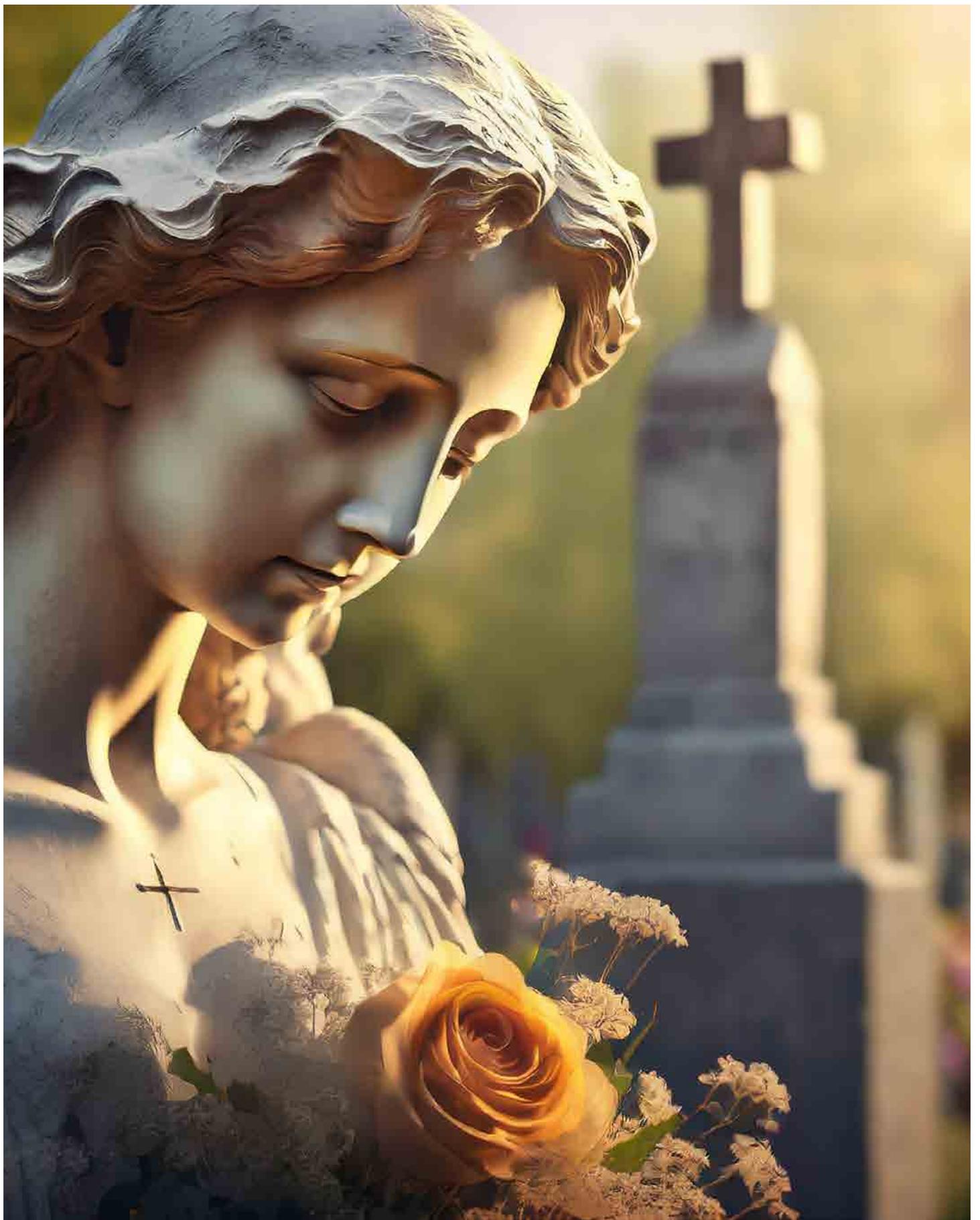
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6	3	4	2	1	9	8	5	7
9	7	1	5	4	8	3	6	2
8	2	7	6	3	4	5	1	9
3	9	5	7	2	1	4	8	6
1	4	6	8	9	5	7	2	3
4	8	9	1	7	6	2	3	5
7	1	3	9	5	2	6	4	8
5	6	2	4	8	3	9	7	1

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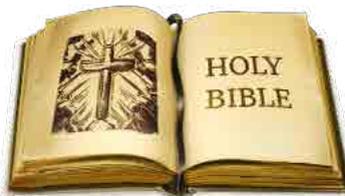
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OBITUARIES

Donna Suzanne Thomas



Donna Suzanne Thomas, age 76, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of faith, family, and devotion. She was born on November 27, 1949, in Jacksonville, Florida. She is preceded in death by father, Roy Schnell Davis; mother,

Ethel Marguerite Jones; her sisters, Mary Ellen Coppola, Royalne Ward-Davis, and Darlene Davis. Donna is survived by her siblings: Marlene and Gerald McCain; Alvin and Shirley Davis; Sherry and David Hodges; Perry and Arlene Davis; and William Jones.

