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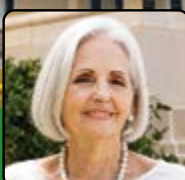
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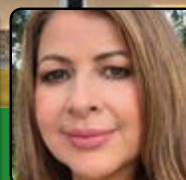
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Arcadia Municipal Golf Course	K & J Homegrown Produce
Arcadia Post Office	Marathon
Arcadia Village	MyShelly's Kitchen
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DeSoto County Library	
DeSoto County Property Appraiser	
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Standard 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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DeSoto County's Weekly Publication

SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

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Limit 50 words maximum.

Add a photo for \$5/week

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Peace River SHOPPER

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223 E. OAK ST. STE. 1B, ARCADIA, FL 34266

37 ACRES



ASKING \$740,000! MLS#C7531023

There are 3 parcels that make up this total acreage. All being sold as ONE package and all are AS IS. The Front parcel faces Carlstrom Field Rd and the two remaining parcels are directly in line behind. There is a large pond in front parcel and there are fences and gates. On the middle parcel, also fenced with a gate, is a concrete house currently occupied with a Tenant and on the Southern most parcel, also fenced, there is an old wooden house from 1926. There has been no value included in asking price for these two houses. There is currently a lease on the land for horses and cows. All three parcels are currently zoned as residential. These are located in a great part of the community, just off Hwy 70 East, where you find a great deal of businesses. Very convenient for almost any occasion. *Appointment is a MUST!*

8+- ACRES



ASKING \$235,000! MLS#C7530994

There are 2 parcels in this offering. The largest runs along Airport Road and is partially cleared and mowed down. This is zoned RMF-6 creating the possibility of Duplex's or Tri-plex's. The 2nd parcel is just a tiny .12 piece adjoining this front acreage on the back side. This is a very nice piece of land and has possibilities for several uses. The location of this listed acreage is perfect in that the road is nicely paved and property is conveniently near shopping, Dr's, restaurants, stores, groceries and the list goes on. Check in to it and see how it can fit your needs and plans.



Jean Vitali

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ARREST REPORT 9/18/26 - 9/24/26

DESOTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ALLEN JR., ROBERT LEE:

Prob Violation - Prob Violation

BRADFORD, TONY

DEWARD ALLAN:

DUI-Unlaw Bld Alch - DUI Alcohol Or Drug 3rd VIOL/ CONV Outside 10yr

CICCANTI, TONIA MARIE:

Drug Equip-Possess - Drug Equip-Possess: And Or Use; Moving Traffic Viol - Driv While LIC Suspend Revocation Equiv Status

DAHR, ALAN MICHAEL:

Prob Violation - Prob Violation

DEUBERRY, TABITHA MARIE:

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

ELKINS JR., DAVID R.:

DUI-Unlaw Bld Alch - DUI Damage To Property Or Person Of Another; Moving Traffic Viol - Operate Motorcycle W/O License

HAGER, JOSEPH:

Battery - Touch Or Strike; Resist Officer - Obstruct Wo Violence

JONES, AARON:

Moving Traffic Viol - Operate Motor Vehicle W/O Valid LIC 1st Conv; Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Fail To Register Motor Veh

JONES, TAVARES LEVORNE:

Moving Traffic Viol - Driv While LIC Suspend Revocation Equiv Status

LEE, ILEENE RENAE:

Aggrav Battery - Aggrav Battery With A Deadly Weapon; Out-of-County Warrant - Out-of-County Warrant

MENDOZA GUERRERO, JULIAN:

DUI-Unlaw Bld Alch - DUI Damage To Property Or Person Of Another; DUI-Unlaw Bld Alch - Refusal Submit DUI Testing; Hit And Run - Leave Scene Of Crash Involve Damage To Prop; Moving Traffic Viol - Operate Motor Vehicle W/O Valid LIC 1st Conv

MOORE, BLAKE ALLEN:

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; Obstructing Justice - Tamper W Evidence In Criminal Proceeding

MULLINS, REBECCA

CRYSTAL KAYLYNN:

Failure To Appear - Written Promise To Appear (x3)

PAZ-SANCHEZ, HERMINIO:

