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Driver Dies As Tanker Explodes



This was the scene Thursday on State Road 62 and Moye Road after a tractor-trailer veered off the pavement, hit a guard rail and then burst into flames. The grand scale of the smoke and flames can be measured against the firefighter standing near the burning tanker, making sure the fire doesn't spread.

WEATHER			
DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
01/08	67	40	0.00
01/09	73	59	0.08
01/10	82	65	0.08
01/11	83	67	0.58
01/12	72	46	0.00
01/13	80	46	0.00
01/14	74	59	0.02

TOTAL Rainfall to 01/14/2014 - 0.92

Same period last year - 0.23

Ten Year Average - 47.79

Source: Univ. of Fla. Ona Research Center

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MLK Day Celebration Set

By MARIA TRUJILLO
Of The Herald-Advocate

After a year's hiatus, celebrations for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day are coming back to Hardee County.

Also in observing the holiday, all schools in Hardee County will be closed as well as the courthouse, post offices and Zolfo Springs Town Hall. Both Bowling Green and Wauchula city halls will stay open.

MLK Day is celebrated every third Monday in January, and this year the Magnolia Manor MLK Committee is organizing a service, parade and a day of fun games for everyone to enjoy.

She also said foods such as hot dogs and hamburgers will be available for purchase at the park.

The candlelight service is this Sunday at 5 p.m. and will take place at New Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church located at 1615 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. in Wauchula. Everyone is encouraged to attend and commemorate King.

Then on Monday, the national

MLK Day holiday will be celebrated with a parade in downtown Wauchula at 1 p.m. The parade will leave the old junior high lot, go right onto West Main Street, turn onto South Seventh Avenue, turn again onto West Orange Street and end back at the old school lot.

Following the parade, Fun Day will be held at Magnolia Manor Park until sundown. Daryl Cook, who is organizing the events, says there will be fun games for everyone to enjoy.

She also said foods such as hot dogs and hamburgers will be available for purchase at the park.

All of these celebrations are in honor of a man who believed that people of every race could one day get along with one another, with no segregation or discrimination. His beliefs grew after he married and had children of his own.

King was highly intelligent

and proved it when he graduated from high school at the age of 15. He later went to Morehouse College and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree; earned a Bachelor of Divinity from Crozer Theological Seminary; and received a Doctor's Degree from Boston University.

Other accomplishments include being a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the "Man of the Year" for "Time" magazine in 1963, and the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, at the age of 35.

King was assassinated on April 4, 1968, outside his hotel room in Memphis, Tenn., by a sniper. He was 39 years old.

By holding these celebrations in his name, the MLK Committee hopes to keep his legacy and his dream of equality alive.

By MARIA TRUJILLO
Of The Herald-Advocate

The use of tobacco products is no longer allowed on any school property or at any school event.

The new rule became an official districtwide mandate during the latest School Board meeting with the final adoption of the Comprehensive Tobacco-Free Policy. The policy took full effect on Jan. 1.

The policy applies to students, employees, volunteers, parents, spectators and visitors.

It says that no one is allowed at any time to use any sort of tobacco product in a building, facility or vehicle which is owned, leased or rented by the school district. This means the policy is in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

It includes chartered grounds and property, such as school buildings, district offices, athletic fields, practice fields, playgrounds, parking lots, administrative offices and maintenance or transportation areas.

Or, in short, no more smoke breaks on school-related

grounds.

Further, no more chewing tobacco while watching a Wildcat football game.

Specifically, the rule also applies to people who attend any on- or off-campus school-related event, such as sporting competitions, day camps, field trips, seminars, dances or theatrical productions.

Some of the tobacco products no one is allowed to use on school grounds include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, hookah, chewing tobacco and more.

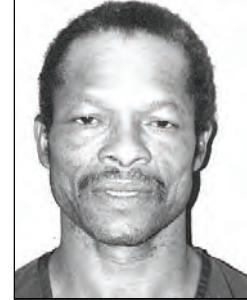
However, these aren't the only things on the list.

Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), or any other product name, are also not allowed. The policy defines these as "any oral device that provides a vapor of liquid nicotine, lobelia, and/or other substance and the use of inhalation of which simulates smoking."

The board began looking into implementing this type of policy after Patty Saunders and Erik Castanon of the Hardee County Health Department showed up at a board meeting

Public Defender Rhonda Whitaker, Cook has entered a plea of not guilty to all six charges.

See CAPITAL FELONY 2A



Cook

School District Bans Tobacco

58-Year-Old Man Accused Of Molesting Girls 8 & 9

By CYNTHIA KRAHL

Of The Herald-Advocate

A Wauchula man faces a capital felony count in the alleged molestation of two young girls.

Marvin Glen Cook, 58, of 624 Snell St., was arrested by Det. David Drake of the Hardee County Sheriff's Office on Dec. 19 and charged with one capital felony, four life felonies and one second-degree felony in connection with the alleged sexual assaults of girls 8 and 9 years old.

The State Attorney's Office officially approved the case for prosecution on Tuesday of last week, and Cook was arraigned in Hardee Circuit Court that same day. Through Assistant

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Kelly's Column

By Jim

The annual Hardee County Fair will be held Feb. 15-22. There is something for everyone at the fair.

The price of regular gasoline in Hardee County this week was \$3.29 a gallon.

Hardee County ASAPP says tobacco causes about 430,000 deaths annually in the U.S., including 28,600 deaths in Florida which is slightly more than Hardee County's population. Tobacco products and smoke contain over 7,000 chemicals, including 100 that can cause cancer.

One man in Hardee County said Monday he has cut his daily cigarette habit from 20 down to 10 (a half pack).

The shooting death in a Wesley Chapel movie theatre Monday was tragic and could have been avoided. A man was texting his young daughter during the previews, upsetting the man behind him. An argument escalated. The 43-year-old man with the cellphone threw popcorn on the 71-year-old retired Tampa police officer, who had a gun. The younger man's wife put her hand over her husband's chest. A shot was fired, going through her hand and into her husband's chest. A planned fun night at the movies resulted in tragedy, according to an Associated Press report.

I wish one of the two men, or both of them, had heeded Proverbs 15:1 — "A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger." The Bible contains a lot of good advice on living life. The Bible says we humans have a sinful nature and teaches how to have a good life here on earth and beyond.

Deer can be dangerous. The Lakeland Ledger reported Jan. 14 a deer named Vinny at a wildlife sanctuary near Spring Hill gored the sanctuary's owner's sister, 75, causing the removal of her right eye.

As a young girl my mother lost an eye because a boy threw a rock.

Someone once said reading a daily newspaper is a poor man's college education. There is some truth to that.

Hardee County is home to at least four types of Big Birds — wild turkeys, sandhill cranes, buzzards and great blue herons. This is a recent photo of a pair of sandhill cranes in Bowling Green just south of the elementary school.



Alex Rodriguez (A-Rod) is fighting his 162-game suspension for alleged use of performance enhancing drugs. The suspension for the 2014 Major League Season will cost the New York Yankee player about \$22 million if it stands. He would still get about \$3 million. The 39-year-old slugger is getting toward the end of a 10-year \$250 million contract. Different people have different challenges in life.

Environmental writer Tom Palmer of the Lakeland Ledger says Florida's growing population (currently 19.5 million and perhaps soon to pass New York as the nation's third most populated state behind California and Texas) puts a potential strain on our ecosystem. Historically there is constant friction between developers and environmentalists over land habitat and water supply and quality.

U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney announced this week he has helped secure another \$20 million in federal funding to fight the citrus greening disease.

Florida's current orange crop is estimated at 115 million boxes, the smallest crop since the 1989-90 season of 110 million boxes which followed a big freeze. Florida in the 2003-04 season produced 242 million boxes of oranges.

Oranges are smaller this year, taking 286 on average to fill a 90-pound box compared with 220-230 historically, reports the Ledger's Kevin Bouffard. It may take 243 valencia oranges per box this year, compared with 200 usually. Premature fruit drop has been a problem this year and last year.

A smaller crop means higher prices for oranges, with one estimate of \$1.80 a pound solids for early and mid-season oranges. Caretaking costs have risen to about \$2,000 an acre. Orange juice consumption has continued to decline, however orange juice remains the nation's No. 1 juice, at about 3.1 gallons per person annually. Apple juice is second at 1.7 gallons, followed by grape juice and cranberry juice. Years ago Americans drank an average of five gallons of OJ a year.

American men live to an average of 75 years and women 80 years, reports Nancy Churnin of the Dallas Morning News.

Men in Australia and Japan live to 79 on average. Japanese women live an average of 86 years and in Italy and France, 84 years, according to a 2006 report of the National Academy of Sciences.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in American men



PHOTO BY MARIA TRUJILLO

Hours after the initial crash, Hardee Fire-Rescue, the Florida Forestry Service, the Hardee County Sheriff's Office, the Florida Highway Patrol and other agencies were still at the crash site, controlling the scene. A considerably smaller smoke plume can be seen in the background. State Road 62 was closed until midnight, then one lane was opened while cleanup took place.

County Boardroom Getting Makeover

By MICHAEL KELLY

Of The Herald-Advocate

The Hardee County Commission has agreed to redesign its dais to accommodate the larger Industrial Development Authority board, which also uses the chambers for its monthly meetings.

The IDA board, which has 13 members, voted to allocate \$15,000 for the renovation expenses.

County Manager Lex Albritton presented a draft design for commissioners to review and approve last Thursday. Plans will extend the existing platform out toward the audience, and will have ample room to accommodate both boards.

Albritton said the work will be performed by county staff, and that he expects work to begin in about 30 days. He said the allocation from the IDA should pay for all the construction costs.

A new video and sound system will also be installed.

Commissioners also expres-

sed interest, in varying degrees, in increasing security procedures at meetings, citing potential concerns of a citizen bringing a gun or other type of weapon into the room.

Weapons are currently prohibited from being brought into a meeting.

Ideas ranged from installing metal detectors as citizens enter the room to bullet-proofing part of the dais.

Commissioner Sue Birge made a motion to have Albritton gather information on adding a portable metal detector that could be set up at the entrance of the board room, and bring it back to the commission for its further consideration.

Her motion was passed unanimously.

Albritton said he has spoken individually to some of the commissioners, and they have different ideas or wants when it comes to security.

He said a metal detector would not X-ray bags and briefcases, such as the main court-

house's security system does, so installing a detector may limit citizens from bringing weapon into the room.

Sheriff Arnold Lanier said adding a metal detector would create a need for an additional person to man the machine during meetings.

Pam Bellflower wanted Albritton to research other similar counties and find out what security measures they use before making a decision.

Frank Kirkland said the best security would be for all citizens and commissioners to carry a weapon during the meetings. He also reminded commissioners if someone really intended to do harm, he could just wait outside the building for the meeting to adjourn.

Bob Cole said he did not see a need for the added security.

"We live in a non-violent community," he said. "Instead of inconveniencing your citizens you could wear bulletproof vests and Kevlar helmets if you are afraid."

CAPITAL FELONY

Continued From 1A

Charges filed Tuesday by Assistant State Attorney David Ward include one count of sex-

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Pump Price Holds Steady Nationwide

January's national average price for a gallon of gas holds steady around \$3.30.

Pump prices will likely remain stable for the remainder of the month as multiple factors place equal pressure on oil prices.

Poor job data and lackluster fuel demand place downward pressure on crude prices, while a weak dollar and increased oil imports in China keep prices elevated. December's payrolls rose at the slowest pace since January of 2011, according to the Labor Department. Whereas China's imports of crude jumped

13 percent year-over-year for the month of Decem-ber.

"Motorists should see pretty stable gas prices this month," said Jessica Brady, AAA spokesperson, The Auto Club Group. "Gas prices in the Southeast are slightly cheaper than they were this time in 2012, whereas the national average is the same as last year."

The national average for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline is \$3.31, one cent less than last week. Florida's average of \$3.39 fell three cents from last week.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Office of Hardee County Emergency Management has scheduled a Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) meeting on January 22, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., located at the Hardee County Health Department, Auditorium Room, 115 K.D. Revell Road, Wauchula, FL 33873.

The purpose of a local mitigation strategy is to reduce the human, environmental, and economic costs of disasters. Mitigation is any action taken to permanently reduce or eliminate long-term risks to people and their property from the effects of disasters.

The goal of the LMS meeting will be to identify specific steps to be taken to reduce the impacts of various natural hazards, the timing of those steps, potential funding sources, their priority within the community, and the entities responsible for implementing each of them.

Please come participate in this informative and important public meeting.

For more information, please call the Emergency Management Office at 863/773-6373.

SFSC Matinee Series Opens

The South Florida State College 2014 Matinee Series has begun at the Theatre for the Performing Arts on the High-lands Campus in nearby Avon Park.

The Matinee Series has delighted area residents for 29 years with outstanding local, regional and national artists. It is comprised of 10 performances, which run on consecutive Tuesday afternoons, January through March.

On Jan. 21, The Edwards Twins will amaze you with their celebrity impersonations. They transform into superstars like Barbra Streisand, Elton John, Cher, Ray Charles, Bettie Midler and more.

Relive the smooth sounds of the Four Seasons with Let's Hang On, the amazing tribute band, on Jan. 28. Enjoy perfect recreations of some of your favorites like "Big Girls Don't

Cry," "Walk Like a Man," "Sherry," "I've Got You Under My Skin," "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You" and more.

Comedienne Etta May brings the laughs on Feb. 4. This self-proclaimed "Queen of Southern Sass" will crack you up with stories about raising her family, getting older, and life in the South.

Boogie-woogie piano virtuoso Tommy Johnson plays on Feb. 11. He is enjoying fame a bit later in life, with nearly seven million views on YouTube. He plays everything from classical, jazz and blues to boogie-woogie and more.

Coming from Branson, Mo., is Doug Gabriel & Family on Feb. 18. Gabriel plays guitar like Roy Clark and Vince Gill, and can tickle the ivories like Jerry Lee Lewis. Gabriel's show features classics by artist such as

Kenny Rogers, Elvis, Conway Twitty, Tom Jones and Lionel Richie.

The Sounds of Soul are bringing the hits of Motown to life on Feb. 25. This high-energy group unleashes superior vocals and slick dance moves powered by pure soul. They have been delighting audiences across the country since 1996.

The Tamburitzans return to the SFSC stage on March 4. From Duquesne University, this multicultural song and dance company performs and preserves the music, songs, dress and dances of Eastern European and neighboring folk cultures.

The Ditchfield Family Singers presents The Music of Your Life on March 11. Featured in the show are favorites from Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Judy Garland, Mel Torme, Nat King Cole, Tony

Bennett, Doris Day and Dean Martin.

Individual tickets range in price from \$12 to \$23. Season tickets range in price from \$115 to \$155.

Individual and season tickets are available by visiting the SFSC website at performances.southflorida.edu, calling the SFSC Box Office at (863) 784-7178, or by visiting the SFSC Box Office in front of the SFSC Theatre for the Performing Arts, 600 W. College Dr.

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2014 Golf Tournament

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Saturday, January 25, 2014

7AM Registration / 8AM Shotgun Starts / Lunch Provided

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Tony Perry 863-767-0302

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Please complete All registration information on each participant



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Please Make Checks Payable to: **Hardee Cancer Golf Tournament**

Mail to: PO Box 1268, Wauchula, FL 33873

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a joint meeting of the HARDEE COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

and the PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

for the purpose of receiving Mosaic Fertilizer LLC 2012-2013 Annual Reports for

Fort Green Southern Reserves,
Fort Green/Payne Creek Extension
Fort Meade Mine North Hardee
North Pasture
and
South Fort Meade Mine, Hardee County

**Thursday, February 6, 2014
at 6:00 P.M.**

or as soon thereafter at the Hardee County Board of County Commission Chambers, Room 102, Courthouse Annex, 412 West Orange Street, Wauchula, Florida

Copies of the documents relating to this report are available for public inspection during regular office hours at the office of the Hardee County Mining Coordinator, 110 South Ninth Avenue, Wauchula, Florida, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. All interested persons shall have the right to be heard. In rendering recommendations from the Planning/Zoning Board and decision of the Board of County Commissioners, the Boards shall rely solely on testimony that is relevant and material. Although minutes of the Public Hearing will be recorded anyone wishing to appeal any decision made at the public hearings will need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceedings is made by a court reporter.

This is a Disabled-Accessible facility. Any disabled person needing to make special arrangements should contact the County Manager's Office at least two (2) working days prior to the public hearing.

Rick Knight, Chairperson
Board of County Commissioners

1:16c

**ROBERT L.
KLEIN SR.**

Robert L. Klein Sr., 73, of Zolfo Springs, died on Thursday, Dec. 26, 2013, at Peace River Medical Center, Port Charlotte.

Born on Dec. 25, 1940, in Wauchula, he lived in Hardee County all of his life, except while on active duty in the National Guard. He was a tractor driver and mechanic and was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward Klein Sr. and Ethel Klein; one son, Robert Lee Klein Jr.; and one brother, Edward Klein Jr.; and his children's mother, Neelette Hill Klein.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Klein of Zolfo Springs; two brothers, John A. Klein and Russell D. Klein, both of Zolfo Springs; one sister, Martha Ludwig Klein of Zolfo Springs; seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, four stepchildren, nine step-grandchildren and 14 step-great-grandchildren.

Cremation services have taken place.

**MIRANDA
GOODWYN
VANSICKLE**

Miranda Goodwyn VanSickle, 28, of Wauchula, passed away on Monday, Jan. 6, 2014, at Florida Hospital Orlando.