Donna leaves behind her high school sweetheart and beloved husband of 35 years, Jesse Gerard Thomas and her loving children: Chad Henderson; Lance and Crystal Henderson; and Jessica and Chris Joiner.

Donna/DeeDee was a proud and devoted grandmother to Cayla Joiner and Chris Fulton; Jordan and Ashley Collins; Caitlin O'Neal; Ashlee Henderson; Leah Bauer; Dalton and Allie Joiner; Bradlee and Kalyn

Henderson; Emilee and Mark Schelm; and Jake Joiner, along with ten cherished great-grandchildren: Rowan, Camden, Tayven, Ryatt, Reid, James, Micah, Colbie, Emilia, and Russel.

Donna dedicated her life to caring for others. She loved cooking for her family, planning beach trips, and celebrating holidays surrounded by those she loved most. Her faith was central to her life. She was an active member of First Baptist Church of Fort Ogden, where she faithfully taught Sunday school and served her church community with love and compassion. Professionally, Donna devoted many years to education and community service. She served at The Arcadian/DeSoto Sun newspaper from July 1970

through June 1999 before following her passion for early childhood education. In 1999, she became the owner of The Learning Tree Inc., where she lovingly taught and cared for preschool children and families in the community for over two decades before selling the school in September 2021.

Donna will be remembered for her kindness, strong faith, generous heart, and unwavering love for her family. Her presence will be deeply missed and forever cherished by all who knew her.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at First Baptist Church of Fort Ogden on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., where family and friends are invited to gather in remembrance of Donna and to honor her life.



**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
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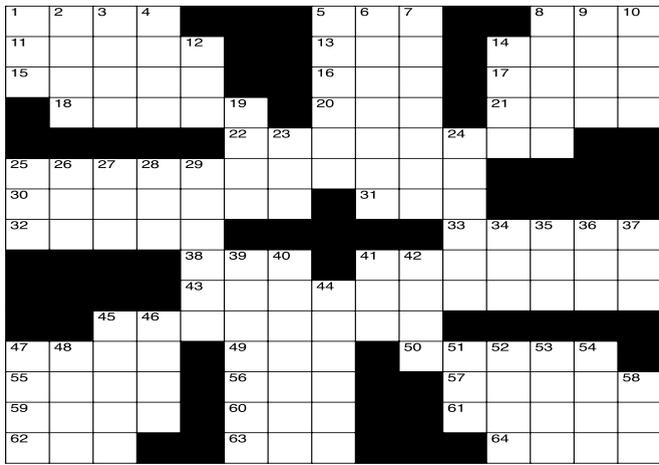
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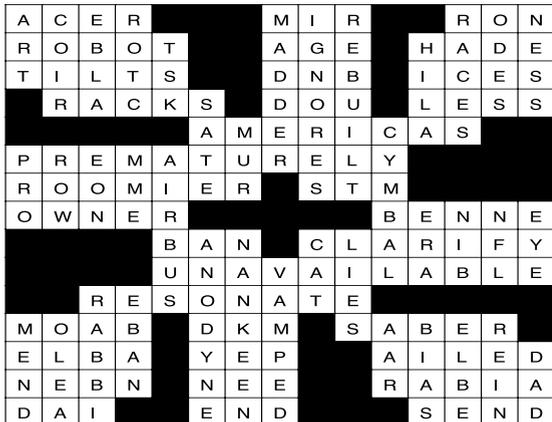
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Computer manufacturer
- 5. Noted space station
- 8. Kurt Russell film "Captain"
- 11. Automaton
- 13. Everyone has one
- 14. Incline from the vertical
- 15. Fights
- 16. Dunn & Bradstreet (abbr.)
- 17. Finishes off
- 18. Places to store things
- 20. Dutch painter Gerard ___
- 21. Smaller quantity
- 22. There's a North, South and Central of these
- 25. In an early way
- 30. More spacious
- 31. Short-term memory
- 32. One who possesses
- 33. Sesame
- 38. Forbid
- 41. A way to explain
- 43. Not around
- 45. Evoke or suggest
- 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 49. Dekameter
- 50. Fencing sword
- 55. "Luther" actor Idris
- 56. Affirmative (slang)
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. One point north of northeast
- 60. Born of
- 61. Arabic name
- 62. Hong Kong food stall: ___ pai dong
- 63. Not the start
- 64. Post

