



A Driving Tour of Historic Lockhart

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1. Lockhart Community History Mural

7200 Edgewater Drive, Lockhart, FL 32810

The mural is a project of Commissioner Christine Moore and artist Lisa Mikler. The purpose of the mural is to restore pride and begin rebuilding downtown Lockhart.



ACTIVITY: Read the Lockhart Historical Narrative, study the Keys to the Mural, AND play the trivia games.

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2. Railroad & Edgewater Drive

7200 Edgewater Drive, Lockhart, FL 32810

A railroad station in the 1880s was a boon to the economy of early Lockhart. At first Edgewater Drive was a simple dirt supply road. By 1918, the county laid a brick road under Chairman M.O. Overstreet. It wasn't until the 1950s the road was called Edgewater Drive.



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3. Foundation of the Sawmill

4207 Lake Lockhart Drive, Orlando, FL 32810

The 1900s sawmill was located on Lake Lockhart Drive. The first owner was David Lockhart, the town's namesake, and the second owner was M.O. Overstreet. All that remains of the mill is part of the foundation in the front yard of Mr. & Mrs. Sapp's house.



ACTIVITY: Discuss the impact on Lockhart when the mill ceased operations laying off over 300 employees.

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4. Lockhart Methodist Episcopal Church

7402 Mott Avenue, Lockhart, FL 32810

The oldest Boy Scout troop in Florida began in this church. The church was sold to One Accord Christian Center and School in 2007.



ACTIVITY: Ponder the role of churches in Lockhart's history.

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5. Pioneer Henry Davis House (Beggs Pointe Assisted Living)

4711 Beggs Road, Orlando, FL 32810

Mr. Davis was in the lumber business prior to Lockhart and Overstreet. Many of the homes on the Beggs Road curves were built by Davis family members.



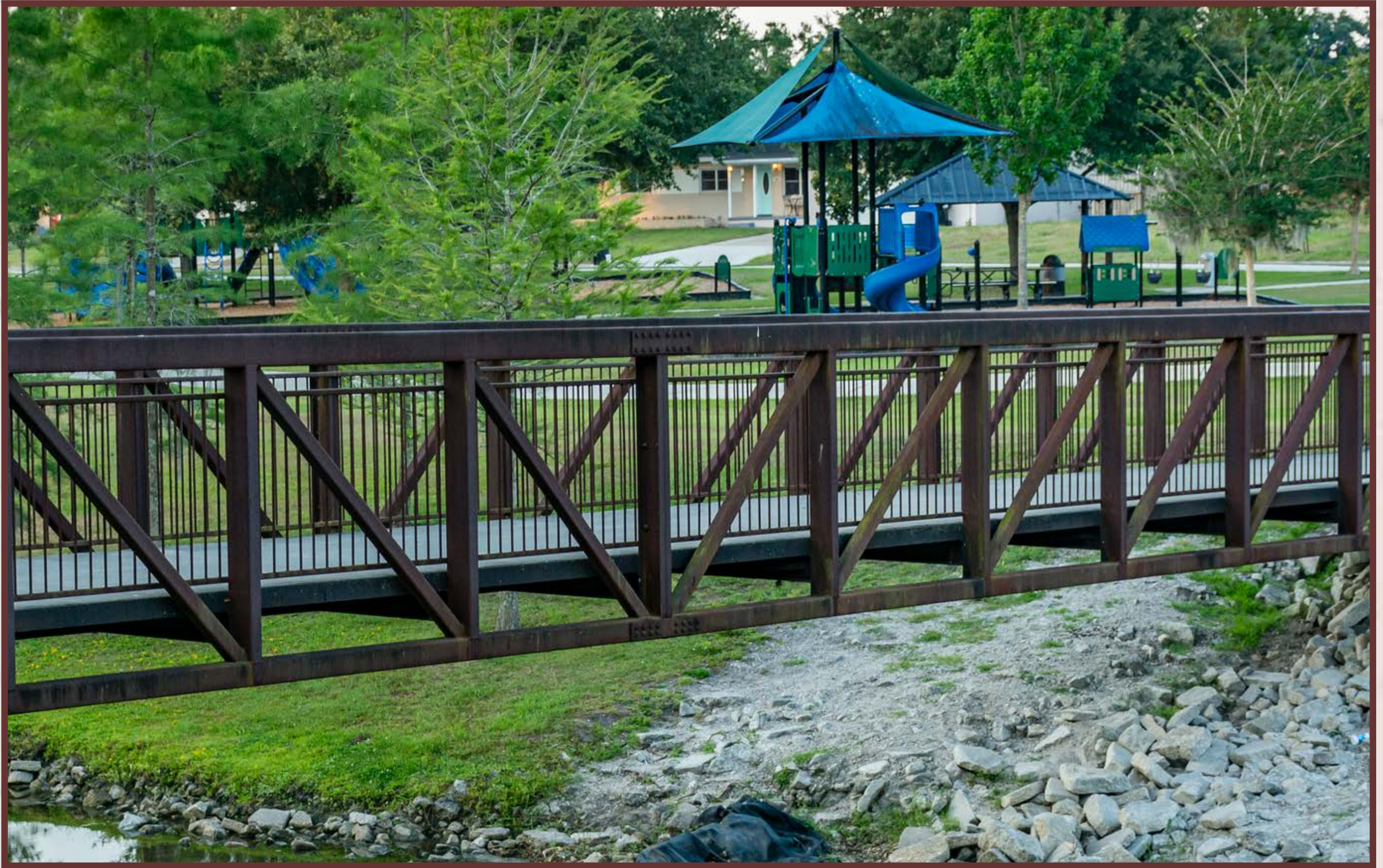
ACTIVITY: Discuss the role of lumber for pioneers versus concrete (*block*) in construction today. Why do you think Lockhart still has many lumber and concrete industries?