Born on Dec. 15, 1985, in Winter Haven, she was a lifelong Hardee County resident. Miranda was a homemaker and was a member of Church of God of Prophecy of Arcadia.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Addison VanSickle; and one brother, Justin Scott.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Heath VanSickle of Wauchula; two children, Trinity and Larit; mother, Margaret Goodwyn of Fort Myers; father and stepmom, Jerry and Stephanie Goodwyn of Wauchula; one brother, Jacob Goodwyn of Wauchula; two sisters, Jenna Goodwyn of Wauchula and Amanda Sheffield of Raleigh, N.C.; grandfather, Ralph Cutchen of Arcadia; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Paul and Dee Dee VanSickle; grandparents-in-law, Garland and Carolyn VanSickle; aunts and uncles, Lee and Kay Hampton, Jack and Teresa Goodwyn and Rene Fennell; one nephew, Clayton Owens; and cousins, Brittany Rogers, Dayton and Karson Fennell, Dylan McCall, Shawna and Lys Hampton and Kendal Spiller.

Visitation was Friday, Jan. 10, 2014, at Robarts Garden Chapel from 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral services were Saturday, Jan. 11, at Robarts Garden Chapel at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Richard D. Hurlburt officiating. Interment was at New Hope Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made at Wauchula State Bank to help with funeral expenses.

Expressions of comfort may be made at robartsfh.com.

**INFORMATION
Roundup****Holiday Changes
Garbage Pickup**

Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, garbage disposal will change. The county landfill will be closed Monday. For Hardee Disposal customers, Monday's garbage will be collected on Thursday.

In Bowling Green and Wauchula, Monday routes will be picked up as usual.

Obituaries**DOROTHY MARIE
LUNSFORD-GRIFITH**

Dorothy Marie Lunsford-Griffith, 78, died on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014, in Winter Haven.

Born Sept. 27, 1935, in Tiger Bay, she moved to Lake Wales from Fort Meade in 1994. She was the deputy clerk for the Polk County Court House for 18 years and a member of Fort Meade First Church of God where she served many years as a youth leader.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel D. and Delma H. Walker; first husband, Joe J. Lunsford; and sisters, Veda Gurlock and Ethel Roberts.

Survivors include her husband, William Griffith of Lake Wales; two sons, Michael Lunsford and wife Pam of Lake Wales and Steve Lunsford of Fort Myers; one stepson, Paul Griffith and wife Cindy of Boyack, N.C.; three stepdaughters, Patricia Carpenter and husband David of Fort Myers, Kristine Griffith of Sarasota and Regina Griffith of Webb City, Mo.; one brother, Edward Walker and wife JoAnn of Fort Meade; four grandchildren, Deana Rickman and husband Joe, Joseph Lunsford, Chase Lunsford and Elizabeth Woodard; and one great-grandchild, Kaydee Parker.

Visitation was Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014, between 6 and 8 p.m., at Hancock Funeral Home, Fort Meade. Funeral services were Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., at First Church of God, Fort Meade with the Rev. Travis Risner officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery, Fort Meade.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Building Fund of First Church of God or to The Gideons International, P.O. Box 763, Bartow, FL 33831.

Arrangements by Hancock Funeral Home, Fort Meade.

**In Memory
KATHY HARTLEY
OWENS**

**July 24, 1951 –
Dec. 21, 2013**

Kathy Hartley Owens, 62, of Cedartown, Ga., passed away on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013, at Redmon Hospital in Rome, Ga. She was born on July 24, 1951, in Wauchula. Kathy was a 1969 graduate of Lake Placid High School and of the Coosa Valley Technical College's Licensed Practical Nursing Program. She practiced as a Licensed Practical Nurse in both Florida and Georgia for many years. She was of the Baptist faith and had attended Victory Baptist Church.

Kathy was preceded in death by her father, Paul E. Hartley; a sister, Sharon Artz and a great-nephew, William Boyd Reese, II.

She is survived by her son, Heath Owens of Cedartown, Ga.; mother, Eleanor Searcy Hartley of Wauchula; sister, Paula Hartley of Wauchula; grandchildren, Taylor Owens and Harley Owens of Cedartown, Ga.; nieces, Anita Bruce and husband Patrick of Bradenton and Rhiannon Reese; and three great-nephews, Cameron Bruce of Bradenton and RJ, and Dawson Reese of Cave Springs, Ga.

The family received friends Sunday, Dec. 22, 2013, from 6 until 9 p.m. at Lester C. Litesey Funeral Home. In accordance with her wishes Kathy was cremated following the Visitation.

To extend personal condolences to the family and sign the online guest book, a memorial website can be seen at liteseyfh.com.

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2 medium carrots, diced
1 medium onion, diced
3 tablespoons chili powder

1 can (28 ounces) plum
tomatoes
1 can (4 ounces) chopped mild
green chiles
1 cup vegetable broth
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 cans (15 to 19 ounces) black
beans, rinsed and drained
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
4 tablespoons nonfat sour
cream, optional

1. In 5-quart Dutch oven over medium-high heat, heat 2 teaspoons olive oil. Add butternut squash and cook, stirring occasionally, until golden; remove.

2. In same Dutch oven, heat 2 more teaspoons olive oil; cook carrots and onion until well-browned. Stir in chili powder; cook 1 minute, stirring.

3. Add tomatoes with their liquid, chiles with their liquid, vegetable broth and salt; over high heat, heat to boiling. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 30 minutes, stirring occasionally with spoon to break up tomatoes.

4. Stir in black beans and butternut squash; over high heat, heat to boiling. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 15 minutes or until squash is tender and

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Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the Hardee County Manager's Office at the above address. Envelopes must be sealed and marked "2013 DELINQUENT TAXES" and must be delivered to:

HARDEE COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE
412 West Orange Street, Room 103
Wauchula, Florida 33873

so as to reach said office no later than 3:00 p.m., Thursday, January 30, 2014. Bids received later than the date and time as specified will be rejected. The Board will not be responsible for the late delivery of bids made in person, by mail, or any other type of delivery service.

**ALL BIDS RECEIVED TIMELY SHALL BE OPENED IN THE COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE, AT 3:00 p.m., Thursday,
JANUARY 30, 2014, OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS PRACTICAL.**

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any part thereof that may be considered to be in the best interest of Hardee County and also reserves the right to waive irregularities in any bid.

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Ford Credit Rebate	- 1,500
Trade-In Rebate	- 1,750

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1:16,23p

PERSONAL PROPERTY of Vernon Richardson, Venessa Garrett, Jonathan Williams, Azucena Romero, Stormy Boyette, Thomas Deemer, Richard Esquivel, Katrina Daniels will be sold pursuant to warehouseman's lien. Said sale will be at B & J Self-Storage, 667 5th Ave. South, Wauchula, Florida at 11:00 am February 4, 2014.

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PERSONAL PROPERTY of Marvel Garza, Linda McMillian will be sold pursuant to warehouseman's lien. Said sale will be at B & J Mini-storage, 210 N. 3rd, Wauchula, Florida at 10:00 am February 4, 2014.

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ADOPT A PET! If you have lost a pet or are looking for a new one, the City of Wauchula invites you to come and see if you can find the pet you're looking for. The Wauchula Animal Control is located at 685 Airport Road. Please call 863-773-3265 for more information.

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Rental

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Yard Sales

MULTI-FAMILY, Saturday, 8 am - ?, 1777 Cactus Ave., Wauchula Hills. Clothes, shoes, toys. 1:16p

SATURDAY, 8-12, Carlton Street. Too much to list. 1:16p

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, 3 Family yard sale, 402 Lynn St., Bowling Green. Set of 4 tires size 205-70R14 with rims, king size bed, lots of other items. 1:16p

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, 8-2, 701 N. 7th Ave., Wauchula. 1:16p

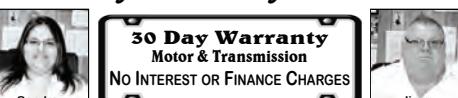
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"In our state, especially the 17th district, citrus is more than a crop. It's a way of life, a part of our culture, and an economic boon that creates \$9 billion in annual economic impact and 76,000 jobs in Florida," Rooney said. "Unfortunately, citrus greening is threatening to wipe out our citrus industry – and if Florida isn't producing oranges, Americans aren't drinking orange juice."

"By committing an additional \$20 million in federal funding to fight citrus greening, we can better work with state governments, universities and industry leaders to control, mitigate, and find a cure for citrus disease. This provision is vital to preserving Florida's citrus industry, strengthening our state's economy, and preserving a vibrant American food supply," Rooney added.

Rep. Robert Aderholt (AL-04), Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, said, "I appreciate Congressman Rooney's tireless efforts to raise this issue and help protect our nation's citrus industry from the growing threat of citrus greening. Defeating citrus disease is critical not only for the economies of Florida and other citrus-producing states, but also for maintaining an abundant and affordable food supply for our nation."

As a member of the House Agriculture Appropriations Committee, Rooney has helped lead the effort to secure additional funding for citrus disease research.

The omnibus spending bill contains all 12 regular appropriations bills for FY2014, with no area of the federal government funded under a Continuing Resolution, allowing the Appropriations Committee to fulfill its obligation of weighing and prioritizing each program individually, and targeting funding toward the most important and effective programs.

Fire-Rescue Rating Mostly Unchanged

By JOAN SEAMAN

Of The Herald-Advocate

In a pair of recent discussions, Hardee County Fire-Rescue has remained listed in its insurance rating.

In meetings in December and on Jan. 2, new Fire Chief James Stillwagon and Deputy Chief John Adler updated the Hardee County Commission on its ISO (Insurance Services Office) official rating, which is often used to determine a resident's property insurance bill. The lower the ISO rating, the lower the insurance bill may be.

The rating is done every three years, or whenever requested if there is a major change. Adler said the county will be requesting another review within the next six months when he feels it meets the criteria not approved in the most recent rating completed in the late fall.

The ISO rating applies only to the fire-fighting capabilities of the Fire-Rescue Department. It does not address rescue operations at all. Currently Hardee's ISO remains 4 for residents/businesses within five miles of a fire station and 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant. Any building within the five-mile radius but farther than 1,000 feet of a hydrant is rated nine. And, anyone beyond the five-mile radius is rated 10.

The only change in the most recent ISO rating is in Bowling Green, which changed from a 5

to a 4, possibly bringing lower insurance bills for those residents.

The ISO is based on a point system. Hardee now has a point value of 61.87, which is a rating of 4. To move up to a rating of 3, Hardee has to achieve a point value of 70.

Adler said there are several ways to improve the points, which are based on three major categories: emergency communications; equipment and manpower and training; and water

supplies.

Emergency communications are provided by the Hardee County Sheriff's Office dispatch system. Hardee did not get all the points under this category because of a difference in its documentation and that required by the ISO office. This can be fairly easily remedied by the Sheriff's Office going to a slightly different reporting system, said Adler.

The equipment and manpower portion, which can improve in points once the recently approved aerial ladder truck and another engine on order are received and put into service. The county can also receive points for reserve ladder trucks through a letter of understanding or mutual aid with Polk County to have a reserve ladder truck available in the event one is needed.

Manpower is based on average number of on-duty firefig-

hters and company officials (chiefs and deputy chiefs, only counted if they actually perform firefighting tasks). There is a difference in firefighters and first responders on rescue equipment and there is a formula for assigning a number to their availability as firefighters. The same type of formula accounts for on-call members and the 10 or so volunteers, who are rated one-third of an active firefighter because of their limitations.

ISO has changed the way training is evaluated, noted Adler, who said using a different documentation format will solve most of the problem. A second problem is a requirement that 16 hours of training be on a drill field. Adler is working on an agreement with South Florida State College to use a vacant building on its Hardee campus for smoke training and its acreage for a drill field.

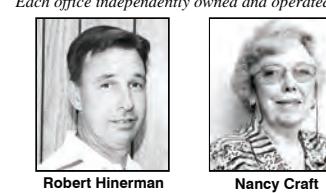
Water supply is the final critical area of evaluation. This considers the number of active hydrants, their inspection and flow testing records. It will also consider a water shuttle system and the distance pumper have to travel to refill. Adler is working with county officials, agriculture experts and others to try to develop a system of using rural lakes/ponds and wells as more efficient gallons per minute water supply.

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Lead Attacker Gets 14 Years

By CYNTHIA KRAHL
Of The Herald-Advocate

Four young adults who attacked a business owner, stabbing him and stealing drugs, at Christmastime 2012 have now been sentenced for their crimes.

The first, set for jury trial on Dec. 9, instead changed his plea and was sentenced on Dec. 6. The last was sentenced just last week.

Christopher Lee Minton, 21, Matthew John George, 23, and Kristine Michele George and Tabatha Marie Prestridge, both 19, had been arrested by sheriff's authorities on Dec. 26, 2012, and charged with various counts in the Dec. 21 attack on Henry "Hank" Williams at his mechanic's shop on U.S. 17 near State Road 62.

Minton, who was said to have wielded the knife, will now spend the next 14 years in Florida State Prison.

Circuit Judge Marcus J. Ezelle adjudicated him guilty of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, and also assessed \$1,220 in fines and court costs.

Additional charges of attempted armed robbery, tampering with physical evidence and unlawful use of a two-way communication device were dropped in exchange for the plea to the most serious count.

Once Minton pleaded out and his jury trial was canceled, sentencing of his co-defendants commenced.

All had been charged with the same four criminal offenses as Minton, and all entered into plea

agreements dropping the most serious count along with two others. Only attempted armed robbery remained.

Kristine George's case came up first, and she was sentenced on Dec. 12.

Matthew George was next, on Dec. 17.

And Prestridge came last. She was sentenced on Tuesday of last week.

Each of the trio received the same penalty.

First, Ezelle ordered each designated a violent offender of special concern. Then he imposed seven years of supervised probation with drug conditions. He assessed fines and costs of between \$1,400 and \$1,700 per defendant.

Restitution has been ordered, and none may have any contact

with their victim.

According to Hardee County Sheriff's Office reports, the Georges and Prestridge walked into the office of the mechanics shop and began talking to Williams. Minton, waiting outside, was tipped off via a cell phone call and entered the area, coming up behind Williams and hitting him.

A scuffle ensued, and that is when Williams was stabbed.

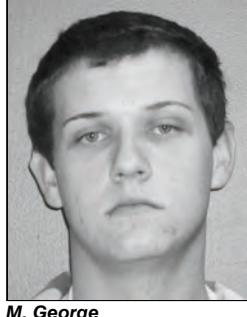
Sheriff's authorities said the young assailants then grabbed some methamphetamine and fled the scene.

Williams was airlifted by medical helicopter to Tampa General Hospital, where he was treated for his injuries and later released.

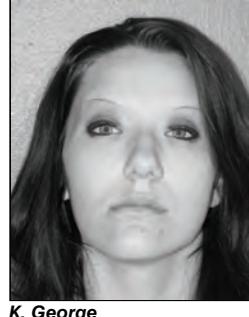
Five days later, the quartet was charged and jailed.



Minton



M. George



K. George



Prestridge

In Business

By Maria Trujillo

TRINKETS TO TREASURES — At the new antiques shop on Main Street in Wauchula, many hidden treasures can be found.

Heritage Park Antiques & Treasures opened last year at the start of the holiday season. Owner Belva Vance, a Hardee County resident since 1969, also owns another antiques shop in Plant City.

Vance has always loved antiques, and it was because of their love for antiques that Vance and a neighbor decided to sell antiques out of a small space about 10 years ago. After a while Vance was left without a partner and a place to sell the items. It was then that she partnered with other antique lovers to open a store and continue selling antiques.

Vance gets items from auctions, estate sales, other antique shops, yard sales and travels to other places to find a good antique. In fact, she once traveled all the way to Pennsylvania for new merchandise. Consignment is also an option at the store.

Store merchandise includes chalk-painted furniture, shabby chic and primitive items, glassware, old books, paintings and much more. Some of the oldest pieces for sale are from the 1800s, including a dresser and a "bedside potty box."

There are also original tin tiles from the ceiling of the building available if anyone is interested in purchasing them. The Main Street building used to be a part of a hotel which stood there several years ago.

Some of the artwork for sale has a distinctive look to it. That is because the young woman from Deland who creates the paintings does so by blowing paint through a straw and onto the canvas itself. This young lady also takes stunning photos and makes jewelry that Vance also sells.

Vance encourages people to come to the shop to see all of its interesting offerings. She says seeing some of the things makes you think of earlier days. Vance also urges people who have already visited to continue to do so since items are constantly changing, meaning new things are showing up regularly.

She noted, "People come because grandma had it, my mother threw it out and now I'm buying it back."

Heritage Park Antiques & Treasures is located at 210 W. Main St., next to Java Cafe. It is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Shoppers and browsers alike can "like" the shop's Facebook page or call Vance at 773-0057.

New business or management? Remodeling or relocating? Call Maria Trujillo at 773-3255 with your business news.



Belva Vance stands in front of her new shop, Heritage Park Antiques & Treasures on Main Street in downtown Wauchula.



This is only one of the pieces of furniture that can be found in the new antiques shop in town. Owner Belva Vance also sells glassware, artwork, jewelry, old books and other trinkets that can become someone's treasure.

Elderly Man In Standoff

By CYNTHIA KRAHL
Of The Herald-Advocate

An 81-year-old Wauchula man faces possible criminal charges after holing up in his bedroom last week and allegedly threatening to harm himself or others.

Authorities allege he fired a bullet at a sheriff's deputy.

Maj. Randy Dey of the Hardee County Sheriff's Office said deputies had responded to a call on Wednesday at around 4:30 p.m. saying the man was despondent, was armed with a gun and had continually refused to come out of his room.

He allegedly had threatened harm to himself or anyone who "bothered" him, Dey said.

Responding to the East Main Street residence, deputies and Sheriff Arnold Lanier made numerous attempts to get the man to leave his bedroom and come out of the house. He would not, Dey said.

As hours passed, the sheriff's tactical unit sent tear gas into a bedroom window in an attempt to force the armed man from the house. One such gas canister was followed by a gunshot from within, Dey alleged.

The board agreed, saying "the use of tobacco products ... is detrimental to the health and safety of students, employees and visitors."

