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FINR Vs. County Dismissed

By JOAN SEAMAN
Of The Herald-Advocate

A \$38 million lawsuit against Hardee County was dismissed on Monday.

The lawsuit against the county by Florida Institute for Neurologic Rehabilitation, a specialized facility off Vandolah Road for the treatment of people who have suffered traumatic brain injuries, alleged a resolution allowing mining within 150 feet of its property line was detrimental to its patients.

The county's motion to dismiss, approved by Circuit Judge Marcus J. Ezelle of the Hardee

Circuit Court, was "with prejudice," meaning the suit cannot be refiled on the same issue.

In its lawsuit, FINR II Inc., the parent company of the facility, alleged violation of the state Bert Harris Act, which protects landowners from government decisions which affect an individual's property and its values. The court ruled that the Bert Harris Act, State Statute 70.001, was not applicable in this case as FINR did not own the property for which a setback waiver was granted.

Issues

FINR was among properties

along the Vandolah Road corridor which received a new designation in 2007 under the county's Land Use Plan as a "Rural Center," and that provided a quarter-mile setback from its property line to protect it. About five years later, the Hardee County Commission approved a resolution to waive that setback.

FINR alleges an appraisal shows the value of its property dropped from \$41.9 million to \$3.6 million. It asked the county to reimburse it for the \$38.3 million difference.

Another issue is administra-

tive. Can the county arbitrarily, by resolution, change its own rules and regulations without an ordinance change to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and, if so, is the county responsible for losses a resident may suffer because of its decisions?

Background/FINR

Once known as New Medico, the 871.74-acre property underwent an ownership change in 1986. Over time, the FINR facility grew to include 25 buildings, with 238 beds and 600 jobs.

The facility provides residential care for patients injured in swimming, vehicle and other ac-

cidents, falls, strokes or other brain-injury events. There are often mental and emotional overlays due to the injuries.

FINR provides long-term care with medical, vocational, retraining and behavioral health care for adults and children. Its property includes a 25-bed hospital, pediatric center, rehabilitation therapy of various modes, and cottages for its unique patients from all over the state, nation and world.

About 2005, FINR began plans for expansion to increase the hospital to 200 beds and add three more 12-bed resident cabins, a 200-room hotel, commercial development including a gas

station, and multi-family units for staff and visiting families.

To complete its plan, FINR applied to the county to change the Future Land Use of the county's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The county adopted Ordinance 2007-14, creating the Vandolah Rural Center designation of mixed use development for the Vandolah corridor, including FINR, serviced by the Vandolah Wastewater Plant.

Part of the Rural Center designation included a one-quarter mile, or 1,350-foot, setback from uses on adjoining property. At the time, the properties surrounding FINR were designed. See FINR 2A

PAGEANT PARODY



PHOTO BY MARIA TRUJILLO

These brave young men will make a fun and fabulous transformation Saturday night when they take to the stage as contestants in the Miss Project Graduation Pageant. This year's theme is "Vegas Nights," and only one can capture the coveted crown. Competing are (front, from left) Tristan Montgomey, David Velasquez, Yuma Ortiz, Javier Valdez, Kevin Borjas, Jacob Bolin, Marco Ehrenkaufner and Cleston Sanders; (back) Taylor Hodges, Eric Klein, Luke Winter, Brandon Beatty and Sam Eriksen. Not pictured are Armando Alamia and Sergio Jimenez. The show begins at 7 in the Agri-Civic Center, with doors opening at 6. Tickets are \$5, with money raised going to provide a safe, alcohol- and drug-free graduation celebration for Hardee Senior High School's Class of 2014. For more on the event, see 5A.

Crash Claims Woman, 28

4th Fatality In 4 Weeks

By MARIA TRUJILLO
Of The Herald-Advocate

A 28-year-old woman lost her life on Thursday after the vehicle she was driving crossed the center line and struck a tractor-trailer.

The 49-year-old driver of the 1999 Freightliner semi-truck was wearing a seatbelt and was uninjured, said Florida Highway Patrol crash investigator Tpr. Patrick Roberts and homicide investigator Cpl. Ronnie Highsmith.

Carol Ann Maherg of Punta Gorda was not wearing a seatbelt, and died, the FHP said.

The call for the accident on U.S. 17 and Fish Branch Road was received by the FHP at 4:17 p.m.

In their report, Roberts and Highsmith said Maherg was driving a 2013 Chevrolet two-door southbound on U.S. 17. Meanwhile, Jose A. Bermudez-Romero, of Hialeah, was traveling north on U.S. 17 in his semi.

For an unknown reason, Maherg drove left of the road's center line and into the northbound lane of U.S. 17. In an attempt to avoid hitting the Chevy, Bermudez-Romero steered to the right, the FHP said.

The front of Maherg's vehicle then collided with the rear tandem axles of the semi's trailer, causing the axles to separate from the trailer.

The crash report goes on to say that the Chevy came to a final resting position south of Fish Branch Road, facing south in the southbound lane. The semi continued traveling north, then went off the pavement and came to a final stop on the west shoulder.

There are no charges.

Maherg becomes the fourth person to die on Hardee County roadways since the start of the new year, a period of only four weeks. There were five traffic fatalities in this county in all of 2013.

File Now For Open BG Seat

By JOAN SEAMAN
Of The Herald-Advocate

Any Bowling Green resident interested in running for its commission has until Friday to make his or her wishes known.

Friday at 4 p.m. is the deadline for filing an application to fill a vacancy on the commission resulting from the recent resig-

nation of Randy Mink.

Qualifying was all this week. By Wednesday morning, there was one candidate, Steven Spinks, who lives at U.S. 17 and Banana Street.

There only a few requirements to run for office in Bowling Green. Commission seats

are at-large, meaning open to any resident living within the city limits for at least six months. A candidate must be a registered voter at least 18 years old.

The candidate must open a campaign account at a bank, and from it pay the \$40 fees which

accompany the completed application, a simple form describing qualifications. The fees include the \$30 voter assessment fee and a \$10 city fee.

The city election will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 18, with the usual 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. voting hours.

School District Honors Employees Of Year

By MARIA TRUJILLO
Of The Herald-Advocate

"Those who educate children well are more to be honored than they who produce them; for these only gave them life, those the art of living well," Aristotle.

School employees work hard to help students succeed in life. Because of this, a few of them were honored on Thursday at the 2014 Recognition Banquet that feted top teachers and school-related personnel from each school and district worksite in Hardee County.

Two of the honored employees came away with the highest, district-level awards.

Mary Lynne Driskell, Wauchula Elementary, was selected as District Teacher of the Year. Donnie Dyal, North Wauchula Elementary, was named District School-Related Employee of the Year.

Others recognized as Teacher of the Year at their schools were Jodie Skitka DeLoach, Carey Crawford, Judy Dyal, Kimberly Islas, Keith Weems and Jerrod

"Buddy" Martin.

Receiving School-Related Personnel of the Year for their worksites were Nancy Coronado, Bunny Faulkner, Natalie Michelle Brown, Amparo Islas, Wendy Mayer, Maria DeAnda, Danny Westberry, Scott Sanders and Thomas David Green.

The evening started with Superintendent David Durastanti welcoming the crowd and introducing the master of ceremonies for the evening, School Board Chairman Thomas Trevino.

Chief Master Sgt. Robert "Bob" Waltich then announced his Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Color Guard members as they presented the flags. Under the command of Cadet 1st Lt. Selena Macias were Cadet 2nd Lt. Paul Hernandez, Cadet Sgt. Kirsten Ramirez and Cadet Staff Sgts. Jose Sanchez and Ryan Ham.

Cleston Sanders, National Honor Society president, led the group in the Pledge of See EMPLOYEES 2A



PHOTO BY MARIA TRUJILLO

District School-Related Employee of the Year Donnie Dyal and District Teacher of the Year Mary Lynne Driskell are flanked by (left) Deputy Superintendent Bob Shayman and (right) Schools Superintendent David Durastanti.

WEATHER

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
01/22	60	34	0.00
01/23	66	29	0.00
01/24	64	41	0.00
01/25	71	42	0.00
01/26	65	48	0.08
01/27	81	56	0.00
01/28	82	53	0.00

TOTAL Rainfall to 01/28/2014 - 1.11
Same period last year - 0.23
Ten Year Average - 47.79
Source: Univ. of Fla. Ona Research Center

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Kelly's Column

By Jim

The 2nd Annual Wounded Warrior Sportsmen Fund Banquet will be held Friday, Feb. 7, at 6 p.m. at the Bartow Civic Center. Tickets are \$50 for individuals and \$75 for couples. For tickets call Rhonda at 863-698-3163 or Lamar at Hal's Gun Shop at 863-533-9563.

The Sportsmen Fund sponsors free hunts and fishing trips for wounded American soldiers. Painting contractor Donald Thomas is one of the directors of the group. There have been hunts for turkeys, dove, alligators, hogs, plus fishing trips to Pine Island.

Supporters are building a permanent camp on the Prairie Tract on the Kissimmee River east of Lake Wales. There is a pavilion and summer kitchen. A bunkhouse and sporting clays shooting stations will be built soon.

It's time to buy Girl Scout Cookies again. Jessica Morris, a 2012 Hardee High School graduate, has set the local standard by selling over 6,000 boxes of cookies in the past, earning the bronze, silver and gold awards.

She plans to be a pediatrician specializing in deaf and hearing-impaired children.

Kentucky hunters killed 20 bears in the 2013 hunting season. Tennessee hunters killed at least 118 sandhill cranes during the state's first season which ended Jan. 1. The state issued 1,200 harvest tags for sandhill cranes, which would have been a 10 percent harvest.

The annual Wauchula Kiwanis Club sporting clays shoot will be held Saturday morning at Four Square off Hwy. 70 between Arcadia and Lake Placid. The cost to shoot is \$50. Contact Wauchula State Bank by Friday morning to sign up to shoot, says Bobby Hanchey.

This week's word lesson is elocution, which means a person's manner of speaking or reading aloud in public; the study and practice of oral delivery, including voice and gesture.

Congratulations to the Florida Gator men's basketball team, which has achieved a No. 3 national ranking. This is salve for Gator fans after the football team went 4-8 and to the Toilet Bowl while rival FSU won the NCAA football title with a last-minute win over Auburn.

When asked how he was doing, the late Hardee Tax Collector Curtis Ezelle used to say, "On top of the world."

When asked, Bowling Green Postmaster Dee Williams-Tatis says, "Blessed and thankful."

The football season will finally be over Sunday when Denver plays Seattle in Super Bowl 48. I have watched nearly all of them on TV.

Beloved Florida author Patrick Smith, 87, who penned one of America's most enduring novels, "A Land Remembered," passed away Sunday.

"A Land Remembered" is a sweeping saga of a Florida pioneer family. Smith was heralded for its unique voice, rich language and evocative writing that told in great, exquisite detail the natural beauty of undeveloped Florida and the staggering challenges facing Florida pioneers.

Smith, a three-time Pulitzer Prize nominee, had written an earlier novel, "Angel City," which revolved around Florida's migrant farm workers, that became a movie in 1980.

He and his wife, Iris, moved from Mississippi to Merritt Island in 1966, and Smith took a job as a public relations director for Brevard Community College (now Eastern Florida State College). He wrote in his spare time, beginning with "The River is Home." Other works include "Allapattah" and "Forever Island."

In 2012 he received the Florida Lifetime Achievement Award for writing, and in 1999 he was inducted into the Florida Artists Hall of Fame. In 2002 he received the Florida Historical Society's "Greatest Living Floridian Award."

Gov. Rick Scott recently paid a personal visit to Smith, at which time he presented the author with the "Great Floridian" award. Smith visited Hardee County several times, including a speech at Pioneer Park for the 2000 annual meeting of the Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association and a book signing at the Hardee County Library. He wrote exclusive articles for The Herald-Advocate special sections on the cattle industry in 2003 and the dairy industry in 2012.

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Allegiance. Rachel Burton, of the Hardee Senior High varsity choir, sang the National Anthem. Kole Robertson, chaplain of the Hardee chapter of the Future Farmers of America, gave the invocation.

All attending were served a dinner provided by the high school's Culinary Operations class and the 4-H Foundation. National Honor Society members were there to set-up, serve and clean-up the meals.

Plaques and praise were then given to school employees.

Driskell teaches first graders at WES. She said it was quite an honor to just be nominated for this award and winning. Driskell said this year has been one of the greatest in her life.

She then shared her favorite moment: when she sees the twinkle in her students' eyes when they finally learn to read. She says she still gets goose bumps when that happens.

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FINR

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nated A-1 (Agriculture) and were being used for citrus and other agricultural activities.

Background/CF

CF Industries had been mining in Hardee County since 1978 and purchased the property adjoining FINR in 1999. It lay vacant until August 2010, when CF began seeking mining permits. In July 2011, CF applied to the county for a Major Special Exception, including a waiver of the quarter-mile setback.

Meanwhile, FINR had sued the state Department of Environmental Protection in March 2012, challenging its approval of the CF Industries mining permit, alleging mining berms would keep surface water from flowing naturally across FINR property. An administrative law judge said the quarter-mile setback was a county issue and the county should enforce its own setbacks.

In May 2012, the Central Florida Regional Planning Council approved the CF Mining South Pasture Mine Extension with 62 conditions for protections of wildlife, historical or archaeological sites, mitigating wetlands, groundwater and soil monitoring, and reclamation.

The Planning Council forwarded its recommendations to the Hardee County Commission. Of the 7,513 acres in the proposed mine extension, there would be 1,095 left undisturbed, most of them portions of the 1,928 acres of wetlands on that property.

Following six hours of testimony at its first hearing in August 2012, the commission and Planning & Zoning Board continued their joint meetings until Sept. 13 and again to Sept. 21. CF said not allowing mining in the 1,350-foot setback would take away its right to mine 657 acres. FINR said to waive the setback would place all its property and residents at risk.

The P&Z Board recommended denial of the proposed waiver. Mike Thompson, then chairman of the P&Z Board, said these issues should have been resolved when the Rural Center designation was incorporated into the Land Use Plan in 2007. He was among seven members of the board to vote against the proposal, with Oscar Ortiz the only member voting in favor of it.

The County Commission approved the setback waiver on a 4-1 vote, with Commissioner Rick Knight dissenting. Commissioners Minor Bryant, Dale Johnson, Sue Birge and Grady Johnson approved it, with a stipulation for a 10-foot berm of trees and bamboo and increasing it to 15 feet along the diagonal line closest to FINR's buildings.

CF said it would pay the county up to \$2 million in legal fees if the action was appealed.

The approved Resolution 12-21 allows CF to mine within 150 feet to the west and north of the FINR property and within 207 feet to the east of it. CF voluntarily said it would limit mining to within 520 feet of CR 663 (Ona-Fort Green Road) to eliminate interference with planned industrial development there.

The waiver also allowed a portion of Troublesome Creek to be diverted to a re-route ditch before being returned to its historical flows after mining was completed.

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These helpers were busy making up the meals so they could then be served to the honored employees and their guests.



This Bowling Green Elementary group was there to cheer on their co-workers, Bunny Faulkner and Carey Crawford.



This table was full of people there to support Hardee Junior High Teacher of the Year Keith Weems (second from right), including Principal Doug Herron and Assistant Principal Beverly Cornelius.1552



This group was in full support of School-Related Employee of the Year Michelle Brown (second from left).



School-Related Employee of the Year Maria DeAnda (fourth from right) celebrated the night with her family.



Superintendent David Durastanti and his wife, Betty, were among those seated at the head table.

EMPLOYEES
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Driskell has been employed by the school district for 26 years, five were spent as a guidance counselor.

She is an HHS graduate and attended Florida Southern College and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education. Driskell then enrolled in the University of Sarasota and earned a Master's Degree in school counseling.

Throughout her career she has served as grade team chair, on the School Advisory Council, as a mentor teacher, directing teacher and on leadership teams.

Dyal has been a paraprofessional at NWE for the past four years. When his name was announced, he said he never expected to be up on the stage once, let alone twice. Dyal thanked his wife and family and also Dale Wolgast, former assistant principal at NWE.

He says Wolgast asked him to go work at the school after he was out of work. Dyal says Wolgast sent him to be fingerprinted and drug tested before he was even able to change his mind. When a position became available, Dyal responded with an "I guess," when asked if he would like the spot.

Dyal ended by thanking the Lord, and said, "To hear what the Lord has for you, you have to be aware that He is there."

Dyal graduated from HHS and then attended Mercer University and Florida Southern College.

He leads a group instruction tutoring program after school for students in need, has early bus duty and also recess duty, which allows students to have daily recess.

His wife, teacher Judy Dyal, also was honored that night.

Others recognized as Teacher of the Year at their schools were:

- Jodie DeLoach at Zolfo Springs Elementary. She has been a teacher in the district for five years and currently teaches fourth grade.
- Carey Crawford at Bowling Green Elementary. She has been teaching for seven and a

half years in Hardee and is currently teaching second grade.

- Judy Dyal at NWE. Dyal has been a teacher at the school for 40 years and is currently teaching first graders.

- Kimberly Islas at Hilltop Elementary. She has been a teacher in the Hardee district for seven and a half years and teaches fifth grade. Her mother was also honored.

- Keith Weems at Hardee Junior High. He has been teaching in the district for 16 years and is now an eighth-grade American history and reading teacher.

- Buddy Martin at HHS. He is in his sixth year, and is the physical education teacher and the Varsity football coach.

School-Related Personnel of the year at their worksites were:

- Nancy Coronado at ZSE. She works as part of the custodial staff and has worked at the school for seven years.

- Bunny Faulkner at BGE. She has worked for the district for 10 years and currently works with fifth graders as a paraprofessional.

- Michelle Brown at WES. She has worked in the district for 26 years in the Pre-kindergarten Migrant Program.

- Amparo Islas at HES. She has been with the district for 23 years and is a data clerk.

- Wendy Mayer at HJH. She has worked for 14 years in the district and is currently a paraprofessional.

- Maria DeAnda at HHS. She has worked in the district for 14 years and now works as part of the custodial staff.

- Danny Westberry for the Educational Facilities Department. He has worked with the district for eight and a half years and works maintenance.

- Scott Sanders at the Transportation Department. He is in his ninth year of working in the district and serves as a mechanic.

- David Green at the District Office. He has worked for 24 years in the district and is now a systems manager.



The 2014 School-Related Personnel of the Year are (front, from left) Bunny Faulkner at Bowling Green Elementary, Amparo Islas from Hilltop Elementary, Michelle Brown from Wauchula Elementary, Nancy Coronado from Zolfo Springs Elementary and Maria DeAnda from Hardee Senior High; (back) Donnie Dyal from North Wauchula Elementary, David Green from the District Office, Danny Westberry from Educational Facilities, Scott Sanders from the Transportation Department and Wendy Mayer from Hardee Junior High.



The 2014 Teachers of the Year are (front, from left) Judy Dyal from North Wauchula Elementary, Kimberly Islas from Hilltop Elementary and Carey Crawford from Bowling Green Elementary; (back) Keith Weems from Hardee Junior High, Jodie DeLoach from Zolfo Springs Elementary, Buddy Martin from Hardee Senior High and Mary Lynne Driskell from Wauchula Elementary.

Obituaries

In Memory



BRENDA J. KILPATRICK

Brenda J. Kilpatrick, 72, passed away Monday, Jan. 27, 2014, in Bartow of heart failure.

Brenda was born Feb. 15, 1941 in Knoxville, Tenn., and moved to Fort Meade from Wauchula in 1960 soon after she married. She was a 1958 graduate of Hardee High School and went on to attend the University of South Florida in Tampa. Brenda worked for the Florida Department of Transportation in Bartow for 33 years, retiring as the assistant manager for the Human Resources Department.

She was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church, Fort Meade where she was a Sunday School teacher and Adult Choir member. Brenda had a very outgoing personality, loved to be around people and never met a stranger. In her spare time, Brenda loved to play the piano, and during her younger years, she was a concert pianist.

Brenda was preceded in death by her parents, Loyd and Jessie Gas Jarnigan; and husband, Dozier Darrell Kilpatrick.

She is survived by her son, Christopher D. Kilpatrick of Titusville; one daughter, Kimberly Ann Kilpatrick of Fort Meade; one brother, Richard Jarnigan of Palm Coast; and three grandchildren, Joey Kilpatrick, Jacob Kilpatrick and Caleb Kilpatrick.

Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014, at the First Baptist Church, 307 E. Broadway, Fort Meade. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Kenny Slay officiating. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery, Fort Meade.

Condolences may be sent to the family at hancockfh.com. Hancock Funeral Home, Fort Meade

In Memory



SANTOS ALAMIA

Santos Alamia, 71, of Bowling Green, passed away Friday, Jan. 24, 2014, at his home. He was born Jan. 31, 1942, in Weslaco, Texas, and moved to Hardee County in 1969. Santos was a crew leader for many years and worked for Ronald Moyer. He loved to gather with family and was a loving father and grandfather.