Out-of-County Warrant - Out-of-County Warrant

ROSE, DEWAYNE PAUL:

Amphetamine-Traffic - Traffic In METH/AMPHETAMINE 14 Grams+; Conservation - EXCH/SELL Pamletto Berry Wo PERMIT/PERMISSION; Drug Equip-Possess - Drug Equip-Possess: And Or Use; Moving Traffic Viol - Driv While LIC Suspend Revocation Equiv Status; Possession Of Weapon - Or Ammo By Convicted Fla Felon

RUIZ JR., ALFREDO:

DUI-Unlaw Bld Alch - DUI Influence Of Alcohol Or Drugs; DUI-Unlaw Bld Alch - Refusal Submit DUI Testing

TIMMONS, JOSHUA WILLIAM:

Disorderly Intox - Disorder Intox Public Place Cause Disturbance; Resist Officer - Obstruct Wo Violence

TOMPKINS SR., LILDRECO KASINSKY:

Prob Violation - Prob Violation

WASHINGTON, QUAMSHME ANQUICE:

Moving Traffic Viol - Driv While LIC Suspend Revocation Equiv Status



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15 MORE PROPERTIES SOLD!



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ARCADIA, FL 34266**



**1597 SE TANGELO DR,
ARCADIA, FL 34266**



**2086 NW GENES LITTLE ACRES AVE,
ARCADIA, FL 34266**



**29427 TURBAK DR,
PUNTA GORDA, FL 33982**



**704 N MANATEE AVE,
ARCADIA, FL 34266**



**6898 SW MIAMI AVE,
ARCADIA, FL 34266**



**DURRANCE ST SE,
ARCADIA, FL 34266**



**SE 2ND AVE LOTS 11-12
ARCADIA, FL 34266**



**11336 SW ORANGE AVE
ARCADIA, FL 34269**



**SE HWY 31,
ARCADIA, FL 34269**



**4683 SE RYE AVE
ARCADIA, FL 34266**



**308 ISLAMORADA BLVD,
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**3893 CAPE COLE BLVD,
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CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:
Every Thursday, 5pm

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1. CARS & VEHICLES

ATVs
Bikes
Boats
Cars
Golf Carts
Motorcycles
Motorhomes
Campers/RV
Scooter
SUV
Travel Trailers
Trailers
Trucks
Vans
Parts & Accessories

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2. MERCHANDISE

Antiques & Collectibles
Appliances
Computers & Electronics
Clothing-Adult
Clothing-Children
Exercise Equipment
Guns & Ammo
Farm Equipment
Furniture
Hunting & Fishing
Lawn & Garden
Medical Equipment
Miscellaneous
Music Items
Produce
Sewing & Crafts
Sports Equipment
Tools & Building Materials

18

3. FARM & LIVESTOCK

Livestock for Sale
Feed & Supplies
FREE Livestock

22

4. PETS

Pets for Sale
Free Pets
Lost and Found
Pet Supplies

22

5. JOBS

Employment
Help Wanted
Looking for Job

24

6. REAL ESTATE

Commercial
Home for Sale
Land for Sale
Mobile Homes for Sale

24

7. RENTALS

Apt & Condo Rentals
Home Rental
Mobile Home Rentals
Office Space
Rooms for Rent
Vacation Rentals
Lots for Rent

26

8. SERVICES

Business Services
Boat Repair & Maint.
Caregiving
Cleaning
Lessons
Transportation
Wrecker Service

26

9. WANTED

Cars & Vehicles
Merchandise
Livestock
Pets
Real Estate
Rentals
Services

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10. COMMUNITY

Auctions
Meetings
Lost & Found
Yard Sales



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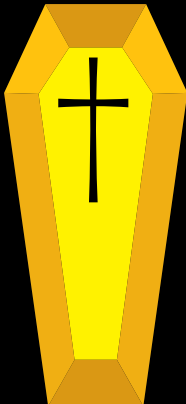
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BOATS

Kayak

14-foot wilderness Pungo kayak. \$400 or best offer, (607) 749-2310

CARS

2005 Toyota Camry LE

Silver, 166,000 miles. Runs perfect; cold air, excellent stereo, CD/tape player. Recent tune up, new battery/tires. \$5,000 firm. (863) 252-1685