School Board members also acknowledged that adult staff and visitors serve as role models for students, and therefore they wanted to promote a tobacco-free district.

The new rule states, "The purpose of this policy is to establish a school districtwide tobacco-free environment, provide notification to the public and to school district employees and students, provide education and resources to tobacco users, and to provide an explanation of the disciplinary action that will be taken with those that abuse this policy."

The school district will consult with student services, the Hardee County Health Department, the American Lung Association and other health organizations to provide programs for students so they will better understand the health hazards tobacco use can have on them.

Although this policy goes in to effect for all school grounds, it is up to each school's administrators to tell those within their schools or departments about the policy as well as to discipline those who break the new rule.

Director of Educational Facilities Rob Krah said signs advising everyone of the new rule

The man had fired a round through a window and toward a deputy, breaking the glass but not striking the officer, Dey said.

Further, he charged, the man threatened to kill the deputies or anyone who came into his house.

Eventually, however, the tear gas forced the man from the residence.

He was taken to Bay Pines Veterans Administration Medical Center in St. Petersburg for evaluation, Dey said, and remained there as of this Tuesday.

No one in the home nor responding officers was harmed in the incident, he said.

A search warrant executed after the man was out of the house revealed a loaded .40-caliber Glock handgun in the bedroom, along with several other firearms.

Dey said once the man is released from the hospital, charges could follow.

He advised families of the elderly to monitor their behavior. "It is up to the family when someone is displaying erratic behavior to address it," he said. "In the least, they should remove any guns from the home."

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HDR's report goes on to say that alcohol was not a factor in the crash. It is unknown if Hulse was wearing a seatbelt.

Hulse became the third person to die on Hardee County roadways for the year 2014.

Man Accused Of Cutting Roommate

By CYNTHIA KRAHL
Of The Herald-Advocate

One man was jailed and another hospitalized late Saturday night after a drunken brawl allegedly ended in a stabbing.

According to Maj. Randy Dey of the Hardee County Sheriff's Office, authorities were called to Lang's Trailer Park in Wauchula at about 11:57 p.m. They responded to 116 Lang Dr., No. 3, to learn from a resident of the mobile home that two of his fellow farm workers had been fighting.

At one point, the witness said, one of the roommates picked up an eight- to 10-inch knife from the counter and plunged it into the other roommates' abdomen. The knife cut into the left side of the abdominal area, Dey noted.

The suspect, Hipolito Tellesforo Vargas, 54, then fled on foot.

The witness described Vargas and his clothing to responding officers. Dep. Steve Ahrens and his K-9 tracked the suspect, finding him hiding under a tree.



Vargas

Vargas was taken into custody and booked into the Hardee County Jail on the second-degree felony charge of aggravated battery. He remained in custody as of Tuesday in lieu of bond.

His alleged victim, Dey said, was treated at the hospital and later discharged.

The knife, he added, was found on the ground in front of the trailer and was seized as evidence.

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WITNESSED MY HAND AND SEAL of said Court on the 8 day of January, A.D., 2014.

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Connie Coker
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Thursday, January 16, 2014

DISTRICT BOUND



Playing in their final Hardee High girls soccer games in the Class 3A, Region 3, District 11 playoffs in Lake Wales this week were Lady Wildcat seniors (from left) Silvia Alvarez, Amalia Rivera, Ana Galvez, Farrah Muntz and Addison Aubry.

Senior Duo Advances To Regionals

By JOAN SEAMAN

Of The Herald-Advocate

Lady Wildcat seniors Merilene Cimeus and Briana Gardner will represent Hardee in the regional girls weightlifting competition next Wednesday.

Cimeus went to regionals last year and Gardner just missed going because of a tie moving to the number of chances to achieve the best lifts.

They will be among a host of other sub-sectional champions to participate in the District 8 regionals in Port Charlotte on Jan. 22. Winners there advance to the single-class state meeting in Kissimmee on Feb. 8.

Other Hardee girls participating in the subsectional at Sebring on Saturday were seniors Sylvia Martinez, Susan Oce-

guera, Erica Roberts, Rachel Roberts, McKenzie Staton and Savannah Vasquez and juniors Kimberly Hooks and Marisa Chancey.

The Sebring subsectional was one of five held in southwest Florida during the past week. Winners from Avon Park, Bradenton Bayshore, Sarasota Booker, Braden River, Charlotte, DeSoto, Imagine School of North Port, LaBelle, Lake Placid, Lakewood Ranch, Lemon Bay, Manatee, North Port, Palmetto, Port Charlotte, Sarasota Riverview, Sebring, Bradenton Southeast and Venice will compete, each hoping to advance to the state meet, where schools from all over Florida are in a single class or state division.

Girls Hoops Nearly Over

By JOAN SEAMAN

Of The Herald-Advocate

One game left after this week.

The Hardee girls basketball team is ending up its regular season on Tuesday at Port Charlotte.

Before that, the girls had three games this week, at Avon Park on Monday, a visit to Walker Academy on Tuesday and the Senior Night home game tomorrow (Friday) against district rival Sebring.

The Class 5A, Region 3, District 11 tournament starts on Jan. 28 and concludes on Jan. 31. Hardee's district includes Sebring, Lemon Bay and De-Soto,

which may be the top seed.

The Lady Cats have had a hard season, with not enough players to make a junior varsity squad and some of the varsity girls not showing up for every game. The roster includes seniors Bailey Carlton and Alyssa Casso, and underclassmen Makayla Faulk, Alexi Santana, Desiree Martinez, Florence Lee, Connie Luna, Brooke Faulk, Lucia St. Louis and Ellen Bivens.

The team played in the Oasis tournament just before Christmas, with three games over Dec. 20-21. In the first, against Oasis, the host school won 45-29.

For Hardee, Santana was high with eight points, followed by Makayla Faulk with seven, Casso four, Brooke Faulk three and St. Louis a free throw.

The Lady Wildcats next went up against Island Coast, losing 39-19. Lee and Brooke Faulk led Hardee with five points apiece. Makayla Faulk had four, Santana had three and Casso two points.

Against the Bulldogs, Hardee played its best game of the series, losing 59-40. Makayla Faulk had the hot hand with 15 points, while Casso and Lee each had eight. Santana added four, Brooke Faulk and Bivens two apiece and St. Louis a solo foul shot.

Hardee got back to the regular season on Jan. 7 at Academy At The Lakes with a full squad in the 70-26 loss.

Martinez topped Hardee with a trio of treys for nine points and Carlton chipped in with eight. Lee and Santana each had four, Makayla Faulk two and Casso one at the charity stripe.

In Friday night's game at DeSoto, Hardee battled in a foul-ridden game before losing 49-25. Hardee was tagged with 14 fouls, while DeSoto was called for a dozen.

For Hardee, Carlton found the range for 12 points. Casso and Lee each had four, Brooke Faulk three and Luna two points.

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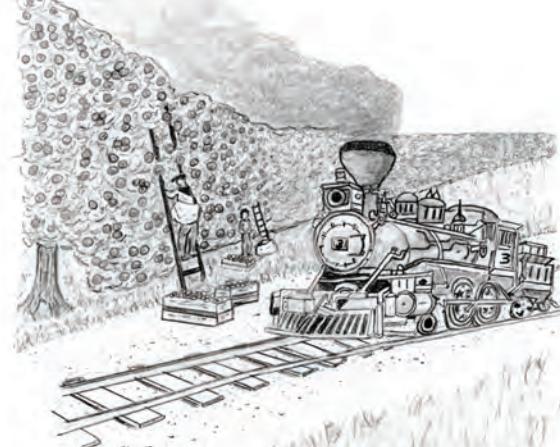
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HUMAN TRAFFICKING



COURTESY PHOTO
Luz Mull, child advocate coordinator with the *Guardian Ad Litem* Office, spoke to members of the Wauchula Woman's Club on Friday, Jan. 3. Her topic was human trafficking right here in Florida, as part of national Human Trafficking Prevention Month. The next meeting is Feb. 7 at noon. The club meets in its historic clubhouse at the corner of Seventh Avenue and Palmetto Street in downtown Wauchula.

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Magnolia Manor Pageant Registration Ends Feb. 14

The third annual Tri-County Area Magnolia Manor Coed Pageant will be held at the Historic Wauchula City Hall Auditorium on Saturday, March 8.

Ages 3-7 will be participating in two categories, formal wear and ethnic wear. Ages 8-12 will have the categories of formal and casual wear. The categories for ages 13-18 will be business and formal/questioning.

The contestants will be awarded with crowns, trophies and certificates of participation. Every contestant will receive some type of award, as each contestant is a winner for per-

forming in the pageant.

The focus of the event this year is "Exceeding Expectations: Dreamers, Believers and Achievers; A Vision of Excellence."

Applications will be accepted through Feb. 14. All participants must register through the application process.

For further details, contact Kenuedu Baggett-Clarke, pageant director, at (321) 348-7936; Sharica Jackson, pageant coordinator, at (863) 245-8666; or Joe Pace, pageant coordinator, at (863) 245-9550.

This Is A Hammer

By Samantha Mazzotta

Q: An acquaintance told me recently that I could plant a tree on the west side of my house to keep my summer cooling bills down. Well, I live in a colder northern state, and it just doesn't make sense to plant a tree that would block the sun in the winter. My friend disagreed. What's your recommendation?

—Sue in Madison, Wis.

A: The great thing about trees is that they have the ability to both keep your house cool in summer and warmer in winter. In Minnesota, a state study found that strategically placed shade trees can reduce air-conditioning bills by nearly 25 percent, and a windbreak can reduce annual fuel bills by up to 20 percent.

How does it work? It all depends on where you place the trees.

In the northern hemisphere, winter winds generally blow from the north or northwest. (In the Northeast, we also tend to get those wonderful winter nor'easters, but that's another story.) Those cold winds can make it harder to heat your home as they

drive in through vents or leaky window- and door frames.

Plant a couple of trees on the side of your house from which these prevailing winter winds blow (the northwest side or corner, most likely), and they'll act as a windbreak. Even deciduous trees that lose their leaves in the winter can provide adequate protection.

To get the best protection from winds while allowing more winter sunlight to reach your home, choose trees that will grow higher than your home's roof eaves, with sturdy trunks and good branching. Deciduous trees will lose their leaves in winter so that the sunlight can filter in, while perennials (like pines or firs) offer a green view year-round. You might even want to mix these two types of trees.

HOME TIP: Plant protective trees one to two tree lengths (based on the average height to which the saplings eventually will grow) from the house, but no farther.

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Fort Green News

By Rilla Cooper

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Greetings from Fort Green!

We have had some good rain showers and they were certainly needed. I am thankful also that we had a good cloud cover and plenty of wind last week when real cold was anticipated. Only bad thing about the wind was all the blossoms from my orchid tree hit the ground. It was a beautiful sight but I prefer them on the tree!

Grace Glorius had a beautiful party celebrating her 100th birthday. We always considered them good friends and it was a pleasure to see her and Sharon. I was looking forward to seeing Larry and Jean, but Sharon said they had a family celebration the weekend before in Valdosta. Nellie must have gone to Valdosta, as she was not here.

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It is really good to see friends in a setting other than a funeral. There were a lot of people, even though they are local, you just don't see them and it is always great when you do. Gayle Graham and Carla Gibbs were at the celebration, and I had not seen them in a long time. Gayle said she and daughter Lee supported each other during their last round of sickness and chemo. Gayle said they were both through with chemo and feeling good.

Kathy Clark was going back to Shands as she is having more problems. Hazel Nicholson is in the Sebring hospital. Our pastor's wife, Tara, is sick with the "mess" as is Trish Richey, Ginny Oden and Elizabeth Powell. We don't think they really have the flu but just fever and feeling bad all over!

Sherman had a kidney stone removed Tuesday at Lakeland Regional and Nancy McQuaig had a procedure on Wednesday. Please pray for all of these.

Dolene and Joe Fields have another little baby and have named him Dillon. He is a pretty baby and very tiny. Dolene said nothing fitted him. I guess she will need to look for some preemie clothes. This little fellow needed a home and they were happy to get him.

Paul and Jamie Samuels are back home with their new bundle of joy, Eli. Donald said there were about 50 people at the airport to welcome them back home.

Fellowship meals began at Fort Green on Wednesday night. Adults pay \$5 and children eat free. Supper begins at 6, and Wednesday night prayer service at 7.

Immanuel Baptist had homecoming last Sunday. Jane Kennedy was missing from our Sunday School and we decided

that she was there. Brother Eddie preached there for some time. Also, Jane's great-nephew, James Fortner, was injured in a rodeo accident and needs prayer.

Danielle Nicholson is in college in Fort Myers. Alex Pierstorff has returned to the Air Force Academy in Denver. Allie Yeomans is stationed in New Jersey. Allie and Alex are experiencing freezing weather, not the kind they are used to.

Lots of people who move south say they miss the different season and the leaves changing, etc. This is our fall and the leaves are changing! Drive near a bayhead and you can see yellow, rust and red leaves. You just have to look but they are pretty.

Gulf State sang at the Orange Blossom RV Park last Friday and they always sound good. Evelyn Durrance was there and it is always good to see her. She is one pretty lady. Greg announced that on Feb. 8 there will be three quartets singing at Northside Baptist in Wauchula. That will be good, and you don't have to travel to another town to get high-quality Southern Gospel music.

There will be a baby dedication at Fort Green on Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend this ceremony.

The GAs are planning a silent auction during the Valentine Dinner, which will be immediately after church. The date will be announced later, but it will be in February!

Lynda Abbott is going to be down as their grandson, Jake, "is in the army now." Lynda is already planning a trip to Oklahoma, as that is where he will be for a long time. He won't get a leave for six months and that is a long time!

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- Prison Site May Undergo Review
- Suspect Arrested in Armed Robbery
- Facelift Planned For Main Street
- Rash of Burglaries Is Solved, Arrests Made



TOP Of The Charts

as of Jan. 13, 2014

Top 10 Pop Singles This Week Last Week

1. Eminem feat. Rihanna No. 1 "The Monster"
2. Pitbull feat. Ke\$ha No. 2 "Timber"
3. One Republic No. 3 "Counting Stars"
4. Lorde No. 5 "Royals"
5. A Great Big World & Christina Aguilera No. 4 "Say Something"
6. Imagine Dragons No. 6 "Demons"
7. Passenger No. 9 "Let Her Go"
8. Katy Perry No. 11 "Roar"
9. One Direction No. 10 "Story of My Life"
10. Avicii No. 8 "Wake Me Up!"

Top 10 Albums

1. Beyoncé No. 1 "Beyoncé"
2. One Direction No. 3 "Midnight Memories"
3. Eminem No. 6 "The Marshall Mathers LP 2"
4. Soundtrack No. 8 "Frozen"
5. Katy Perry No. 7 "Prism"
6. Garth Brooks No. 2 "Blame It All On My Roots: Five Decades of Influences"
7. Lorde No. 11 "Pure Heroine"
8. Miley Cyrus No. 17 "Bangerz"
9. Imagine Dragons No. 16 "Night Visions"
10. Kelly Clarkson No. 5 "Wrapped in Red"

Top 10 Hot Country Singles

1. Florida Georgia Line No. 1 "Stay"
 2. Luke Bryan No. 9 "That's My Kind of Night"
 3. Luke Bryan No. 2 "Drink a Beer"
 4. David Nail No. 3 "Whatever She's Got"
 5. Cassadee Pope No. 5 "Wasting All These Tears"
 6. Parmalee No. 6 "Carolina"
 7. Cole Swindell No. 8 "Chillin' It"
 8. Eli Young Band No. 4 "Drunk Last Night"
 9. Jason Aldean No. 10 "When She Says Baby"
 10. Zac Brown Band No. 7 "Sweet Annie"
- Source: Billboard

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Way Back When

75 YEARS AGO

A representative from the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights made a visit to the Hardee County School District on Jan. 9. Phoebe Dilashaw's purpose was to conduct an investigation about an allegation filed against schools here. The complaint alleges that the district discriminated against blacks and Hispanics in these areas.

A grand jury hearing testimony at the Hardee County Courthouse Monday handed down eight indictments in the Jan. 1 slaying of a Bowling Green man. And within a scant three hours after those indictments were issued, Hardee County sheriff's authorities had apprehended six of the suspects. The two remaining men were already in custody out of state, charged with unrelated weapons crimes.

News leaks out that the Gator's offense for 1939 is to be streamlined. Perhaps a little remodeling of the team in this manner will aid Coach Cody to gain in popularity with some critics who were out after his hide at the close of the 1938 season.

A surprise birthday party was given in honor of Miss Evelyn Burnett at her home on Tuesday evening, Jan. 3rd. The guests entered singing "Happy Birthday." Many games were enjoyed.

The Royal Theatre is showing "Torchy Gets Her Man" and "Dick Tracy Returns" on Friday; on Saturday will be "Gun Law"; on Sunday and Monday, "Say It In French" will play; Tuesdays and Wednesdays will bring "Illegal Traffic"; and on Thursday and Friday "Thanks For The Memory" will be featured.

10 YEARS AGO

First Lt. Kenneth Stanton, a Hardee High graduate, in a few days flew from modern-day warfare to modern-day peace. He spent 11 months, 17 days in combat in South Vietnam flying a helicopter. Stanton has a total of 274 combat support hours in over 150 missions. Lt. Stanton returned to the United States last August to Fort Rucker, Ala., where he received his discharge this month.

Jerry H. Melendy from Wauchula has been appointed district commissioner by the Executive Board of the Gulf Ridge Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Bowling Green city officials last week decided to cut off service to all water customers whose bills are unpaid for the second month. There will be a \$1 cutoff charge and a \$1 reconnection charge assessed where cutoffs are necessary.

George Edward Hovis of Wauchula has been elected vice president of the John Marshall Bar Association, a law student organization at the University of Florida.

35-year-old Wauchula man convicted of trying to molest a 12-year-old girl will spend a year behind bars and a lifetime as a registered sex offender.