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6. Riverside Acres Park

8636 Garnet Avenue, Orlando, FL 32810

In the 1870s, pioneer families arrived via the St. Johns, Wekiva, and Little Wekiva rivers. They first called the area “Wekiva.” In 1998, a flooded Little Wekiva River swept away two homes in the Riverside Acres subdivision. Orange County Government purchased these properties and built Riverside Acres Park.



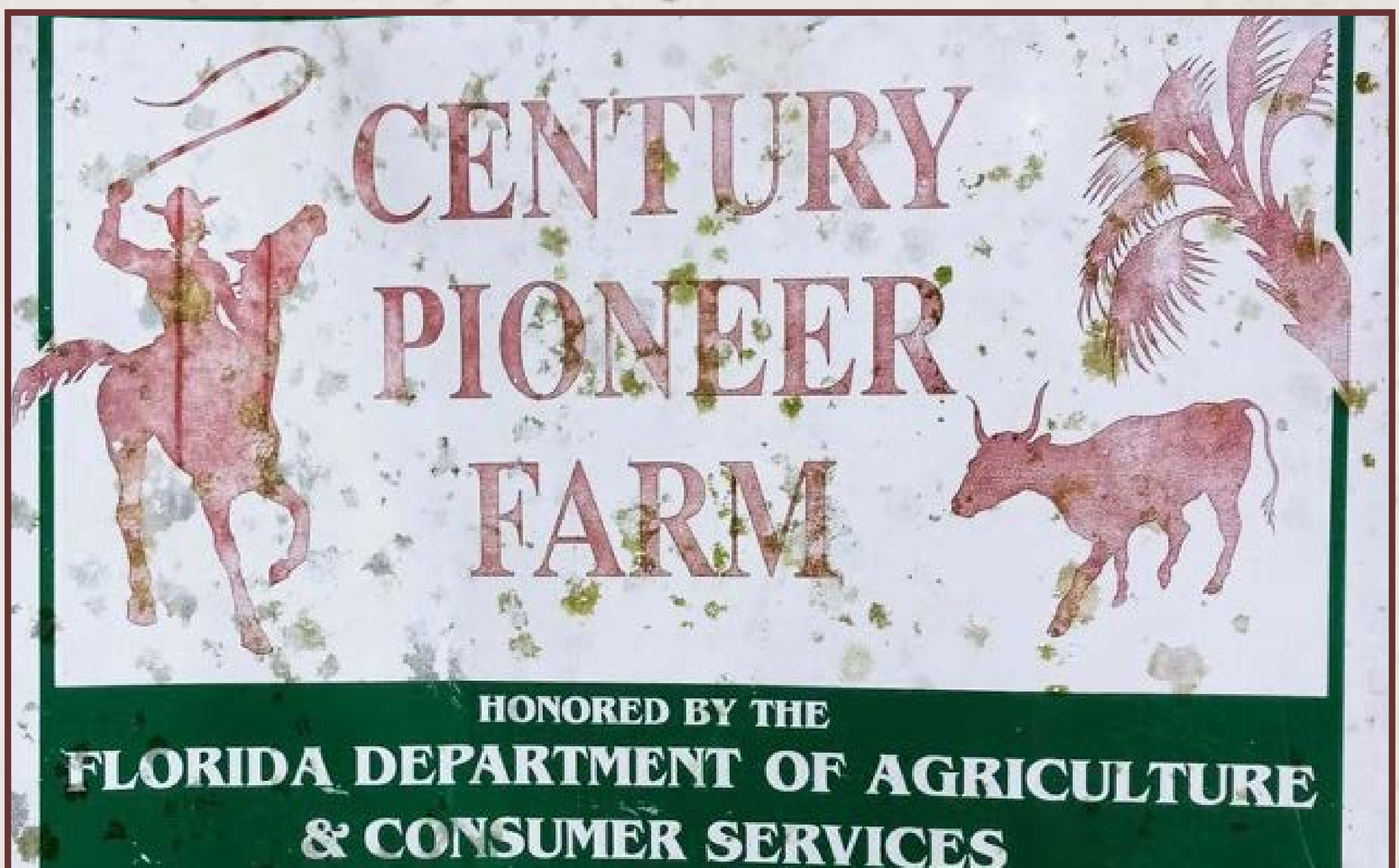
ACTIVITY: Walk through the park and imagine traveling on rivers and discuss what it was like living here in the 1800s when there was no air conditioning or mosquito control.