GOLF CARTS

2017 Club Car

2017 Club Car Pres. Allied lithium battery 48 volts, new bushings, 4 new tires & 2 spares, new motor. Green \$5500. (863) 303-1395

GOLF CARTS

1997 EZGO TXT Golf Cart

Four seater, 2 cylinder gas engine, full windshield. \$1500.00 O.B.O. (941) 629-9595

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PARTS & ACCESSORIES

1998-99 Dodge Laramie for parts only
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Jeep Gladiator Toolbox

Tool box for Gladiator Jeep Pick-up. Brand new. Paid \$500, asking \$300. (863) 558-1374 or (863) 558-5893.

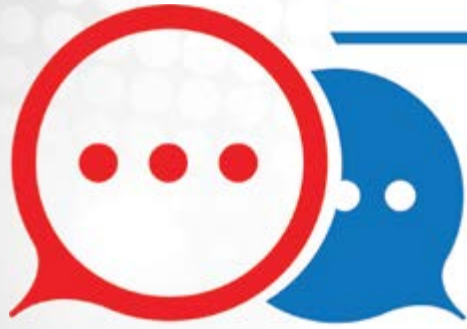
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Tires

2 used Ridge Grappler tires 33/12.50r22Lt \$150 for the pair, 1 used Hercules 205/60r16 \$50 and 2 used Dynapro ht p265/60r18 \$100 for the pair. (941) 223-7478

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PROPERTY TAX AMENDMENT



TOWN HALL MEETING

The public is invited to the Turner Center Exhibit Hall on
Wednesday, October 7th at 6:00PM
to discuss the property tax amendments that
will appear on the November ballot.

This is an information forum only and will not be presented in an opposition or proponent format. Property Appraiser staff will be available to answer questions regarding specific properties and the potential benefit, if the amendments were to pass.



Nadia K. Daughtrey,
DeSoto Clerk of Court
will provide information
concerning the property
fraud alert system



Debbie Wertz,
*DeSoto Supervisor of
Elections*
will provide voter
registration and
verification



Susan D. Pooley,
DeSoto Tax Collector
will provide information
regarding the quarterly
installment plan for
property tax collection



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PARTS & ACCESSORIES

Tires

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SUV/JEEPS

2020 Jeep Grand Cherokee

With only 38,250 miles on it, in excellent condition, doesn't need tires, brakes or anything. Listing for \$21,000. (203) 395-3795

TRAILERS

Dual axle trailer

34.10 foot trailer, flatbed, blank. Ready to be built into something \$800. Registration legal and legit. Dual axle. (941) 223-7478

TRAILERS

Horse trailer for sale

SilverLite aluminum, three-horse slant, bumper pull, stock, perfect condition. (863) 494-3217

TRAVEL TRAILERS

Hi-Lo Travel Trailer

Sleeps 6, no leaks, little work needed. FL title. Pictures upon request. Arcadia. (813) 951-0030

TRUCKS

2006 Ford F250 utility truck

Needs work, has new batteries, diesel engine, less than 200,000 miles \$3000. (941) 223-7478

TRUCKS

1990 Ford 7.3 Diesel Extended Cab

Has blown head gasket \$3000. (941) 374-4202

2. MERCHANDISE

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Advertising 1 piece or Whole Collection Signs, Motorcycles, Cars, Anything Old. Free Appraisals. (941) 812-1312

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APPLIANCES

washing machine

Whirlpool washing machine cleans like new price: \$500 O.B.O.. Arcadia, call after 1 PM. (863) 494-2898





2026-27 Water & Wastewater Rate Changes

Effective November 1, 2026, if Approved by City Council

Overview

Since 2024, the prices for power, treatment chemicals, and materials have risen sharply. The City absorbed these spikes by using our emergency savings to protect customers from rate hikes. Now, those savings are depleted, and revenues can no longer cover basic system needs or meet requirements for us to continue to qualify for loans from the state.

To close this gap, the City is introducing a multi-year rate plan starting November 1. Before proposing this, we reduced operating costs and secured millions in state funding to minimize the impact on residents. The new rates will help replenish emergency savings, pay for daily operations, and fund major construction projects over the next five years.