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Creative expression
- 2. Fiber from the outer husk of a coconut
- 3. City in ancient Syria
- 4. College army
- 5. More disturbed
- 6. Pays no attention to
- 7. Restored
- 8. Competitions
- 9. Lyric poems
- 10. Famed American lawman
- 12. Expression of disappointment
- 14. Scars
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. Central European river
- 24. Brass instrument
- 25. One who gets paid to perform
- 26. Propel with oars
- 27. Long period of time
- 28. Woman (French)
- 29. Type of plane
- 34. Pitching stat
- 35. Pointed end of a pen
- 36. Pro sports league
- 37. Body part
- 39. Inoffensive
- 40. Yellowish cotton cloth
- 41. Feline
- 42. Does not tell the truth
- 44. Set out to attract
- 45. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 46. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 47. Repair
- 48. Genus of flowering plants
- 51. Tributary of the High Rhine
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. C. European river
- 54. Restrain
- 58. Father

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Saturday, March 14, 2026

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Line-up is at 9 a.m. at Oak Street and Orange Avenue and the parade will begin at 10 a.m. Awards will be presented and the 2026 President's Trophy.

The Arcadia Rodeo dates are March 12,13, 14 and 15
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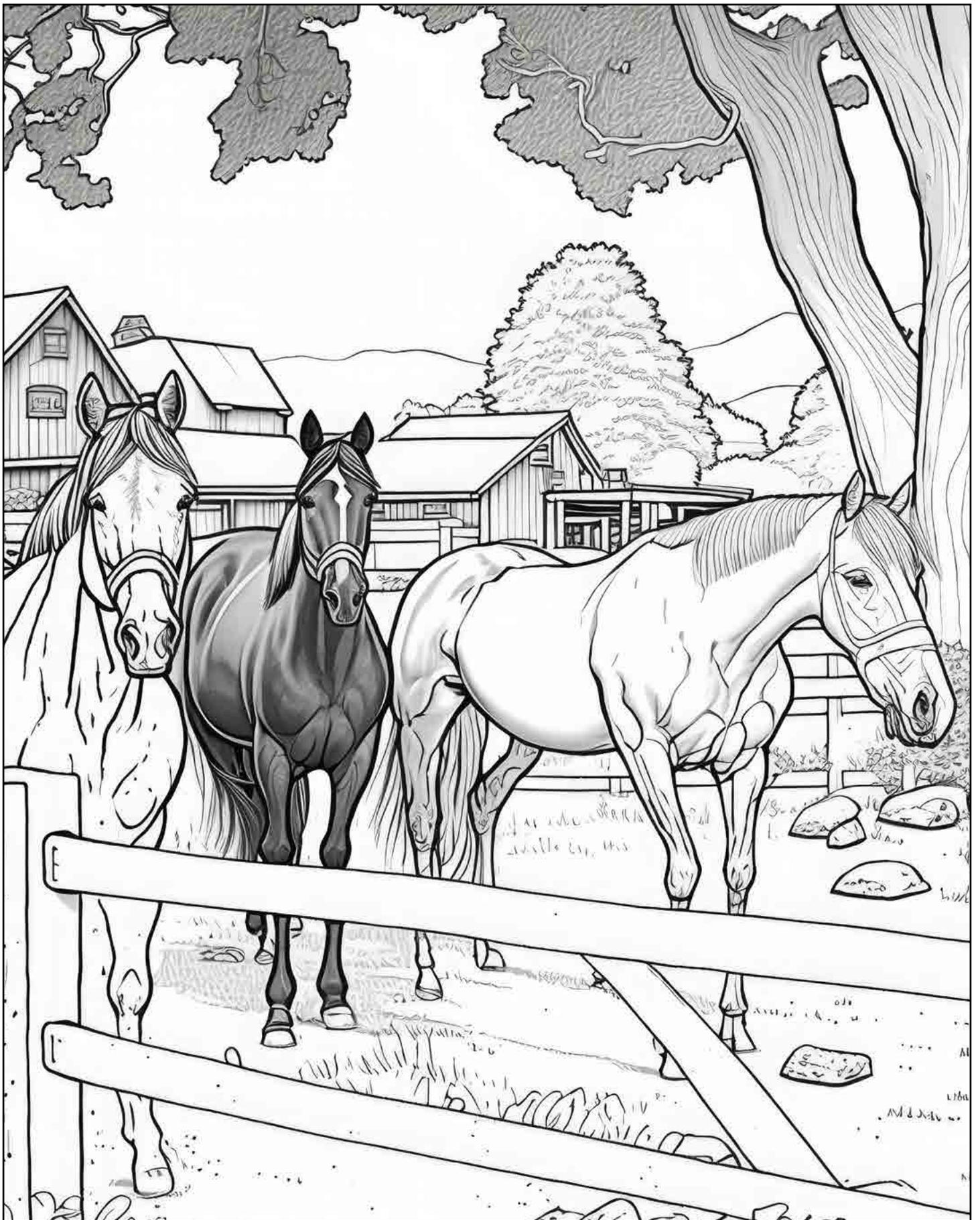
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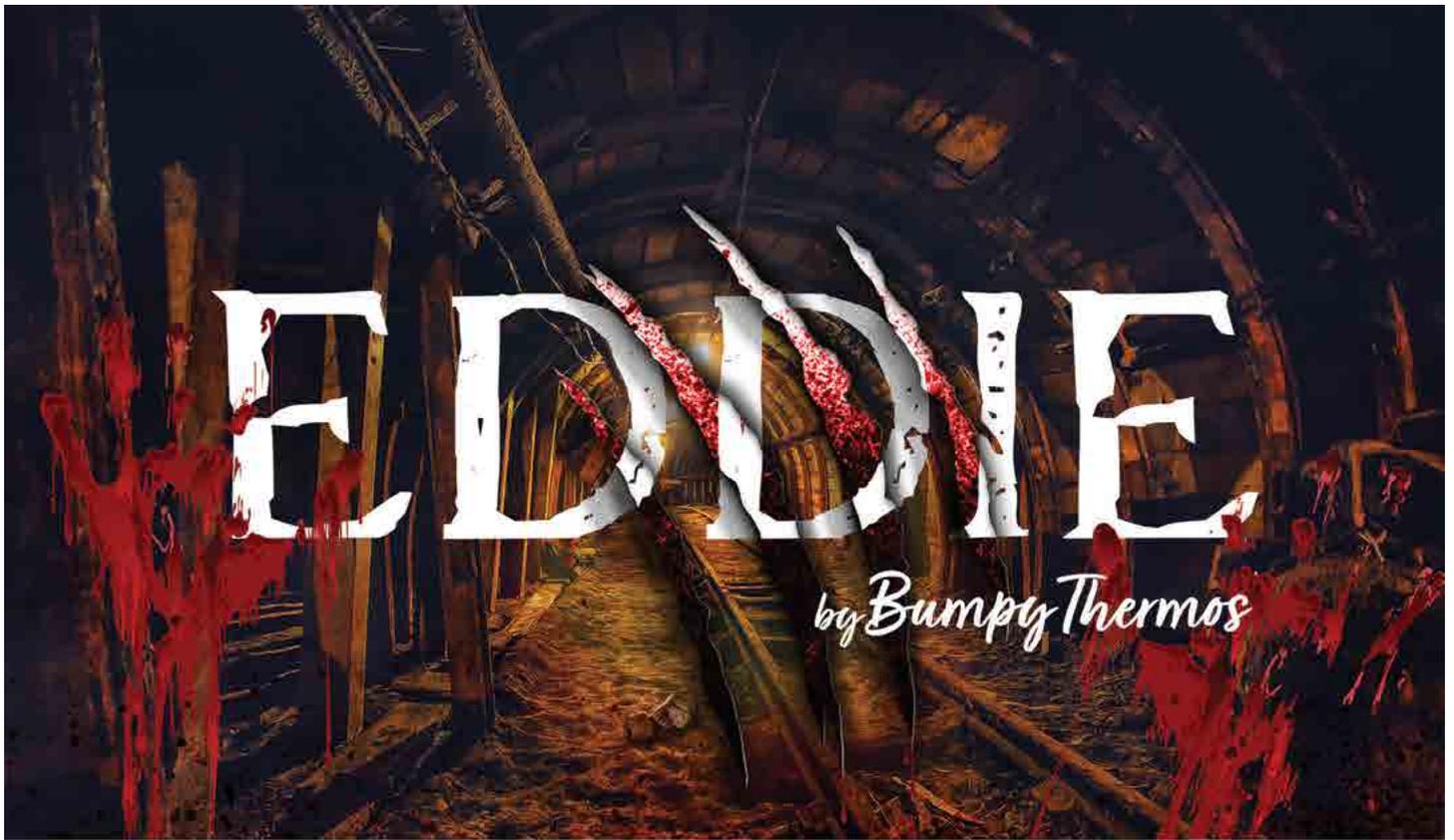
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CHAPTER 2