Santos is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Margaret Alamia; his parents, Salome and Paula Silva Alamia; two daughters, Elida and Josie Alamia; two brothers, Felix and Jessie Alamia; three sisters, Josephine Rodriguez, Lupe Moscoro and Eustolia Torres; and two grandsons, Eric Martinez and Tony Escobedo.

He is survived by four sons, Santos Alamia Jr., Samuel Alamia, Saul Alamia and Santiago "Benny" Alamia and wife Mary, all of Bowling Green; four daughters, Sylvia Martinez and husband Eraclio of Bowling Green, Sandra Escobedo and husband Juan of Bowling Green, Dianna Murillo and husband Rodrigo of Sebring and Sophia Garcia and husband Jose of Zolfo Springs; three brothers, Juan Alamia, Solomon Alamia and Lionel Losolla; 27 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, Jan. 27, 2014, at Ponger-Kays Grady Funeral Home located at 404 W. Palmetto St. in Wauchula.

Services were at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2014, in the Chapel of Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home. Committal Service and burial followed at Wauchula Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at pongerkaysgrady.com
Ponger-Kays-Grady
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In Memory



CLINTON "MONROE" POLK SR.

Clinton "Monroe" Polk Sr., 80, of Fort Meade passed away Friday, Jan. 24, 2014, at the Good Shepherd For-sythe Hospice House in Auburndale from cancer.

He was born in 1933 as a native of Wauchula. In 1952, he played as Center for the Hardee County Wildcats for the graduating class in Wauchula. Monroe moved to Fort Meade in 1958 and opened the Fort Meade NAPA Store with his wife Mary. He was a Korean War Veteran and served three years as a Battalion Parts Clerk for the Army Third Armored Division. Monroe was very active in the Fort Meade Community. He was a member and Deacon at the First Baptist Church of Fort Meade and was a past officer for the Fort Meade Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club.

Monroe was also very involved in the Fort Meade School System by participating in the Parents Teacher Association and often volunteered to work the high school concessions and numerous other school functions. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing. A loving husband, father and grandfather he will be dearly missed.

Monroe was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Lola Polk of Wauchula and is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary Camp Polk of Fort Meade; one son, Clint M. Polk Jr. of Fort Meade; one daughter, Barbara Jane Davis and husband Joey of Clarksville, Ga.; four grandchildren, Bethany, Naomi and Hannah Davis of Clarksville, Ga., and Michael Polk of Fort Meade; and one brother, Freeman Polk and wife Gwen of Zephyrhills.

A visitation was held on Tuesday, Jan. 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the McLean Funeral Home located at 306 E. Broadway, Fort Meade, FL 33841. Funeral Services were conducted on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 11 a.m. at the McLean Funeral Home. Burial services followed immediately at Evergreen Cemetery in Fort Meade.

Condolences may be sent to the family at mcleanfuneralhome.net
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INFORMATION

Roundup

Caregivers Get Training Times

The Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of The Alzheimer's Association is holding a series of free caregiver training sessions at the Hardee County Library, Courthouse Annex II, 315 N. Sixth Ave. (U.S. 17 and Oak St.), Wauchula.

The three training sessions, Feb. 5, 12 and 19, are each from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 863-385-3444 or email canalesc@alzflgulf.org, or call the library at 863-699-3705.

In Memory

LAUDY C. "L.C." LAWRENCE

Laudy C. "L.C." Lawrence, age 57, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014, in Sebring.

He was born on Dec. 27, 1956, in Bartow. L.C. was a member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and the Florida Cowboys Association. He attended Lakeland Christian School. L.C. enjoyed hunting and fishing and being outdoors and he especially loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by two sisters, Linda Brown of Sevierville, Tennessee and Kathy and Randy Wilson of Albuquerque, N.M.; two brothers, Mike and Glenda Lawrence of Wauchula and Tim and Debbie Lawrence of Lake Placid. He is also survived by step-brothers and sister: Mike, Jim, Trish and Bill; and his life-long friend, Glen Scheipsmeier.

A Celebration of Life will be held for L.C. at his home at Niebert's Fish Camp on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014, beginning at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made in his memory to the charity of your choice.

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Band student Lawrence Matos, an eighth grader at Hardee Junior High School, recently traveled to Tampa to participate in the All-State Middle School Honors Band. He was nominated by his band director, Shayla Bryan, and then selected from students throughout Florida to participate in this special event. The group rehearsed for two days and then performed a concert. Lawrence, who plays the trumpet, is shown above with Bryan.

Project Graduation Goes Vegas

By MARIA TRUJILLO
Of The Herald-Advocate

Get ready for a night filled with sequins, feather boas and Elvis.

On Saturday, Miss Project Graduation will transform the Agri-Civic Center into Las Vegas.

The theme for the pageant where anything can happen is Vegas Nights. There are 14 senior boys set to transform themselves into the best-looking young ladies they can become. For some, that may require a lot of makeup!

All will be competing to be the most fabulous and earn the title Miss Project Graduation

2014. Two of the past year's winners will come back to help throughout the night and crown this year's winners.

Kalob Rickett, Miss Project Graduation 2013, will reprise his role as TV reality personality Honey Boo Boo and Will Bennett, 2013 first runner-up, will return as Katy Perry.

Organizer Tammy Rhodes says others impersonating famous singers include Carl Bryan as Elvis, Joey and Missy Kirkland as Jason Aldean and Katy Perry, Caylah Dixon as Dolly Parton and Larry McCandless as Jimmy Buffet.

These local talents will not only be performing on the night

of the pageant, they will also be judging the "girls" and deciding who will take home the sash and crown.

In order to raise even more money, a baked goods auction will be held during intervals in which the boys will be making their transformations. Fourteen cakes will be up for auction, and only the highest bidders will be lucky enough to take one or more of the desserts home.

Boys participating in this pageant are Armando Alamia, Brandon Beatty, Jacob Bolin, Kevin Borjas, Marco Ehrenkauser, Sam Eriksen, Taylor Hodges, Sergio Jimenez, Eric Klein, Tristan Montgomery,

Yuma Ortiz, Cleston Sanders, Javier Valdez, David Velasquez and Luke Winter.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door at the Agri-Civic Center. Doors will open at 6 p.m. on Saturday and the program will begin at 7 p.m.

All of the money raised on the night will go toward giving the seniors their free Project Graduation trip. The goal is for all the teens to enjoy a safe, alcohol-free and drug-free graduation celebration.

So, get ready for a great night and "Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas, Nevada!"

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Dated this 28th day of JANUARY, 2014.

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Clerk of Circuit Court
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By: Laura L. Barker, Deputy Clerk
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Letter To The Editor

Wauchula Resident Recalls Hurricane Charley of 2004

Dear Editor:

Since Trista and Ryan Sutter from the Bachelorette is celebrating 10 years of marriage, I decided to go down memory lane myself concerning Hurricane Charley.

Ten years sure came by fast. The 13 days we had no electricity after Charley blew in seemed like an eternity. We had meals coming through River Chase apartments and First Baptist Church on Main Street given by the Red Cross. A church also donated a nice meal at the Court-

house during the ordeal.

We did not go without, which was a total blessing. I did not go to the shelter since I do not think anyone knew what to expect, plus the storm was planning on heading to Tampa when last-minute wind changes allowed Charley to enter in at Punta Gorda. It came in with a force up through Hwy. 17 into Arcadia and Wauchula and went along all the way up north. The Turner Center in Arcadia had to be evacuated because the roof caved in.

As for my personal story, I saw the roof fly off my apartment on the sides and front as if they were paper. I put my head under the cushion like they tell you. If I was in the back bedroom lying on my bed, I would have gotten killed! The impact caused the small attic door to come down on my bed. Guess it was not time for me to go, as the saying goes.

I had just broken my wrist two weeks prior to Charley, and I was not supposed to get it wet as gangrene could set in so I had to wrap a plastic bag around the cast. I also had to go back to the doctor the next couple days because it did get wet anyway.

I had a neighbor take me to Sebring, and they were giving Army rations, clothes and different items (personal hygiene and water) away at the church right past Charley Creek.

Some neighbors had generators. I had candles and flashlights. I feel it bonded us neighbors because it was too hot to stay inside and some were cooking on grills outside.

I went and investigated the damage afterwards. Oh my, what devastation. Huge old trees down all over. Roads blocked. Trailers has trees on them. Forest Glade apartments down from St. Michael's Church had to be evacuated as the roofs caved in, and the handicapped/elderly lost everything. They were transported in a school bus to the old Junior High on Florida Avenue.

We lost an apartment roof which was good because that apartment was the only apartment that had to be evacuated at River Chase. We had trees down and a little flooding on the road. Porches and roofs' aluminum were damaged, but thank Jesus

What's For Lunch?

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

MONDAY

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

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, PB Jamwich, Spaghetti, Wowbutter & Jelly Sandwich, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Fruit Cup, Condiments and Milk

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Trix Cereal, Chicken & Biscuit, Buttery Toast, Yogurt Parfait w/Straw-berries, Apple Juice, Condi-ments and Milk

Lunch: Beef & Bean Burrito, Mac & Cheese, Personal Pepperoni Pizza, Vegetable Blend, Celery Sticks w/Dip, Lemon & Blue Raspberry Frozen Treat, Condiments and Milk

WEDNESDAY

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

Lunch: Oven Fried Chicken, Roll, Turkey Tacos, Yogurt Parfait w/Fruit, Garden Salad, Black Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Condiments and Milk

THURSDAY

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

Lunch: Grilled Chicken Chef Salad w/Breadstick, Hamburger on Bun, Turkey Pot Roast, Cucumber Slices w/Dip, Broccoli, Apples, Condiments and Milk

FRIDAY

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

Lunch: Cheese Pizza, Chicken Fajita Wrap, Cookie, Hamburger Gravy, Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Carrot Sticks w/Dip, Apple Slices, Condiments and Milk

JUNIOR HIGH

MONDAY

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

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, PB Jamwich, Spaghetti, Wowbutter & Jelly Sandwich, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Fruit Cup, Condiments and Milk

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Trix Cereal, Chicken & Biscuit, Buttery Toast, Yogurt Parfait w/Straw-berries, Apple Juice, Condi-ments and Milk

Lunch: Beef & Bean Burrito, Deli Combo, Personal Pepperoni Pizza, Vegetable Blend, Celery Sticks w/Dip, Lemon & Blue Raspberry Frozen Treat, Condiments and Milk

WEDNESDAY

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

Lunch: Oven Fried Chicken, Roll, Turkey Tacos, Yogurt Parfait w/Fruit, Garden Salad, Black Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Condiments and Milk

THURSDAY

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

Lunch: Grilled Chicken Chef Salad w/Breadstick, Hamburger on Bun, Turkey Pot Roast, Cucumber Slices w/Dip, Broccoli, Apples, Condiments and Milk

FRIDAY

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

Lunch: Cheese Pizza, Chicken Fajita Wrap, Cookie, Hamburger Gravy, Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Carrot Sticks w/Dip, Apple Slices, Condiments and Milk

SENIOR HIGH

MONDAY

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

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, PB Jamwich, Tuna Salad w/Bread Bowl, Wowbutter & Jelly Sandwich, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Fruit Cup, Pear, Condiments and Milk

TUESDAY

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

Lunch: Beef & Bean Burrito, Taco Salad, Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Pepperoni Pizza, Vegetable Blend, Celery Sticks w/Dip, Lemon & Blue Raspberry Frozen Treat, Yogurt Parfait w/Fruit, Banana, Condiments and Milk

WEDNESDAY

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

Lunch: Breaded Chicken Chef Salad w/Breadstick, Cheeseburger on Bun, Oven Fried Chicken, Roll, Turkey Tacos, Cheese Pizza, Garden Salad, Black Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Orange, Condiments and Milk

THURSDAY

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

Lunch: Baked Chicken Sandwich, Cheeseburger on Bun, Grilled Chicken Chef Salad w/Breadstick, Chef Salad w/Turkey, Roll, Hamburger on Bun, Turkey Pot Roast, Cucumber Slices w/Dip, Broccoli, Apples, Fruit Punch, Condiments and Milk

FRIDAY

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

Lunch: Chicken Fajita Wrap, Cookie, Grilled Chicken Chef Salad w/Breadstick, Hamburger Gravy, Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Cheese Sticks, Mini Cheeseburgers, Carrot Sticks w/Dip, Apple Slices, Peaches, Condiments and Milk

Individual menus are subject to change.

that no major damage was done to River Chase apartments, at the end of E. Oak Street.

I remember waiting in line for gas, blue tarps and the FEMA coming and helping people! Charley's memories are here to stay and will never be forgotten in my book!

Connie Lee Rowe
Wauchula

COMMUNITY Calendar

THURSDAY, JAN. 28

✓The Hardee Democratic Women's Club, Smokin' Joe's BBQ, 4040 U.S. 17 South, Bowling Green, executive committee meeting, 6 p.m., club re-organizational meeting, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 3

✓Wauchula City Commission, regular monthly workshop, City Hall, 225 E. Main St., Wauchula, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 6

✓Hardee County Commission, monthly morning meeting, Room 102, Courthouse Annex I, 412 W. Orange St., Wauchula, 8:30 a.m.

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- All exhibits must remain on display until Sunday, February 23rd. Exhibits must be picked up 1 PM to 4 PM on Sunday. The Hardee County Fair will not be responsible for items left beyond that point.
- Each entry must be labeled with the name of the person who made it.
- All entries must be clean and in good condition.
- All canned products must be in standard canning jars (half-pint, pint or quart). Jars must be clean and no rust apparent on rings or lids.
- Bread categories must consist of four muffins or one loaf on a plate and covered with clear plastic wrap. Judging will be based on: taste, texture, and appearance.
- Cookies must be on a plate, covered with plastic wrap and can be accompanied by an attached 3x5 recipe card. Judging will be based on: taste, appearance and texture.
- Photography must be matted on heavy black material. Borders should be one inch minimum to allow for display.
- Paintings must be original work, not reprints. They may be framed or unframed and mounted on stretcher frames with hanging wire on back.
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Sports Quiz

By Chris Richcreek

- In 2012, Miguel Cabrera became the first Tiger to have five consecutive years of 30 or more home runs. Which two Detroit players had four such seasons?
- True or false: Hall of Fame shortstop Honus Wagner also was a major-league manager.
- What was the first college football bowl game to feature teams ranked No. 1 and No. 2?

ANSWERS

- Hank Greenberg and Cecil Fielder.
- True. He was 1-4 in five games for Pittsburgh in 1917.
- In the 1962 season, No. 1 Southern Cal faced No. 2 Wisconsin in the Rose Bowl.

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Etta May will fill the Theatre for the Performing Arts in Avon Park with uproarious laughter.

COURTESY PHOTO

Man Cooks Meth With Child, 10 He Is Sentenced To 4 Years In State Prison

By CYNTHIA KRAHL
Of The Herald-Advocate

A man who admitted using his girlfriend's 10-year-old daughter to help him cook methamphetamine has been sentenced to prison for four years.

Lee Roy Fender Jr., 38, of 3456 Palmetto St., Zolfo Springs, appeared in Hardee County Circuit Court on Tuesday of last week for what was scheduled as a status hearing on the charges against him.

Fender had been arrested by the Hardee County Sheriff's Office last September on felony counts of neglect of a child and possession of methamphetamine and on a misdemeanor count for possession of narcotics equipment.

But rather than take the case to trial, he and defense attorney James Pyle entered a change of plea as the result of negotiations with Assistant State Attorney David Ward.

Circuit Judge Marcus J. Ezelle then sentenced Fender for his

crimes. Ezelle ordered Fender behind state bars for four years, allowing him credit for the 142 days he has served in the Hardee County Jail since his arrest. Further, the judge assessed a total of \$2,265 in fines, court fees and law enforcement expenses.

According to sheriff's spokesman Maj. Randy Dey, Fender manufactured methamphetamine inside his home and in the presence of his girlfriend's 4-year-old son and 10-year-old daughter.

The children later were interviewed by the Child Protection Team in Bartow and, Det. Andrew McGuckin wrote in his report, the girl "described in great detail the ingredients and process to manufacture methamphetamine."

The child was able to tell the adults how she helped Fender roll foil balls to put into the mixture, a practice which initiates a chemical reaction that "cooks" the meth.



Fender

McGuckin also noted the child then described how Fender and her mother would smoke the narcotic after the cooking process was complete, down to the details of how foil was folded and how a lighter was used to heat the drug to the smoking point.

Maj. Dey pointed out that chemicals used in the cooking

process and the fumes they emit are toxic. He also noted meth "labs" are highly volatile, and are subject to explosions and fires.

He said Fender's cooking activities placed the children in danger.

While the meth lab allegations spanned a period running from January to June of 2012, the possession accusations came in September 2013.

Dey said Dep. Cesar Medina was responding to a call concerning a suspicious vehicle on Elm Street in Zolfo Springs when he saw Fender walk from the back of the car to the front, raising its hood as the deputy approached.

Dey said Medina spotted a glass pipe under the car.

Fender, he said, admitted to throwing it there when he spotted Medina.

The pipe, Dey said, tested positive for methamphetamine.

'Queen Of Southern Sass' To Perform

Etta May, the self-proclaimed Queen of Southern Sass, is coming to the 2014 SFSC Matinee Series at South Florida State College.

She will appear on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Theatre for the Performing Arts on the main campus in Avon Park.

This comedienne keeps the laughs coming with hysterical stories about raising her family, getting older, and life in the South. She describes her comedy as being like "Minnie Pearl with a migraine."

May won the prestigious American Comedy Awards "Stand-Up Comic of the Year" and has appeared on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," "Comic Strip Live," MTV, and as a guest commentator on "CBS News Sunday Morning."

May headlines the successful all-female Southern Fried Chicks Tour, selling out theatres all over the country.

The Matinee Series season features performances on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. from January through March.

Individual tickets for Etta May are \$15, \$18 and \$21. Tickets are available for purchase online at

www.performances.south-florida.edu or by calling the SFSC Box Office at (863) 784-7178.

SFSC Box Office hours are 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tickets are also available by visiting the Box Office during business hours. The Box Office is located in front of the SFSC Theatre for the Performing Arts, 600 W. College Dr., Avon Park.

Sheriffs Speak Against Legalizing Marijuana

Concerned that legalizing marijuana will jeopardize public safety, Florida's sheriffs have passed a resolution opposing the legalization of marijuana in this state.

The Florida Sheriffs Association has announced the majority vote, stressing that the main priority of Florida's 67 sheriffs is to protect the safety of citizens. They believe that approving broad exceptions to current state and federal law to allow doctors to authorize use of marijuana for virtually any reason with little regulation will hurt children and families and lead to a lower quality of life for all.

The dangers of marijuana have been well-documented in recent years, with increased crime and traffic accidents in states that have passed legislation legalizing marijuana, the Florida Sheriffs Association says.

For example, of the 20 states with the highest driver acknowledgement of drugged driving, 15 were states that have passed legislation legalizing marijuana. The Los Angeles and Denver police departments have re-

ported significant increases in crime since marijuana was legalized in their respective states.

FSA's opposition is driven by several factors. Among them:

- Marijuana is listed as a Schedule I drug under the Controlled Substances Act, defined as having a high potential for abuse and no accepted medical use. Several major medical organizations including the American Medical Association, National Cancer Institute and American Cancer Society have rejected smoked marijuana as medicine.

- Florida's sheriffs do not want to see a repeat of the state's earlier problems with prescription drug abuse, which prompted new laws supported by the FSA to close loopholes, create new monitoring programs and put protocols in place to stop the abuse of prescription drugs such as Oxy-Contin.

- Legalizing marijuana, as current ballot language proposes, comes with significant dangers to Florida youth. The legalization of marijuana will make this drug more readily

available and easier to obtain by teens, as they would not need parental consent to get a "physician's certification" for marijuana. With no quality or dosage control, there is nothing in place to prevent these storefront marijuana dispensaries from selling to minors. States that have passed legislation legalizing marijuana have seen an increase of youth in possession of marijuana; in Colorado alone, the marijuana use rate among teens is 50 percent above the national average.

- Florida sheriffs agree that there may be strains of marijuana that can provide relief for children with severe intractable seizures. This type of marijuana is high in CBD, a pain relieving and anti-convulsing component of marijuana, and contains minimal amounts of tetrahydrocannabinol, the psychoactive ingredient that produces a high. Sheriffs are concerned about manipulation of families in need if the production, distribution, monitoring and quality control are not well-defined and regulated.