Our new rates will help us:



Pay for Daily Expenses

Cover sharp price increases since 2024 for power, chemicals, supplies, and maintenance work.



Invest in Infrastructure

Fund a \$77.4 million five-year capital improvement plan. Because we secured a state loan with 90% principal forgiveness, the state is paying for the vast majority of our upgrades, saving customers millions.



Ensure Financial Health

Restore utility finances, rebuild depleted emergency savings, and meet requirements for loans and grants that pay for system upgrades.



Single-family Residential Bills

A typical household using 4,000 gallons per month will see their bill change from \$89.62 to \$119.64 in FY 2027 (an increase of about \$1.00 a day).

All Other Customer Bills

Commercial accounts and larger meters are adjusted over the multi-year plan to ensure all customers contribute fairly to the overall system costs.

Fiscal Year	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Increase	0%	33.5%	25%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%

Questions? For the proposed rate schedule or for answers to common questions, visit arcadia-fl.gov or call the City at (863) 494-4114.

THE PROPOSED WATER & WASTEWATER RATES WILL BE DISCUSSED AND VOTED ON AT THE OCTOBER 6, 2026 COUNCIL MEETING. IF THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED, THE NEW RATES WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE, NOVEMBER 1, 2026.

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COMPUTERS & ELECTRONICS

TV

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FURNITURE

Dining Set

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FURNITURE

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BOLETA OFICIAL DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL – 3 DISTRITOS

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☐ Ashley Moody REP ☐ Angie Nixon DEM ☐ Neil J. Gillespie NPA	☐ Blaise Ingoglia REP ☐ Annette Taddeo DEM	
Representative in Congress District 16 <i>(Vote for 1)</i> Representante en Congreso Distrito 16 <i>(Vote por 1)</i>	Commissioner of Agriculture <i>(Vote for 1)</i> Comisionado de Agricultura <i>(Vote por 1)</i>	Shall Judge Daniel H. Sleet of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in office? ¿Deberá retenerse en su cargo al Juez Daniel H. Sleet del Tribunal de Apelaciones del Segundo Distrito? ☐ Yes / Sí ☐ No / No
☐ Sydney Gruters REP ☐ Kelly Kirschner DEM ☐ Mark Davis NPA	☐ Wilton Simpson REP ☐ Joey Mendoza Atkins DEM ☐ Write-in _____	
Governor and Lieutenant Governor <i>(Vote for 1)</i> Gobernadora y Vicegobernador <i>(Vote por 1)</i>	State Representative District 76 <i>(Vote for 1)</i> Representante Estatal <i>(Vote por 1)</i>	Shall Judge Andrea Teves Smith of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in office? ¿Deberá retenerse en su cargo al Juez Andrea Teves Smith del Tribunal de Apelaciones del Segundo Distrito? ☐ Yes / Sí ☐ No / No
☐ Byron Donalds REP Bryan Avila ☐ David Jolly DEM Gwen Graham ☐ Scott Eckhard Jewett LPF Nicole Skelly ☐ Charles Burkett NPA Ruben A. Coto ☐ Frank J. Russo NPA Rachel Rodriguez ☐ Moliere "Moe" Dimanche NPA Benjiman Rojas ☐ Dean Ocean Abrams NPA Joe Van Vactor ☐ Jeffrey Peter "Dr. Jeff" Datto NPA Juan Santana ☐ Write-in _____	☐ Vanessa Oliver REP ☐ Phillip Ray Carter DEM	
	Justice of the Supreme Court Juez de la Corte Suprema	County Commissioner District 2 <i>(Vote for 1)</i> Comisionado del Condado Del Distrito 2 <i>(Vote por 1)</i>
	Shall Justice Carlos G. Muñiz of the Supreme Court be retained in office? ¿Deberá el juez Carlos G. Muñiz de la Corte Suprema permanecer en el cargo? ☐ Yes / Sí ☐ No / No	☐ Buddy Johnson REP ☐ Michael L. Martin DEM ☐ Lorenzo Dixon IND
	District Court of Appeal Tribunal de Apelación del Distrito	CITY OF ARCADIA VOTERS ONLY This contest will appear only on the ballots of registered voters who reside in the City of Arcadia.
Attorney General <i>(Vote for 1)</i> Fiscal General <i>(Vote por 1)</i>	Shall Judge Drew Atkinson of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in office? ¿Deberá retenerse en su cargo al Juez Drew Atkinson del Tribunal de Apelaciones del Segundo Distrito? ☐ Yes / Sí ☐ No / No	Arcadia City Council <i>(Vote for up to 3)</i> Ayuntamiento de Arcadia <i>(Vote por hasta 3)</i>
☐ James Uthmeier REP ☐ Jose Javier Rodriguez DEM		☐ Ashley Brown ☐ Jerome C. Reaves ☐ Addison Reesor ☐ Dee Washington ☐ Judy Wertz Strickland



