

Around The Area

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Pet Vaccinations

The Florida International Teaching Zoo Veterinary Staff is Hosting Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinics.

These Are Drive Up Safe Clinics - Stay In Your Car Till We Approach You.

Saturday, Dec. 26, 9-10 am
Petting Zoo Ocala
11150 W. Hwy 40, Ocala 34482
Saturday Dec. 26, 10:00am-11:00am
Seminole Feed
Hwy 40 West of Ocala Airport
Wednesday Dec. 30. 6:30pm-7:30pm
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Hwy 441 across from CVS

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FREE Amateur Radio License Classes Start In January

"The Villages Amateur Radio Club is holding FREE license classes evenings starting Monday January 11th. If you have an interest in becoming an Amateur Radio Operator see Details and Register online - www.K4VRC.com (Exams / Class Schedules tab on top-right)".

North Florida Land Trust Receives Largest Conservation Easement

North Florida Land Trust has received a donation of a 716-acre conservation easement in Putnam County. The property, known as Welaka Woods, is located between Welaka State Forest and Lake George Conservation Area and is the largest conservation easement donation the nonprofit has received within the critical Ocala to Osceola, or O2O, Wildlife Corridor. The conservation easement was donated by Welaka Woods, LLC.

"Keeping this piece of land in its natural state is so important for many conservation reasons including the protection of wildlife and the protection of the water quality and water supply for the citizens of Florida," said Jim McCarthy, president of NFLT. "Welaka Woods is in a significant recharge area for the Floridan aquifer which is a vital drinking water source. It also has a variety of habitats that can host many species considered threatened or endangered. We thank the donor for this donation and for their passionate commitment to conservation."

The variety of habitats found within the roughly 700 acres include longleaf pine sandhill, scrub, bay swamps, ephemeral ponds, forested wetlands and sandhill lakes. These habitats provide forage, nesting and safe passage to many threatened and endangered species including the American kestrel, Florida black bear, gopher tortoise and Florida sandhill crane. These environments also host plant species that are in danger of decline.

Conserving this property in perpetuity creates a more complete pattern of land protection within the O2O Corridor, a 1.6 million-acre corridor of public and private lands that connects the Ocala and Osceola National Forests. The land is also within the restricted airspace of the Pine Castle Bombing Range and keeping it free from civilian use and development will protect the military mission and allow naval air training without affecting the quality of life of potential neighbors.

NFLT leads a partnership of public and private organizations dedicated to conservation in the O2O. This conservation easement donation helps to further the goals of the O2O partnership by conserving this land for the future of the wildlife and forests.

Let us know about your events and activities.
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CF Hosts Engineering Career Chat Virtual

The College of Central Florida's Business and Technology Department will host a free event about careers in engineering on Friday, Jan. 22, from 12:15-1:30 p.m., online.

Participants will hear how they can start training for a career in engineering and about skills employers seek in today's job market. This session will be hosted by Sam Ajlani, associate professor for Engineering Technology at CF.

Register now at CF.edu/BusTechEvents. The first 10 to register and attend will receive a small gift. One event participant will also be selected to receive a grand prize. For more information, contact Bonnie Hays at haysb@CF.edu.

This event is presented by CAMPUS USA Credit Union and sponsored by the CF Foundation, the Talent Center and CF Alumni Association.

For more information about CF, visit www.CF.edu.

Deaths

JOHNNY EUGENE WHEELER

Johnny Eugene Wheeler, 64, of Ocala went home to be with our Lord and Savior after fighting a long battle with cancer on Sunday, November 22, 2020 at The Ted and Diane Bradley House in Summerfield.



Johnny was a native of Science Hill, Kentucky and moved to this area 50 years ago. He worked in construction.

Survivors include his sister Eva Dick of Belleview; brother Homer L. Wheeler of Eubank, KY; several nieces, nephews, cousins, great nieces, nephews and especially his dogs Bandit and Foxy.

A memorial service were held at 1pm on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at Forest Lawn Memory Garden. Online condolences may be sent at www.hiers-baxley.com.

DALE FLOYD WITHERSPOON

On December 16, 2020 Dale F. Witherspoon crossed over from this earthly world into the open arms of his Lord and Saviour.

Dale was born on October 14, 1937 in Enon Valley, PA to Floyd and Agnes (Byler) Witherspoon with whom he will be reunited. He lived his childhood on the family farm and enjoyed his time spent there. He graduated from Mt. Jackson High School in 1955 and recalled the many activities that he participated in, playing trumpet in the band, playing the piano, performing in the class plays, being statistician for the basketball team, and singing in a popular quartet.

After graduation, he served in the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged. As he jokingly would comment, he retired three times - first from Lloyd, Thomas, Coates and Burchard (as a business appraiser) where he traveled nationwide. Second he retired from George-Ku Inc., a travel company, and then thirdly, from the Presbyterian Church, USA as a Commissioned Lay Pastor.

He married Nancy (Marvin) on June 8, 1985 and they enjoyed 35 adventurous and blessed years traveling the countryside.

He is survived by his wife; son, Larry (PJ) Witherspoon of Horn Lake, MS; brother Edward Witherspoon of Brooksville, FL; sister, Bette McKim of Enon Valley, PA; brother-in-law, Daniel (Trudy) Marvin of Independence, OH; 2 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Billy and Harry.

Due to Covid and traveling restrictions, a Celebration and Thanksgiving of his life will be held at a later time.

The family would like to express heart-felt gratitude to all of the staff at Prestige Manor for the care and love that they bestowed on Dale.

Condolences may be left at Hiers-Baxley.com.