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A Technicality Delays Commerce Park Expansion

By MICHAEL KELLY
Of The Herald-Advocate

The County Commission gave the 105-acre Hardee County Commerce Park expansion preliminary approval Thursday, but improper notice of the meeting's date and location will cause the zoning change process to start anew.

A sign placed on the property by county staff notifying surrounding property owners and nearby residents of the proposed zoning change did not list the place of the meeting or when it was occurring, which is not proper notification under Florida law and voids the decision.

County Planner Kevin Denny said the request and ordinance will have to go back before the Planning & Zoning Board, which recommended commissioners deny the change, and two County Commission meetings before the ordinance could be passed.

Denny expects the meetings to take place in March or April but does not have an exact date at this time.

The Industrial Development Authority submitted the request to change the zoning on its property immediately south of the existing park from Farm Residential and Multiple Family Residential to Commercial/Industrial Business Center (C/IBC).

The current Commerce Park is also zoned as C/IBC and is nearing capacity with only one available lot left, IDA Executive Director Bill Lambert said. If approved, the expansion would have 20 lots ranging in size from four to 11 acres.

Thursday commissioners Sue Birge, Rick Knight, Colon Lambert and Mike Thompson voted in favor of the change, with Grady Johnson's lone vote against it.

The Planning & Zoning Board previously voted 4-0 to deny the request, with Don Chancey, Ralph Arce, Gordon Norris and Ann Wilson voting against the proposal. Roger Conley abstained from voting.

County staff recommended approval after reviewing the data and analysis. The P&Z Board, however, sided with neighboring residents who came to its meeting and expressed concerns over increased traffic and water/sewer issues if lines were extended through the park and tied into the county Wauchula Hills utility lines.

No residents from the surrounding Wauchula Hills community expressed any opposition to the project during the County Commission meeting.

Denny said a vegetative buffer would be placed around the property to separate the businesses from the existing homes bordering the park. He said the concerns over increased traffic in the area were not supported by evidence.

Commissioner Johnson said the IDA purchased the property several years ago and felt the zoning change should have been handled then. "The IDA should not have purchased property and assumed it would get a zoning change," he said.

Denny said when the property was purchased should not be a factor when considering a zoning change.

Mike Thompson agreed with Denny, and asked what if a person owned property for several years and then decided to develop it. "That doesn't fit into the picture here," Thompson said. "That's ludicrous."

Thompson went on to say he attended church in Wauchula Hills and talked to several resi-

dents and has not heard anyone complain about expanding the park.

Colon Lambert said he agreed with Thompson. Lambert said he would vote based on the rules and did not want to see it become a political decision.

Sue Birge pointed out the park is in her district and she does not see what the problem is. "I live less than a quarter-mile away from the park and I don't have a problem with it," she said.

Chancey, chairman of the Planning & Zoning Board, addressed the commission and asked why the IDA did not present the application before either board. He said the C/IBC zoning is a high-use zoning and should not be next to residential areas.

Bill Lambert said the intentions of the IDA have always been to improve the community and produce gainful employment opportunities for its residents.

Hank Kuhlman told the commission he felt there was not proper analysis done on the project prior to the board making a decision.

Gary Delatorre said he did not like limiting citizen comments to three minutes. "This is a meeting to listen to the public," he said. "I am disappointed the way this meeting is being run."

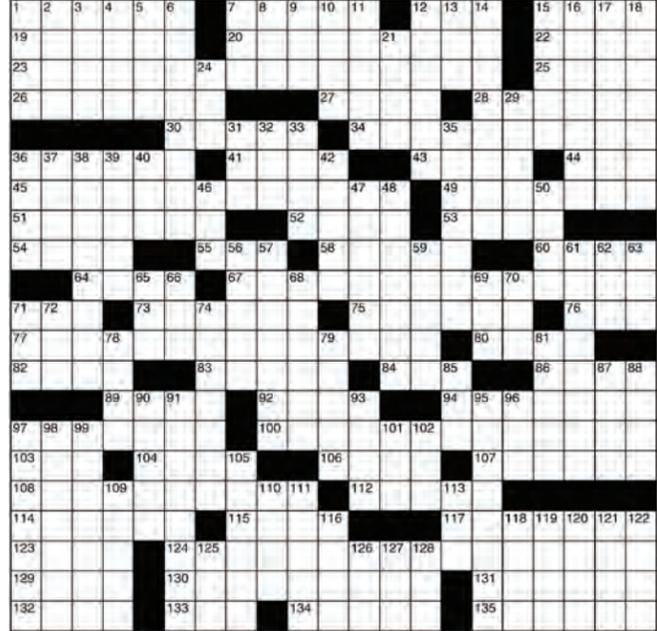
Shawna Lambert said she works with underprivileged families in the community and thought having good jobs available within walking distance of Wauchula Hills would be a good thing.

Bill Lambert expects it would take 12-18 months to have the road built, retention ponds dug and additional site work completed before the expansion would be ready for a tenant.

Super Crossword

OOH, BABY!

- ACROSS**
- 1 Singer Bette
 - 7 Old name for the Congo
 - 12 Miles — gallon
 - 15 Spill the secret
 - 19 Room
 - 20 Dressed for Halloween
 - 22 "The — of the Ancient Mariner"
 - 23 Acquired a forbidden thing?
 - 25 French clergyman
 - 26 S&L part
 - 27 Paddle
 - 28 Waterways
 - 30 Send in, as a check
 - 34 Bolt out of a seating tier?
 - 36 City in SW California
 - 41 Gillette razor brand
 - 43 Joel or Elhan of film
 - 44 Silly — goose
 - 45 Knockoff merchandise items?
 - 49 Three-screen cinema
 - 51 Hyponitrid states
 - 52 "ER" actor La Salle
 - 53 Russia's Alexis I, e.g.
 - 54 Body of a cell
 - 55 Actor Hunter
 - 58 Chopin challenge
 - 60 Port in Norway
 - 64 Stopper
 - 67 Refrigerated nut that can chip a tooth?
 - 71 Rightful
 - 73 "Tutti —"
 - 75 The "E" of S.E. Hinton
 - 76 Wedded
 - 77 Smash hit that's not performed outside?
 - 80 Grammy winner
 - 82 Ukraine's capital
 - 83 Remove a course from
 - 84 Streets: Abbr.
 - 86 Trim down manually
 - 89 Gorbachev's empire
 - 92 American mail org.
 - 94 Secretary of State Clinton
 - 97 Start spasming, as a muscle
 - 100 Say "It's so foolish to play cards?"
 - 103 Trouble
 - 104 Lincoln and Beame
 - 106 Fly like a vulture
 - 107 Like a listborn child
 - 108 Wading bird barbecued on a rotating rod?
 - 112 Last Greek vowel
 - 114 Audible breather
 - 115 Start of a magician's cry
 - 117 Sign of the future
 - 123 — time flat
 - 124 "Vacation on this marshy inlet on credit?"
 - 129 Former Navajo loas
 - 130 Italian range
 - 131 Propelling a boat
 - 132 Blister, e.g.
 - 133 "Weekend Edition" airtel
 - 135 Fuses
 - 139 Rub it in
 - 2 Skater Kulik
 - 3 Ovid's 705
 - 4 Norse trickster god
 - 5 Parallel (with)
 - 6 Merlot, say
 - 7 Nada
 - 8 Pantry
 - 9 Freud's "I"
 - 10 Richard and Jane in court
 - 11 Actor Will
 - 12 Part of PBS
 - 13 Subgenre of punk rock
 - 14 Arranges differently
 - 15 "Great job!"
 - 16 Progressive
 - 17 "The Devil's Dictionary" author
 - 18 "None of your —!"
 - 21 Verbalize
 - 24 Put to work
 - 29 Ancient Aegean land
 - 31 — Zedong
 - 32 — be nice if —
 - 33 Loyal
 - 35 Certain finished lowercase letter
 - 36 CPR givers, sometimes
 - 37 Prefix with "nuff!"
 - 90-Down
 - 38 Cattle rush
 - 39 Like most music
 - 40 Site: Abbr.
 - 42 Having lots of land
 - 46 U leaders?
 - 47 10% giver
 - 48 Fifth and mawly
 - 50 Big-leaguers — Clay
 - 56 Follow, as an impulse
 - 57 Bungle
 - 59 "The Mystery of Edwin —"
 - 61 Sneaker of film securer
 - 62 Deighton of fiction writing
 - 63 Pile up debt
 - 65 So-fi saucer
 - 66 Cur's noise
 - 68 "This way"
 - 69 Stars and Bars org.
 - 70 — Lingus
 - 71 Browne who created
 - 72 Quady
 - 74 One taking something forcibly
 - 78 Egg, to Ovid
 - 79 Old Montreal ball club
 - 81 Stranded on land in the sea
 - 85 — "nuff!"
 - 87 Files
 - 88 Hit PC game
 - 90 "The final frontier"
 - 91 Like outlying districts
 - 93 "Scram!"
 - 95 "Amen, bro!"
 - 96 "Bad"
 - 98 cholesterol, mawly
 - 97 — Clay (Muhammad Ali, once)
 - 98 Lambaste
 - 99 One who straightens
 - 101 Grier of film
 - 102 Refined find
 - 105 Assassin
 - 109 Just one of — things
 - 110 Black, to Poe
 - 111 Twisted forcibly
 - 113 A student's pride: Abbr.
 - 116 Blue dye
 - 118 Ardor
 - 119 Hindu dress
 - 120 On the job minus three
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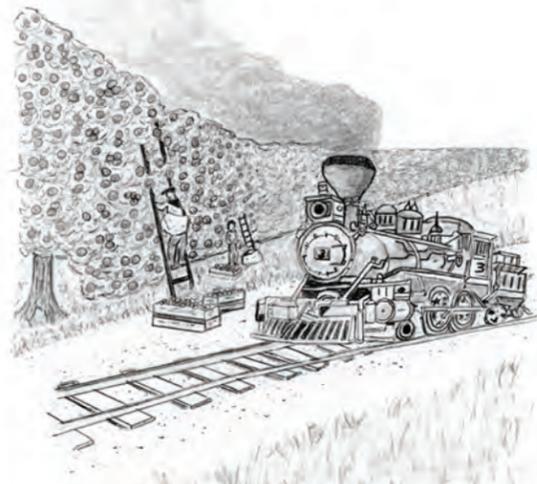


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'Your 10 Friends Will Never Let You Down!'

By **MARISA GONZALEZ**
Special To The Herald-Advocate

I chose to interview Maria Guadalupe Flores.

Q: When were you born?

A: I was born on Oct. 10, 1941.

Q: Where were you born?

A: I was born in Teocaltiche, Jalisco, Mexico.

Q: What story did your family always tell you?

A: My family would always tell us beautiful stories. The story that I liked was "Cinderella." I liked it because it made me sad and happy when Cinderella found her true love.

Q: What chore did you absolutely hate doing when you were a child? Why?

A: I absolutely hated cooking. They would put us to blend corn for tortillas and to cook food to eat.

My chores that I enjoyed the most were milking cows, do horseback riding, sweeping and washing clothes in the river. We did not have a washer or dryer machine, or electricity. We would have to carry water in buckets from the river, and used it to drink and for personal use.

Q: What was your favorite food when you were a child? Why?

A: My favorite food when I was a child was cheese enchiladas. They were rolled tortillas with cheese, potatoes and onions. I liked the flavor of them with some hot sauce on top of them.

Q: What was your least favorite transportation? Why?



Guadalupe Flores' brother Antonio with one of the family's horses.

A: My least favorite transportation was riding on a donkey; they don't obey like the horses do when you talk to them. My favorite transportation was horseback riding. I would visit my friends riding a horse, since we had no cars back then.

Q: What were the first things you bought with your money when you were a child? Why?

A: The first things that I bought with my own money were some shoes, dresses. I earned the money by making hay hats.

Q: What were your favorite clothes to wear back then? Why?

A: My favorite clothing was poodle skirts. They would make me feel like a princess. I also liked to wear horseback riding pants with a sombrero.

Q: What was your best childhood memory? Why?

A: My best childhood memory was when my Aunt Margarita invited me to the capital of the state of Guadalajara. She took me to a restaurant where for the first time I ate roast chicken. It was delicious!

Then she took me to a hotel. Everything was fancy, shiny and colorful. I will never forget that she bought me some shoes and a dress. I felt like the princess in the story.

Q: What was one of your favorite quotes? Why?

A: My favorite quote was "Never say 'I can't do it.'"

My father had a book called "The Ten Friends." It symbolized the 10 fingers of your hand. The theme of the book was never say "I can't do it" as long as you've got your "10 friends." They will never let you down; work for it. So, I was inspired by that book.

Q: What was the hardest thing you have ever experienced as a child? Why?

A: When I saw my mom sick. She had a stroke. Four people took her, walking, in a bed (stretcher) to the nearest city. They walked two hours before they got to the city. I was only 12 years old and scared.

Q: Did you come from another



Maria Guadalupe Flores, called Guadalupe, at 4 years of age. She is pictured with her two brothers, Alfonso and Ramiro.

country? How long have you been living in Wauchula? What was your experience here?

A: Yes, I am originated from Teocaltiche, Jalisco, Mexico. After I got married, me and my husband moved to the United States. First we came to Westlaco, Texas, for three years. We used to migrate to Nebraska and Ohio to Michigan, and then back to Texas.

In 1965, we migrated to Florida. Since then we have been living here and working in the fields for 35 years.

When we arrived to Hardee County, here there was a lot of discrimination to the Black and Hispanic people. We were isolated from the whites. Blacks and Hispanics couldn't live in the same place or street, children even couldn't go to the same school. There was a store for the Hispanics and the Blacks, there was even a little movie theatre. This place used to be beside the place where the Chevrolet place is today, and the street was called "New York." We nicknamed the place where we all lived and shopped "Little Mexico."

Q: What was the last experience that made you a stronger person? Why?

A: When my husband died, I got in a deep depression for some time. I knew that it was up to me to become stronger and make more dedication to my children. At that time I had seven girls and



A teenage Guadalupe Flores is all ready to go on a horse ride, one of her favorite things to do!

one boy. The youngest were only 1 year old and 3 months old.

Q: Have you ever had something happen to you that you thought was bad but turned out to be for the best? Why?

A: My first four years when I came to the United States, it was very difficult. I was hoping for a better lifestyle but it turned out worse for some time. In Texas we had to use water from a canal that we carried in buckets. Those times were rough and difficult because we migrated to different states working in the fields.

After the four years, we managed to settle and buy our own house in Florida and things began to change.

Q: What was your favorite time of day/month/day or week? Why?

A: My favorite time was when I was with my children, and the favorite day of the week was Sunday, because we went to the church to give thanks to the Lord for everything He gives us, and for rest.

My favorite month was December, during Christmas, because I could gather with my family and we had a feast.

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.



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— Hardee Living —

4-H'ers Attend Leadership Event

Members of the Hardee 4-H County Council recently attended Leadership Adventure Weekend, a Florida 4-H state event held at 4-H Camp Ocala Jan. 17-19.

About 125 4-H teens from across Florida participated in the three-day event, which included eight members from Hardee County.

Theme of the leadership conference was the book "7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens," written by Sean Covey. Participants each received a copy and attended workshops which fo-

cused on building lifelong habits.

Games, discussions and video clips emphasized becoming proactive instead of reactive and establishing foundational habits. Putting first things first and learning to prioritize, developing listening skills and working well with others to reach a common goal were also major topics.

A highlight of the conference was a Saturday morning exercise on writing a personal mission statement and a Sunday morning closing video clip stressing the impact and impor-

tance of mentoring.

Leadership Adventure Weekend is an annual event sponsored by the Florida 4-H State Council and its youth/adult partnership leadership development program. High school-aged teens serving on the state council planned and led the event.

Hardee 4-H County Council members attending the event were Steven Crews, Ruth Erekson, Anna Erekson, Mor-gan Crews, Kaylee Hogenauer, Megan Grills, Alyssa Barber and Dalton Richey.



Eight local teens attended the statewide 4-H program held in Ocala. COURTESY PHOTO

New Arrivals

ONE BLUE, ONE PINK



Mr. and Mrs. James Darty, Zolfo Springs, an eight pound, 11 ounce son, James Logan Matthew Darty, born Nov. 22, 2013, Florida Hos-pital, Sebring. Maternal grandparents are Roger Darty of Wauchula and Beverly Wills of Zolfo Springs. Maternal great-grandparents are Clarence "Duck" and Irma Dean Darty of Ona. Paternal grandparents are Larry and Becky Hall of Greenway, Ark.

Jerrod "Buddy" and Ashley



Martin, Wauchula, a five pound, 14 ounce daughter, Briley Anne, born Jan. 14, 2014, Lakeland Regional Medical Center, Lakeland. Maternal grandparents are Steve and Carol Edmonson of Bartow. Paternal grandparents are Eddie and Lauri Martin of Bartow.

Birth announcements will be published free of charge within three months of the date of birth. A photo of the infant—as a newborn only—may be added at no cost. Any other photo of the baby will cost \$15.

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Wauchula students named to the President's List were Isabel Abel, Sarah E. Albritton, Addison G. Aubry, Zoyla Aviles, Tacita B. Barrera, Stephanie M. Belmares, Rachel A. Coker, Melanie J. DuBois, Anthony C. Evans, Allison C. Farr, Gregory J. Garza, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Janet Guido, Klarissa M. Hall, Crystal L. Hernandez, William T. Holton, Emily J. Hughes, Holly R. Hughes, Milli L. Jones, Brookelyn E. Knight, Amanda R. LaCrosse, Christian Manresa, Azucena Miranda, Teresa Miranda, Yesenia Mo-lina-Molina, Kayshia B. Mos-ley, Jennifer N. Napier, Jacob Neuhofer, Zachary Neuhofer, Courtney L. Nicholson, Carrie J. Noel, Britany M. Olsen, Kirsten A. Ramirez, Dalton M. Reas, Cleston D. Sanders, Marisela Santiago, Monica I. Soria, Marisol H. Sustaita, Yesenia Torres-Aguirre, Alex-andria K. Ullrich, Kayla E. Woods and Brenda Zamora.

Zolfo Springs students named to the President's List were Colton D. Albritton, Katherine E. Carter, Haley R. Edenfield,

Amanda H. Graham, Molly E. Harward, Tristen K. Lanier, Carolyn J. Maurer, Kerry S. Mushrush, Alexi A. Santana, Kayla A. Smith, Pagou Vue and Olga L. Ward.

The Vice President's List for fall 2013 also has been announced.

Bowling Green students named to the Vice President's List were Frances Banda, Marco A. Ehrenkaufner, Naomi E. Erekson, Sean R. Greenlee, Gregorio Guzman, Chelsey D. Hughes, Catherine D. Jackson, Yesenia Lozano, Sara L. Luna-Muniz, Monica Medrano, Andrew R. Melendez, Emily D. Rhodes and Balentin Tamayo.

Ona students named to the Vice President's List were Tami R. Hunt, Kaylee A. Myers and Danielle M. Smith.

Wauchula students named to the Vice President's List were Reham Alqabsi, Sandra Alvarez, Agustine Anselmo, Berenice Arana, Oralia Araujo, Alejandro Bautista, Brandon D. Beatty, Kenneth G. Bonds II, Arissa S. Camel, Erik P. Castanon, Marta E. Cervantes, Desiree A. Cook, Kimberly A. Cummins, Isauro Figueroa, Andrew N. Foreman, Vanessa A. Garza, David T. Gibson, Cody W. Gullatt, Angela S. Herron, Belinda G. Klein, Maria B. Lopez, Sean P. McCandless, Lacey J. McClenithan, Adna Metayer, Daniel A. Miller, Ana P. Molina, Jessica N. Morris, Courtney B. Parks, Sonia Perez, Megan N. Redding, Erica D. Roberts, Kramer N. Royal, Katelyn L. Smith, Taylor N. Tompkins, Jacob D. Trew, Ariel Vallejo, Abigail R. Warren, Jon-Mikel Windham and Enrique M. Zamora.

Zolfo Springs students named to the Vice President's List were Eve Avila, Carlos E. DeLoera, Garrett J. Edenfield, Sandra Estrada, Eric B. Klein, Luis J. Mata, Perla Mendieta-Arvizu, Filiberto Montanez, Farrah S. Muntz, Yesenia Y. Ortiz, Deanna L. Sanchez, Kenia R. Villalva and Beatriz Zavala.