Normil Normius was sentenced last week in Hardee Circuit Court for the crime of attempted lewd molestation.

The Hardee girls soccer squad picked up its first-ever victory last week. To say the girls were ecstatic is an understatement, as they have worked for four years for this occasion, said coach Jennifer Long.

The good news came to Sonya and Walter Olliff Jr. late last week. "Our daughter called this morning and will be leaving Iraq on Feb. 14th! Destination: Fort Campbell, Ky. Please keep her in your prayers as you have been." The memo went out to everyone they knew who had kept track of young Sarah Olliff, who at this time last year was enjoying time with brothers "Boomer" and James.

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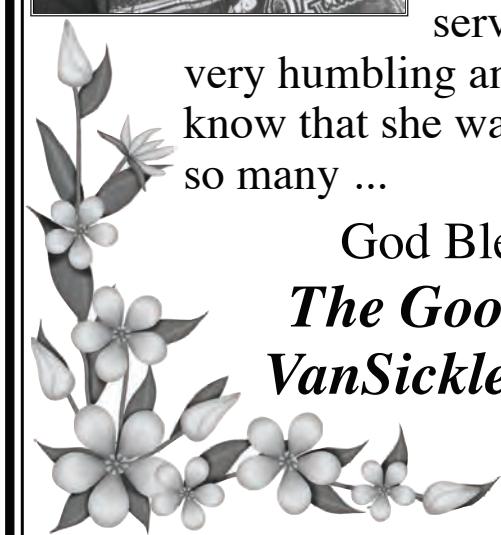
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Fish Busters

By Bob Wattendorf
Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission

CRAPPIE ANGLERS HAVING A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome to 2014. Black crappie are favorite cool-weather targets for freshwater anglers, so join the fun, check your fishing license, the list of top sites and tips below and go fishing! What better way to start off a new year than with some healthy outdoor activity

Pioneer Creek RV News

By Reggie DeSmet And Andie McCoso

CHAPEL

Curtis and Jean Chaffin and Nancy Singleton and Lou Faulkner welcomed 142. Wayne introduced the many snowbirds arriving for the first chapel service, and asked for prayer requests. Devotions were led by Ardeth Johns followed by the anthem "What Is This Bread?" sung by the choir directed by Sandy Feeser and accompanied by Cheryl Conkle on piano.

Pastor David spoke from Genesis 1 through Revelations 22, entitled "Who is Jesus?" Through the whole Bible we find He is both God and man united in two personalities. Communion was followed by a closing hymn.

SCOREBOARD

Horseshoes: Pioneer Creek won 20-12 playing at Goodlife RV Park, with Pioneer Creek turning the tables on them from the last match they played them. A gathering was enjoyed by many at a local restaurant afterward.

SPOTLIGHT

Tom and Terry Stamm will be married 55 years on Jan. 23, and have two sons, a daughter and eight grandchildren. They met while he was in Norfolk, Va., serving in the Marines and she was a Navy Wave.

Tom is from Huron and Terry is from Knox, Ohio, and they now live in Clyde, Ohio, where they first moved into and remodeled a one-room schoolhouse on their farm. Tom has retired from farming and also was a deputy sheriff for the county. Terry has retired as a farm wife but she says you never really retire!

After coming to Pioneer Creek for short stays the first three years and liking the people and the activities of the park, they became residents for the past 15 years.

Tom enjoys golfing, hunting, fishing and playing cards. Terry enjoys bowling, embroidery, knitting, singing and crocheting. They both are a great asset to our park, and have been on the dance committee, decorating and getting the hall organized for the dances.

Terry's claim to fame is their grandson, Anthony, who is a sound editor living in Santa Monica, Calif., and had been begging them to come out for a visit. Her sister-in-law arranged a visit to see him and also ordered them tickets to see the television show, "The Price is Right."

The tickets were for Grandparents Day, with Anthony ordering them red shirts with his reading "Pick My Grandmother" and Terry's reading "Pick My Grandson." Lo and behold, they were picked to "come on down," where on the second round they won and were up on that stage where they met Drew Carey! They didn't win the prize, which was a car, but they did win cash, a swing set and Terry got a peck on the cheek from Drew. They have many pictures and would love to tell all about their adventure.

Terry is in charge of the veteran military women's luncheon, which will be at the end of February or first of March. She would like to hear from any military women who would like to attend.

and a mess of fresh fish?

Crappie are among the most popular freshwater fishes in Florida. Their deep body with nearly symmetrical dorsal and anal fins and a speckled pattern on the body make them easy to distinguish.

Crappie spend much of their time offshore, feeding on small fish. This time of year they will be preparing to spawn and, as the temperatures reach 62-65 degrees, they move inshore to build nests in colonies. Nests over gravel or muddy bottoms in depths of 3-8 feet are fanned by males.

Crappie eat crustaceans, insects and small fishes. A bright, 1/16-oz. to 1/8-oz. jig or Hal-flies will produce once they are inshore. If they are schooling offshore, drift Missouri minnows or grass shrimp below a float, with a No. 4 hook and small split shot. Depth is key, as crappie school at the same level, so experiment until you find the right depth.

Crappie (alias speckled perch or papermouth) longer than 14 inches or heavier than two pounds qualify for a "Big Catch" angler-recognition certificate. Youth under 16 can participate with an entry longer than 10 inches or heavier than 1.5 pounds.

In Other Action

The Wauchula City Commission also approved the following items during its 75-minute regular monthly meeting on Monday evening. All members of the commission were present.

- presented the January curb appeal award to L. Cobb Construction, 401 S. Sixth Ave. (U.S. 17 South). In operation for 33 years, the business opened at the present 4,000-square-location in 1989 and is designed to be functional as well as a showroom of what the business can provide to its residential or commercial customers, including its landscaping.

- noted the city is now able to receive on-line utility payments at www.municipalonlinepayments.com/wauchula.

- approved final reading of Ordinance 2013-16 updating Chapter 223 of the Code of Ordinances, culminating 18 months' work in updating and revising the Land Development codes.

- approved first reading of Ordinance 2014-01, amending Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances, continuing the creation of the seven-member Code Enforcement Board. The alternate code enforcement of a Special Master to hear potential violation

The next meetings of the commission are its workshop on Feb. 3 at 5 p.m. and its monthly meeting on Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. Both are at Commission Chambers, Historic City Hall, 225 E. Main St. in Wauchula.

COMMUNITY Calendar

THURSDAY, JAN. 23

- ✓ Hardee County School Board, regular meeting, Board Room, 230 S. Florida Ave., Wauchula, 5 p.m.
- ✓ Hardee County Commission, rescheduled evening meeting, Room 102, Courthouse Annex I, 412 W. Orange St., Wauchula, 6 p.m.
- ✓ Zolfo Springs Town Commission, rescheduled regular meeting, Town Hall, 3210 U.S. 17 North, Zolfo Springs, 6 p.m.

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Looking for the best places to go?

Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission biologists compile annual lists of top sites. It is available at MyFWC.com/Fishing (select "Freshwater" and "Fishing Sites and Forecasts").

Here are the selections for your best black crappie fishing in 2014, as compiled by Cheree Steward, FWC fisheries biologist.

Lake Talquin — 8,800-acre reservoir, west of Tallahassee.

Lochloosa Lake — 5,705 acres, between Gainesville and Ocala.

Lake Weir — 5,685 acres, south Marion County.

Lake Monroe — 9,406 acres, near Sanford.

West Lake Tohopekaliga — 18,810 acres, south of the city of Kissimmee.

Lake Kissimmee — 34,976 acres, east of the city of Lake Wales.

Lake Marian — 5,742 acres, Osceola County, east of Lake Kissimmee.

Mosaic Fish Management Area — 1,000 acres, southern Polk County.

Tenoroc Fish Management Area — 8,300 acres, Polk County.

Lake Weohyakapka (Walk-in-Water) — 7,800 acres, east of Lake Wales.

Lake Arbuckle — 3,800 acres, east of Frostproof.

Lake Marion — 2,990 acres, east of Haines City.

Lake Istokpoga — 28,000 acres, near Sebring.

Lake Trafford — 1,500 acres, southeast of Fort Myers, in Immokalee.

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Going Ape

By Casey Taylor
Center For Great Apes

LOVE AT LAST

You may remember reading about Clyde, the 46-year old chimpanzee who was rescued from Ohio where he spent over 40 years locked in a garage cage with no sunlight. Except for his mother in the forests of Africa, Clyde had not seen nor been with another chimpanzee until he arrived at the Center for Great Apes sanctuary two years ago.

Since then, he has met a few of our female chimpanzee residents but seemed fearful and unsure how to act around them.

His caregivers put their heads together and tried to come up with the perfect mate for Clyde. They decided on Toddy, a sweet elderly female who, like Clyde, was wild-caught in Africa (and still has bullet fragments lodged in her brain from her capture).

The caregivers started the introductions out slowly, making sure both chimps were comfortable with the idea. At first, both shared a night house but had separate bedrooms. Gradually, they started greeting each other at the cage mesh and touched and watched each other. Then the big day finally arrived, and the doors were opened



COURTESY PHOTOS
The two new mates now share fun and food together every day.

so they could finally be in the same room together. What happened next made all of us at the sanctuary so happy — both Toddy and Clyde started to play!

Toddy seemed thrilled to finally greet Clyde, and both had "play faces" on. Clyde seemed intent on having her close and would reach out to tickle her and grab her foot to instigate a game of chase (although with these two elderly chimpanzees, their version of chase is very slow). They would play then take a break, then resume playing, then rest.

The new couple has been together every day for over two weeks now, and it seems as though their love is blossoming.

This is the best part of the work we do at the sanctuary — giving rescued chimpanzees and orangutans a happier, healthier life and companionship with their own species.

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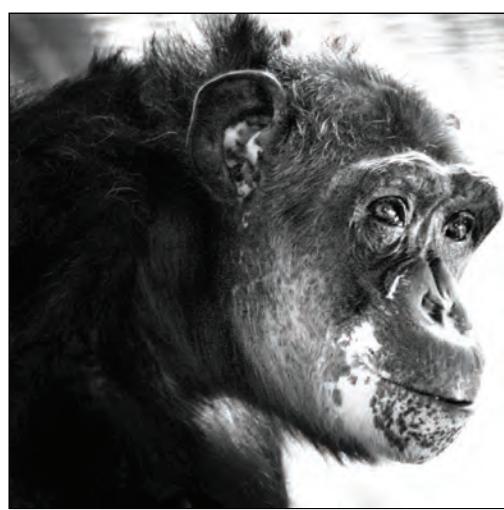
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Clyde reaches out to touch his new, and first-ever, girlfriend.

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Clyde had not been with, nor even seen, another chimpanzee for over 40 years.

Historic Ghost Tour Jan. 24

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1 cup (1 medium-size) diced banana
1 (6-ounce) purchased chocolate pie crust
2 (4-serving) packages sugar-free instant chocolate pudding mix
1 1/3 cups nonfat dry milk powder
2 1/4 cups water
2/3 cup fat-free whipped topping
1 teaspoon coconut extract
2 tablespoons flaked coconut
1 tablespoon chopped pecans

1. Evenly arrange diced banana in pie crust. In a large bowl, combine 1 package dry pudding mix, 2/3 cup dry milk powder and 1 1/4 cups water. Mix well using a wire whisk. Pour pudding mixture evenly over banana. Refrigerate while preparing topping mixture.

2. In same bowl, combine remaining package dry pudding mix, remaining 2/3 cup dry milk powder and remaining 1 cup water. Mix well using a wire whisk. Blend in whipped topping and coconut extract. Spread topping mixture evenly over set chocolate layer. Evenly sprinkle coconut and pecans over top. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Makes 8 servings.

• Each serving equals: 218 calories, 6g fat, 6g protein, 35g carb., 499mg sodium, 1g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Fat, 1/2 Starch, 1 Fat, 1/2 Fat-Free Milk.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was Lebanese poet Khalil Gibran who made the following sage observation: "I have learnt silence from the talkative, toleration from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind; yet strange, I am ungrateful to these teachers."

• In Japan, black cats are considered to be good luck.

• If you're ever longing for the "good old days," you might want to keep this tidbit in mind: In 19th-century America, one of the most popular cure-all remedies was "snail water," which was made by pounding earthworms and snails together, adding the paste to beer and boiling the whole thing. Those in need of a tonic drank it.

• Sea turtles can breathe through their backsides.

• If you could leap over the St. Louis Arch unassisted, you would have jumping power equivalent to that of a flea.

• If you're planning a trip to Oregon, you might want to stop off in Gold Hill to see the Oregon Vortex, where strange phenomena are said to occur. In the mid-20th century, a scientist and mining engineer named John Litser conducted experiments on the property and came to the conclusion that the site contains a spherical field of force and 15 crisscrossing magnetic fields. Before his death in 1959, he burned his notes, reportedly saying, "The world is not ready for this." Those who tour the attraction today might see balls roll uphill or brooms stand on end. Some people appear to be much shorter and some much taller. There are even those who say visiting the Vortex eases back pain.

• Before he became famous, singer Rod Stewart briefly had a job as a grave digger.

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Thought for the Day: "Television makes so much at its worst that it can't afford to do its best." — Fred W. Friendly

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Lunch:

BBQ Rib Patty on Bun, Oven Roasted Chicken, Roll, Turkey & Cheese Wrap, Broccoli w/Dip, Baked Beans, Fruit Cup, Condiments and Milk

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Trix Cereal, Chicken & Biscuit, Butterly Toast, Yogurt Parfait w/Strawberries, Apple Juice, Condiments and Milk

Lunch:

Chicken Bite Meal, Mini Cheeseburgers, PB Jamwich, Wowbutter & Jelly Sandwich, Carrot Sticks w/Dip, Sweet Corn, Apples, Condiments and Milk

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Brown Sugar Cinnamon Poptart, Golden Grahams, Super Donut, Graham Crackers, Strawberry Cup, Condiments and Milk

Lunch:

Nachos, Pepperoni Pizza, Yogurt Parfait w/Fruit, Garden Salad, Vegetable Blend, Fruit Cocktail, Condiments and Milk

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Frosted Flakes, Sausage Biscuit, Butterly Toast, Grape Juice, Condiments and Milk

Lunch:

Chef Salad w/Turkey, Roll, Chicken Quesadilla, Sloppy Joe on Bun, Roasted Potatoes, Lemon & Blue Raspberry Frozen Treat, Condiments and Milk

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cheerios, Butterly Toast, Blueberry Pancake & Sausage on a Stick, Fruit Cocktail, Condiments and Milk

Lunch:

Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Turkey & Gravy, Roll, Bean Burrito, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach, Apple Slices, Condiments and Milk

Poptart, Apple Slices, Condiments and Milk

Lunch: BBQ Rib Patty on Bun, Oven Roasted Chicken, Roll, Turkey & Cheese Wrap, Broccoli w/Dip, Baked Beans, Fruit Cup, Condiments and Milk

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Trix Cereal, Chicken & Biscuit, Yogurt Parfait w/Fruit, Apple Juice, Condiments and Milk

Lunch:

Chicken Bite Meal, Mini Cheeseburgers, PB Jamwich, Wowbutter & Jelly Sandwich, Carrot Sticks w/Dip, Sweet Corn, Banana, Grape Juice, Condiments and Milk

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Brown Sugar Cinnamon Poptart, Golden Grahams, Super Donut, Graham Crackers, Strawberry Cup, Condiments and Milk

Lunch:

Breaded Chicken Chef Salad w/Breadstick, Mini Cheeseburgers, Nachos, Cheese Pizza, Yogurt Parfait w/Fruit, Garden Salad, Vegetable Blend, Fruit Cocktail, Orange, Condiments and Milk

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Frosted Flakes, Sausage Biscuit, Yogurt Parfait w/Fruit, Orange Juice, Condiments and Milk

Lunch:

Breaded Chicken Chef Salad w/Turkey, Roll, Chicken Quesadilla, Sloppy Joe on Bun, Roasted Potatoes, Lemon & Blue Raspberry Frozen Treat, Apple, Condiments and Milk

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cheerios, Blueberry Pancake & Sausage on a Stick, Fruit Cocktail, Condiments and Milk

Lunch:

Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Grilled Chicken Chef Salad w/Breadstick, Turkey & Gravy, Roll, Bean Burrito, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach, Apple Slices, Yogurt Parfait w/Fruit, Peach, Condiments and Milk

SENIOR HIGH**MONDAY**

Breakfast: Apple Jacks, French Toast, Turkey Sausage, Strawberry Poptart, Apple Slices, Condiments and Milk

Lunch:

BBQ Rib Patty on Bun, Oven Roasted Chicken, Roll, Turkey & Cheese Wrap, Tuna Salad w/Bread Bowl, Broccoli w/Dip, Baked Beans

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Apple Jacks, French Toast, Turkey Sausage, Strawberry Poptart, Apple Slices, Condiments and Milk

Lunch:

Chef Salad w/Turkey, Roll, Chicken Quesadilla, Sloppy Joe on Bun, Roasted Potatoes, Celery Sticks w/Dip, Lemon & Blue Raspberry Frozen Treat, Apple, Condiments and Milk

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Frosted Flakes, Sausage Biscuit, Butterly Toast, Grape Juice, Condiments and Milk

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Jan. 19, 2014

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Jan. 30, 2014



Jokes & Philosophies

By Truman A. Thomas

Our honeymoon ... I am never to forget the night that I married Dumpling. We were so in love that night. You could feel it in the air, for a while anyway. However, I had borrowed a forklift to get her over the threshold. When I got on the forklift and revved up the old engine, hee-hee-hee was all Dumpling could say. She does that when she is having a good time, you know.

After trying three times, and having to put Dumpling back on after she had rolled off the forklift, well finally I completed the mis-

sion. But unfortunately I had bent one of the forks when Tee-Hee had rolled off of it and bent the axle when I rolled over her twice. But now we knew that we would not be able to travel up to Haines City the next morning, because of the repair bills on the forklift. I hated that because Dumpling had really wanted to go up there because she had never been that far North before.