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7. Original Pioneer – Isaacson Property

8150 Eden Park Road

The Isaacson family first homesteaded this land over 150 years ago. They still citrus farm and own F&F Concrete Products on US-441.



ACTIVITY: Discuss the challenges of farming for this pioneer family.

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8. Orange County Fire Station #40

5570 Beggs Road, Orlando, FL 32810

Firefighters protect lives, property, and environment. At first Lockhart residents ran their own volunteer fire department. Today it is operated by Orange County Government.



ACTIVITY: Discuss the challenges of a volunteer fire department responding to fires.

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9. Aagaard-Juergensen General Contractors and Coast-to-Coast Trail

5695 Beggs Road, Orlando, FL 32810

The construction company was begun by two long-time Lockhart families. The company built the Baptist sanctuary and a wing of the elementary school. FDOT is constructing a segment of a cross-state trail system through Lockhart. It will pass by Aagaard-Juergensen on Beggs Road connecting to U-S 441.



ACTIVITY: Do you think the trail crossing through Lockhart will have a similar impact to the segment in downtown Winter Garden?

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10. Downtown (*Baptist Church, School, and Lions Club*)

7500 Edgewater Drive, Orlando, FL 32810

The Lions Club began in 1923. Lockhart Baptist church got its start in 1912 and the school in the late 1880s. It is one of the oldest existing buildings in Lockhart. The club was the center of social life in town.



ACTIVITY: Take a picture on the porch of either the school or social club.

EXTRA ACTIVITY: Take a tour of the Lockhart Elementary School “1936” Museum.

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11. More Downtown: Barbershop, Post Office and General Store

7220 Edgewater Drive, Orlando, FL 32810

Exum’s was the oldest independent general store in Central Florida. T.I. Exum later built a building for the post office and barbershop. He was also a member of the Methodist Church and Lions Club.