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Salt
Pepper
1 1/2 pounds (2 large) fennel
1 pound carrots
12 ounces (2 large) Yukon Gold potatoes
8 ounces (4 large) celery stalks
1 bay leaf
1 1/2 pounds bone-in chicken thighs, skin removed
1 1/2 pounds bone-in chicken breasts, skin removed
1 quart lower-sodium chicken broth
1 tablespoon packed fresh dill leaves

1. In 12-inch skillet, heat oil on medium-low. Add onion and 1/8 teaspoon salt. Cook 15 minutes or until golden brown and tender, stirring occasionally.
2. While onion cooks, trim and cut fennel into 1/4-inch-thick slices. Cut carrots in quarters lengthwise, then into 3-inch-long pieces. Cut potatoes into 1/4-inch-thick half-moons. Thinly slice celery.
3. In 6-quart slow-cooker bowl, evenly spread carrots, potatoes, fennel, celery and bay leaf. Arrange chicken pieces on top, pressing into vegetables; sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon each salt and freshly ground black pepper. Spread hot onion over chicken. Add broth, cover immediately with lid, and cook on LOW 6 hours.

4. Stir in dill. Transfer one-third of vegetables, 1 chicken breast and 1 chicken thigh to container; refrigerate up to 3 days. Divide remaining vegetables among serving bowls. Remove meat from remaining chicken and divide among serving bowls. Stir 1/4 teaspoon salt into soup. Ladle over vegetable-chicken mixture. Serves 4.
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COURTESY PHOTOS
Among the members of The Wednesday Musicales are several of Santa's elves, who visited Resthaven during the holiday to bring Christmas cheer with decorations, music and song, readings, and a treat or two. Above, Hardee Junior High School band students joined in on the program. Performing Christmas favorites were (from front left) Rebecca Kedzior, Paulino Palacios, Boon Lor and Jasmine Sanchez; (back) Alejandra Ramirez, Dalila Vital, Victoria Ibarra, Lindsay Duncan and Cadee Richardson with director Shayla Bryan. Middle (left) shows Merilyn Strickland reminiscing with her former Sunday School teacher, Noveta Beeson, 86. Middle (right) shows President James Stallings opening the program by reading the Christmas story in Luke 2. Below, Mary Burnett (left) and Frances "Tootsie" Davis, friends for over 60 years, are excited to be together at Resthaven.




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The Wednesday Musicales Plans A Busy February

Members and guests of The Wednesday Musicales have a busy month ahead, beginning with a field trip to South Florida State College on Tuesday.

The club-sponsored event will feature a matinee performance by comedian Etta May, deemed the "Queen of Southern Sass." Twenty-five tickets have been pre-sold to members and guests, however, in case of a cancellation anyone interested in being placed on the waiting list for tickets may call Musi-cale President James Stallings at 773-3594.

A luncheon will precede the 1:30 show.

The club's annual Sweetheart Luncheon will be held in the fellowship hall of Wauchula's First United Methodist Church at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15. Following a homemade soup buffet with a wide assortment of sandwiches and desserts, a guest pianist will present a mini-concert. The cost is \$10 a person.

Hosting the event will be members of the Past Presidents Assembly. Immediate Past President Dot Bell is the chairman, assisted by past presidents Judy Mercer, Dr. Sylvia Collins, Jan

Brutus, Jeraldine Crews, Gloria Davis, Bess Stallings, Jill Southwell, Carol Myer, Sylvia Parker and Neva Howard.

As in years past, the club has been invited to join with the Avon Park Rotary Club's Inner Wheel for its annual luncheon and concert on Friday, Feb. 21. The scholarship fundraiser will be held at noon at the Island View Restaurant on Sun 'n' Lakes Boulevard in Sebring.

The entertainment will be a musical tribute to Nat King Cole. The \$30 tickets are available by calling Gloria Davis at 773-2498 or Patti Daughtry Crawford at 382-1813. Deadline to purchase tickets is Feb. 15.

As with Wednesday Musicales events, men are encouraged to attend. Crawford, a Wauchula native, says, "We are extending the invitations to include men this year, and already tickets have been sold to couples." Transportation from Wauchula will be provided, if needed.

Prospective members and guests are invited to attend any programs. For more information on any of the aforementioned events, call 773-3594.

This Is A Hammer

By Samantha Mazzotta

Q: I've heard plenty of my neighbors complain about being stuck inside this winter and unable to do much outdoor maintenance work. Well, I've been around long enough to know there's plenty of work to do inside, too. Think you can remind folks about some important stuff they could be doing while waiting for the weather to break?

—Oldster Stan, Buffalo, N.Y.

A: Stan, that's very true. While being stuck indoors can be maddening, there are plenty of smaller home-maintenance tasks to take care of — even if it's too cold or snowy to get out to the home-improvement store. Here are a few:

- Descal your coffeemaker or electric kettle: Check the manufacturer's cleaning instructions online, but in most drip brewers you can flush several ounces of white vinegar through the system, rinsing thoroughly with clear water.

- Clean your dishwasher: Remove any parts that can be lifted out easily, such as racks, utensil holders, wash arms and filter. Soak smaller parts in a sinkful of vinegar-water solution and wipe down the racks, dishwasher interior and the door seal. Rinse and replace all the items, then run the empty dishwasher through a cycle to finish.

- Clean the garbage disposal by adding a few ice cubes and lemon peels and cycling it. Rinse with running water.

- Clean the wash tub of your clothes washer by filling it with hot water and one quart of white vinegar. Let it agitate for a minute and then pause the cycle so that the water sits for an hour; then resume the wash cycle to rinse.

- Vacuum the space your clothes dryer where the lint filter sits. Inspect the dryer vent for lint buildup and remove any lint you find.

- Tighten the hardware on cabinets and drawers — knobs, handles and hinges.

- Check child- and pet-proof latches and outlet covers, and replace any that are broken.

- Vacuum out the heat registers in each room, being sure to replace the floor vent covers immediately afterward so pets don't accidentally crawl in.

- Change the air filter on your heating system (you knew I'd get that one in here).

- Rotate houseplants, shifting them to new locations to vary the air and light they receive.

HOME TIP: Take a tour of your home and make note of as many improvement or maintenance tasks that you can find. Then create a schedule to tackle a few of them at a time.

Send your questions or home tips to ask@thisisahammer.com. My new e-book, "101 Best Home Tips," is available to download on Amazon Kindle! Pick it up it today for just 99 cents.

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Way Back When

This week in history, as researched from the archival pages of **The Florida Advocate**, the **Hardee County Herald** and **The Herald-Advocate** ...

75 YEARS AGO

Hardee County school buses will travel a combined distance equal to almost six times the world in carrying children to school this year. They will go 141,480 miles in providing daily service for 951 pupils.

Vocational Agriculture students of the Hardee County High School won first place and a blue ribbon for their booth at the recent Hardee County Strawberry Festival in Bowling Green.

The old Florida law that children must support their parents has recently been unearthed. There will probably be a question raised as to the exact age for the change in support between parents and children.

On last Friday evening the Wauchula Wildcat cagers dropped a double-header to the fast and experienced Mulberry cage teams on the local court. The boys team was defeated by the score of 24 to 13, while the girls were dropped by a 47 to 23 count.

50 YEARS AGO

Louis Aldridge, of Ash Grove, Mo., was apprehended by Lt. John Douthit of the Hardee County Sheriff's Office in Auburndale and charged with breaking and entering the Wauchula Elementary School.

Hardee County will need almost \$2 million worth of new construction and alterations to bring the county's schools up to the quality recommended by last October's School Plant Survey.

Hardee County will have another access point to Peace River boating if present plans work out. Following a meeting with county commissioners last Friday night, plans were announced to ascertain the availability of right of way to open a road to the river.

Sheriff Odell Carlton this week announced formally that he plans to seek re-election. Carlton will be seeking his fourth four-year term.

25 YEARS AGO

Reigning Miss Hardee County Beth Graese will represent this area in the Florida State Fair Queen Pageant on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m.

Two students filed a civil action in federal court last week alleging their civil rights were violated in a 1987 strip search at Hardee Junior High School. The incident began when a teacher's aide noticed her wedding ring missing and suspected someone in the class had taken it, the lawsuit says.

A man who threatened a woman with a knife, bound and gagged her as he robbed her Wauchula home and then led police on a spectacular high-speed chase over county lines was sentenced to 27 years in prison last week for those crimes and a later jail escape.

Pvt. Robert J. Ehrenkauffer, son of Adelina A. Aguilar of Rural Route 1, Zolfo Springs, and Robert J. Ehrenkauffer of Daytona Beach, has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J.

10 YEARS AGO

Employees headed into work early Tuesday discovered an overnight bank heist. First National Bank of Wauchula was burglarized sometime between 7 p.m. Monday and 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, city Police Chief William Beattie said. Evidence shows more than one person entered the building, he added, but no signs of a break-in could be found.

A Page One photo shows a Tampa ring official raising the hand of Wauchula pro boxer Edner Cherry at the conclusion of the main event at Friday night's fight, while his trainer shares in the moment.

Two people were killed and one seriously injured in separate single-vehicle crashes this past week on Hardee County roadways. Darrell Grant Denton, 41, and Craig Dwyane Williams, 21, died Saturday. Cindy Sebring Adams, 47, was injured Friday.

Narcotics officers raiding two neighboring homes confiscated 25 firearms and over a quarter-pound of methamphetamine.

Solunar Forecast

1/30/2014	2/1/2014	2/3/2014	2/5/2014
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In Other Action

The Hardee County School Board approved the following items during its 13-minute meeting last Thursday, where all members were present. The items were:

- the agreement with Polk County School Board to provide an orientation and mobility specialist for Hardee County students for the remainder of this school year.
- a contract change order for the roof replacement on the cafeteria at Wauchula Elementary. The project was completed over the Christmas break.
- When the old roofing material was removed, it revealed a couple of areas below it had been damaged by water. In order to fix the areas, there was an additional cost for decking, underlayment, new shingles, a new roof curb and flashing. The total for the contract change order came out to \$4,280.
- purchase orders greater than \$25,000. One item includes 7,449 gallons of diesel at \$3.77 per gallon and 8,423 gallons of gas at \$2.99, for transportation buses. The total amount came out to \$53,316.
- property inventory deletions of \$1,000 or more, which can't be disposed of until the board's approval. The list includes an ice machine, two computers and a refrigerator, which total \$8,485.
- a request for the use of the stadium for the Mr. HHS Cross-Fit Challenge on March 15.
- a request from the Hardee County Sheriff's Office to use

the parking lot at Hardee Junior High for driver training from March 15 to Nov. 15.

- hiring Jacob Trew as the Hardee Senior High School computer lab paraprofessional and Jermain King as the physical education teacher at Hardee Junior High.
- supplements for Stephanie Mier and Amy Monts De Oca, both as half of HJH's assistant volleyball coach for \$571 each.
- Rebeca Huron as a substitute teacher.

At the end of the meeting, Vice Chairwoman Teresa Crawford asked member Paul Samuels what will be next for Wildcat Stadium. Samuels said drawings for the press box are already made up, and there will be a meeting at HHS soon to discuss them. He said the goal is to have the press box completed over the summer and ready by August.

Samuels also said the track will be up after that, but that it will be trickier since it is a lot more detail-oriented.

Crawford also asked the board to begin reviewing the board's policy, which has to be done annually. All of the members agreed this is something they should all do, and will begin looking over the policy by sections.

The next School Board meeting will be on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 5 p.m. in the board meeting room at 230 S. Florida Ave. in Wauchula.

Grouper Season Remains Open

This is a reminder that the Feb. 1 through March 31 closure that would have affected several species of grouper in Gulf state waters has been removed and will not occur as it has in previous years.

This closure was removed at the September 2013 meeting of the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission.

A similar closure was also removed in federal waters shoreward of the 20 fathom line, or about 120 feet (excluding waters off Monroe County). To learn more about the federal closure, visit the Southeast Regional Office online at Sero.NMFS.NOAA.gov and click on "Fisheries," "Gulf Fisheries," "Reef Fish" and "Gag and Shallow-water Grouper Framework — Recreational Season."

The closure would have applied to the following species: black, red, yellowfin, scamp, yellowmouth, rock hind and red hind.

The closure did not apply to gag grouper, which has its own season and opens April 1 through June 30 in state waters off Franklin, Wakulla, Taylor and Jefferson counties; and from July 1 through Dec. 3 in all other state waters of the Gulf (excluding Monroe County, which is managed under the Atlantic season).

More information regarding Gulf grouper fishing regulations is available online at MyFWC.com/Fishing by clicking on "Saltwater Fishing," "Recreational Regulations" and "Gulf Grouper."

Orchestra In Concert Feb. 6

The Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra is performing at the SFSC Theatre for the Performing Arts next Thursday, Feb. 6.

It is all part of South Florida State College's 2013-14 Artist Series.

The orchestra will be presenting a "Russian Romance," featuring the well-known works of Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninoff.

The orchestra will perform Tchaikovsky's "Variations on a Rocco Theme," and Rachmaninoff's "Symphonic Dances" and "Piano Concerto No. 3." The orchestra will feature a soloist, 18-year-old prodigy Sarina Zhang, performing on both piano and cello.

An hour prior to the performance, audience members can visit the "Crackers, Houses &

Horses" exhibition at the SFSC Museum of Florida Art & Culture. The exhibit features paintings by Ron Haase, sculptures by Mindy Colton and photography by Jon Kral.

The museum is open to the public from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays through Fridays, one hour prior to each Artist and Matinee Series performance, and by appointment for group tours.

Individual tickets for the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra are \$30, \$33 and \$36. They are available for purchase at www.performances.southflorida.edu or at the SFSC Box Office, 784-7178.

Visit the theatre's page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sfscperformingarts.

Florida Crop Update

Week Ending: January 26, 2014

Weather Summary: According to Florida's Automated Weather Network (FAWN), no location in the State received over a half inch of rain this week. North Port (Sarasota County) received the most rain with 0.34 an inch of rain. Maximum temperatures ranged from the 60s to the 80s, with the highest temperature in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) at 80 degrees. The only location in the State not in the 30s this week was Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) at 46 degrees. The lowest temperatures in the State were 23 degrees in Jay (Santa Rosa County) and 24 degrees in Defuniak Springs (Walton County).

Field Crops: Farmers in Gadsden County were doing seasonal field preparation. North Florida farmers continued to plant cover crops. Sugarcane harvest proceeded as scheduled in Hendry, Palm Beach, and Glades counties.

Fruit and Vegetables: Potatoes were being planted in Saint Johns, Bradford, and Putnam counties. Some losses on vegetables and strawberries were reported in Bradford County due to frost and cold temperatures. Strawberries were being harvested in Bradford County. The southern part of the State reported frost and freezing temperatures but no crop damage was noted this past week. Farmers in Miami-Dade County were harvesting and planting winter vegetables. Vegetables and fruits marketed in the State included avocados, beets, 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 but five stations recorded at least a trace of precipitation. Eight stations recorded more than a tenth of an inch. North Port (Sarasota County) recorded the most precipitation with 0.34 inches. Indian River (Indian River County), Putnam Hall (Putnam County), Wellington (Palm Beach County), Kenansville (Osceola County), and Immokalee (Collier County) recorded the least with no rainfall measured. High temperatures were in the lower 70s to lower 80s through most of the citrus growing area. Growers and caretakers continued to irrigate due to dry conditions. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated January 21, 2014, abnormally dry conditions cover most of the southern growing areas and portions of the northern, central, and Indian River areas. The western growing area and the southern portion of the Indian River area remain drought free. The majority of the active commercial citrus groves in the State are 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 groves and replanting new citrus, mowing, fertilizing and psyllid control. Thirty-nine of 43 packinghouses had opened and had begun shipping small quantities of fruit. Fifteen of nineteen processing plants were opened.

Livestock and Pastures: The cattle condition for the State was fair to good but the pasture condition was mostly fair. Cattlemen were feeding hay and supplements across the State. Cold weather, frost, and drought throughout the State contributed to pasture decline. Cold weather was the main contributing factor for the pasture decline.

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Rick Knight, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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St. Michael Catholic Church Youth Festival Big Success

We had an impressive number of youth present at the 2014 Youth Rally held Saturday, January 25 at St. Michael Church in Wauchula, Florida. The hard work and dedication of all our parishioners, volunteers, and benefactors is greatly appreciated! The teens enjoyed a day filled with abundant activities like workshops, entertainment, games, and spending time with friends. Not only did they listen to an enticing speech from worldwide speaker, Mrs. Pam Stenzel, but also had the opportunity to meet religious speakers from Washington DC, and Canada. Once again, a special thanks to the volunteers who dedicated their time for this event. Your help allows us to successfully continue working for the good of our youth and God's glory.



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5/2 HOUSE, 2 car garage, nice location, for info call 954-383-5091, 954-383-5078. 1:9-2:7p

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ATTENTION! State Statutes 489-119 Section 5 Paragraph B and Hardee County Ordinance 87-09 Section 10 Paragraph D require all ads for any construction-related service to carry the contractor's license number. tfc-dh

Yard Sales

LOTS OF NEW TEEN clothing and lots of young ladies clothing. Beds and sofa beds from \$25 up. Bed frames, wrap around tub. All day Saturday. Some clothes \$1 bag. Edna's Place besides Double J Restaurant, US 17 South. 1:30c

NOW OPEN: Charlie Creek Curiosity Shoppe, 1235 Blue Jay Rd., Wauchula. 1:30-2:27p

SATURDAY, 9-3. Tools, 30 gal. sprayer, furniture, clothes, lots of stuff. 485 South Hollandtown Rd., Wauchula. 1:30p

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, 8 am-?, Oak Hill Park, on Hwy. 64. Bicycle, hide-a-bed sofa, carpet pcs., household furnishings, wheel barrow, weed eater, tools, air compressor, 3 wheeler, shotgun, yarn, clothing, sewing machine. 1:30p

SATURDAY, HUGE YARD SALE. Baby clothes and items, misc. 1101 Downing Circle, Wauchula. 1:30p

SATURDAY, 8-1. 3365 James Court, Wauchula. Furniture, clothes, toys. 1:30p

SATURDAY, 7-1. 5019 Poplar Ave., Bowling Green. Household items, clothes, cheap. 1:30p

SATURDAY, 8-? Lots of misc items. 316 Riverside Drive, Wauchula. 1:30p

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, 7:30-? 912 South 6th St., Wauchula. Across from McDonalds. 1:30p

MULTI FAMILY, SATURDAY 8-? 2594 Heard Bridge Road. Household items, country decor, lots of clothing includes: men's, women's, little girl size 10 up to 5 in junior, baby boy clothes, lots of misc. 1:30c

SATURDAY 8-? 909 N. 9th Ave., Wauchula. Baby girl items. 1:30p

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Jokes & Philosophies
 By Truman A. Thomas

As most of you know, I am certainly not one to brag, but my automobile is simply a floating cloud to navigate down the highways, a luxury at my command, disguised as a junk heap.

Last night on TV the anchor said that unmistakably the saddest day of the year is Jan. 6. Well, that is not all that difficult to figure out, because about that time all our big-time Christmas shopping bills start to clog up and bend our mailboxes, and it gives us another 10 months to prepare for our next Christmas, so once again we can prove to one and all that we are Santa's right hand man and a walking creation of benevolence. Hange in there, Pal, until Jan 6, 2015.

Unfortunately my mother-in-law Harpoon has never taken her driving seriously, but fortunately everyone else does, which includes the Highway Patrol, the City Police, as well as the Sheriff's Department and now Mothers Against Insane Drivers.

The last girlfriend I dated before I met my little Sugar Possum was Maudene Claudehopper. What I liked about Maudene most was that she had a very engaging personality. As a matter of fact she had been engaged 24 times when I came along and never married one of them. But all was not lost, because she is referred to as the Diamond Queen of Matrimony.

Do you remember that old saying, don't cry over spilt milk? Well, with looking at today's prices for a gallon of milk I don't have to wait till I spill some of my milk to cry, because I cry when I have to fork over the big expense of even a half gallon of this white liquid gold.

Have you ever by chance seen a funeral home with a revolving door leading into the parlor? I suppose it could serve as a little reminder of what goes around comes around.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with love, but it is so heart-breaking the money it takes to sustain it and so oftentimes far past its original monetary value.

I would like to dedicate my column this week to Jim Kelly, owner of The Herald-Advocate. The first time we met was over a year ago when I walked into his office, and I was virtually unknown to him. My objective was to be given a chance to have a space in the newspaper for jokes and philosophy. I have been writing for about a year now.

For my part is has been nothing less than great, at least on my part, and you readers have been so very responsive to my article. In closing happy birthday to Mr. Kelly and may God grant him many more. I am forever grateful for fulfilling my dream to write for the paper and would be glad to tell you, my readers, his age, but unfortunately I cannot count that high. May God bless one and all. 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.

Pump Prices Stable
 Gas prices remain stable for another week as January comes to a close. Both the national average and Southeast gas prices are below last year's cost for a gallon of gas. U.S. inventories of crude oil rose for the first time last week after seven straight weeks of decreases, according to the Energy Information Administration. "Pump prices are likely to remain stable for another couple of weeks until refineries begin the annual switch to the summer blend fuel," said Jessica Brady, AAA spokesperson, The Auto Club Group. The national average for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline is \$3.29, the same as last week. Florida's average of \$3.35 fell two cents from last week.