But she was a good sport about it though. She slept all day and night and part of the next day. When she finally woke up some 36 hours later, she asked me to serve her breakfast in bed.

These two elderly gentlemen are found talking in the nursing home, perhaps tossing a small dab of gossip while they were at it. When one says, yes, Jim, there is no doubt about it. We know as well as everybody else knows, that Emily truly was in love with Brad and Brad loved her, too. But dog-gone it, she broke up with Brad and married Hollis because he had a far better hospital insurance policy than Brad. Now ain't that something.

Do you remember that blockbuster movie that came out in the 1940s entitled "The Thin Man." However, they just released to movie-goers a few days ago how much money the Thin Man had on him all through this film production and the amount was — he did not have one thin dime on him.

Have you ever heard of a woman who was hired to be a hit man, I mean a hit woman? And while we are at it, have you ever heard of a woman pallbearer?

The spice in life which keeps it so interesting are those unex-

pected moments, be them good or bad.

My pal, the one we call Murph for Murphy's Law, you know anything that can go wrong does go wrong. Well anyway, he told me on the phone that when his wife left him last year it left him a wreck, an emotional jawbreaker, but that he feels a little better now, and his billfold is coming along nicely, and the trustees at the bank said his banking and savings are expected to make a full recovery, so all it not lost.

Since the beginning time man indeed has always dared the world around him, like a beast of the field, the rough forest and jungle alike. He and he alone has conquered the inhabitation of the earth and now reaches out to the universe and beyond. But hold it there, men.

There is still and yet down here something you will never conquer, Cloud Riders, and she comes in the form called woman. The first woman to ever exist betrayed him, Adam. And the strongest man Samson ever dwelt on Mother Earth was done under by a woman called Delilah. And the most prolific bank robber John Dillinger was tripped up by the lady in the red dress.

So Super Man may I humbly suggest that perhaps you lay down in a hammock tied to two trees and sorta think things over. What do you say, pal?

Truman A. Thomas, 77, is an Avon Park resident with many friends and associates in Hardee County. He is the father of Sherry White of Wauchula, and is a retired salesman and former radio disc jockey whose morning show topped the Nielsen Ratings. A self-described "little boy captive in an old man's body," he can be reached at 453-3589 or by writing 1098 Memorial Dr., Avon Park, FL 33825.

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1/16/2014	1/18/2014	1/20/2014	1/22/2014
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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

BOOKS AS BRAIN FOOD
Now here's a "novel" way to increase our brain function. It doesn't involve getting more exercise or eating certain foods. It doesn't include doing puzzles. We only need to grab a book and start flipping pages.

Emory University did a study that showed how there are "quantifiable changes" in brain activity when participants read a book. Granted it was a bit more regimented than just grabbing your favorite author's latest best-seller.

In the study, participants were given a baseline brain scan each day for a few days. Then they were given the thriller "Pompeii" by Robert Harris with instructions to read 30 pages a night. Each morning they were given another brain scan. After the book was finished (about nine days), they were given more scans to see how the brain reacted. Researchers were able to track which portions of the book the participants were reading and correlate them to the brain scan images.

Here's what they learned: During reading, and for days afterward, there were significant activity increases in the parts of the brain associated with story comprehension, as well as processing language.

According to the study, the reading has to be fiction to get these brain connectivity changes, something with a narrative that describes events unfolding, a story we can identify with.

Here's my thinking: While researchers don't know yet how long these brain changes last after reading a novel, it's at least five days. Perhaps we should spend some time in 2014 re-reading the novels that had an impact on us, as well as new narrative fiction and a few of the old classics. The reference librarian is sure to be a good source for book suggestions.

Matilda Charles regrets that she cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incor-



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Tour Cost
\$10 Per Person

Thursday, January 16, 2014



A half dozen senior boys lead Hardee into the Class 3A, Region 3, District 11 playoffs in Auburndale next week. Playing in their final games are (left to right) Gustavo Toledo, Ricardo Vera, Luis Quiros, Daniel Villagrán, Ruben Sandoval and Ezequiel Perez.

PHOTO BY MARIA TRUJILLO

Boys Soccer Heads To Districts

By JOAN SEAMAN

Of The Herald-Advocate

With a couple of games this week, the season is over.

The regular season, that is, as the Hardee boys soccer squad heads into district play next week. Auburndale is hosting the Class 3A, Region 3, District 11 playoffs, which includes Hardee, Lake Wales, Poinciana Kissimmee, Sebring, Teneroc and the host school. Playoffs begin on Monday.

This week, the boys finished up the regular season with a varsity-only night at Kathleen on Monday and the final JV game and a varsity game at Fort Meade on Tuesday. The rest of the week is preparation for the districts.

Last week, the boys played at

Lake Placid on Monday in a hard-fought battle. Each team had 14 shots on goal, but Lake Placid's strong defense would not let Hardee goals get by. Hardee lost 3-0.

"Hardee played well together for the first match after Christmas break. Our defense played well," commented Head Coach Dennis Aubry.

It was also a tough go at DeSoto last Thursday. DeSoto had 18 shots on goal to just five for Hardee. "DeSoto was quick and passed well. They played long passes from the back of the defense. Hardee was off-sides nine times as DeSoto played the off-sides-trap well," reported Aubry.

DeSoto's three scores came on a near perfect long shot in the second quarter and twice in the

third quarter on a pass-back and a deflection, added Aubry.

Last week ended with another battle against Bulldogs, this one against Frostproof. With both teams in a rebuilding year after losing more than 10 players apiece from graduation, it was an even-steven game. Hardee had more shots on goal, 18 to 10, but Frostproof won 3-2.

"Hardee played better with quick passes and team movement than in the near past. We are still having trouble finishing. Manuel Palacios scored in the first quarter on a header from a corner kick by Eduardo Lopez and again on a breakaway in the fourth," concluded Aubry.

Joining Palacios and Lopez in district playoffs next week are seniors Gustavo Toledo, Luis

Quiros, Ricardo Vera, Daniel Villagrán, Ruben Sandoval and Ezequiel Perez, along with fellow underclassmen Agustín Toldeo, Frederick Torres, Gustavo Salazar, Luis Castillo, Alexis Arenas, Rodrigo Rodríguez, Santiago Ramos and Mario Bautista.

Playing this week in their final JV game were Rogelio Reyna, Francisco Vargas, Aní-ceto Estrada, Victor Rosas, Cha Lor, Johnny Saldivar, Francisco Salgado, Adrián Santiago, Ignacio Carreño, Ricardo De-Santiago, Andreas Hernández, Adrián Briones, Julian Galvez, Ben Tamayo, Abelardo Villarreal, Fernando Núñez, José Padillo, Rodrigo Rojas, Marco Torres, Esperandieu Alfred, José González and Fabian Perada.

In Other Action

The Hardee County School Board also approved the following items during its 22-minute regular meeting last Thursday, where member Paul Samuels was absent. The items were:

—an emergency item that was added to the action agenda. It was a request from First Christian Church to use the football stadium to play flag football. The stadium would be used by 150 participants on Sunday, Feb. 2, between 1 and 4:30 p.m.

—supplemental financial information, including the unassigned fund balance budget which is estimated to be about \$6.4 million by June 30.

—the return from leave of Linda Calville to Hilltop Elementary and Carey Crawford to Bowling Green Elementary.

—hiring Lynne Kralik as first-grade teacher and Bobby Rast as the exceptional student education teacher at North Wauchula Elementary.

—adding substitutes Brandie Cloud, Allison Garcia, Robin Ogg, Heather Kouns and Kristian Rodriguez.

—supplements for Diane Bryan at Hardee Senior High as academic coach for \$1,432; Julian Garcia as girls junior varsity soccer coach for \$2,069 and Vincent Noble as junior academic team coach for \$777.

—bonuses for advanced placement teachers at Hardee Senior High whose students

passed AP exams during the 2012-13 school year. Filomena Atchley had 28 students pass AP Spanish and earned \$1,400; Dennis Aubry had seven students pass AP Psychology and earned \$350; five of Ron Kline's students passed AP U.S. History and he earned \$250; Keith Krueger had 15 students pass AP World History and AP Human Geography, and he earned \$750; Linda Shayman had five students pass AP Language and Composition and earned \$250.

At the end of the meeting, Chairman Thomas Trevino congratulated the administration for helping to keep the clinics in schools open. Now no school will be left without a nurse.

An elementary school teacher also asked board members about getting extra technology for students from kindergarten through second grade in all schools. She was worried that students in these grades sometimes get overlooked since they do not take the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test until the third grade. Trevino assured her that Deputy Superintendent Bob Shayman would be notified of the concerns so he could determine what could be done.

The next School Board meeting will be on Thursday, Jan. 23, at 5 p.m. in the board meeting room at 230 S. Florida Ave. in Wauchula.

Good Housekeeping

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3 pounds apples and pears, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch chunks

**1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1/3 cup packed brown sugar, for topping**

1 teaspoon apple pie spice, divided

1/4 teaspoon salt

3 1/2 cups cornflakes

5 tablespoons butter

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. In buttered 13- by 9-inch baking dish, toss apple and pear chunks, 1/4 cup brown sugar, 1/2 teaspoon apple pie spice and salt.

2. In bowl, crush cornflakes with butter, 1/3 cup brown sugar and 1/2 teaspoon apple pie spice until blended. Sprinkle over fruit.

3. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until golden brown. Serves 8.

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BOWLING GREEN

**APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE
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310 Orange St.
773-1017

Sunday Meet & Greet10:15 a.m.
Sunday School9:00 a.m.
Sunday Service12:00 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer Meeting6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service7:00 p.m.

CHESTER GROVE MB CHURCH
708 W. Grape St. - 375-3353

Sunday School9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship8:00 a.m.
Sun. Eve. Worship 1st & 3rd 4:00 p.m.
Tues. Prayer/Bible Study6:00 p.m.

**CHRISTIAN BIBLE
FELLOWSHIP**
Hwy. 17 South

Morning Worship10:30 a.m.
Youth Group - Sunday6:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD
121 West Broad St. - 375-2231

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:30 p.m.
Wednesday7:30 p.m.

**CHURCH OF GOD
TRUE HOLINESS OUTREACH**
725 Palmetto St.
375-3304

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Tues. Night Bible Study7:30 p.m.
Evening Worship1st Sunday5:00 p.m.

**COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP**
Main & W. Centra.

Sunday AM Worship10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting7:00 p.m.

FAITH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
4937 Hwy. 17 N. - 375-4206

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Disciples Train & Choirs5:30 p.m.
Evening Worship6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Discipleship Training

Youth & Adult6:00 p.m.
TeamKID (ages 3-5th grade)6:00 p.m.

**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Grape & Church Streets - 375-2340

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study6:00 p.m.

**FORT GREEN BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Baptist Church Road - 773-9013

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Supper6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study7:00 p.m.

**HOLY CHILD
SPANISH CATHOLIC MISSION**
Misa (Espanol) Sunday7:00 p.m.

IGLESIA DEL DIOS VIVO
105 Dixiana St. - 375-4191

Domingo De Predicacion11:00 a.m.
Martes Estudio Biblico7:00 p.m.
Miércoles Estudior Juvenil7:00 p.m.
Jueves De Predicacion7:00 p.m.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
210 E. Bward St. - 445-0290

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer7:00 p.m.

**Macedonia Primitive
Baptist Church**
607 Palmetto St.

Church School9:30 a.m.
Morning Service11:00 a.m.
Evening Service7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study/Prayer7:00 p.m.
Community-2nd Sun. Eve.6:00 p.m.

MT. PISGAH BAPTIST CHURCH
6210 Mt. Pisgah Rd. - 375-4409

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Disciples Training5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Time7:00 p.m.

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E. Broward St.

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Sunday Service6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service7:30 p.m.

PRIMERA MISION BAUTISTA
Murray Road off Hwy. 17
375-2295

Domingos Escuela Dom.9:45 a.m.
Servicio de Adoracion11:00 a.m.
Servicio de Predicacion5:00 p.m.
Miércoles Servicio6:30 p.m.

BOWLING GREEN

REAL LIFE CHURCH
3365 South US Hwy 17

Morning Service10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Study/Learning6:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN A.M.E. CHURCH
513 W. Orange St.
375-2911

Sunday Church School9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study6:30 p.m.

VICTORY PRAISE CENTER
128 E. Main St.

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.

Thursday Night Services,

Evening Worship7:00 p.m.

Kidz Club7:00 p.m.

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Martes: Oracion7:00 p.m.
Jueves: Ensenaza Biblica7:00 p.m.
Domingo: Servicio10:30 a.m.

LIMESTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Martes Oracion7:00 p.m.

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Vierres Servicio7:30 p.m.

Domingo Servicio10:30 a.m.

**ENDTIME CROSSROAD
MINISTRY**

501 N. 9th & Georgia St. - 773-3470

Sunday School10:00 a.m.

Morning Service11:30 a.m.

Evening Service7:30 p.m.

Wed. Bible St. & Yth. Gath.7:30 p.m.

Friday (Holy Ghost Night)7:30 p.m.

**FAITH PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

114 N. 7th Ave. - 773-2105

Sunday School10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Supper6:15 p.m.

Wed. Youth Fellowship6:50 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study7:00 p.m.

**FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH
OF GOD**

701 N. 7th Ave - 773-3800

Sunday School9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship10:20 a.m.

Children's Church10:40 a.m.

Evening Service6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

1570 W. Main St. - 773-4182

SUNDAY:

Bible Study for all ages9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Sr. Adult Bible Study10:00 a.m.

Children's Choirs

(PK-Grade 4)5:30 p.m.

PRAISE 57-Jr High Chior5:30 p.m.

Mid-Week Prayer Meeting6:00 p.m.

Kids On Missions

(PK-Grade 4)6:00 p.m.

Club 566:00 p.m.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)6:00 p.m.

Family Life Ministry

& Discipleship6:00 p.m.

Church Orchestra6:00 p.m.

Adult Choir7:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1121 W. Louisiana St. - 773-9243

SUNDAY:

Generations Café Opens9:30 a.m.

Kids World Check-In

Nursery-5th Grade Begins10:15 a.m.

Pre-K Blast10:45 a.m.

Kids World B.L.A.S.T.

(K-5th)10:45 a.m.

Worship Service10:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Check-In begins

Nursery-5th Grade6:15 p.m.

Classes for children ages

PreK-12th grade6:30-8:00 p.m.

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Sunday Evening Service6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Youth Service5:30 p.m.

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Celebration Service10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Cell Groups

Adult Cell Group7:00 p.m.

Youth Cell Group7:00 p.m.

Children's Cell Group7:00 p.m.

Call for locations

**CHARLIE CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH**

6885 State Road 64 East - 773-3447

Sunday School9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Worship6:30 p.m.

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8:35 A.M. or as soon thereafter
in the County Commissioners' Board Room
Room 102, 1st floor Courthouse Annex
412 West Orange St., Wauchula, FL

to hear the requests, to receive public input, and to hold the
SECOND READING of ORDINANCE NO. 2014-05

P/Z Agenda No. 14-01

Hardee County Industrial Development Authority by and through the Authorized Representative requests approval of a Rezoning of 85.60+/-acres from F-R (Farm-Residential) to C/IBC (Commercial-/Industrial Business Center) and for approval of a Rezoning of 18.54+/-acres from R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential) to C/IBC in the Highway Mixed Use Future Land Use District, Hardee County, Florida.