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LOT – NOVEMBER 3, 2026 – DESOTO COUNTY

E NOVIEMBRE DE 2026 – CONDADO DE DESOTO

No. 1 Constitutional Amendment Article III, Section 19 N.º 1 Enmienda Constitucional Artículo III, Sección 19	No. 3 Constitutional Amendment Article VII, Sections 4, 6, and 9, Article XII N.º 3 Enmienda Constitucional Artículo VII, Secciones 4, 6, y 9, Artículo XII
Budget Stabilization Fund Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to increase the amount of funds that may be retained in the budget stabilization fund from 10% to 25% of general revenue collections, require the legislature to transfer the lesser of \$750 million or the amount required to reach 25% of the general revenue collections each year unless certain conditions are met, and allow the legislature to withdraw funds for critical state needs. Fondo de Estabilización Presupuestaria Propuesta de enmienda a la constitución estatal para aumentar la cantidad de fondos que pueden retenerse en el fondo de estabilización presupuestaria del 10 % al 25 % de los ingresos generales recaudados, requerir a la legislatura que transfiera la menor de las siguientes cantidades: 750 millones de dólares o la cantidad necesaria para alcanzar el 25 % de los ingresos generales recaudados cada año, a menos que se cumplan ciertas determinadas condiciones, y permitir a la legislatura retirar fondos para necesidades estatales críticas. ☐ Yes / Sí ☐ No / No	Increased Homestead Exemption; Lower Cap on Increases in Non-Homestead Property Assessments This amendment increases the homestead exemption, for all non-school taxes, to \$150,000 in 2027 and \$250,000 in 2028, and adjusts for inflation thereafter. It requires the Legislature to prescribe a uniform procedure for counties and municipalities, for their respective levies, to increase the homestead exemption up to full assessed value, and allows special districts, subject to referendum approval, to do the same. Persons who are not Florida residents on December 31, 2026, will receive the existing homestead exemption upon qualifying for a homestead exemption, with the increased homestead exemption beginning with the fifth year of exemption, to the extent permitted by the U.S. Constitution. This amendment reduces the annual cap on assessment increases for non-homestead properties from 10% to 5%. This amendment requires counties and municipalities to use property taxes solely for public safety, education and schools, infrastructure, natural resources, bond debt service, retirement benefits for employees, and operations and administration. Other expenditures may be approved by county officers or county or municipal governing bodies unless prohibited by general law, notwithstanding Article VII, Section 9(a) of the Florida Constitution, which allows counties and municipalities to levy property taxes for their respective purposes. This amendment takes effect January 1, 2027. Mayor Exención Por Vivienda Familiar; Tope Inferior a Los Aumentos en las Valoraciones de los Bienes Inmuebles que no sean por Viviendas Familiares Esta enmienda aumenta la exención por vivienda familiar, para todos los impuestos no escolares, a \$150,000 en el año 2027 y a \$250,000 en el año 2028, y a partir de entonces, se ajustará en función de la inflación. Esta enmienda exige a la Asamblea Legislativa que establezca un procedimiento uniforme para que los condados y los municipios, en lo que respecta a sus respectivos impuestos, aumenten la exención por vivienda familiar hasta el valor catastral total, y permite a los distritos especiales, previa aprobación mediante referéndum, que hagan lo mismo. Las personas que no sean residentes de Florida el 31 de diciembre de 2026 podrán acogerse a la exención por vivienda familiar actualmente vigente en el momento en que cumplan los requisitos para ello, y la exención ampliada se aplicará a partir del quinto año de exención, en la medida en que lo permita la Constitución de los Estados Unidos. Esta enmienda reduce el tope anual de los aumentos de valoración para las propiedades que no sean viviendas familiares del 10 % al 5 %. Esta enmienda exige a los condados y municipios que aloquen los impuestos sobre la propiedad exclusivamente a la seguridad pública, la educación y las escuelas, las infraestructuras, los recursos naturales, el servicio de la deuda mediante bonos, las prestaciones de jubilación de los empleados y las operaciones y la administración. Otros gastos podrán ser aprobados por los funcionarios del condado o por los órganos de gobierno del condado o del municipio, salvo que lo prohíba la legislación general, sin perjuicio de lo dispuesto en el artículo VII, sección 9(a), de la Constitución de Florida, que permite a los condados y municipios recaudar impuestos sobre la propiedad para sus respectivos fines. Esta enmienda entrará en vigor el 1 de enero del año 2027. ☐ Yes / Sí ☐ No / No
No. 2 Constitutional Amendment Article VII, Section 3, Article XII N.º 2 Enmienda Constitucional Artículo VII, Sección 3, Artículo XII	
Exemption of Tangible Personal Property on Agricultural Land from Taxation Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to exempt tangible personal property habitually located or typically present on land classified as agricultural, used in the production of agricultural products or for agritourism activities, and owned by the landowner or leaseholder of the agricultural land from ad valorem taxation. If approved this amendment would first apply for tax years beginning January 1, 2027. Exención Impositiva de los Bienes Muebles Tangibles Situados en Terrenos Agrícolas Propuesta de enmienda a la constitución estatal para eximir impositivamente los bienes muebles tangibles que se encuentren habitualmente o estén normalmente presentes en terrenos clasificados como agrícolas, que se utilicen en la producción de productos agrícolas o para actividades de agroturismo, y que sean propiedad del propietario o del arrendatario de dichos terrenos agrícolas de impuesto ad valorem. Si se aprueba, esta enmienda empezaría a aplicarse a los periodos fiscales que comiencen el 1 de enero de 2027. ☐ Yes / Sí ☐ No / No	