Most of those old caves had been explored so many times that the miners could go through them with their eyes closed. The only cave that had not been explored was one that an old man had discovered some time back, just nobody would believe him. He came back saying that it was haunted and for no one to go in there. Everybody just laughed at him, mostly because all the other caves had been gone through and mined over and over again and they felt like the old man was crazy anyway. He already had a bad history of always being drunk and telling people stories about those old caves so when he told everyone about the new cave, they didn't believe him. The old man had been telling everybody about this cave now for over a month, but no one would listen. Then when the miners went missing, everyone wanted to know more about this cave but, then the old man came up missing. No one had paid much attention to him until now so when they started talking, they found out that no one had seen him for days. Who knows, they might never had been looking for him if it hadn't been for the miners missing. Now people got to thinking that maybe he had found a new cave and now people wanted to know

where it was. They were already looking for the miners when someone found the old man's socks, then a few of the old miners decided to go looking for this cave that the old man had told them about. They were gone for quite a long time. After they got back and got their breathe, they said that they thought they may have found the cave the old man was talking about, but it was too late at night to do much looking around and that they would go back in the morning. One full day now was gone and part of another and still no sign of the miners or the old man. Even the old miners were starting to get weary of searching, some of them had gone back to the new cave several times but were unable to find anything or any sign of anybody. The cave had a lot of water in it anyway from all the rain. With no one finding any sign of the miners or the old man there, they decide to start looking in other areas. In all the excitement, everyone had forgotten about Jerry's still. Jerry's still had not even been mentioned. His still was about a half mile from the caves, just north of the caves and everyone had been looking east and west, so the miners set out for Jerry's still. Jerry lived in an old cabin that faced the mountain and his back porch hung out over the cliff just above the river. As the miners got close to the cabin, they began to smell something bad, like a dead animal

or something. Jerry always had fresh meat hanging out front on a line, so they thought that might be what it was, that maybe he had let a few pieces go bad. But, as they got closer, it was clear that something had gone wrong. First of all, there was no line of meat hanging out front. That by itself was a bad sign because Jerry always had some kind of meat out there. There was no sign of his truck, and his cabin door was wide open. The front windows were completely open like they had been pushed in from a big wind or something. The front door had almost been torn off the hinges. Everything looked like it had been flattened. Even the smoke house was pushed over. They were a little scared to go in, but soon they began to start yelling for Jerry. As they slowly went in the door, everything in the house was messed up. All the furniture looked like it had been deliberately torn apart, that someone had taken the time to tear every piece of it up. They couldn't find any sign of life anywhere but, as they started to look around, they heard a sound like someone moaning in the cellar. They could see the cellar door. It was over by the fireplace. They all argued over who was going to open it. It was clear that the sound was coming from down in the cellar. Finally, one of the miners walked over to open the door...

Spring Break



As we head into Spring Break, the School District of DeSoto County wishes all of our students, families, and staff a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable week. This break is a wonderful opportunity to rest, recharge, and spend meaningful time with family and friends after a busy and successful school semester.

We encourage everyone to take this time to unwind, have fun, and return refreshed and ready for the exciting learning opportunities and events still ahead this school year. Whether you are traveling, enjoying time at home, or exploring our local community, please remember to stay safe and take care of one another. We look forward to welcoming our students and staff back soon, energized and ready to finish the school year strong! Have a happy and safe Spring Break!

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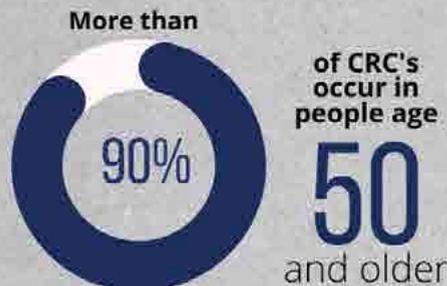


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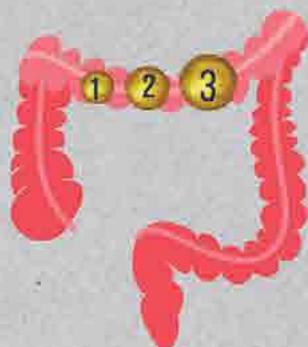
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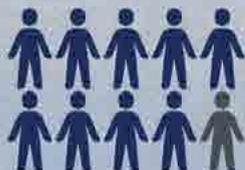
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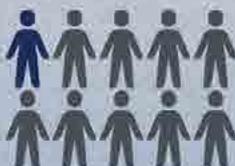
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