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Fewer Panther Deaths In 2013

In the world of the endangered Florida panther, 2013 brought less mortality, a female panther successfully released back into the wild, and significant public participation in reporting panther sightings.

Twenty panther deaths were documented by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission in the past year, compared with the 27 panthers that died in 2012. Vehicle strikes continue to be the primary cause of mortality, with 15 panthers dying last year because they were hit while crossing highways compared with 18 in 2012.

The birth of 21 panther kittens also was documented in 2013. A brother-and-sister pair of panthers, rescued as kittens in 2011 and raised at the White Oak Conservation Center in Yulee, was returned to the wild in 2013. The female, released in January in Picayune Strand State Forest in Collier County, was documented last June to have given birth to a kitten.

The male, however, released last April in the Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area in Palm Beach County, died Jan. 4

due to unknown causes after being located a day earlier in a very lethargic state and then taken to a veterinary clinic. That was the second panther death recorded in 2014, after another panther was killed Jan. 2 due to a vehicle collision.

Meanwhile, a 9-month-old female panther kitten, found in Collier County last May with a fractured rear right leg probably caused by a vehicle collision, is recovering at White Oak and scheduled for release later this year.

Additionally, more than 1,100 panther sightings have been reported statewide since the FWC launched an online site in August 2012 enabling the public to report when and where they have seen a Florida panther or its tracks and to upload photos: MyFWC.com/-PantherSightings. Though only five percent of the sightings as of last August were verified as panthers, the FWC's panther team considers public reports of panther sightings vital to the management of this species brought back from the brink of extinction.

"Forty years ago when the En-

dangered Species Act was passed, some people wondered if any panthers remained in Florida," said Carol Knox, head of the FWC's Imperiled Species Management Section. "Where once a sighting of a panther was almost unheard of, today, more and more Floridians and visitors are having the thrill of seeing and even photographing this elusive cat in the wild.

"Despite the mortalities in 2013, the FWC is confident the Florida panther population continues to expand," Knox said.

As for vehicle-caused panther fatalities, "People who slow down and drive carefully in rural areas, especially where panther crossings and speed zones are identified, can make a difference," Knox added. "It is especially important to slow down and keep a careful lookout at dawn or dusk, when panthers are most likely to be on the move."

In 2013, three panther deaths also were attributed to territorial aggression among panthers. Another panther's cause of death was undetermined, and one died of an apparent gunshot wound.

Good Housekeeping

STICKY WINGS WITH HONEY AND SRIRACHA

These easy-to-make sticky wings are served with a creamy yogurt dipping sauce.

Wings:
24 (6 pounds) chicken wings, snipped in two at the joint, tips trimmed off
2 tablespoons canola oil
1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
2/3 cup honey
1/3 cup sriracha hot sauce
2 tablespoons hoisin sauce
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds

Yogurt Dipping Sauce:
2 cups plain Greek yogurt
1 cup grated cucumber, squeezed dry
1/2 cup chopped cilantro
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
1 large garlic clove, grated
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1 teaspoon honey
Carrot, celery, jicama sticks

1. Wings: Place oven rack in middle of oven; heat to 450 F. Line 2 baking sheets, including sides, with nonstick foil. In large bowl, toss chicken wings, oil

and salt. Arrange chicken evenly on sheets. Roast 30 minutes, rotating pans 180 degrees once. Let wings cool slightly, then pour off fat.

2. Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, blend honey, sriracha, hoisin, lime juice and soy sauce. Pour half of mixture (about 1/2 cup) into a large bowl. Add wings; toss with tongs to coat.

3. Lower oven to 425 F and arrange wings on same baking sheets. Roast 10 minutes. Meanwhile, boil remaining honey mixture in saucepan over medium heat until thick glaze forms, about 5 minutes. Remove wings from oven; brush with thickened glaze and sprinkle with sesame seeds. Continue to roast until wings are browned, 7 to 10 minutes longer, then cool on baking sheets 10 minutes.

4. Yogurt dipping sauce: Blend all ingredients together in serving bowl. Serve with wings and vegetable sticks. Serves 12. For thousands of triple-tested recipes, visit our website at www.goodhousekeeping.com/recipefinder/.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the Song of Solomon in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. What Canaanite commander did Jael kill by driving a tent peg through his head? Sisera, Joash, Ishmael, Pekah

3. In 1 Kings 3, who solved a custody dispute by proposing a child to be cut in half? Samuel, David, Solomon, Iddo

4. What Persian queen refused to display her beauty at the court of King Ahasuerus? Esther, Abigail, Deborah, Vashti

5. The daughters of Jerusalem said they will make borders of gold with studs of "what"? Salt, Silver, Souls, Sins

6. How many suicides are recorded in the Bible (KJV)? Zero, 1, 7, 19

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Sisera; 3) Solomon; 4) Vashti; 5) Silver; 6) 7
 "2014 Bible Trivia Challenge," Wilson Casey's Daily Box Calendar, is available online and in bookstores.

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Reef Fishermen Off The Hook

Florida anglers will no longer be required to have and use a venting tool when fishing for reef fish such as snapper and grouper in Gulf of Mexico state waters.

The change became effective Friday.

Removal of this rule means anglers will have the freedom to determine how to best maximize survival of released reef fish using devices they feel are appropriate, depending on the circumstances.

Maximizing post-release survival of fish is important in marine fisheries management, because it means more fish survive to potentially reproduce

and be harvested in the future.

Venting tools are hollow sharpened instruments that provide one way to treat barotrauma, a condition that occurs when fish are brought quickly to the surface from deep water.

The change in pressure from depth to surface can cause gases within the fish's swim bladder to expand, which can damage internal organs and reduce the likelihood a fish will survive when returned to the water.

Venting tools allow gases to escape from a fish's body cavity so the fish can swim back down to depth.

While venting tools are still a useful way to increase chances

of fish survival after release, fish do not always need to be vented to survive upon release.

Descending devices, which send fish back down to deeper waters, are another, more recently developed alternative to venting that also can be used now to increase survival rates among fish with barotrauma.

The requirement to have a venting tool was changed during the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission's Nov. 21 meeting, making state regulations consistent with rules in federal waters. Venting tools are not required in Atlantic state or federal waters.

The use of non-stainless steel,

non-offset circle hooks and de-hooking devices are still required in state and federal Gulf waters when fishing for reef fish. These tools minimize handling time for reef fish, which aids in survival of the fish upon release.

To learn more about recognizing barotrauma and venting tools, and what to do if a fish is suffering from the effects of barotrauma, visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater Fishing," "Recreational Regulations" and "Fish Handling" and look under "Tackle."

Information about reef fish gear rules is available under "Recreational Regulations."

Good Housekeeping

WINTER SLAW

This simple slaw is easy to throw together and highlights the hearty, crisp root vegetables of the season.

1/3 cup light mayonnaise
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
6 cups shredded and peeled celery root

1 cup shredded carrots
1/4 cup sliced fresh flat-leaf parsley

1. Whisk, in large bowl, mayonnaise, lemon juice, olive oil, mustard, salt and black pepper.

2. Add celery root, carrots and parsley. Toss the celery root mixture in dressing until well-coated. Serves 6.

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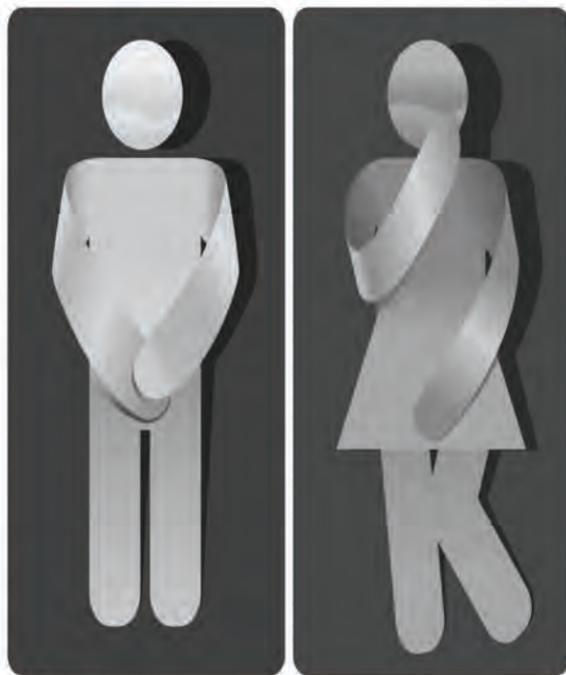
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Soccer Squads End Season

By JOAN SEAMAN
Of The Herald-Advocate

Both the Hardee girls and boys soccer teams made it to the district semi-finals before losing to eventual District 11 champion Auburndale.

The girls played their Class 3A, Region 3, District 11 play-offs the week of Jan. 13 in Lake Wales. They won the quarterfinal round against rival Sebring 1-0. They returned to Lake Wales only to lose 8-1 to Auburndale.

The Wildcats suffered a similar fate, playing their districts at Auburndale. They won their opener 3-0 over Tenoroc, before facing Auburndale last Tuesday in a hard-fought 4-0 loss, ending their season.

For the Hardee girls, the only district score came by Martha Valadez.

Seniors in their final game were Silvia Alvarez, Amalia Rivera, Ana Galvez, Farrah Muntz and Addison Aubry. Other members of the varsity team were Jacqueline Perez, Savannah Aubry, Caryssa Johnson, Alex Ullrich, Esmeralda DeLoera, Estephania Ceron, Anahi Alvarado, Diana Chavez, Tiffany Flores, Diana De-Santiago, Veronica Rivera, Senida Garcia, Elizabeth Alva-rez, Ruyra Olivares, Chelsi Woodard and Valadez.

Junior varsity players expected back next season were Fernanda Ramos, Leanna Cas-

tanon, Karley White, Juana Diaz, Victoria Garza, Lusero Salgado, Yolanda Carbajal, Brooke Dixon, Lurdes Hernandez, Gisselle Aguirre, Rebecca Lopez, Jennifer Campos, Ana Toledo, Marixa Garcia, Brenda Rosas and Valentina Cordorza.

Meanwhile, the Hardee varsity boys got goals against the Tenoroc Titans from Gustavo Toledo, Santiago Ramos and Agustin Toledo last Monday evening.

Gustavo Toledo's goal was the final one of his high school career. Other seniors in their final games were Ricardo Vera, Luis Quiros, Daniel Villagran, Ruben Sandoval and Ezequiel Perez.

Underclass finishing up for this season were Ramos, Agustin Toledo, Manuel Palacios, Eduardo Lopez, Frederick Torres, Gustavo Salazar, Luis Castillo, Alexis Arenas, Rodrigo Rodriguez and Mario Bautista.

Due back next season from the JV squad are Rogelio Reyna, Francisco Vargas, Aniceto Estada, Victor Rojas, Cha Lor, Johnny Saldivar, Francisco Salgado, Adrian Santiago, Ignacio Carreno, Ricardo DeSantiago, Andreas Hernandez, Adrian Briones, Julian Galvez, Ben Tamayo, Abelardo Villarreal, Fernando Nunez, Jose Padillo, Rodrigo Rojas, Marco Torres, Esperandieu Alfred, Jose Gonzales and Fabian Perada.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was famed cultural anthropologist Margaret Mead who made the following sage observation: "One of the oldest human needs is having someone to wonder where you are when you don't come home at night."

• If you're like the average American, you will eat about 150 bananas this year — 26 pounds' worth.

• Up until the 1500s, the accepted way of dealing with a patient who was hemorrhaging was to cauterize the wound, often with boiling oil or red-hot irons. It was in the latter part of the 16th century that a French surgeon named Ambroise Pare began tying off the broken blood vessels with cord. That's pretty much what surgeons do today.

• It's been estimated that a million pigeons live in New York City.

• When pop star Christina Aguilera is on tour, she insists on having a police escort. She hates to be stuck in traffic.

• Next time you're heading to Illinois, you can stop off in Metropolis and visit the self-declared birthplace of Super-man. In honor of their hometown superhero, the citizens erected a 15-foot bronze statue of him on Main Street.

• It was Abraham Lincoln who signed into law the legislation that created the Secret Service. That very night, he was assassinated.

• Those who study such things say that on the 13th of every month, triskaidekaphobia causes a loss of \$83 million to American business due to absenteeism from work and other disruptions.

• In the United States, more babies are born on Oct. 5 than on any other day of the year. If you do the math, you'll find that New Year's Eve is 9 months and 5 days before that.

Thought for the Day: "Show me a hero, and I will write you a tragedy."

—F. Scott Fitzgerald

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Pages From The Past

From The Hardee County Herald Of Friday, Feb. 1, 1952

Front-Page Headlines:

- Bribery Charges Against Sheriff Were Dismissed
- Condition of Trapeze Artist Remains Critical
- 20-Acre Grove Brings \$22,000
- Boy Injured In Fall From Roof

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An indictment was returned by a Federal Grand Jury at Gainesville, Fla., June 16, 1948, charging Henry Randolph Mitchell, with the robbery of the Perkins State Bank, Williston, Fla., on January 21, 1948, said bank being a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

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RULES:

- 1) Open to all ages. Artist need not be a resident of Hardee County to enter.
- 2) Artwork must be original.
- 3) The festival theme of antique engines, farm machinery or pioneer life must be depicted.
- 4) Pen and ink, charcoal, dark pencil or black marker.
- 5) Art MUST fill an area 8.5 inches wide by 11 inches high, including lettering which reads "Pioneer Park Days 2014." (Drawing must be VERTICAL!)
- 6) Deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 1 p.m..

TO ENTER:
Make sure the division, name, address and daytime phone number of the artist are attached to the drawing. Bring entries in person to the newspaper office at 115 S. Seventh Ave. in Wauchula, or mail to Cover Art Contest, The Herald-Advocate, P.O. Box 338, Wauchula, FL 33873.

Collecting

Q: I began searching for older pedal cars about 10 years ago, and so far have managed to find three that I purchased. I had a pedal car as a child and am wondering if you can suggest a collector I can contact, since I have some restoration work I need done?



By Larry Cox

—Sam, Broken Arrow, Okla.

A: Ron Hughes is owner of Soda Pops in Miami, Ariz., a shop that specializes in gas pumps, signage and jukeboxes. He has more than 50 pedal cars in his inventory, and he can help you. His addresses are 505 Sullivan St., Miami, AZ 85539; and oldrestorer77@hotmail.com.

price guide that you trust.

—Betty, Pueblo, Colo.
A: There are at least a dozen price guides. Some good, some not so good. One of the better ones, I think, is "The Official M.J. Hummel Price Guide: Figurines & Plates" by Heidi Ann Von Recklinghausen. Published by Krause Books and in its second edition, this guide is comprehensive and reflects current values. With more than 2,000 images in full color, and updated listings, this one is highly recommended.

Q: I have a "Bozo Under the Sea" record set, which I received for my birthday during the early 1950s. What do you think it is worth?

—Charlie, Homestead, Fla.

A: I have seen the 78-rpm set sell in the \$14 to \$25 range, depending on the dealer and the condition of the recordings. "Bozo at the Circus," even more popular, sells for about the same. 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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Q: While cleaning out my grandmother's home, my sister and I found a kitchen gadget that has us stumped. I am enclosing a picture and hope you can identify it for us.

—Kathy, Los Ranchos, N.M.

A: I, too, was stumped by your gadget. After searching through several reference books, I can now identify it as a "pie lifter." It was used to lift pies out of a hot oven. These are fairly rare and generally sell in the \$50 to \$150 range, depending on manufacturer and rarity.

Q: I have several dozen Hummel figurines, and I need you to recommend a good

TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

- LANGUAGE:** What does the verb "bibble" mean?
 - FAMOUS QUOTES:** Who once said, "Humor is just another defense against the universe?"
 - MOVIES:** Which Charlton Heston movie used more than 1 million props?
 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** About how long is the Iditarod Trail sled dog race?
 - AD SLOGANS:** What advertiser urged consumers to "Say it with flowers"?
 - ANATOMY:** Of the 206 bones in the adult body, about one-fourth are located where?
 - LITERATURE:** Which book written by Charles Dickens features a young boy named Pip?
 - MUSIC:** What was Paul Simon's first solo to hit the Top 10?
 - MYTHOLOGY:** Who was Hippolyta in Greek mythology?
 - FOOD & DRINK:** What kind of fruit is the liqueur Chambord made from?
- ANSWERS**
- To drink often or much
 - Mel Brooks
 - "Ben-Hur"
 - More than 1,000 miles
 - FTD
 - In the feet
 - "Great Expectations"
 - "Mother and Child Reunion"
 - Queen of the Amazons
 - Raspberry
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A MILLION MINUTES



COURTESY PHOTO

Wauchula Elementary School students joined those around the state on Jan. 13 in celebrating literacy with the "Million Minute Marathon." The marathon is an annual event with the goal of accumulating over 33 million reading minutes collectively. It's part of Celebrate Literacy Week, which marks the tremendous success of Florida's students over the past decade. The theme this year was "Shoot for the Moon!" Students were encouraged to read every day while making a connection between literacy and career options in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Teachers read the book "If You Decide to Go to the Moon" to each activity class. Reading minutes were calculated and sent to the state to be compiled toward the statewide goal.



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The Fireside

By James Stillwagon
Hardee County Fire-Rescue Chief



BURN BAN

This week's column is turned over to Deputy Chief John Adler. There is nothing more destructive than fire. It consumes everything it encounters with a ferocity unmatched in nature. Fighting fire takes an enormous amount of time and resources. It is this very fact that causes us to focus on fire prevention. One of the key prevention tools that we can use for brush fires is called, simply, a burn ban. When there are periods where a lack of adequate rain and higher winds is present, it becomes necessary to enact the burn ban. Florida's Department of Forestry has determined that this is one of those times. Conditions are right for the potential uncontrolled spread of fire. During the ban, only permitted outside fires will be allowed. Permits can be obtained by calling the Division of Forestry. It will determine if the proper safety precautions are present to allow for the burn. The permits are free and it takes a small amount of time to obtain one. There are a few precautions that everyone can use to help prevent fires during these conditions. Please limit outside cooking fires and use grills responsibly. Do not use fireworks during the ban. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Hardee County Fire-Rescue or the Department of Forestry. We will be glad to answer any question and to offer other tips that might prove to be helpful during the burn ban. I also want to take the time to acknowledge that April 4-14 is Public Safety Telecommunications Week. This is a time to acknowledge and say thank you to our dispatchers. They are the first link in the chain for all emergencies. Their actions keep us safe and allow for a fast response and a better outcome during emergency situations. They are the calm voice you hear when things are at their worst. So, to all emergency dispatchers out there, I would like to say a big thank you from me and all of Hardee County Fire-Rescue. You are appreciated for the work you do. To everyone else, thank you for allowing us to serve you in your times of need, and stay safe.

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Good Housekeeping

SLOW-COOKER SPICED PORK SANDWICHES

Pork butt (also known as pork shoulder) is ideal for the slow cooker, which renders the meat terrifically tender ... and flavorful, especially when infused with this mix of orange juice, paprika, cumin and cloves.

- 1 orange
- 2 limes
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 6 whole cloves (optional)
- Kosher salt and pepper
- 1/2 cinnamon stick
- 3 pounds pork butt or shoulder, trimmed and cut into 4-inch pieces
- 1/2 small red onion
- 4 slices country bread
- 1 bunch spinach, thick stems discarded

1. Zest the orange into a 5- to 6-quart slow cooker. Squeeze from orange and limes into measuring cup (should yield about 3/4 cup total). Transfer all but 1/4 cup of juice to the slow cooker; refrigerate remaining juice.

2. Add the paprika, cumin, cloves (if using), 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper to slow cooker and whisk to combine; add cinnamon stick. Add

pork and toss to coat. Cook, covered, until pork is tender and easily pulls apart, on low for 7 to 8 hours or on high for 5 to 6 hours.

3. When pork has 15 minutes left to cook, thinly slice onion and add to reserved juice. Let sit, tossing occasionally, until ready to use. Toast the bread.

4. Remove the cinnamon stick. Using forks, shred the pork and stir it into the cooking liquid. Push the pork to one side. Add the spinach to the other side; season with 1/4 teaspoon salt and toss until beginning to wilt. Top the bread with the pork, spinach and onions. Serves 4.

Tips & Techniques: Instead of making sandwiches, pile the pork, spinach and onions on top of Cheddar cheese grits.

• Each serving: About 429 calories, 14g total fat (5g saturated), 125mg cholesterol, 752mg sodium, 30g total carbs, 3g dietary fiber, 43g protein. (Recipe courtesy Woman's Day magazine.)