On or about NE of Old Bradenton Rd, W of Mott Rd
F-R zoning 29 33 25 0000 05620 0000-60.00+/-acres
SW1/4 of NE1/4 & N1/2 of SE1/4 of NE1/4 of S29, T33S, R25E

-AND-

On or about N of Old Bradenton Rd, E of Mott Rd
F-R zoning 29 33 25 0000 06990 0000-10.00+/-acres
SW1/4 of SE1/4 of NE1/4 of S29, T33S, R25E

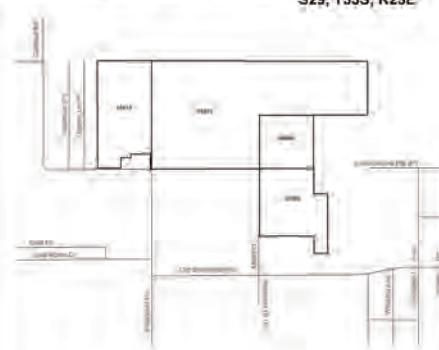
-AND-

On or about N of Old Bradenton Rd, E of Mott Rd
F-R zoning 29 33 25 0000 07000 0000-15.60+/-acres
W1/2 of NE1/4 of SE1/4 of S29, T33S, R25E, Hardee County, Florida, LESS beginning at SE corn of W1/2 of NE1/4 of SE1/4 of Said S29, T33S, R25E & run thence W 94.00 ft; thence N a dist of 124.00 ft; thence E a dist of 94.00 ft; thence S a dist of 124.00 ft to the Point of Beginning AND Beg at SW corn of E1/2 of NE1/4 of SE1/4 of S29, T33S, R25E, Hardee County, Florida & run thence N a dist of 270.00 ft to POB; thence Con N a dist of 730.00 ft; thence E a dist of 170.00 ft; thence S a dist of 730.00 ft; thence W a dist of 170.00 ft to POB, LESS ANE EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING: that part of W1/2 of NE1/4 of SE1/4 of S29, T33S, R25E, Hardee County, Florida, described as follows: Com at NW corn of W1/2 of NE1/4 of SE1/4 of said S29; thence S 00deg10min52sec E along W line of W1/2 of NE1/4 of SE1/4 a dist of 837.29 ft to POB; thence N 88deg26min39sec E a dist of 294.37 ft;

thence S 89deg16min42sec E a dist of 370.51 ft to E line of said W1/2 of NE1/4 of SE1/4; thence S 00deg10min01sec E along said E line a dist of 358.49 ft to N line of E 94.00 ft of S 124.00 ft of said W1/2 of NE1/4 of SE1/4; thence S 89deg25min04sec W along said N line a dist of 93.71 ft to W line of said 94.00 ft of S 124.00 ft of said W1/2 of NE1/4 of SE1/4; thence S 00deg01min50sec E long said W line a dist of 123.87 ft to S line of said W1/2 of NE1/4 of SE1/4; thence S 89deg29min41sec W along said S line a dist of 570.63 ft to SW corn of said W1/2 of NE1/4 of SE1/4; thence N 00deg10min52sec W along aforementioned W line a dist of 485.00 ft to POB, LESS rights-of-way for Mott Rd and Old Bradenton Rd. S29, T33S, R25E

-AND-

On or about Old Bradenton Rd., E of Osprey Ln.
R-3 Zoning 29 33 25 0000 05650 0000-18.54+/-acres
E1/2 of SE1/4 of NW1/4 of S29, T33S, R25E, Hardee County, Florida, LESS: Com at SE corn of E1/2 of SE1/4 of NW1/4 of S29, T33S, R25E, Hardee County, Florida, and run N 89deg50min03sec W & along S line of said SE1/4 of NW1/4 a dist of 235.22 ft to Point of Beginning; thence cont S 89deg50min03sec W along same line a dist of 122.40 ft; thence N 00deg09min57sec E a dist of 145.00 ft; thence S 89deg50min03sec W a dist of 122.40 ft; thence S 00deg09min57sec W a dist of 145.00 ft to POB; & LESS Com at SE corn of E1/2 of SE1/4 of NW1/4 of S29, T33S, R25E, Hardee County, Florida, & run N 89deg50min03sec W & along S line of said SE1/4 of NW1/4 a dist of 12.00 ft to the POB; thence cont S 89deg50min03sec W along same line a dist of 241.22 ft; thence N 00deg09min57sec E a dist of 190.00 ft; thence S 89deg50min03sec W a dist of 241.81 ft; thence S 00deg09min57sec W a dist of 190.00 ft to the POB, sub to rd r/o/w TOGETHER with an easement for an existing well being described as follows: Com at SE corn of E1/2 of SE1/4 of NW1/4 of S29, T33S, R25E, Hardee County, Florida, and run N 89deg50min03sec W & along S line of said SE1/4 of NW1/4 a dist of 253.22 ft; thence N 00deg09min57sec E a dist of 190.00 ft; thence S 89deg50min03sec E a dist of 186.90 ft to the POB; thence S 00deg09min57sec W a dist of 54.41 ft; thence S 89deg50min03sec E 2.00 ft; thence N 00deg09min57sec E 54.41 ft; thence N 89deg50min03sec W 2.00 ft to the POB. S29, T33S, R25E



Rick Knight, Chairman

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This Public Notice is published in accordance with the Hardee County Unified Land Development Code.

Prior to the BoCC Public Hearing, documents relating to the requests are available for public inspection during weekdays between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at the Planning and Development Department, 110 S. 9th Ave., Wauchula, Florida. If you wish to discuss the requests, it is suggested to please call 863 767 1964 to schedule an appointment with Hardee County Planning and Development Director prior to the BoCC public hearing.

All interested persons shall have the right to be heard.

In rendering its decision the Board of County Commissioners, shall rely solely on testimony that is relevant and material.

Although minutes of the Public Hearing will be recorded, anyone wishing to appeal any decision made at the public hearing will need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceedings is made by a court reporter.

Here Comes The Judge!

By CHIP BALLARD

For The Herald-Advocate

Marcus Ezelle and I were dorm mates at the University of South Florida in Tampa. Our rooms were directly across the hall from each other, and often our doors stood open.

As I listened to Elvis and Orbison, read Hemingway and Wolfe, made up tall tales and wrote stories, Marcus listened to classical music, studied political science and read law books.

I had great respect for him and knew he would go far.

Today, Circuit Judge Marcus J. Ezelle covers Hardee, Polk and Highlands counties. To say his schedule keeps him busy is understatement. But Ezelle has mastered busy and, like all masters, makes it look easy.

He never appears in a rush nor is he ever in too much of a hurry to stop in a store or on a street corner to speak and inquire of one's family and mutual acquaintances. This pace has provided the judge with longevity and earned respect from his community.

Ezelle was elected Hardee County judge in 2000. In 2006, he was elected a circuit judge for the 10th Judicial Circuit of Florida. He lives in Wauchula, and is the first resident circuit judge elected from Hardee County.

"Hardee County is still a place where you know most people, how they are related, what they do for a living, and what they like and dislike," he describes.

The Ezelle family has a long history of elective service. His father, Curtis, was Hardee County tax collector for 48 years. Ezelle says he is inspired by his father's generation for living through the Great Depression and World War II.

"Many of that generation I have talked with said it was the Depression more than the war that made them tough," Ezelle notes.

The courthouse is familiar territory to Ezelle and the fact he works there is no surprise because he has been going there all his life. "Because my father was county tax collector, I grew up playing at the courthouse, riding bicycles and climbing trees," he says.

"I could step through a window in the collector's office on the second story onto a ledge, balance myself to reach a tree, and then climb to the first floor to get a Coke — without getting caught!"

Observing Ezelle at work in the courtroom is eavesdropping on an artist. His courtroom is his canvas; the case before him his subject. The attorneys, witnesses, and parties in court are the nuances of color and conflict. The law books he knows so well are his paints. His brushes are his keen instincts and understanding of human nature and the human condition.

Born and raised in Wauchula, Ezelle is a sixth generation Floridian. He was born in 1952 and was graduated from Hardee Senior High School in 1970 taking the American Legion Award.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in classics, emphasis in Latin and Greek, in 1974 from the University of South Florida in Tampa. He attended Mercer University's Walter F. George Law School, where he took his law degree in 1978. He was winner of the Sun Trust Estate Planning Award for Georgia, 1978, and the chairman of Law Day, 1978.

Before his election as judge, Ezelle practiced wills, trusts and estate-planning law.

He is a former member of the 10th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, trustee of South Florida Community College and the Hardee Memorial Hospital Board. He is a Take Stock in Children mentor and a former board member of Hardee Habitat for Humanity.

Ezelle and his wife, Carol, who teaches science at Hardee Senior High School have two sons and one daughter. Each is a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Lakeland.

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ezekiel in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From 1 Kings 10, about how many shekels of silver did a chariot imported from Egypt cost? 10, 50, 200, 600

3. Which Psalm begins, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want"? 1st, 15th, 23rd, 40th

4. From Genesis 17:15, what was the prior name of Sarah? Sarai, Hulda, Jael, Deborah

5. Where did David cut off a corner of Saul's cloak? Achaia, Edom, En-Gedi, Gilgal

6. Who is called a "prophetess" in Exodus 15:20? Eve, Miriam, Rachel, Zipporah

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) 600; 3) 23rd; 4) Sarai; 5) En-Gedi; 6) Miriam

Comments? More Trivia? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com "2014 Bible Trivia Challenge," Wilson Casey's Daily Box Calendar, is available online and in bookstores.

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PHOTO BY CHIP BALLARD

Circuit Judge Marcus Ezelle is shown as he presides over a case in the Hardee County Courthouse in January of 2012.

Judge Ezelle says his judicial philosophy is simple, "Give parties the respect they are due and follow the law."

He cites U.S. Chief Justice John Roberts' statements: "Nobody ever went to a ball game to see the umpire," and "Umpires don't make the rules but apply them," as good judicial perspective.

Before he was elected a county judge in 2000, Ezelle was in private practice for 22 years. His professional activities in those years include a partnership with Burton, Evers & Ezelle. He has also served as an assistant public defender and was city attorney for Wauchula, the city of Bowling Green and the town of Zolfo Springs.

Among Judge Ezelle's civic responsibilities were president of the Wauchula Kiwanis Club, a member of the Hardee County Industrial Board, member of the Hardee Memorial Hospital Board, South Florida Community College Board of Trustees and Hardee Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors. He also has been involved in Take Stock in Children as a mentor since 2001.

With all that, one wonders how Ezelle finds time for anything else, but he's also busy with hobbies.

He enjoys reading, walking and traveling. Occasionally, he says, someone invites him to go hunt a turkey. Emphasizing the fact that he is not a hunter, he admits to occasionally accepting the invitation.

"My primary interest is travel," he says. "When time and budget permit, I see World War II sites in England, France and Germany. My last trip was a return to the D-Day beaches in Normandy, where my father landed on June 6, 1944. I have also visited Buchenwald concentration camp near Weimar."

Currently, he is reading "The Coming of the Third Reich," "The Eight Pillars of Greek Wisdom" and "Epictetus' Maxims" — not exactly light fare.

Ezelle is old enough to remember the segregated signs at the restrooms and water coolers at the courthouse. In his chambers he keeps an old brass spittoon, salvaged and polished, from the old courthouse prior to the renovation.

Some things improve with time. Most people would agree Judge Marcus Ezelle has withstood that test fine, thank you.

Visit author Chip Ballard's website at chipballard.com to find out more about this story and his other published works. He can be reached by e-mail at [chip-kyle746@embargmail.com](mailto:kyle746@embargmail.com).

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Celebrity Extra

By Cindy Elavsky



Q: Can you tell me if and when "Cedar Cove" will return for another season?

—Richard O., Summerfield,

A: The Hallmark Channel has renewed the phenomenally suc-

cessful series, which is based on the book series of the same name by Debbie Macomber, for a second season. The show's first season made Hallmark Channel the No. 1 cable channel for Saturday nights during the 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. time slot. With internationally renowned actress Andie MacDowell leading the cast — which includes Dylan Neal, Teryl Rothery, Bruce Boxleitner, Barbara Niven and Brennan Elliott — season two of "Cedar Cove" promises more of the same drama, romance and fun. There is no word on the premiere date yet, but I'd start looking for it this summer. And of course, I'll let you know as soon as I know exactly when it will return.

Q: Would you know anything about the fantastic TV series "24" with Kiefer Sutherland? I thought they were bringing it back, or at least making a movie.

—Dick W., via email

A: I did report on this about six months ago, but since this is such a hot subject — I get tons of letters from readers asking me the same question — I'll write about it again, with some new information to pass along. Fox is indeed airing a new version of "24," which is called "24: Live Another Day." This go-round, it will be a 12-part series but will still cover the requisite 24 hours. Kiefer will return, as will Mary Lynn Rajskub, William Devane and Kim Raver.

Kiefer recently told the press that the series will take place in London, stating: "'24' has always had such a global sensibility, but to be able to tell this intense '24'-style story with the beauty of Europe's history and architecture as the backdrop is going to be fascinating."

Fox's entertainment chairman Kevin Reilly teased reporters that the show's pickup intrigued many industry stars. "A lot of who's who in Hollywood wanted to participate in this," he revealed. Be on the lookout for "24: Live Another Day" this May on Fox.

Q: Please tell me that Animal Planet will be airing another "Puppy Bowl" this Super Bowl Sunday!

—Tina W., Portland, Maine

A: The most anticipated — and cutest — sporting event of the season is about to get even bigger when "Puppy Bowl" returns to Animal Planet on Feb. 2 (first airing is from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. ET/PT) for its 10th anniversary edition. The show will repeat after that, with new content every hour. With each airing, fans vote in real time for which puppy will take home the coveted title of MVP (Most Valuable Puppy), there will be a Kitty Half-Time Show, penguin cheerleaders and viewers can participate in the Fantasy Puppy League (go to animalplanet.com/puppybowl to draft your team). This definitely is a can't-miss event!

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Applications are available on the county's website www.hardeecounty.net or at the County Manager's Office, 412 West Orange Street, Room 103, Wauchula, Florida.

Rick Knight, Chairman

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Oasis RV News

By Georgianna Mills

AROUND THE PARK

Ray and Jo Moore have been blessed to have their children with them while Jo is recuperating from a hospital stay: Cris and Dave Anderson, Roger and Peg and Ed and Pat Moore. Larry Lavey is up and about after having the flu.

Welcome back Forrest Grooms after a long visit back home with family and snowy conditions. We welcome Dave Griffey, Hope and Larry Paulson, William and Sharon Fuller and Rosemary and Rick.

MEET & GREET

Hosting are Linda and Ray Tuttle. Ray is full of information and around Zolfo Springs. Full of fun and laughs. We meet at 8:30 a.m., the second and fourth Saturdays of the month.

BREAKFAST

Our sausage and gravy biscuit breakfast is hosted by Charles and Kathy Gaylog and Lucy and Leonard Starr. They serve breakfast the first and third Saturday of the month, from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

We hope to see everybody out and about for this delicious breakfast.

BINGO

Bingo is played every Monday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. What a fun time is had at bingo! Everyone vying for the big jackpot, jar or 50/50.

Jan. 2, Janelle Reid won the 50/50. Shirley Hyde and Don Philips split the jackpot.

Jan. 6 saw Cherie getting the 50/50, Lynn Baer the jackpot and five merchant certificates given out.

POKEPO

There were six players on Monday and everyone was rather sociable, so the pennies just went around and around and no one bagged.

Monday, the 6th, saw six playing Pokeno. There was no big winner, but Shirley Hyde, Edie Phillips and Joyce Longueuil all came out ahead.

Wednesday, the 8th, there were six players again and Jeff Riggs and Audrey Semler were the winners.

SHUFFLEBOARD

Jan. 3, can you believe it was too cold and windy for the shufflers to push that puck down the court. Now, that is not to happen in Florida!

WII BOWLING

There were 11 bowlers. Frank Huiet took all the honors with high game of 224 and high average of 207. We had an honorable mention of Jeff Riggs with a 200 game.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Carol and Mike Yaw head up the ice cream social.

We had 51 in attendance. Those having an anniversary were Maryellen and Tom Hopkins, Chuck and Shirley Cline, Dowayne and Jann Parks and the Wows.

BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays were Winnie DeWitt, Mary Marr, Jack Moore, Don Philips and Janelle Reid. When Carol asked those who had birthdays in May and June to stand also, there wasn't an empty seat.

Cakes were baked by Sue Cummings, Joyce Riggs, Kathy Gaylog and Shirley Kruys. Charles West and Mike Yaw dished out the ice cream.

EXERCISE

Jann Parks heads the low impact exercise every day at 9:30 a.m. A good way to start your day. You will be amazed at the impact it has on your life. Using every muscle in your body at a low impact helps keep you going!

Florida Crop Update

Week Ending: January 12, 2014

Weather Summary: Most of the State reported below one inch of rain this week, with the exception of Indian River (Indian River County) with 3.64 inches and three FAWN locations reporting between 2.00 and 2.89 inches, according to Florida's Auto-mated Weather Network (FAWN). Maximum temperatures ranged from the 50s to the 80s, with the highest temperature in Sebring (Highlands County) at 85 degrees. Hard freezes were felt into central Florida. The lowest temperatures in the State were 14 degrees in Jay (Santa Rosa County) and Defuniak Springs (Walton County).

Field Crops: Farmers in the northern part of the State were completing the harvest of soybeans. Planting of oats, wheat, rye, and winter grazing was ongoing. Jackson County reported a small amount of damage to winter oats due to frost. Rain was beneficial to earlier plantings. Sugarcane harvest proceeded as scheduled in Hendry, Palm Beach, and Glades counties.

Fruit and Vegetables: Cabbage and potatoes were being planted in Flagler County. Farmers in Manatee County began planting tomatoes. Cold winds associated with the cold front battered vegetables crops in Charlotte, Collier, Hendry and Lee Counties required some replanting of okra, sweet potatoes, green beans, and strawberries. Vegetables and fruits marketed in the State included avocados, beets, cucumbers, cabbage, escarole, mustard, tomatoes, peppers, herbs, eggplant, squash, strawberries, sweet corn, sweet potatoes, snap beans, radishes, lettuce, kale, and a variety of specialty items.

Citrus: Rain was light in most of the citrus area this week. All stations recorded at least a trace of precipitation. Five stations recorded an inch or more of rain. Indian River (Indian River County) recorded the most precipitation with 3.64 inches. Immokalee (Collier County) recorded the least with 0.05 inches measured. High temperatures were in the upper 70s to lower 80s through most of the citrus growing area. Temperatures during the recent cold snap did not reach damaging levels in the citrus producing region. Growers and caretakers continued to irrigate due to dry conditions. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated January 7, 2014, abnormally dry conditions covered most of the Indian River and southern growing areas and portions of the northern and central areas. The western growing area remained drought free.

Field workers reported small sizes on all varieties. Grove activity included harvesting, hedging and topping after harvest, resetting of new trees, pushing of dead grove and replanting new citrus, mowing, fertilizing and psyllid control. Thirty-nine of 43 packing-houses had opened and had begun shipping small quantities of fruit. Sixteen of nineteen processing plants were open so far this season.

Livestock and Pastures: The cattle condition across the State was primarily fair as was the pasture condition. Cattlemen were feeding hay and supplements across the State. Cold weather in the northern part of the State contributed to pasture decline. Drought was the main contributing factor for the decline in pasture condition in the southern part of the State.

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Attention: Hardee County Disposal Customers:

Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, Monday, January 20th, there will be no service on this day. Make up day will be on Thursday, January 23rd. All other days/routes for this week will remain the same.

REMINDER TO ALL CUSTOMERS:

For the safety of our helpers please be aware that cans over 32 gallons must have bagged garbage so that all waste can be properly removed from cans.



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Kitchen Diva

By Angela Medearis



Good Health to Go

With the holidays behind us, we're back to the hustle and bustle of the work week. For many of us, healthy habits seem to go out the window as soon as we step beyond our front door. When eating away from home, planning may be the most important action a person can take when trying to maintain a healthy lifestyle. When stressed or rushed, many of us revert to our old, familiar habits. If those habits aren't healthy, that's when poor choices are made. Habits may include grabbing high-fat doughnuts, stopping at convenient fast-food restaurants, eating larger portions or making afternoon visits to the vending machine.