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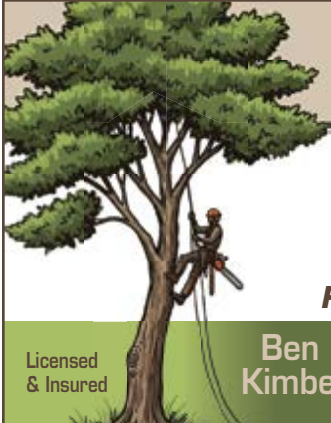


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- B. 1 24 23 4 19**

Clue: Part of flower

- C. 7 2 16 19**

Clue: Dirt

- D. 18 24 24 7**

Clue: Buzzing insects

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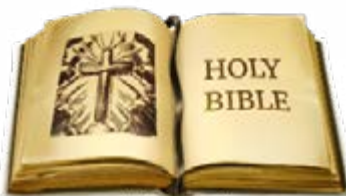
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OBITUARIES

Jerrold M. Gaskins



Jerrold M. Gaskins passed away peacefully at 70 yrs old on September 18, 2026, surrounded by his children and wife at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. His funeral service will be at Oak Ridge Cemetery at 11 am, on Monday, September 28th.

Jerry was born on January 8th, 1956, in Arcadia, Florida. Jerry worked with his hands; he was a master carpenter. He has worked on restoring old wooden chests, desks, and many others. He's created bookshelves, tables, mirrors, clocks, and he even helped build a Woody Wagon. He was a teacher at DeSoto County High School, teaching his passion of woodworking. Jerry dedicated his life to his passion, and there are pieces of him and his work all over Arcadia, Florida and surrounding towns. He also loved to play golf and did so every chance he could. Jerry was an artist. Whether it

was sketching, painting, or even creating homes in video games, his art was as masterful as his woodworking, and it could stand alongside any great painting you'd find in a museum. His love for nature, wildlife, and animals is unmatched. He loved the woods, the beach, the mountains, any landscape that existed he would look at it and fall in love with it. He loved sunny days and thunderstorms that raged into the night. This world was art to him, and he loved being part of it. He is survived by his wife, Catherine Gaskins, and his three children. Taylor Gaskins, Alora