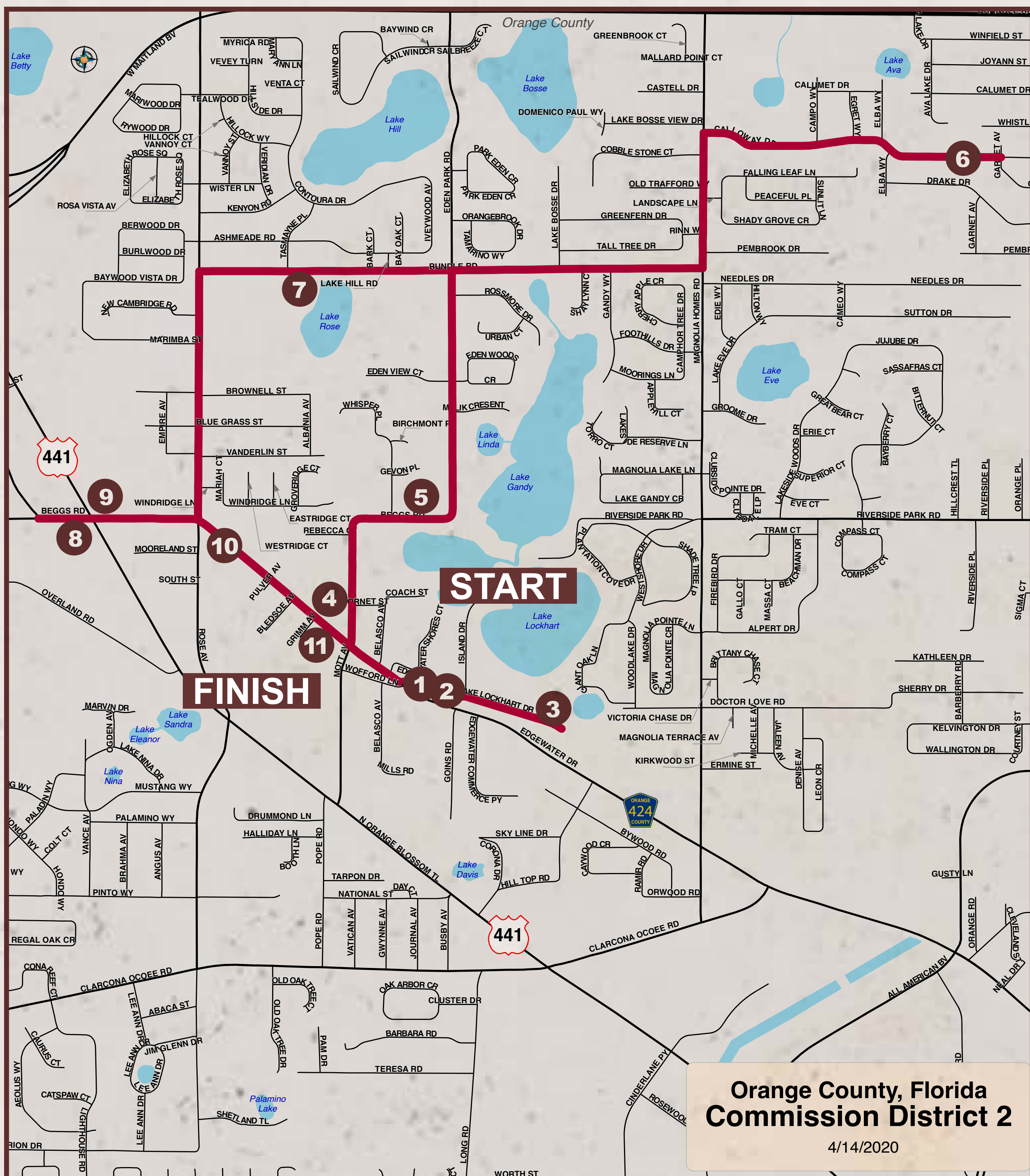


ACTIVITY: Talk about how shopping or sending letters and packages in the 1900s are different today.

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The driving tour requires ninety minutes of time and covers about seven miles.

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It is recommended to read the historical narrative prior to taking the driving tour.



Lockhart Driving Tour Locations

Instructions: Begin the tour of a dozen historic locations in Lockhart at the Lockhart Community History Mural. The mural keys and narrative are foundational to the selected locations.

Additional information is available at www.Lockhartmural.com or FB: Lockhart Explorer Program or through your teacher.



Artist: Lisa Mikler

Scene from the Lockhart Mural