Planning ahead provides a variety of healthy food choices and portion sizes that are satisfying. With a little thought, anyone can plan a healthy snack or meal-on-the-go to fit any situation. Use these as inspiration:

- Whole-wheat bagel, low-fat cheese, pear, water
- Fresh spinach, feta and cubed chicken (leftover from last night's dinner) in a whole wheat pita, grapes, skim milk
- Broth-based soup (pass on the cream soups), baked wheat crackers, apple
- Sliced turkey with low-fat dressing (skip the high-fat mayo) wrapped in a lettuce leaf, baked chips, fresh berries, iced tea

Try these tips when you are away from home:

- If eating in the car is a trouble spot for you, make it a rule to only bring water in the car if you are traveling for an hour or less.
- If your weakness is stopping at convenience stores, fast-food restaurants or vending machines, put those on your "do not stop" list, or only order one item, like the grilled chicken, and bring the rest of your meal in a cooler.
- Lettuce, instead of a bun, wrapped around chicken or a burger is a tasty alternative. Make the local grocery store your food stop or get yourself a cooler where you keep a "stash" of healthy options — energy bars, bottled water, nuts or fruit.
- Bring a healthy snack or lunch with you. Include some protein; it satisfies longer. With the apple, bring some peanut butter, cheese or nuts. Microwave popcorn (trans fat-free, of course) also is a great choice.
- Carrying lunch to work not only saves you money, you have

the added benefit of choosing what's healthiest for you!

- Take along healthy foods that travel well: Cottage cheese, vegetable sticks, yogurt, fruit, granola bars and nuts are great choices.

- Keep re-freezeable ice packs in your freezer to throw in your cooler when transporting meat, dairy and cooked foods. Freeze 100 percent juice packs or, in a pinch, throw some ice cubes in a zipper-lock plastic bag.

This recipe for Sweet Potato Hummus is a healthy snack to pack for the days when you're on the go. The orange flesh of the sweet potato gives away its beta-carotene content. By serving this dip with whole-wheat pita and raw vegetables such as red peppers and broccoli, you'll also get selenium, vitamin C and sulforaphane.

Chickpeas/Garbanzo beans are a good source of cholesterol-lowering fiber and help to prevent blood-sugar levels from rising too rapidly after a meal. Chickpeas are high in protein and also promote slow burning of complex carbohydrates, thus increasing your energy by replenishing your iron stores. Peanut butter adds a boost of protein and a creamy texture to the hummus.

Divide the Hummus into serving-size containers along with several individual packages of vegetable sticks so you'll always have a nutritious snack to grab and go!

SWEET POTATO HUMMUS

***1/2 pound sweet potatoes (about 3 medium or 2 large)**
1 can (15-ounces) chickpeas, reserve liquid
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1/4 cup peanut butter
2 tablespoons olive oil



2 teaspoons ground cumin
2 garlic cloves, chopped
8 dashes (about 1 teaspoon) hot sauce, or 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper

1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground pepper
Whole-wheat pita and crudites such as red pepper, carrots, celery and broccoli

- Wash and microwave sweet potatoes on high until tender when pierced with a fork, about 10 to 12 minutes. Meanwhile, combine chickpeas, lemon juice, peanut butter, oil, cumin, garlic, hot sauce or crushed red pepper, and salt and pepper in the food processor. Puree, about 1 minute.

- Carefully scoop out the flesh of the cooked sweet potatoes and place into the food processor. Puree about 2 minutes, or until smooth. Thin with the reserved chickpea liquid or water, if necessary. Refrigerate, in an airtight container, up to 1 week. Serve with whole-wheat crackers or pita and vegetable sticks. Makes 2 cups.

* Use 1 (15-ounce) can of chickpeas, reserving liquid. (Tips provided by Jill Kokkeno May, a health and nutrition educator with University of Minnesota Extension.)

Angela Shelf Medearis is an award-winning children's author, culinary historian and author of seven cookbooks. Her new cookbook is "The Kitchen Diva's Diabetic Cookbook." Her website is www.divapro.com. To see how-to videos, recipes and much, much more, Like Angela Shelf Medearis, The Kitchen Diva!, on Facebook and go to Hulu.com. Recipes may not be reprinted without permission from Angela Shelf Medearis.

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Words To Live By

A Daily Thought

THURSDAY

You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth."

Deuteronomy 6:17-18a (NIV)

FRIDAY

Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its mold, but let God remodel your mind from within, so you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all of His demands, and moves toward the goal of your maturity.

Romans 12:2 (PME)

SATURDAY

Post a guard at my mouth, God; set a watch at the door of my lips. Don't let me so much as dream of evil or thoughtlessly fall into bad company. And these people who only do wrong — don't let them lure me with their sweet talk!

Psalm 141:3-4 (ME)

SUNDAY

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this down! Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes," says the Spirit, "for they are blessed indeed; for they will rest from all their toils and trials; for their good deeds follow them."

Revelation 14:13 (NLT)

MONDAY

Wisdom gives a long life, riches, honor, pleasure, peace, ... Have two goals: wisdom — that is knowing and doing right — and common sense. Don't let them slip away.

Proverbs 3:17,21 (TLB)

TUESDAY

Be humble always and gentle, and patient too. Be forbearing with one another, charitable to all.

Ephesians 4:2 (NEB)

WEDNESDAY

"I, the Lord, love justice. I hate stealing and everything that is wrong. I will be fair and give My people what they should have."

Isaiah 61:8 (NCV)

All verses are excerpted from The Holy Bible: (KJV) King James Version; (ME) The Message; (NCV) New Century Version; (NEB) New English Bible; (NIV) New International Version; (NLT) New Living Translation (RSV) Revised Standard Version; (PME) Phillips Modern English; and (TLB) The Living Bible.

Crystal Lake RV News

By Joyce Taylor

The first Koffee Klatch of the New Year was held Jan. 8 with Steve Gray saying the prayer, Frank Rossi leading the U.S. Pledge and Linda Harrison leading the Canadian Pledge. The 50/50 winners were Carol Lawrence, Lot 259, Kathy and Paul Ubar, Giselle and Pete Tremblay and Lot 398.

There was a full house as many residents have arrived for the season, along with a lot of newcomers.

DECORATION WINNERS

The winners for the best decorated golf cart in the Golf Cart Parade on Christmas Eve were Pudge and Laurie Hierlihy. The winners for the best decorated houses were: first, Rosalie and Earl Folnsbee; second, Charlene and Ray Baker; and third, Debby and Gene Bricker.

SCORES

Men's Golf, Jan. 2: Winners were Ed Chapman, Larry Callhill, Al Johnson and Paul Vaughan.

Ladies Golf, Jan. 2: First, Jan Bricker; second, Nancy Ellman; and third, Margaret Walters.

Mixed Golf, Jan. 6: Winners were Jean Delisle, Al Johnson, Claire Tremblay and Jim Atkinson.

Shuffling, Jan. 7: Winners were Bob Beshel, Bob Bundy, Mike Jacques, Terry Johnson, Don Merrillat, Charlie Molett, Ruth Murphy, Dick Robinson, Arlie Thompson and Ed Wickler.

DANCES

Everyone had a good time at the New Year's Dance with Steve Baker and Peggy Midge Saunders won the 50/50 and door prizes were won by Gaylord Williams, Norma Firestone, Jeannette Jacques, Kathy Ubar, Pete Tremblay, Jacques Tremblay, Dale Baker, Juanita Schroeder, Don Plumley and Harry Wittleff.

The next dance is this Saturday with Doin'it Rite.

CRAFTS

Crafts have restarted for this year and each week a different lady will teach us how to do a

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that PENDER NEWKIRK CUSTODIAN F/B/O TC 10U, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO.: 273 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2010

Parcel ID Number: 09-33-25-0810-00010-0009

Description of Property:

LOTS 9 TO 16 INC BLK 10 BOWLING GREEN CENTER SUBD 231P120 490P617 200925006190

SUBJECT TO RESERVATIONS, COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

Name in which assessed: DENTON II LLC

Said property being in the County of HARDEE, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Hardee County Courthouse, 417 West Main Street, second floor hallway outside of Room 202, Wauchula, FL 33873 on the 29th day of JANUARY, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 12th day of DECEMBER, 2013.

Victoria L. Rogers
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hardee County, Florida
AD No: 1
By: LAURA L. BARKER, Deputy Clerk
Tax Deed File No.: 252013TD049XXXX
Pursuant to F.S. 197.512

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PUBLIC NOTICE

AFTER

the 6:00 P.M. Joint Meeting with the Board of County Commissioners

The PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

meeting as the local planning agency will hold a

PUBLIC HEARING

on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 06, 2014

in the County Commissioners' Board Room

Room 102, 1st floor Courthouse Annex

412 West Orange St., Wauchula, FL

to hear the following referenced request, to receive public input, and to offer a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for

Agenda No. 14-02

as ORDINANCE NO. 2014-03 . . . An Ordinance of Hardee County, Florida Ten-Year Water Supply Plan and incorporated herein by reference, amending the Hardee County Comprehensive Plan adopted 06/20/2002, as Ord. No. 2002-20, as amended, providing for severability, providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for an effective date.

Roger Conley, Chairman

This is a Disabled-Accessible facility. Any disabled person needing to make special arrangements should contact the Planning and Development Department at least two (2) working days prior to the P/Z Public Hearing.

This Public Notice is published in accordance with the Hardee County Unified Land Development Code.

Prior to the P/Z Public Hearing, documents relating to the Agenda No. 14-02 request are available for public inspection during weekdays between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at the Planning and Development Department, 110 S. 9th Ave., Wauchula, Florida. If you wish to discuss the request, it is suggested to please call 863 767 1964 to schedule an appointment with Hardee County Planning and Development Director prior to the public hearing.

All interested persons shall have the right to be heard.

In rendering its recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners, the Planning/Zoning Board shall rely solely on testimony that is relevant and material.

Although minutes of the Public Hearing will be recorded, anyone wishing to appeal any decision made at the public hearing will need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceedings is made by a court reporter.

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NOTICE OF INVALID VOTER REGISTRATION AND NOTICE TO SHOW CAUSE

Pursuant to Section 98.075(7), Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given to the following person(s) to show cause why they should not be disqualified as a registered voter:

Luis M. Rodriguez
4416 Maple Ave.
Bowling Green, FL 33834

The above individual's are notified to show cause why his/her name should not be removed from the voter registration rolls. Failure to respond within 30 days will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and removal of your name from the statewide voter registration system. For further information and instruction, contact the Supervisor of Elections at 863-773-6061 within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Jeffery Ussery
Supervisor of Elections
Hardee County

La NOTA DE VOTANTE
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Y la NOTA para
MOSTRAR la CAUSA

Según Sección 98.075(7), los Estatutos de la Florida, la nota por la presente es dada a la persona(s) siguiente para mostrar la causa por qué ellos no deben ser descalificados como un votante registrado:

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encima del individuo es notificado para mostrar la causa por qué su nombre no se debe quitar de los rollos de matrícula de votante. El fracaso para responder dentro de 30 días tendrá como resultado una determinación de ineligibilidad por el Supervisor y la eliminación de su nombre del sistema a todo el estado de matrícula de votante. Para la información y la instrucción adicionales, avise al Supervisor de Elecciones en 863-773-6061 dentro de 30 días de la publicación de esta nota.

Jeffery Ussery
El Supervisor de Condado de Elecciones Hardee

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ORANGE & BLUE REVIEW

Engaging Citizenship

by Savannah Miller, HSHS Student

The Bright Future Scholarship requires a great deal of community service hours. Hardee Senior High School gives you an excellent opportunity to get these hours by completing an internship through the Engaging Citizenship class. This class is only offered to seniors and it will help prepare them for college.

There are a variety of different tasks that interns have to do. Many are assigned a teacher that they work for; they help with bulletin boards, run errands and do whatever the teacher needs them to do. Some work in the front office, the attendance office or the library. The interns who work in the front office, attendance office or the library do a variety of different tasks.

I work in the front office and I do something different every single day. While working in the front office I say the morning announcements, make copies, answer the phone, direct parents to different parts of the office and classrooms, give tours of the school to new students, assist administrators and distribute information to teachers.

Prior to my internship, I never knew how information got out to the teachers or who was responsible for the task. This year, it has been an eye opening experience seeing how everything gets done in the front office. I've learned that distributing information to all of the teachers is something that requires a lot of work.

Sometimes information has to be

distributed to every student, which can be very difficult. With over 1,300 students in the school, making sure all of the students get information is not easy. To make sure that the students get important information, someone has to copy the papers, count out the papers for each student and place the information in the teacher's boxes to be given to each of the students. This is not the easiest process.

Giving new students tours of the school is a very important part of my job. I am one of the first students that the new student has any interaction with so it needs to be a pleasant experience for them. On this tour, I show the student where the library is, where they get their I.D. badge, where the restrooms are located, where the cafeteria is and where each of their classrooms is located. I usually try to give them helpful tips for their first day and explain to them that it will not be as bad as they think.

Being in the front office, I am doing many different things all the time. Sometimes I have to quit what I am doing and save it for later so I can accomplish something else that needs my attention right then. There have been times that I've been making copies or sorting papers and would have to stop doing that so I could give a new student a tour of the school. In the front office you have to prioritize everything you do so it can all be accomplished when it should be; you have to be



Through enrollment in the Engaging Citizenship Class, article author, Savannah Miller, secured an internship position with the school's front office. Savannah is pictured here while making copies; one of the many tasks she is expected to perform on a daily basis.

really flexible in order to do this.

Through the Engaging Citizenship internship, I have learned a lot that will benefit me in college and everyday life. Being in college, I will have to talk to different people every day and this class has given me a better insight on how to accomplish that; it has taught me that dealing with the public can be challenging

and how important it is to develop strong communication skills so that I can interact effectively with others.

I learn different things every day in this class and I know that by the end of my senior year I will have done a service for my school and learned important aspects of life.

HHS IN PICTURES



Recently, Hardee High School hosted the quarterly AVID meeting for Heartland Consortium school administrators. Selected students from Mr. Rod Smith's AVID classes greeted and assisted visitors as they arrived on campus. Pictured (L to R) are: AVID student, Cecilia Lucatero-Huerta; Sebring High School administrators, Jim Howard and Anne Lindsey; and AVID student, Danny Susaita.



The Chrystal Lake RV Park recently made a generous donation to the Hardee High School AFJROTC and Band program. Pictured here (L to R) are park representative Joe Bennett; band director, Michael Hill; and park representative, Jerry Lauer.



The HHS Chorus performed their Fall Chorus Concert in early December to a packed house. Pictured here, David Radford, Choral Director, invites the audience to sing along during the choir's Christmas medley finale.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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| 1/17 | Early Release Day - Students Only |
| 1/18 | Saturday School |
| 1/20 | Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- No school for Students & Staff |
| 1/23 | Senior Panoramic Picture Day
- 9:00am HHS Gymnasium |

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Crime Blotter

During the past week, sheriff's deputies and city police officers investigated the following incidents and made the following arrests:

COUNTY

Jan. 12, Hipolito Telesfor Vargas, 54, of 150 Sims Road, Wauchula, was arrested by Det. Shane Ward and charged with aggravated battery using a deadly weapon.

Jan. 12, Ronald Joseph Vaughn, 18, of 1885 NE Voss Oaks Circle, Arcadia, was arrested by Cpl. Todd Souther on an out-of-county warrant.

Jan. 12, Octavious Deshawn Reese, 31, of 316 S. French Ave., Fort Meade, was arrested by Dep. Chris Albritton and charged with contempt of court — violation of an injunction for protection.

Jan. 12, residential burglaries on Mowatt Street and on U.S. 17 North, burglary of a conveyance on River Lane, a vehicle stolen on Garden Drive, criminal mischief on Causey Road, a fight on Wilbur C. King Boulevard and thefts on College Hill Road and Charley Bryan Road were reported.

Jan. 11, Daniell Sherell Randall, 21, of 2690 Drew St., Clearwater, was arrested by Sr. Insp. D. Grabner and charged with smuggling contraband into a prison and smuggling synthetic narcotic Schedule 11.

Jan. 11, Alejandro Hernandez-Gutierrez, 37, of 4233 Middle Dr., Bowling Green, was arrested by Dep. Brian LaFlam and charged with resisting/obstructing an officer without violence.

Jan. 11, criminal mischief on Cheyenne Road, and fights on Denver Avenue and on Glades Street were reported.

Jan. 10, Randal Lynn Hamilton, 27, of 304 NE Wells Rd., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Chris Albritton on a charge of failure to appear in court.

Jan. 10, a theft on Carlton Street was reported.

Jan. 9, Danny Wayne Day, 43, of 3891 Denver Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested by Dep. David Cruz and charged with resisting/obstructing an officer without violence.

Jan. 9, burglary of a conveyance on Keeton Road and a theft on Sandpiper Drive were reported.

Jan. 8, Timothy B. Frazier, 32, of 3068 Wood St., Sarasota, was arrested by Capt. Andrew Rigney on a charge of violation of probation.

Jan. 8, Christopher Lane Cranford, 27, of 2407 Stanford Ave., Bradenton, was arrested by Dep. Bradford Merkel on an out-of-county warrant.

Jan. 8, Crystal Lane Ray, 19, of 2407 Stanford Ave., Bradenton, was arrested by Dep. Ryan Abbott and charged with possession of methamphetamine and two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jan. 8, thefts on Morgan Grice Road and Tuskegee Street were reported.

Jan. 6, Willie George Harris, 55, of 502 North Road, Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Brian LaFlam and charged with retail theft.

Jan. 6, thefts on East Main Street and on Walking Horse Drive were reported.