Gaskins, and Jerrold J. Gaskins. And his stepchildren, Rowdy Sullivan and Dustin Sullivan. Jerry Gaskins will be remembered for many things. He lived a remarkable life full of love, hope, warmth, and passion. His family mattered more to him than anything in this world, and his love and dedication to God guided every step he took on this earth. His humor, kindness, love and unwavering faith were gifts to this world and to anyone who had the privilege of knowing him. **Funeral services were held at Oak Ridge Cemetery on September 28, 2026, at 11 a.m.**

Lois Ann Tyson



Lois Tyson age 74 of Arcadia Florida passed away on September 18, 2026. Lois was born on February 28, 1952, in Arcadia, Florida to William (Bill) Tyson and Letty Elizabeth Douglas. Lois will be remembered for her love, warmth, load strength and devotion to her family and work. Lois survived by two daughters

Melissa (Dan) Sullivan of Lisco, Nebraska and Jamie Hutson of Arcadia. Brother Mike (Carol) Tyson, Ronald Beard and Donald (Linda) Beard. Lois had six grandchildren. Michael (Shelby) Pelham, Gunner Pelham, Bailey (Brayden) Heller, Natalie Puente, Rhylea Sullivan and Cody Sullivan and four great grands Henley, Banx, Jensen, and Bristol.

Lois had many nieces and nephews and friends who she loved dearly. Lois was proceeded in death by her parents and siblings Gary, Glenda, Hank, Jeannie, Frank, Albert, Wayne, Dianne and George and 1 daughter Jennifer Mann. **A memorial service will be held on October 17, 2026, at Oak Ridge Cemetery at 11 AM.**

In Loving Memory of (Malisia) Dianne Waters Pritchard

December 31, 1948 - August 28, 2026

Dianne Waters Pritchard, age 77, of Middleburg, Florida entered into the loving arms of her Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ, at Baptist Medical Center Clay on Friday, August 28, 2026, following a brief illness.

She was born on December 31, 1948, in Arcadia, Florida, the third of four daughter, to the late George (GW) and Edna (Peck) Waters.

Dianne attended DeSoto County High School before moving to Jacksonville, Florida, prior to her

sophomore year. She graduated in 1966 from Paxon High School & earned her Associate Degree from Florida Community College of Jacksonville. Working in information technology for more than 25 years, she retired as a Senior Systems Analyst from Blue Cross and Blue Shield in 2004.

Dianne was married for more than 48 years to the love of her life and soulmate, Gene (Melvin Eugene) Pritchard. They built a home in Middleburg in 1984, where they resided at the time of her passing.

Dianne loved Jesus & was a member of Petra Baptist Church. She had a beautiful voice & loved singing & listening to music. Gospel, country

and oldies from the 50's & 60's were her favorites. Other hobbies included fishing & reading. Earlier in her life, Dianne enjoyed waterskiing & dancing with her husband, Gene.