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By Healthy Exchanges

PERFECT POT ROAST

Just about perfect — that's the best way to describe this wonderful slow-cooker pot roast. See if you don't agree!

- 4 cups diced raw potatoes
- 3 cups sliced carrots
- 2 cups chopped celery
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 (2-pound) lean beef rump roast
- 1 (12-ounce) jar fat-free beef gravy
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper

1. Spray a slow-cooker container with butter-flavored cook-

ing spray. Evenly layer potatoes, carrots, celery and onion in prepared container. Arrange roast over vegetables.

2. In a small bowl, combine gravy, parsley flakes and black pepper. Evenly spoon gravy mixture over top. Cover and cook on LOW for 8 to 10 hours. Just before serving, cut roast into 8 pieces. Makes 8 servings (1 piece roast and 1 cup vegetable mixture).

• Each serving equals: 259 calories, 7g fat, 27g protein, 22g carb., 549mg sodium, 3mg fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 3 Meat, 1 Starch, 1 Vegetable.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was noted Irish author and wit Oscar Wilde who made the following sage observation: "There are only two tragedies in life: one is not getting what one wants, and the other is getting it."

• The very first CD of a musical recording was made in 1982. The album was "The Visitors" by Swedish pop superstars ABBA.

• Immigrants arriving at New York's Ellis Island in the early years (1892-1920s) were given bananas to eat. Many had never seen a banana and didn't know how to eat one -- some ate the whole thing, peel and all.

• In the small African nation of Swaziland, the Civil Aviation Authority has set a ceiling of 500 feet on light aircraft. These aircraft, as well as kites and remote controlled toys, are not allowed to go above that limit. Also included in the category of light aircraft are broomsticks. Any witch who flies on a broomstick above that limit is subject to a fine of more than \$50,000 and possible arrest.

• If you're thinking about moving to another country, you might want to consider Finland. In that country, employees are offered, on average, 44 paid vacation days every year. Of course, you might want to consider that even in the warm southwestern part of the country, winters last about 100 days, with snow covering the ground from mid-October to early May.

• The name of the state of Iowa (unsurprisingly) comes from a Native American language. The original word, "ayuxba," means "sleepy ones."

• Early science-fiction author E.E. "Doc" Smith wasn't just a writer; he also was an engineer. He's the guy who figured out how to get powdered sugar to stick to doughnuts.

Thought for the Day: "To be capable of embarrassment is the beginning of moral consciousness. Honor grows from qualms." — John Leonard

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To Your Good Health

By Dr. Paul G. Donohue

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What's all this about dust mites? Do they carry disease? How do we kill them? A baseball bat?

—R.H.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: About dust mites — I am getting nowhere with them because they are practically invisible. They crawl in and out of my mouth and on my face when I am in bed. I have suffered too long with them.

—P.B.

ANSWER: Dust mites are hardly visible; they're smaller than the period at the end of this sentence. They don't transmit diseases, but they can create trouble for those who are allergic to them or their waste material. The mite skeleton and waste products can provoke asthma, skin itching, eye itching, sneezing and dripping nose. Most people, however, live in blissful ignorance of the mites. They have no symptoms.

Dust mites don't bite. They feed on dead skin cells, mostly cells that have fallen off the body. They don't enter the mouth. You really can't tell they're around. They like living in bedrooms -- in mattresses and bedding, including blankets -- upholstered furniture and carpets. They can take up life in stuffed animals. Allow only washable stuffed toys into a bedroom. They prefer a warm, humid environment, a

preference that can be used to evict them.

Keep the bedroom cool and dry with a dehumidifier, an air conditioner or both. The humidity should be less than 50 percent. Mites dehydrate at that humidity. Wash all bedding weekly. Vacuum mattresses and pillows. Encase them in coverings specially made from cotton, polyester or plastic.

Mites don't disappear overnight. The battle against them has to go on for months and months. A victory isn't total elimination, but a reduction in their population.

If after all these measures a person still suffers allergic symptoms, visit an allergist for desensitization therapy.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I read that more heart attacks occur in winter than in summer. Why? If you dress warmly, does that protect you?

—N.C.

ANSWER: Cold weather is a stress on the body and the heart. The heart has to work harder to keep the body warm by pumping more blood than it ordinarily does. That extra effort is too much for hearts not in the best of shape. Dressing warmly lessens the risk.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Both my sister and I take Synthroid. My doctor insists that I take it first thing in the morning, before I have had anything to eat. He also has told me not to eat for 30 to 60 minutes after taking the tablet. My sister didn't get any similar instructions. She takes hers at noon with lunch. Who's right?

—L.C.

ANSWER: It's best to take Synthroid, the most-often-prescribed thyroid hormone preparation, on an empty stomach and to wait at least 30 minutes before taking any food. I have to assume that your sister's doctor is checking her thyroid hormone levels from time to time. If they're OK, she's OK and her medicine-taking is OK. If she has to increase her dose of the medicine because of low blood levels, then she should adopt your method of taking Synthroid.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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BB Boys Go District

By JOAN SEAMAN

Of The Herald-Advocate

The Hardee Wildcat five begin district playoffs early next week.

The Cats are down to their final pair of season games this week. The JV finish up today (Thursday) at 6 in the first game of a double-header against the visiting Lake Placid Green Dragons. Prior to the varsity game, there will be Senior Night awards for Steve Metayer and Tyler Helms.

Playing in the Mosaic Stinger Shootout on Friday night, Hardee is scheduled to compete against Lake Wales Vanguard.

That leaves Hardee ready to play in the Class 5A, Region 3, District 11 playoffs next week. In an unusual playoff format this year, each playoff game will be played at the gym of the top seed. District rivals are DeSoto, Lemon Bay and Sebring, which appears to be the top seed and will greet fourth-seeded Hardee. Lemon Bay is second seed and will host third seed DeSoto.

In action last week, Hardee won over Mulberry and lost to Lakeland and Avon Park.

The first game of the week was at home against Mulberry in a varsity-only encounter. Hardee kept ahead all game in the fairly even battle between the Panthers

and Wildcats. Hardee led 17-15 at the end of the first quarter and increased the Wildcat lead to 36-31 with a 19-16 advantage in the second stanza.

It was a slow, even third period in which each squad only earned a dozen points. Hardee took the final period 16-13 to win 64-56.

Steve Metayer led all scorers with 25 points, with Djes Youte adding 15, Dustin Smith nine, Jordan Jones and Livenson Metayer each five, Tyler Smith a trey and Marco DeLeon two points.

The older Metayer player also had seven rebounds, four steals, a blocked shot, four deflections and seven assists for a well-rounded game. Youte had a half dozen rebounds, a Jones, the Smith twins and Helms also joined in the rebound parade. Tyler Smith and Youte each had a blocked shot and Youte added three steals. Dustin Smith contributed with a pair of deflections and Jones had four of them. Jones also had four assists.

Last Thursday, Hardee hosted the Lakeland Dreadnaughts, which ran away with the game from the opening tipoff in their 67-38 win. They held Steve Metayer to just 19 points, The Smith brothers each had six

points, Livenson Metayer four and Youte three points.

Steve Metayer pulled down a dozen rebounds, with Jones and Dustin Smith getting four apiece, Youte three, Helms two and DeLeon one. Livenson Metayer added three assists.

Last week's finale was another home game, against the Avon Park Red Devils, which won 67-57. Hardee outscored Avon Park 17-15 in the second quarter but was still down 35-31 at halftime. The Red Devils gained back the two points in the third quarter and prevailed by 10 points.

Senior Steve Metayer sank 25 points, with 13 by Youte, nine by Jones, four by freshman Livenson Metayer and three apiece by the Smith brothers.

Steve Metayer snared 11 rebounds, with seven assists, four steals and a deflection. DeLeon had a blocked shot, steal and deflection. Youte had three rebounds and Jones, the Smith boys and younger Metayer each added to the rebounding. Jones had five steals, Livenson Metayer four and Youte two.

The season stats show every player in the scoring column as well as contributing on blocks, deflections, rebounds, steals and assists.

Softball Starts Saturday

By JOAN SEAMAN

Of The Herald-Advocate

The Hardee girls softball team is the first of the spring sports to get going.

The varsity girls start play on Saturday in a pre-season tournament in Lake Wales. They will play the host Lake Wales at 10 a.m. and take on George Jenkins at noon in back-to-back outings.

The regular season begins on Feb. 6 with a visit from Frostproof. The JV squads will tangle at 5:30 and the varsity set-to is about 7:30 p.m. The next day, Friday, Hardee will head to Okeechobee for games at 6 and 7:30 p.m.

The Lady Cats don't clash with a district opponent until Feb. 28, when they travel to Lemon Bay. Other Class 5A, Reg. 3, District 11 opponents are Sebring and DeSoto.

Long-time varsity Head Coach Sharr Knight recently retired so she can spend time following the career of her daughter, Kayla, who graduated last spring and is now playing for the Palm Beach Atlantic Sailfish, beginning their spring season on Feb. 7-8.

Varsity assistant Caitlin Bliss has moved up to lead the Lady Wildcats, with Julian Garcia again as varsity assistant. Melanie Henderson is the JV Head Coach with her assistant Christina Haedo.

The varsity returns most of its starters from last season, including senior pitcher Karlee Henderson and junior catcher Makayla Deuberry, who were co-defensive players of the year last season. Other seniors are Arissa Camel, Addison Aubry and Kendall Gough.

Underclassmen include junior pitcher/infielder Alex Ullrich, 2013 Hustle award winner, Morgan Walters, 2013 Most Improved Player and Hannah Carlton, 2013 Rookie of the Year award winner. Others are

juniors Kem Derringer and Caryssa Johnson, Jakaysha Lindsey, Senida Garcia and Sara Welch.

JV players include Gabby Allen, 2013 JV Most Valuable Player and Tiffany Flores, 2013 Most Improved Player and Jacqueline McGhee, who suf-

fered a broken leg and lost most of the 2013 season. Others are Tara McNabb, Kourtney Henderson, Tiffany Owens, Diana DeSantiago, Ana Erikson, Alyssa Tatum, Mara Goodwyn, Arianna Ramos, Vanessa Ortiz, Michaela Villarreal, Shayna Harned and Julia Figueroa.

2014 Hardee Girls Softball

Feb. 1	Lake Wales (V)	Away	10 a.m.
1	George Jenkins (V)	Away	Noon
6	Frostproof	HOME	5:30/7:30 p.m.
7	Okeechobee	Away	6/7:30 p.m.
14	Palmetto	HOME	5:30/7:30 p.m.
21	Lake Wales	HOME	5:30/7:30 p.m.
28	Lemon Bay*	Away	6/7:30 p.m.
Mar. 3	Frostproof	Away	5:30/7:30 p.m.
4	DeSoto*	HOME	6/7:30 p.m.
7	Sebring*	HOME	6/7:30 p.m.
14	Sarasota Tourney (V)	Away	TBA
15	Sarasota Tourney (V)	Away	TBA
21	Lakeland	Away	5:30/7:30 p.m.
24	Okeechobee	HOME	6/7:30 p.m.
25	Sebring*	Away	6/7:30 p.m.
28	Lemon Bay*	HOME	6/7:30 p.m.
Apr. 3	Desoto*	Away	5:30/7:30 p.m.
4	Lakeland (V) ***	HOME	6 p.m.
7	Manatee	Away	5/7 p.m.
8	McKeel (V)	Away	5 p.m.
10	Palmetto	Away	5:30/7:30
15	District Playoffs	TBA	TBA

* District Game
*** Senior Night

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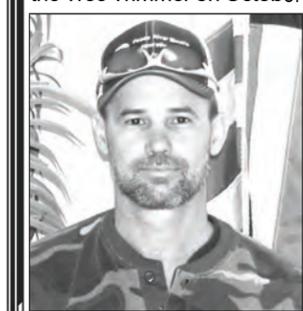
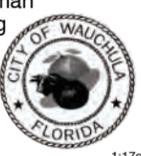
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APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
 310 Orange St. 773-1017

Sunday Meet & Greet10:15 a.m.
 Sunday School11:00 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 School9:30 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 Broward 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 Worship
 1st 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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Bowling Green

4531 Hwy. 17 N - 375-2253
SUNDAY:
 Bible Study9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship10:45 a.m.
 Evening Worship6:00 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 (Español) Sunday7:00 p.m.

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

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

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
 210 E. Broward 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.
 Communion-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.

OPEN DOOR FULL GOSPEL PRAISE CENTER
 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.
 Miercoles Servicio6:30 p.m.

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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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IGLESIA PENTECOSTES VISION POR LAS ALMAS
 149 Badger Loop - 448-2831

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

LIMESTONE BAPTIST CHURCH
 4865 Keystone Ave. • Limestone

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

NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
 202 Sidney Roberts Road

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
 Disciples Training6:00 p.m.
 Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer6:00 p.m.

ONA BAPTIST CHURCH
 131 Bear Lane - 773-2540

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Prayer7:00 p.m.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
 5076 Lily Church Rd. - 494-5622

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday
 AWANA for Kids6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Time7:00 p.m.

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APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY
 Martin Luther King and Apostolic Rd.

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
 English Service11:30 a.m.
 General Worship Service1:30 p.m.
 Tuesday Prayer7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Service7:00 p.m.

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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.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 201 S. Florida Ave.

Sunday Bible Study9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship Service10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Will Duke Road 773-2249

Sunday Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Bible Class11:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Night Bible Class7:00 p.m.
 Men's Leadership & Training Class -
 2nd Sunday of Month4:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD
 Martin Luther King Blvd. 767-0199

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
 630 Hanchey Rd. - 773-3532

Sacrament Meeting9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School10:00 a.m.
 Priorshood11:00 a.m.

COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH OF WAUCHULA HILLS (SPANISH)
 615 Rainey Blvd. 257-3950

Sunday Bible Study10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Service7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Service7:00 p.m.

DIOS ES AMOR
 807 S. 8th Ave. 773-4576

Domingos Escuela Dominica10:00 a.m.
 Servicio11:00 a.m.
 Lunes Oracion6:00 p.m.
 Miercoles Servicio7:00 p.m.

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 318 W. Main St.

Martes Oracion7:00 p.m.
 Jueves Servicio7:30 p.m.
 Viernes Servicio7:30 p.m.
 Domingo Servicio10:30 a.m.

ENDTIME CROSSROAD MINISTRY
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Sunday School10:00 a.m.
 Morning Service11:30 a.m.
 Evening Service7:30 p.m.
 Wed. Bible St. & Yth. Gath7:30 p.m.
 Friday (Holy Ghost Night)7:30 p.m.

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 114 N. 7th Ave. - 773-2105

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship6:00 p.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:
 Sr. Adult Bible Study10:00 a.m.
 Children's Choirs (PK-Grade 4)5:30 p.m.
 PRAISE 57-Jr High Choir5:30 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 for 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 for Nursery-5thgrade6:15 p.m.
 Classes for children ages PreK-12th grade6:30-8:00 p.m.

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 511 W. Palmetto St.

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
 Morning Service11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer7:00 p.m.

FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 1347 Martin Luther King Ave. 773-6556

Sunday School9:30 a.m.
 Morning Service11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
 Tues. Youth Ministry Meeting/ Bible Study6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer/Bible Study7:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 207 N. Seventh Ave. - 773-4267

Coffe and Fellowship9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School9:45 a.m.
 Blended Sunday Worship10:55 a.m.
 Wednesday Night Dinner6:00 p.m.
 Youth (0-18) & Adult Programming7:00 p.m.

FLORIDA'S FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
 1397 South Florida Avenue 773-9386

Sunday School9:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship10:00 a.m.
 Wed. Family Night7:00 p.m.
 Adult, Children & Radiate Youth Church

FLORIDA GOSPEL
 511 W. Palmetto 223-5126

Sunday Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Worship7:30 p.m.

THE GOSPEL TABERNACLE
 810 W. Tennessee St. - 863-735-1158

Morning Service10:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Service7:00 p.m.

HEARTLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH
 1262 W. Main St. - 767-6500

Coffee & Donuts9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School9:30 a.m.
 Worship10:30 a.m.
 Wed. Night Dinner6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Bodybuilders Adult Cl. Crossroads & Lighthouse Min.7:00 p.m.

HIGHER GROUND INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY
 1258 W. MAIN STREET WAUCHULA, FL

Sunday Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
 Wed. Night Bible Study6:30 p.m.

IGLESIA ADVENTISTA DEL SEPTIMO DIA
 Old Bradenton Road 767-1010

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
 Evening Service6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday (Bible Study & Prayer Night)7:30 p.m.
 Friday Worship Service7:30 p.m.

WAUCHULA

IGLESIA HISPANA FUENTE DE VIDA
 501 N. 9th Ave.

Martes7:30 p.m.
 Jueves7:30 p.m.
 Domingo10:30 a.m.

IGLESIA HISPANA PRESENCIA de Dios
 511 W. Palmetto St.

Domingos6:00 p.m.
 Miercoles7:00 p.m.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES - ENGLISH
 155 Altman Road - 1131

Sunday Service2:00 p.m.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES - SPANISH

Sunday Service10:00 a.m.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD MINISTRIES
 Womans Center 131 N. 7th Ave. Wauchula, FL

Friday Evening6:00 p.m.

LAKE DALE BAPTIST CHURCH
 3102 Heard Bridge Road 773-6622

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
 Morning Service11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer7:00 p.m.

MINISTERIO INTERNACIONAL Cambriadores de Mundo
 704 W. Main St. - 773-0065

Wednesday Service7:30 p.m.

MY NEW LIFE IN CHRIST CHURCH
 117 W. Palmetto St. 773-2929

Sunday Service10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Service6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Service7:00 p.m.
 Children Ministries for all services

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
 1999 State Road 64 East

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship Service11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship Service6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday Night Supper6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Activities (All Ages)7:00 p.m.

NEW BEGINNING CHURCH
 Georgia & 9th Avenue 781-5887

Sunday Worship11:00 a.m.
 2nd Sunday Communion11:00 a.m.
 Bread of Life - Sunday12:15 p.m.
 T.H.E. Meeting - Tuesday7:00 p.m.

NEW MT. ZION A.M.E. CHURCH
 10 Martin Luther King Ave. 767-0023

Morn. Worship (1st & 3r Sun.)8:00 a.m.
 Sunday School9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
 Allen Christian Endeavor4:00 p.m.
 Wed. & Fri. Bible Study7:00 p.m.

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
 912 N. 8th Ave. - 773-6947

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Supper6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer7:00 p.m.

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
 4350 W. Main St. - 735-0321

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study6:30 p.m.

PEACE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH
 1643 Stenstrom Road - 773-2858

1st & 3rd Sun. Communion10:00 a.m.
 2nd & 4th Sun. Divine Worship10:00 a.m.
 Bible Study11:15 a.m.
 ** Fellowship each Sunday after service

PROGRESSIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 149 Manley Road - East Main 773-5814

Sunday School9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service11:00 a.m.
 Wed. Evening Prayer7:00 p.m.

REAL LIFE CHURCH
 3365 North US Hwy 17

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

RIVERVIEW HEIGHTS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 1321 S.R. 636 East - 773-3344

Radio Program
 WZZS Sundays9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer7:00 p.m.

SOUL HARVEST MINISTRY
 1337 Hwy. 17 South, Wauchula

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
 Evening Service6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Service7:00 p.m.

ST. ANN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 204 N. 9th Ave. - 773-6418

Sunday9:30 a.m.
 Holy Days

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
 408 Heard Bridge Road - 773-4089

Saturday Mass (English)5:00 p.m.
 (Spanish)7:00 p.m.
 Sunday (English)8:30 a.m.
 (Spanish)11:30 a.m.
 (Creole)1:30 p.m.
 Catecismo9:45 a.m.
 Daily Mass in English8:30 a.m.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
 205 S. 11th Ave. - 773-9927

Sabbath School9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
 Tues. Prayer Meeting7:00 p.m.

WAUCHULA

SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
 505 S. 10th Ave. - 773-4368

Pioneer Creek RV News

By Reggie DeSmet and Andie McCosco

We had our weigh-in for the Biggest Loser contest after a year, and our park lost a total of 331 pounds. The biggest loser was Shirley Richards for the women and two men tied, Tom Lunney and Rick Mulkey. What a great job! It is never easy to stick to it.

CHAPEL

Bob and Ardeth Johns, Jennie Merriman and Ruth Brunger greeted 173. Devotional was given through music on the accordion by Mary Legar. The choir sang "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore," directed by Sandy Feeser and accompanied by Cheryl on piano.

Pastor David spoke from Psalm 142:1-7, entitling his sermon "Complaint Department."

SCOREBOARD

Bowling: Bob Bellis had high game 204 and high series 530 for the men, and Terry Stamm had high game 157 and high series 388 for the women.