WAUCHULA

Jan. 12, Johnny Lee Cook, 68, General Delivery, Wauchula, was arrested by Sgt. Justin Wyatt and charged with disorderly intoxication and violation of the city open container ordinance.

Jan. 12, a residential burglary on Bay Street, and thefts on Strickland Avenue and on South Sixth Avenue (U.S. 17 South) were reported.

Jan. 11, a theft on Peace Drive was reported.

Jan. 10, a residential burglary on South 10th Avenue, and thefts on River Chase Circle and on South 10th Avenue were reported.

Jan. 8, a business burglary on South Florida Avenue and a theft on North Sixth Avenue (U.S. 17 South) were reported.

Jan. 6, a theft on Rust Avenue was reported.

BOWLING GREEN

Jan. 8, criminal mischief on West Main Street and on Pleasant Way was reported.

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Collecting

Q: My parents lived in Chicago during the 1940s, and we were one of the first families in our neighborhood to buy a television set. It was a DuMont, Model RA-101-1A console. My mother wants to know if it has any value, since she is thinking of disposing of it.



could answer your question about current values.

Recently, a woman from Delaware contacted me through this column about "several old dolls." I gave her the same advice, to hire the services of an appraiser. She had been offered \$500 for four dolls. She had them appraised and was astonished to discover they were worth a total of \$6,000. Her appraisal cost her about \$50 and was, according to her, one of the best investments she ever made.

Q: Please give me an idea of what a couple of "Raikes Bears" are worth. They are a pair, a girl and a boy, dressed and in new condition. They are approximately 25 years old.

—Lucy, Los Ranchos, N.M.

A: I am not sure which bears you have. I did find "April and Johnnie Bear" manufactured in 1993 on eBay, and this might be like or similar to the ones you have. The set on eBay were being offered for \$28.

Write to Larry Cox in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to questionsforcox@aol.com. Due to the large volume of mail he receives, Mr. Cox is unable to personally answer all reader questions. Do not send any materials requiring return mail.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO. 25 2013 CA 000295

GENERATION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff(s),

vs.

ALBERTO M GONZALEZ, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 18, 2013, and entered in Case No. 252013CA00295 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for HARDEE County, Florida, wherein GENERATION MORTGAGE COMPANY is the Plaintiff and ALBERTO M GONZALEZ; PAMELLA M. GONZALEZ; UNTIED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; HARDEE COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/K/A FELICIA GONZALEZ, are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the second floor hallway outside of Room 202 Hardee County Courthouse, 417 West Main Street, Wauchula, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 22 day of January, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 4 OF WHEELER'S ADDITION, BOWLING GREEN, FLORIDA, AS SHOWN BY MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 102, and commonly known as: 424 SELLERS STREET, BOWLING GREEN, FL 33834

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER 60 DAYS, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

DATED at HARDEE County, Florida, this 19 day of December, 2013.

VICTORIA L. ROGERS, Clerk HARDEE County, Florida

By: Connie Coker As Deputy Clerk

"In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within seven (7) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Administrative Office of the Court, HARDEE County, 417 WEST MAIN STREET, WAUCHULA, FL 33873, County Phone: 863-773-4174 ext. 224 TDD 1800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service."

1.9,16c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO. 25-2009-CA-000120

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CITI-GROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, INC. 2006-WMC1, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-WMC1, Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES WEBB JR., SHARYN K. SALTER, WAUCHULA STATE BANK; ULLRICH'S WATER CONDITION SERVICE, INC. A/K/A ULLRICH'S WATER CONDITIONING, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

1.9,16c

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on December 23, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Hardee County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Hardee County, Florida described as:

THE NORTH 3.00 FEET OF THE EAST 75.00 FEET OF LOT 17 AND ALL OF LOT 16 OF BLOCK "A" OF KNOLLWOOD SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 32 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as: 1087 MAGNOLIA LN, WAUCHULA, FL 33873; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash. All sales are held at the Hardee County Courthouse, 417 West Main Street, Wauchula, Florida (Second Floor Hallway outside of Room 202), on January 22, 2014 at 11 am.

Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 23 day of December, 2013.

Clerk of the Circuit Court Victoria L. Rogers

By: Connie Coker Deputy Clerk

1.9,16c

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to Final Default Judgment and Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure and for Attorney's Fees and Costs entered by the Court on December 30, 2013, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the Second Floor Hallway Outside of Room 202 of the Hardee County Courthouse located at 417 West Main Street, Wauchula, Florida, on the 22 day of January, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., the following-described property:

Begin at the SW corner of the NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 7, Township 34 South, Range 26 East, and run S 89°29'00" E, 175.00 feet to

POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 2.87 acres plus or minus, Hardee County, Florida.

And Begin at the SW corner of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 7, Township 34 South, Range 26 East, and run S 89°29'00" E, 175.00 feet to POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S 89°29'00" E, 180.00 feet; thence N 00°03'00" E to South right-of-way line of Old Wauchula-Avon Park Road; thence in a northwesterly direction along said right-of-way line to a point 241.00 feet east of intersection of said Old Wauchula-Avon Park Road and west line of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4; thence S 01°23'00" W, 203.45 feet; thence S 29°02'00" W, 126.75 feet; thence S 00°03'00" W, 303.00 feet to point in south line of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 7, thence N 89°29'00" W, 175.00 feet to

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF MAGDALENE GLOVER LACKEY, DECEASED, JANA THORPE AS PLENARY GUARDIAN OF MAGDALENE GLOVER LACKEY; GEORGE NELSON LACKEY, SR.; KARIN LEE LACKEY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GEORGE NELSON LACKEY, SR.; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOW KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; SUNCOAST SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Defendants.

1.9,16c

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 25, 2013, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Hardee County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Hardee County, Florida described as:

LOT 8, 9 AND 10 OF REVISED SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK "B" BRADDOCK AND EDWARDS ADDITION TO CITY OF WAUCHULA, FLORIDA AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 8, HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 617 E. BAY STREET, WAUCHULA, FL 33873-3212

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the second floor hallway outside of Room 202 of the Hardee County Courthouse, 417 West Main Street, Wauchula, FL 33873, on January 22, 2014 beginning at 11:00 AM.

If you are a person claiming a right funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

Dated this 31 day of December, 2013.

VICTORIA L. ROGERS As Clerk of the Court

By: Connie Coker As Deputy Clerk

1.9,16c

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HARDEE COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION

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1.9,16c

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on December 23, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Hardee County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Hardee County, Florida described as:

S 1/2 OF LOT 6, ALL OF LOTS 7 AND 8, BLOCK 34, CARLTON & McEWEN ADDITION TO WAUCHULA, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGES 2-35, THROUGH 2-36, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

vs.

HEATHER L. LANE, et al Defendants.

1.9,16c

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated November 25, 2013, and entered in Case No. 25 2012 CA 000089 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HARDEE COUNTY, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, is Plaintiff, and HEATHER L. LANE, et al are Defendants, the clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 am at HARDEE County Courthouse

Courthouse Report

COUNTY COURT

The following marriage licenses were issued recently in the office of the county court:

- Abilmar Sanchez-Perez, 30, Wauchula, and Yesenia Molina-Molina, 23, Wauchula.
- Lucious Allen Everett, 45, of Wauchula, and Diane Natasha Powell, 39, Wauchula.
- Victor Osorio-Antonio, 24, Wauchula, and Tia Marie Hoge, 19, Baroda, Mich.
- Ernesto Ramos DeLaRosa, 27, Wauchula, and Marisela

Sports Quiz

By Chris Richcreek

1. Rickey Henderson has recorded the most career major-league leadoff home runs (81), and Alfonso Soriano (54) is second. Who is third?

2. Seven New York Yankee managers have won at least 500 games. Name four of them.

3. Who was the last quarterback before Atlanta's Matt Ryan in 2012 to throw five interceptions and no TD passes in a game and have his team still win?

4. In the past 15 seasons entering 2013-14, how many times was Michigan State's men's basketball team in the NCAA Tournament's Final Four?

5. Who was the last player before Phoenix's Radim Vrbata to end one NHL season and begin the next with hat tricks?

6. When was the last time a Ford driver won NASCAR's Cup season championship?

7. In 2013, tennis player Gilles Simon tied for the second-most-successful Frenchman in the ATP Tour's Open era, with 11 titles. Who also is No. 2, and who is No. 1?

ANSWERS

1. Craig Biggio, with 53.
2. Ralph Houk, Miller Huggins, Billy Martin, Joe McCarthy, Casey Stengel, Joe Torre and current Yankees manager Joe Girardi.
3. Bart Starr, with Green Bay in 1967.
4. Six times (1999, 2000, '01, '05, '09, '10).
5. Luc Robitaille of the Los Angeles Kings, in 1988.
6. Kurt Busch, in 2004.
7. Guy Forget had 11, while Yannick Noah recorded 23 ATP victories.

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Garcia-Reyes, 25, Wauchula. Kevin Lemus, 19, Wauchula, and Vanesa Guadalupe Negrete, 20, Wauchula.

There was no small claims court last week due to the holidays.

There was no misdemeanor court due to the holidays.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following civil actions were filed recently in the office of the circuit court:

Cynthia Coker vs. Byron D. Waters, petition to clear property title.

Megan Juarez vs. Ray Ramiro Rivera, petition for injunction for protection.

Jena Marie Criss and Ernest Wayne Criss, divorce.

Margarita Zamorano and Jaime Zamorano, divorce.

MidFirst Bank vs. Tony Allen Camacho, Sissy Ca-macho et al, petition to foreclose mortgage.

Tabathia Cruz and Miguel Cruz, divorce.

Juan Rivera vs. University Property & Casualty Co., damages — contracts and indebtedness.

Maria Dolores Sanchez vs. Ricardo Lule Sanchez, petition for injunction for protection.

Louis Harris vs. state Department of Corrections (DOC), petition to review inmate situation.

Maria Martinez vs. Delfino Valazquez, petition for injunction for protection.

Glenn W. Smith vs. DOC, petition to review inmate situation.

State Department of Transportation vs. Nikki E. Kierns et al, petition for eminent domain taking of property.

The following decisions on civil cases pending in the circuit court were handed down recently by the circuit court judge:

Monica Marie Castillo and the state Department of Revenue (DOR) vs. William Dale Carroll, order.

Wauchula State Bank vs. Keith Michael Weems, voluntary dismissal.

First National Bank of Wauchula vs. Sheila Roman, Tyrone Roman et al, judgment.

Lamar D. Spain Jr. and Tammy L. Spain, divorce.

Reginald Sampson and Ager Noreen Sampson, divorce.

Janice Asiason Ellison and DOR vs. Alexander Jackson Jr., order on child support contempt.

Karen M. Hossain vs. Ronald Andino Jr. and Stephannie M. Christmas, order.

D'Lise Krell Wyckoff vs. Scott Alan Wyckoff, order.

Shaila Ralman Hossain vs. Romel M. Hossain, order.

MCS Contracting Inc. d/b/a stewart Construction vs. Nancy S. Craft et al, dismissal.

John W. Mann vs. Thomas Fossett, Florida Supreme Court denial of inmate petition.

Callie Huddleston Lambert and Levi B. Lambert, modified divorce.

There was no felony criminal court due to the holidays.

The following real estate transactions of \$10,000 or more were filed recently in the office of the clerk of court:

Central Mobile Homes Inc. to Keith and Stacy Mushrush, \$42,900.

Gerrrod Corp. to Mosaic Fertilizer, \$2.3 million.

Arlete P. Jorge to William Kenneth and Danielle Renee Bateman, \$215,900.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs to Sonia Perez-Gomez, \$28,800.

Martin J. McKenna and Shawn Pollard to Poachers Hammock Grove Inc., \$176,000.

John M. and Sylvia D. Graham to Cody W. Gullatt, \$69,000.

Sandra Beth Clark to Michael A. Prescott, Prescott Family Properties Inc. and Gary E. Prescott, \$450,000.

Sokarda Properties to the Floyd I. Bachrach Family Limited Partnership, \$350,000.

Branch Banking & Trust Co. to Hardee County Industrial Development Authority, \$463,000.

Keen Groves Inc. to Grimsley Groves Inc., \$230,000.

Krystal Renee Rodriguez and DOR vs. Alexander Jackson Jr., order on child support contempt.

James Hines Jr. as personal representative vs. Hardee County Health Department, settlement.

Amparo Melendez and DOR vs. Esteban Mendiola, child support contempt order.

Elias Elvis Hernandez and DOR vs. Maria Mendez Perez, voluntary dismissal.

Maridell Rodriguez and DOR vs. Steven Vincent Martinez, voluntary dismissal.

Tabathia Lynn Cruz and DOR vs. Miguel Cruz, voluntary dismissal.

M&T Bank vs. Bridget R. McVay, order cancelling mortgage foreclosure.

Ronald Andino Jr. and Stephannie M. Christmas, order.

D'Lise Krell Wyckoff vs. Scott Alan Wyckoff, order.

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We Played Marbles

By GUSTAVO SALAZAR

Special To The Herald-Advocate

I interviewed Celestino Santiago for this report. His answers to my questions follow.

Q: Where were you born?

A: I was born in a small village called San Juan Mixtepec, Oaxaca in Mexico.

Q: Where were you born?

A: I was born on the 15th of February in 1941.

Q: When did you get out of school?

A: I didn't go to school because my village where I lived was too poor to afford a school back then.

Q: What sport did you used to play?

A: My favorite sport was basketball, and I played every day with my friends.

Q: How much did a soda cost back then?

A: Back then a soda cost about one peso, which equals 20 cents in the USA.

Q: What did you used to do for fun?

A: I used to play basketball with my friends and play marbles; I would always win over my friends.

Q: How did you earn money back then?

A: I used to work in the field and cut

ting wood and selling it, and also planting corn seeds and selling corn at the market.

Q: Did you have any pets?

A: I had goats, sheep, cows, donkeys and a dog. I always fed them and took care of them.

Q: What was your favorite food?

A: My favorite food was whatever my parents made for me, and I appreciated it.

Q: When

was your first job?

A: I worked since I was little, with my parents in the fields.

Q: When did you get your first car?

A: I got my first car in September of 2000.

Back In Time is the result of a class assignment given to ninth graders at Hardee Senior High School. Each student is asked to interview an older person. Selected interviews are published here as an encouragement to the students and for the enjoyment of our readers.

INVITATION TO BID HARDEE COUNTY CLASS I LANDFILL PHASE II SECTION II EXPANSION HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Hardee County Solid Waste Department (County) operates an integrated solid waste management program for Hardee County. The Hardee County Landfill facility is located in Hardee County near Wauchula, Florida and includes a Class I Landfill consisting of Phase I and Phase II Section I, a closed C&D Landfill, a material recovery facility (MRF), in addition to associated support facilities for managing household hazardous waste, scrap metal, white goods, yard waste, and recyclables.

Construction of the Hardee County Class I Landfill Phase II Section II Expansion (Project) is being conducted under the following Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Permits. A copy of the construction permits are provided in the bid package.

- Division of Waste Management Solid Waste Construction Permit No. 38414-015-SC/01.
- Division of Water Resource Management Environmental Resource Permit No. 25-0124892-004

Sealed bid offers (one original and three complete copies) for furnishing the above will be accepted until 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at the Hardee County Purchasing Department, 205 Hanchey Road, Wauchula, FL 33873. At that time, or as soon as possible thereafter, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Public Works Conference Room at 205 Hanchey Road. The deadline time will be established by the timepiece of the Hardee County representative at the bid opening.

The Work for this contract consists of constructing an approximately 6.18 acre landfill expansion at the Hardee County Landfill referred to as the Phase II Section II Expansion (Project). The Work includes, but is not limited to, furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, and all other incidentals and operations required for completing the Project. The Project will include excavating, appurtenant solid waste excavating, filling, dewatering, construction (extension) of a groundwater control system, preparation of a subbase for installation of a Geosynthetic Clay Liner (GCL), installation of two geocomposite drainage layers (primary and secondary), installation of a 60 mil textured High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) geomembrane liner system (primary and secondary), constructing leachate collection and detection trenches and piping, associated quality assurance testing, tie-ins to existing conditions and geosynthetic materials, instrumentation and electrical work for proper operation of a leachate collection and detection pumping system, system start-up, and personnel training necessary as indicated within the context of this bid and all related Work as shown on the drawings and as specified in the Contract Documents.

The contractor will be required to work with the County staff to avoid potential operational conflicts. The contractor shall be aware of the nature of the activities at a landfill which may restrict access to portions of the site due to general landfill operations.

To ensure that your bid is responsive, you are urged to request clarification or guidance on any issues involving this solicitation before submission of your response. Request for interpretations, clarifications and questions concerning the Bid Documents must be received in writing, by SCS Engineers no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 30, 2014. Direct all inquiries to:

Shane R. Fischer, P.E.
Project Manager
SCS Engineers
4041 Park Oaks Blvd, Suite 100
Tampa, FL 33610
sfischer@scsengineers.com
Phone: 813-621-0080
Fax: 813-623-6757

A pre-Bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 17, 2014 at the Public Works Engineering Department Building, 205 Hanchey Road, Wauchula, Florida 33873 telephone (863) 773-5014. Immediately following the pre-Bid conference, a pre-Bid site walk through will be held at the Hardee County Landfill facility. Attendance at the pre-Bid conference is **MANDATORY**. All prospective Bidders will be required to attend the pre-Bid conference and the pre-Bid site walk through.

Bid Documents may be obtained from the office of SCS Engineers, 4041 Park Oaks Blvd., Suite 100, Tampa, Florida 33610, telephone (813) 621-0080, facsimile (813) 623-6757 Attention: Shane Fischer, P.E., upon payment by check or money order made payable to SCS Engineers in the amount of \$200.00, non-refundable. The cost of the Bid Documents includes the fee for FedEx overnight delivery. Bid Documents are also available for review at the Hardee County Purchasing Department, 205 Hanchey Road