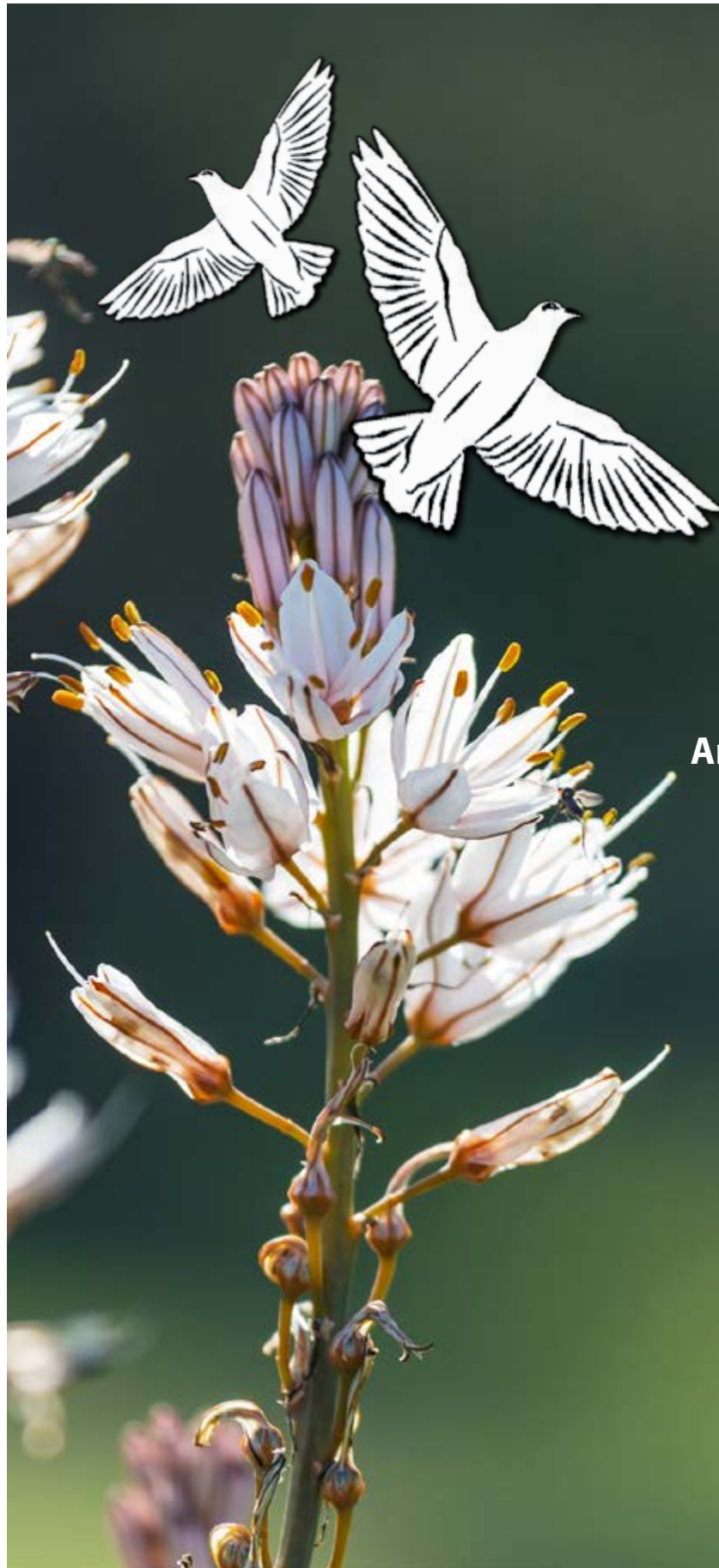
In addition to her parents, Dianne was preceded in death by her sister, Wanda Altman; nephew, Brian Barfield; and brothers-in-law, Dan Altman & Ray McKibben.

She is survived by her loving husband, Gene Pritchard of Middleburg; 2 sisters: Fonda McKibben of Jacksonville & Ann Cassidy (Carl) of Ponte Vedra; 4 nieces: Lydia Greene (Ron) of Glen St. Mary, Debbie McRee (Dave) of Jacksonville, Paula Condon (Bryan) of Port St.

John, & Amie Miller (Scotty) of Ponte Vedra; nephew, Stephen Schnepel (Kayla) of St. Augustine; bonus niece, Jennifer McKibben of Pensacola; bonus nephew, Chase Cassidy of Jacksonville; with a host of extended family & friends. She also leaves behind Brandy, her beloved rescue fur baby.

Cremation care has been entrusted to Jacksonville Memory Gardens. A private scattering & celebration of life will be held by the family at a later date.

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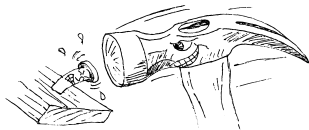
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CHAPTER 20

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Folks, 2 bible scriptures talk about these 2. 1) Song of Solomon, 3:6; Who is this coming out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke perfumed with myrrh & frankincense with all powers of the merchant. 2) Exodus 30:23-25; Take for yourself the finest of spices of flowing myrrh. Five hundred shekel & of fragrant cinnamon half as much, 250 and of fragrant cane 250, and of cassia 500 according to the shekel of the sanctuary & of olive oil a bin. You shall make of these a holy anointing oil, a perfume mixture.

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