Horseshoes: Pioneer Creek and Craig's RV Park ended up tied at 16 games in a match held at a very cool and windy Craig's. Their 50/50 was split, with 25/25 split and Jeff Mayo winning.

SPOTLIGHT

Jay and Janice Pippenger hale from Warsaw, Ind., Jay's hometown and Janice is from just a short distance away in Milford. They met through friends introducing them and have been married for 40 years.

Jay worked many years as a mold and pattern maker of boats, recreational vehicles and in the medical field, retiring

from Paragon Medical in 2007. Janice taught school for 37 years at North Miami Elementary School in Denver, Ind.

Jay has enjoyed making model airplanes, trains and restoring old cars. Janice is interested in quilting and is planning to join the quilter's class.

Traveling has been one of their main interests. They have been to 49 of the 50 states and spent a month in Alaska touring several places like Denali National Park, Ketchikan, the area around Fairbanks and Homer, with seeing many wild animals in their travels. Their favorite place was Homer, which is located on the water with the mountains surrounding it, with absolutely beautiful scenery. They dream of returning again.

After spending many years visiting Janice's mother in Florida at Christmas, they knew when retirement was approaching, they would come to Florida for the winter. They have friends in the area but didn't want a place in a big city, so about five years ago they started coming to our park for short visits after reading about the classes for stained glass that Pioneer Creek offered.

They now have become new residents after purchasing a unit in the park at the end of the season last year, and are ready to enjoy all the many activities that are offered along with chapel services on the premises. We welcome them and they will be a great addition to our little slice of heaven.

Oasis RV News

By Georgianna Mills

AROUND THE PARK

Gary Hyde is home and doing well. Mike Akelian is back in the hospital. Keep him in your prayers.

Shirley and Chuck Cline had a wonderful time hosting their daughter, Kelly Vallimont, and twin grandchildren Danny and Breanna Durst and friend Chuck Slater and daughter Teresa and Bob Malmgren. They also are friends with Maryellen and Tom Hopkins. Tom and Maryellen showed them all the sights of Florida. What fun they had.

BREAKFAST

Our sausage gravy and biscuits was hosted by Lucy and Leonard Starr and Kathy and Charles Gaylog. They did a fine job serving eggs, grits and pancakes. Yumm.

Jerry Kruijs won the 50/50. He needed it after having new steps put in and a new ride.

POTLUCK

The theme was "International Dishes," and what an array of dishes was served. The tables were decorated with flags from all over. The dishes were awesome and delicious.

Hosting were Sue and Bob Fenner, Liz and Dave Schwab,

Bill and Pat Grant and Richard and Karen Lovell. Ray Tuttle was the auctioneer for our after-dinner auction, which is always a good time vying for the best gift.

SHUFFLEBOARD

After a few weeks of cold and raining weather we finally got on the court with a beautiful day. Friday, Jan. 17, we had 11 playing. Carol Yaw beat everyone with four wins and no losses.

Jan. 21 saw 14 people out to enjoy some sunshine. Frank Huiet and Dowayne Parks were the winners. Each had three wins before we were rained out before the playoffs, so a tie was declared.

BINGO

Jan. 16 saw 42 playing this exciting game. Linda Chiburn took the 50/50, while five merchant certificates were given out as prizes for other winners. Cherie Perry won the jackpot.

Monday, Jan. 20, saw Alicia Ornelas winning the 50/50 and the jar.

WII BOWLING

Frank Huiet once again was the highest bowler, with a high average of 224.

Poet's Place

My Father

My father had the bluest eyes,
like the crystal sea.
Now he's gone to Heaven
to watch over us as far as he can see!
He has his wings and a halo bright and shiny
to guide him, his memory will linger on.
No longer will he suffer nor shall he want,
or pain shall he feel.
Because he is by God's side,
to watch us from above.
No longer will Edsel feel the heat of the sun,
nor Thine winter's rage.
Now thy worldly task is done.
He's done all his work and
paid Thine's wages.
Time is as unique as the stars in the sky.
We all boldly move on
to do what time permits.
Edsel has moved on from our world,
and now and always will be
in our hearts and in the sky,
to watch over us as he embarks
on his new job by the Lord's side.

—Sandra Lynn Flores

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Crystal Lake RV News

By Joyce Taylor

Bob Jones led the prayer at Koffee Klatch on Jan. 22, while Frank Rossi led the U.S. Pledge and I led the Canadian Pledge.

The 50/50 winners were Randall Solner, Lot 226, Lot 279, Wendy and Elwin Green and Chuck and Barb Ellis. Joe Bennett announced that CPR classes will start Feb. 5. This was the largest group to attend Koffee Klatch this year.

DESSERT & FASHION SHOW

Crafts are hosting the eighth annual Ladies Only Dessert & Fashion Show on Monday at 1 p.m. in the Rec Hall. All monies raised will be donated toward cancer. Flyers have been posted in a lot of the RV parks, and we hope to see some ladies come from these parks.

Our Craft Fair & Luncheon has been changed to Monday, March 10, starting at 9 a.m.

DANCES

There was a good crowd at the dance Jan. 18 with Doin' It Rite, even though a few were under the weather. Door prizes were won by Leslie Bryson, Birdie Simms, Ron Bryson, Lois Conley, Charlie Lane and Patty Tapp.

The next dance is this Saturday with Buddy Canova. Tickets for the '50s and '60s Dinner & Dance on March 1 will go on sale at my house on Wednesday, Feb. 5.

BINGO

Some of the bingo winners in the last month were Rosalie Folsbee, Jeannie Carney, Earl Folsbee, Lucille Stulich, Tina Spoor, Wendy Green, Jeannette Jacques, Gert Brayton, Rob Bohro, Mike Waldeck, Sherry Chamberlain, Betty Stephens, Elnora MacNaughton, Mike Johnson, Sharon Noble, Shirley Glessner and myself.

The large jackpot winner on Jan. 20 was split between Mary Bower and Darlene. Judy Fisher won the small jackpot.

SCORES

Bowling, Jan. 15: Team 7 consisting of Margaret Bohl, Leona Munsie and June Rankin is in first place.

Men's Golf, Jan. 16: Individual Net A's, Larry Cahill; B's, Fred Leverone; C's, Norm Batchelor; and D's, Harold Lockett.

Mixed Golf, Jan. 20: 123 Scramble tie between Steve Vane, Jim Atkinson, Alice Hunt and Paul Vaughan and a team consisting of Len Walter, David Lawrence, Robert Gag-non and Rita Delisle.

Shuffling, Jan. 21: Winners were Sherry Chamberlain, Richard Griffith, Gary Householder, Lorraine Howerter, Bob Jones, Norm Lemke, Leroy Robbins, Karen Schroeder and Ron Storm.

Bocce, Jan. 2: Tied for first place is the Aqua team and the White team.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 252010DR000227

ANDREW SMITH,
Petitioner

and

DAFFNEY SMITH,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PETITION TO MODIFY CUSTODY AND TIME SHARING

TO: DAFFNEY SMITH
2909 Garza Road
Zolfo Springs, FL 33890

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Modification of Custody and Visitation has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Andrew Smith whose address is 703 Oak Forest Dr., Wauchula, FL 33873 on or before Feb. 21, 2014, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 417 W. Main St., Room 202, Wauchula, FL 33873 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

Warning: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: January 24, 2014

VICTORIA L. ROGERS
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

BY: CONNIE COKER
Deputy Clerk
1:30-2:20p

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

CASE NO. 252013CA000436

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WAUCHULA, a national banking Association organized under the laws of the United States of America,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DENISE EVERETT a/k/a DENISE ST. FORT EVERETT, LUCIOUS A. EVERETT a/k/a LUKE EVERETT and JOHNNIE L. RICHARDSON,

Defendants.

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 August 21, 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 5th day of February, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., the following-described property:

Legal 1:
The South 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 1, Township 34 South, Range 25 East, Hardee County, Florida. Subject to existing rights-of-way. (Tract 11 of record for identification purposes only.)

And
The South 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 1, Township 34 South, Range 25 East, Hardee County, Florida. Subject to existing rights-of-way. (Tract 12 of record for identification purposes only.)

Legal 2:
Lot 5, Block "C" in Melrose Place Addition to Wauchula, Hardee County, Florida, per Plat Book 1, Pages 2-114 and 2-115, Also in Plat Bar A-46, of the public records of Hardee County, Florida.

Dated this 15 day of January, 2014.

VICTORIA L. ROGERS
As Clerk of the Court

By: Connie Coker
Deputy Clerk

1:23,30c

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

CASE NO.: 252013CA000329

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ANGELLA R. COLEMAN, et al,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduled Foreclosure Sale dated December 16, 2013, and entered in Case No. 252013CA000329 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Hardee County, Florida in which Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., is the Plaintiff and Angella R. Coleman also known as Angella Renee Coleman a/k/a Angella Re Coleman, Carl B. Coleman also known as Carl Coleman a/k/a Carl Benjamin Coleman, Citifinancial, Inc., Tenant # 1, Tenant # 2, The Unknown Spouse of Angella R. Coleman also known as Angella Renee Coleman a/k/a Angella Re Coleman, The Unknown Spouse of Carl B. Coleman also known as Carl Coleman a/k/a Carl Benjamin Coleman, are defendants, the Hardee County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on Hardee County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, 417 W. Main Street, Wauchula, FL 33873, Hardee County, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on the 5th day of February, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOTS 23 AND 24, BLOCK D, LABRISA SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 5 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 912 W PALMETTO ST WAUCHULA FL 33873-2552

Any person 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: December 16, 2013

VICTORIA L. ROGERS
Clerk of Courts

By: Connie Coker
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice of Rescheduled Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO. 252014GA000001

IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF CAYLIN SKIPPER,

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: JASON SKIPPER
Unknown
Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of Minor has been filed in this court. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on petitioner's attorney, whose name and address are: Robert D. Hines, Hines Norman Hines, P.L., 1312 W. Fletcher Avenue, Suite B, Tampa, FL 33612 on or before February 14, 2014, and to file the original of the written defenses with the clerk of this court either before service or immediately thereafter. Failure to serve and file written defenses as required may result in judgment or order for the relief demanded, without further notice.

Signed on January 9, 2014.

Victoria L. Rogers
As Clerk of the Court

By: Edwina Murphy
As Deputy Clerk

1:16-2:6c

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Top 10 Pop Singles This Week Last Week

1. Pitbull feat. Ke\$ha No. 1 "Timber"
2. One Re-public No. 2 "Counting Stars"
3. Eminem feat. Rihanna No. 3 "The Monster"
4. Katy Perry No. 6 "Dark Horse"
5. A Great Big World & Christina Aguilera No. 5 "Say Something"
6. Passenger No. 7 "Let Her Go"
7. Lorde No. 4 "Royals"
8. Avicii No. 8 "Wake Me Up!"
9. Imagine Dragons No. 10 "Demons"
10. One Direction No. 12 "Story of My Life"

Top 10 Albums

1. Soundtrack No. 1 "Frozen"
2. Beyonce No. 2 "Beyonce"
3. Kid Ink new entry "My Own Lane"
4. Eminem No. 3 "The Marshall Mathers LP 2"
5. Lorde No. 5 "Pure Heroine"
6. One Direction No. 6 "Midnight Memories"
7. Katy Perry No. 4 "Prism"
8. Miley Cyrus N. 13 "Bangerz"
9. Imagine Dragons No. 10 "Night Visions"
10. R. Kelly No. 11 "Black Panties"

Top 10 Hot Country Singles

1. Luke Bryan No. 2 "Drink a Beer"
2. Florida Georgia Line No. 1 "Stay"
3. David Nail No. 3 "Whatever She's Got"
4. Cole Swindell No. 5 "Chillin' It"
5. Jason Aldean No. 8 "When She Says Baby"
6. Zac Brown Band No. 9 "Sweet Annie"
7. Cassadee Pope No. 6 "Wasting All These Tears"
8. Eli Young Band No. 7 "Drunk Last Night"
9. The Band Perry No. 11 "Don't Let Me Be Lonely"
10. Eric Paslay No. 12 "Friday Night"



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

Case No.: 252014DR000017

DESERVIL LAMY,
Petitioner,
and
AUGUSTINE DUVERSIN,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: AUGUSTINE DUVERSIN
Boynton Beach, FL

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Deservil Lamy whose address is 733 LaPlaya Drive, Wauchula, FL on or before February 14, 2014, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 417 W. Main St., Wauchula, FL 33873, Room 202, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

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Dated: January 13, 2014
Victoria L. Rogers
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Connie Coker
Deputy Clerk
1:16-2:6p

Kitchen Diva

By Angela Medearis



Not Your Mama's Pressure Cooker

The recent cold weather sparked a yearning at my house for a nice pot of pinto beans with a side of spicy, jalapeno cornbread. The problem was that I hadn't pre-soaked my beans. The solution — my new Fagor pressure cooker.

Previously, I had been afraid to use a pressure cooker, mainly because of the way the older models were designed. My mother's pressure cooker rattled, hummed and blew out fragrant puffs of hot steam like a metal dragon. I've heard numerous urban legends about pressure cooker explosions, food-splattered ceilings and ruined dinners. Fortunately, the newer models are virtually fool-proof, sleekly designed and easy to use.

The modern pressure cooker is a hermetically sealed pot that heats water or other liquids to a temperature of about 250 degrees F. This is a far higher temperature than you can reach by cooking in an ordinary pot, because the temperature of food is limited by the boiling point of water (212 F). A pressure cooker can reduce cooking time by a factor of three to four.

Here's how it works: The liquid starts boiling and some of it changes to steam, which causes a mixture of air and steam to be released via the safety valve. Once all the air is released, pressure builds up in the pot. When the desired pressure is reached, the heat is turned down to a level where it maintains the proper pressure, and no more steam will be released. If the pressure gets too high, the valve will release steam to prevent the pot from exploding. Modern pressure cookers have a back-up pressure release, which comes into action if the safety valve gets obstructed by the contents of the pot, such as soup or stew.

The secret of the modern pressure cooker is in the lid, which usually is fitted to the pot by a bayonet lock. It contains a rubber ring and at least one safety valve. The safety valve not only releases air and steam, but has an indicator that shows the built-up pressure. Usually, there are two pressure levels to choose from: The first mark for foods that don't need much pressure, such as vegetables and fish; the second, more commonly used, is for practically anything else, such as potatoes, curry or meat.

My recipe for Risotto with Mushrooms and Peas combines traditional risotto cooking techniques with the speed and efficiency of a pressure cooker. For more information about pressure

cookers, go to www.fagor.com.

RISOTTO WITH MUSHROOMS AND PEAS

If you use one of the other types of Italian risotto rice — Baldo, Violone Nano or Carnaroli — instead of the traditional Arborio, you'll need to cook it for 5 to 6 minutes under pressure rather than 4 to 5 minutes.

- 1 tablespoon olive oil or butter
- 3 slices bacon, diced
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onions
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, diced
- 1 1/2 cups Arborio rice
- 1/2 cup dry white wine, sherry, dry vermouth or aged white balsamic vinegar
- 3 1/2 cups chicken or vegetable broth
- 8 ounces sliced portabella mushrooms
- 8 ounces white mushrooms
- 1 cup frozen sweet green peas
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan, plus more to pass at the table
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley, for garnish

1. Heat oil or butter in a 2 1/2-quart or larger cooker. Add bacon and cook over high heat until bacon is crispy, about 3 to 4 minutes. Remove bacon to paper towels to drain. Add onions, salt and pepper to oil and cook over high heat for about a minute, stirring frequently. Stir in garlic and the rice, taking care to coat the rice with the oil. Cook for 30 seconds, stirring constantly.

2. Stir in wine or balsamic vinegar. Cook over high heat until rice has absorbed the liquid, about 30 seconds. Stir in 3 cups of broth and the mushrooms, tak-

ing care to scrape up any rice that might be sticking to the bottom of the cooker. Lock the lid in place. Over high heat, bring to high pressure. Reduce heat just enough to maintain high pressure, and cook for 4 minutes.

3. Turn off the heat. Quick-release pressure by setting the cooker under cold running water. Remove the lid, tilting it away from you to allow the steam to escape.

4. Set cooker over medium-high heat, and stir vigorously. The risotto will look fairly soupy at this point. Boil while stirring every minute or so, until the mixture thickens and the rice is tender but still chewy, 1 to 4 minutes. Stir in the peas when the rice is almost done. (If the mixture becomes dry before the rice is done, stir in the extra 1/2 cup of broth.) The finished risotto should be slightly runny; it will continue to thicken as it sits on the plate.

5. Turn off the heat. Stir in the bacon, Parmesan and nutmeg. Serve immediately, garnished with a little parsley, if desired. Pass extra Parmesan at the table. (Additional pressure cooker information provided by the Encyclopedia Britannica, www.britannica.com.)

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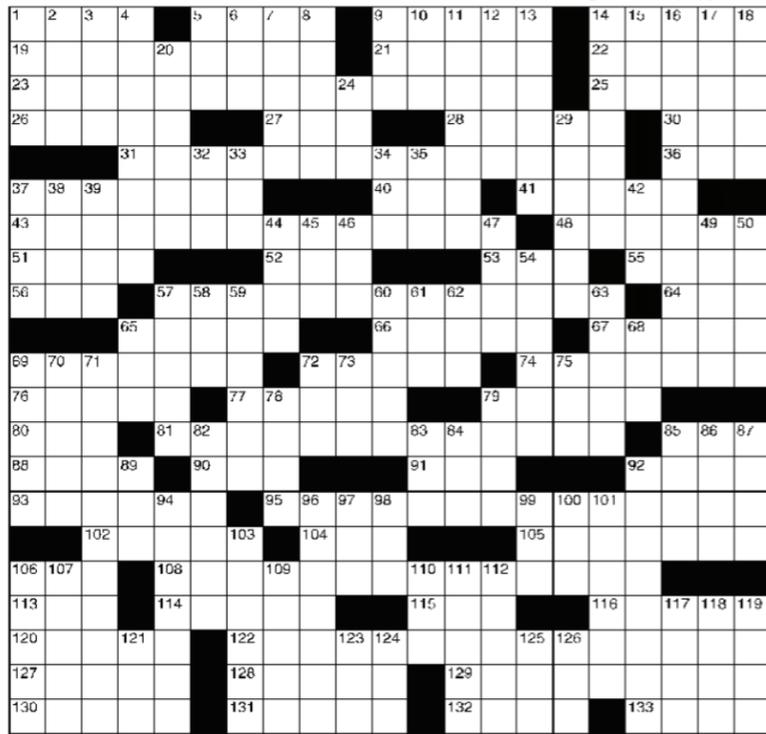
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Super Crossword

GETTING PREPOSITIONED

- ACROSS**
- 1 Symbol before a key signature
 - 5 Neighbor of Kauai
 - 9 Actress Fox
 - 14 Produces a winter blanket?
 - 19 Arriving like fog
 - 21 Prefix with anthropology
 - 22 Smith's tool
 - 23 Out of character
 - 25 Hard up
 - 26 Bark in pain
 - 27 Suffix with meteor
 - 28 Without taco value, as stock
 - 30 Theologian's subj.
 - 31 Not up on current trends
 - 36 Take a whack
 - 37 States north of Nebraska
 - 40 Bauxite, e.g.
 - 41 Pizazz
 - 43 Applying to all
 - 48 Ones going a-courting
 - 51 Reassuring words after an accident
- DOWN**
- 2 "... Mac PC?"
 - 53 Suffix with schnozz or Motor
 - 55 "Come again?"
 - 56 Brief moment
 - 57 Past proper limils
 - 64 Ending for opal
 - 65 Bring forth
 - 66 Union topic
 - 67 Lower extorior part of a ship's hull
 - 69 L'Oreal rival
 - 72 "Nothing —"
 - 74 Finer in meaning
 - 76 Taxing work
 - 77 Construction beams with 90-degree angles
 - 79 Buenos —, Argentina
 - 80 Gold, to Julio
 - 81 Loony
 - 85 Drink like Fido
 - 88 S-X linkup
 - 90 Woody's, e.g.
 - 91 Have unpaid bills
 - 92 Washoe County seat
 - 93 "So long"
 - 95 Irrelevant
 - 102 Its capital is Nuku'alofa
 - 104 " for Cookie" ("Sesame Street" tune)
 - 105 Awakens
 - 106 Oom- —
 - 108 Subjected to severe trials
 - 113 Golf surprise
 - 114 "Ad — per aspera" (Kansas' motto)
 - 115 Co. offering a Buddy List
 - 116 "The Family Circus" cartoonist
 - 120 Shah, e.g.
 - 122 A bit ill
 - 127 Shah, e.g.
 - 128 Hen's resting place
 - 129 Remove from a computer
 - 130 Arranged for
 - 131 Spanish for "others"
 - 132 Challenge for a lab rat
 - 133 "To be," to Tiberius
 - 4 Publication that's quickly thumbed
 - 5 Add- — (peripherals)
 - 6 Bus, rep
 - 7 Arrive at, as a solution
 - 8 Not masked
 - 9 Slat of fuel efficiency
 - 10 Gift for music
 - 11 One peeking
 - 12 Vowel string
 - 13 Amateur
 - 14 Italian Riviera city
 - 15 Dayton-to-Toledo dir.
 - 16 Way up thoro in years
 - 17 Broader
 - 18 In a foxy way
 - 20 Enlarged map details
 - 24 D.C. summer hrs.
 - 29 Declaration
 - 32 Holds
 - 33 Suffix with 58-Down
 - 34 "Woo- —"
 - 35 Momentous time
 - 37 Speech spot
 - 38 Peak
 - 39 Play of fast-food fame
 - 42 Punch noise
 - 44 Give a (care)
 - 45 Suffix with east
 - 46 With 62-Down, rotten sort
 - 47 Dumbbell
 - 49 Extent
 - 50 Handle the helm
 - 54 Timmy's TV dog
 - 57 Yogi of baseball
 - 58 Inflated head
 - 59 Lemon-hued
 - 60 Be snaky
 - 61 Sol-fis Solo
 - 62 See 46-Down
 - 63 Taproot off
 - 65 Prefix with diversity
 - 68 "— a snap!"
 - 69 Coagulates
 - 70 Lash of Western films
 - 71 Exempt from regulations
 - 72 Poi Quayle
 - 73 Municipal statute: Abbr.
 - 75 Banquet liquid holder
 - 78 Onion or lily
 - 79 Help in crime
 - 82 Coals (up)
 - 83 Coal carrier
 - 84 Lea lady?
 - 85 Luau gifts
 - 86 Bancroft of "7 Women"
 - 87 Ollas, e.g.
 - 89 Ida, neighbor
 - 92 Casino game
 - 94 Ottawa site
 - 96 Quito's land
 - 97 Autograph: Abbr.
 - 98 Suffix with child
 - 99 Easter eats
 - 100 " tu" (Verdi aria)
 - 101 Oktoberfest dances
 - 103 Maestro
 - 106 City of Light
 - 107 Lexus rival
 - 109 "To be —"
 - 110 Rat-a- —
 - 111 Dull
 - 112 Justice
 - 113 Kagan
 - 117 Figuring-out shouts
 - 118 "Little House on the Prairie" shopkeeper
 - 119 Stanley Gardner
 - 121 Oscope-wielding doc
 - 123 That, to Tito
 - 124 ACLU issues: Abbr.
 - 125 Oz musical, with "The"
 - 126 Suffix with propyl



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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Assured
- Contempt
- Denial
- Discipline
- Doubt
- Esteem
- Image
- Made
- Praise
- Regard
- Starter
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- Taught
- Will
- Worth

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Answers
 Super Crossword

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

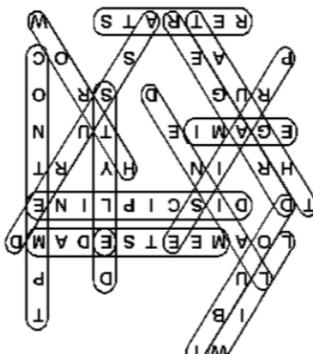
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

- ★ Moderate
- ★★ Challenging
- ★★★ HOO BOY!

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Answers
 All About Me: Self



PICKS OF THE WEEK

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (PG) — Brilliant scientist and inventor Flint Lockwood (Bill Hader) was a surprise success in the last film, in which he made a device that turned rain into food. In this follow-up to the fast animated romp, Flint and friends must go on an expedition into a wild world of food-animal hybrids — shrimpanzees, tacodiles and flaman-goes to name a few of the pun-tastic creatures.

This new adventure successfully adapts to formula from the first and adds the right amount of tweaks. The pacing is fast and frenetic, with comedic action sequences that both thrill and tickle. The quick jabs and jokes — verbal and visual — are measured out at just the right rate.

Rush (R) — Two drivers risk death on the racetrack in a six-year battle for supremacy in the prestigious Formula 1 racing circuit of the 1970s. James Hunt (Chris Hemsworth, Thor from "The Avengers," clean-shaven and dashing) is the Englishman and unstoppable party machine. If he's not racing, he's intoxicated — and sometimes the two overlap. His archrival is Niki Lauda (Daniel Brühl, the sniper from "Inglorious Bastards"), a calculating and methodic Austrian racer.

Director Ron Howard uses his resources to full effect: pulse-pounding racing and a gentlemen's grudge between diametrically opposed athletes at the top of their games. While Hunt lusts after life-threatening situations, Brühl calculates his risk before every race.

Last Vegas (R) — With four distinguished performers leading a story about life and identity in older age, you'd think there would be something meaningful or at least entertaining about this film. Instead, you'll likely find yourself praying that the guys from "The Hangover" grow up before

buds in Las Vegas having the time of their lives. It's neither charming nor edgy, not too funny and not too sad. I think it would be more entertaining to watch the actors drinking all day of shooting than this schlock.



Benedict Cumberbatch in "The Fifth Estate"

The Fifth Estate (R) — This looks behind the headlines to a dramatized version of the rise of WikiLeaks — the controversial organization that publishes classified government information. At its center is the polarizing Julian Assange (Benedict Cumberbatch), a whacked Aussie who believes it's his personal crusade to expose the darkest secrets of the world's most powerful organizations. The film is on details, short on thrills. The script and direction somehow miss the mark and the real-life story of espionage exposure and informational warfare gets watered down into a sort of drama.

TV RELEASES

- Masterpiece: Downton Abbey Season 4 DVD (U.K. Edition)
- Treme: The Complete Fourth Season
- Vera, Set 3
- African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross
- Danny Phantom: The Complete Series

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Top 10 DVD, Blu-ray Rentals

1. We're the Millers(R) Jennifer Aniston
2. Despicable Me 2(PG) animated
3. Fast & Furious 6(PG-13) Vin Diesel
4. The Wolverine(PG-13) Hugh Jackman
5. Elysium(R) Matt Damon
6. 2 Guns(R) Mark Wahlberg
7. The Lone Ranger(PG-13) Johnny Depp
8. Man of Steel(PG-13) Henry Cavill
9. The Heat(R) Sandra Bullock
10. The Internship(PG-13) Vince Vaughn

Top 10 DVD, Blu-ray Sales

1. Despicable Me 2(PG) Universal
2. Runner, Runner(R) FOX
3. Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters(PG) FOX
4. Fast & Furious 6(PG-13) Universal
5. Duck Dynasty: Season 4(TV-PG) Lions Gate
6. Man of Steel(PG-13) Warner Bros.
7. The Lone Ranger(PG-13) Disney
8. The Wolverine(PG-13) FOX
9. Elysium(R) Sony
10. The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey(PG-13) Warner Bros.

Source: Rentrak Corp.

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The Encyclopedia of Early Earth by Isabel Greenberg (Little, Brown and Company, \$23) Reviewed by Elisha Washell

Once upon a time there were two lovers, one from the north pole and one from the south. Across the entire length of the globe they are drawn to each other, two parts of the same soul ... and yet, they can never touch. How did this oddity come to be? That is the central question of "The Encyclopedia of Early Earth," an entrancing new graphic novel that presents an alternate version of the time before time.

Surrounding the story of the lovers is an ever-expanding circle of other tales, rippling out into a web of stories within stories. It tells of a family of bird gods, inventors and architects of the world, separate from and yet intimately entwined with their creations. It presents new versions of ancient myths and archetypes from religious and historical traditions, retold with just enough distance to makes the familiar narratives seem new and strange. It visits civilizations recognizable and yet alien, which love and fight and interact with each other just as humans have always done and always will do.

Dreamy and thoughtful, yet also sharp and smart, this "Encyclopedia" conjures visions of an ancient world merely a hairsbreadth from our own, perhaps just as real and possible as any other human-origin story.

The art has a beguiling simplicity, drawn with strong lines and bold patterns that evoke both primitive etchings and the panels of modern comic books. A subtle wit pervades the dialogue and composition (the background antics of the Genius Monkeys of Migdal Bavel alone are worth the cover price). A quirky but quietly lovely work, "Encyclopedia" is a reminder and a celebration of the universality of human nature, even when separated by years, miles or realities.

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TOP FIVE MOVIES

1. Ride Along (PG-13) Ice Cube, Kevin Hart
2. Lone Survivor (R) Mark Wahlberg, Taylor Kitsch
3. The Nut Job (PG) animated
4. Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (PG-13) Chris Pine, Kevin Costner
5. Frozen (PG) animated

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

ORANGE & BLUE REVIEW



The 21st Century Student

by Farrah Muntz, HSHS Senior

Living in the 21st century has its perks; TVs bigger than ever, smart phones practically read your mind and computers transform you into high-speed web geniuses. But for students in this time frame, the work requirements and expectations are advancing just as rapidly.

Some parents, such as my own, think that Googling an answer or resource can be as simple as typing it out and clicking go, but this is not the case.

In college classes, research papers and essays must have specific and reliable sources. A student must use databases, not just any website will do. A flaw within such citations can result in a lower grade and defective paper. This can be frustrating and challenging, taking hours to locate the perfect source online, but it's still quicker than our parents who were forced to comb through libraries of books for resources.

Also, technology expectations today continue to challenge students when it comes to presentations. Students can not get by with turning in a drawing or small model. Now, students know that digital presentations such as PowerPoints and Prezis can spur the visual interest of others.

This type of virtual project can also be seen in any class room instantly with online storage becoming the norm. I have not only made numerous

PowerPoint presentations but I am also officially certified through my Intro to Computers class. The fact that students have the opportunity to do such can seem stunning to those who grew up a generation ago.

Another dramatic addition is that courses are no longer confined to the classroom. They have entered the virtual domain and can be taken online. This allows students in smaller communities, like Hardee, to take diverse classes, such as Latin and Photography.

This seems foreign to some, but for students in the 21st century, everyone knows that a time will come when they are faced with an online class. New graduation requirements mandate that all students must take an online class, with many students currently choosing to enroll in Personal Fitness. Others are in the middle of an online course through the dual enrollment at South Florida State College.

Being accustomed to these educational aspects is the minimum expectation of what 21st century students must do. They also have to comply with and meet additional standards. Now, students must pass an EOC (end of course exam) to earn credit for many classes. This means that even if the student has received consecutive A grades in the course, they will fail the class if they earn a failing grade on a state standardized



The use of 21st century technology tools is a common practice in many classrooms. Pictured here, article author, Farrah Muntz (L) and Audra Weeks (R) collaborate on a journalism project that requires computer research.

assessment. The amount of the altering face of education. But pressure that this places on students is immeasurable.

As the years go by, the requirements for students and their academic performance increase. The students of today will most likely look at their children, just as our parents look at us, and wonder how they manage

HHS IN PICTURES



A group of teachers from Hilltop Elementary, Zolfo Springs Elementary, and Hardee High School recently enjoyed a morning tour of our local Center for Great Apes. Mrs. Diane Beatty, Membership and Operations Manager for the Center, provided a guided tour of the facility and provided interesting information on each of the chimpanzees and orangutans.



STEM Scholars recently attended a Medical Skills Forum at South Florida State College where students learned about DNA extraction, dentistry, human anatomy & physiology, CPR, and biochemistry. Here, freshman student, Wyatt Zeigler, practices the proper technique for taking blood pressure.



Alpha Zeta Pi students, Kevin Borjas, Rayna Parks, Milli Jones, and Allison Farr taught 6th graders at Hardee Junior High about chimpanzees and orangutans that reside at the local Center for Great Apes. Each student told the life story about their ape and provided information about their species.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 1/31 Boys Basketball - Mosaic Stinger Shootout
- 1/31 Senior Scholarship Meeting
 - During English Classes
- 2/1 Student Athlete ACT Prep Class
 - 8:00am HHS Media Center

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Paw's Corner

By Sam Mazzotta

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My neighbor insists that giving vitamin supplements and "homeopathic" treatments to her dog "Gracie" is key to her health. I disagree that a pet needs so much extra help. Doesn't pet food provide enough nutrients?

—Les in San Diego

DEAR LES: That answer really depends on the pet and the type of food it's eating, and partly on the disposition of the owner. Dogs are living beings just like us, and need regular feeding, exercise and medications when they're sick.

Owners naturally want their pet to be as healthy as possible, which is why the pet supplement market continues to grow. Want your dog to have a shiny coat? There's a vitamin for that.

Vitamin and mineral supplements for pets are as varied as similar supplements for adults, and should be given after an

owner has done his or her homework on the best vitamins for their pet. Veterinarians often recommend specific supplements to help pets stay healthy or recover after an illness or injury. Senior pets also frequently are given certain supplements to help with sore joints and other health problems that accompany aging.

Homeopathic remedies also are popular. Many owners swear by off-the-shelf general treatments like Rescue Remedy, which helps calm anxious pets.

Pet foods, while providing all-around nutrition for dogs of different sizes, increasingly have added supplements to their formulas. Owners should be aware of which specific supplements are in their pet's food, to avoid giving too much of a particular vitamin or mineral. And of course, check with your pet's veterinarian about whether supplements are needed, what kind and how much.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

KNOW THE SIGNS OF SENIOR ABUSE

Sometimes it takes watchful eyes to keep seniors safe. Whether it's physical, emotional or financial abuse, or any other kind, those who come in contact with seniors can look for signs that all is not well.

In banking, if you spot a senior who seems distressed and who repeatedly takes large sums of money out of an account (or changes his or her routine), that senior might be a victim of abuse or a scam. (Seniors, don't use the drive-up teller window. Go inside so staff can get to know you. Sign a new signature card every six months so your handwriting sample is current.)

If you spot personality changes in a senior, the cause might be physical — or it might be a result of abuse. Ask what's going on. If a senior who used to dress immaculately is now wearing the same clothes for days in a row, ask. If a senior is no longer as sociable or doesn't participate in previous activities, ask. If you spot bruises or injury, ask.

In a caregiver or hospital situation, you might see lack of care or physical abuse. A neighbor who's had relatives move in might suddenly change his or her routines. At home, the senior might be denied food or medicine or mail.

If you want more information to help seniors, go online to the National Center on Elder Abuse (www.ncea.aoa.gov) or call 1-855-500-3537. Learn about the signs of abuse and what you can do when you suspect it's taking place. Check eldercare.gov, or call 1-800-677-1116. You'll find information on getting help for housing, in-home services, long-term care, nutrition ... and abuse.

Seniors, if you think you're being abused in any way, call the police. You don't have to put up with abusive treatment.

Matilda Charles regrets that she cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into her column whenever possible. Send email to columnreply2@gmail.com.

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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. 26, Jeremy Edwards Wells, 21, of 502 Fifth St. E., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Dep. Steven Ahrens and charged with battery and violation of probation.

Jan. 26, Christian Rodriguez, 18, of 166 Old Dixie Highway, Bowling Green, was arrested by Cpl. Todd Souther and charged with resisting/obstructing an officer without violence.

Jan. 26, Amanda Jo Clair, 25, of 3496 SR 64 W., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Dep. Chris Albritton and charged with battery.

Jan. 26, a theft on Stansfield Road was reported.

Jan. 25, Christy Lucella Pace, 34, of 1629 Lincoln St., Wauchula, was arrested by Cpl. Manuel Zuniga and charged with retail theft.

Jan. 25, a residential burglary on Hobb Road, criminal mischief on Deer Run, and thefts on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and on U.S. 17 North were reported.

Jan. 24, Joel Diaz-Sanchez, 24, of 905 W. Grape St., Bowling Green, was arrested on an out-of-county warrant.

Jan. 24, Reynaldo Gaona, 44, of 830 Alabama St., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Chris Albritton and charged with disorderly conduct.

Jan. 24, burglary of a conveyance on U.S. 17 South, a tag stolen on Morgan Road, and thefts at Carlton Street and at U.S. 17 North were reported.

Jan. 23, Melissa Denise Stringer, 42, of 813 S. Ninth Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Bradford Merkel and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of probation.

Jan. 23, Silvestre Sandoval Soto, 41, of 419 N. Ninth Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Daniel Arnold and charged with battery.

Jan. 23, Minerva Anselmo, 53, of 1895 Rigdon Road, Wauchula, was arrested by Cpl. James Adler and charged with larceny.

Jan. 23, a residential burglary on Captiva Avenue, and thefts on SR 64 West, Sweet Gum Parkway and U.S. 17 North were reported.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that GRAY E. VANCE, 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.: 480 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2006

Parcel ID Number 10-34-25-0843-00001-0003

Description of Property:

LOT 3 HARLEM HEIGHTS

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

Name in which assessed: JOSE AND LOLA LOPEZ

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 26th day of FEBRUARY, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 21st day of JANUARY, 2014.

Victoria L. Rogers
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hardee County, Florida
AD No: 1
By: LAURA L. BARKER, Deputy Clerk
Tax Deed File No.: 252013TD055XXXX
Pursuant to F.S. 197.512

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The HARDEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS will hold a

PUBLIC HEARING on

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014

6:05 P.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 request, and to receive public input for

PZ Agenda No. 14-02

as the FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2014-03. ...

An Ordinance of Hardee County, Florida,

REPEALING Ord. No. 2013-11,

ADOPTING the Hardee County 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,

and to authorize transmittal to the State of Florida, Department of

Economic Development.

Rick Knight, Chairman

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 BCC

Public Hearing.

This Public Notice is published in accordance with the Hardee

County Unified Land Development Code.

Prior to the BCC Public Hearing, documents relating to the

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 1064 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 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. 9120c

2014 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR HARDEE COUNTY COMMISSION AND APPOINTED BOARDS

Meetings to be held in County Commission Chambers, Room 102 Courthouse Annex, 412 W. Orange Street, Wauchula, Florida unless otherwise noted

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular meetings first Thursday at 8:30 a.m. & third Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

MONTH OF February – 06th at 8:30 a.m. and 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Session – 02/14/14 at 8:30 a.m.

Joint Meeting with P&Z Mosaic Annual Report – 02/06/14 at 6:00 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY "INDEPENDENT BOARD"

MONTH OF February - To be announced.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL/INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTH.

Meets on second Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m.

MONTH OF February –11th

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD – meets first Thursday night of each month at 6:00 p.m.

MONTH OF February – 06th

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD

Meets on the second Monday night of each month at 6:00 p.m.

in Building Department Conference Room, 401 West Main Street

MONTH OF February – 10th

COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Meets first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

MONTH OF February – 03rd

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Meetings called as needed at Library in Annex II

MONTH OF February – No meeting scheduled

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Meets quarterly on the third Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at 701 LaPlaya Drive, Wauchula

MONTH OF February – No meeting scheduled.

HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE

Meets quarterly at Hardee County Health Department Auditorium at Noon

MONTH OF February – No meeting scheduled.

HARDEE COUNTY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE BOARD

Usually meets third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

MONTH OF February – 18th at 5:30 p.m.

This is a Disabled-Accessible facility. Any disabled person needing to make special arrangements should contact the County

Commissioner's office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the public meeting.

This notice is published in compliance with Florida Statutes 286.0105.

Interested parties may appear at the public meeting and be heard. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the members, with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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CITY OF WAUCHULA FAIR HOUSING TRAINING PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Wauchula adopted a Fair Housing Ordinance pursuant to Community Development Block Grant requirements. The purpose of the Ordinance is to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, familial status, handicap and all other covered classes regarding housing.

The City has scheduled a training session designed for the real estate, insurance and banking professionals as well as property owners. This training session will be held on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 5:30 p.m., at the Wauchula City Hall, 225 East Main Street, Suite 105, Wauchula, Florida.

A separate training session for elected officials and the general public will be held at the same location on Monday, February 10, 2014 at or around 6:00 p.m., as part of the City Commission meeting.

The training sessions will be used to review the contents of the Ordinance and the commitments made by the City in order to make all officials and the general public aware of the intent and meaning of the Fair Housing Ordinance.

The training sessions will be conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any persons requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired should contact Holly Smith, City of Wauchula City Clerk, (863) 773-3535, at least three (3) calendar days prior to the sessions and an interpreter will be provided. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the sessions should contact Holly Smith, City of Wauchula City Clerk, (863) 773-3535 at least three (3) calendar days prior to the sessions and a language interpreter will be provided. To access a Telecommunication Device for Deaf Persons (TDD) please call 1-800-955-8771. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at the sessions should contact Holly Smith, City of Wauchula City Clerk, (863) 773-3535 at least three (3) calendar days prior to the sessions.

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Courthouse Report

COUNTY COURT
The following marriage licenses were issued recently in the office of the county court:
 Oneco Brisenno, 22, Crystal City, Texas, and Ciara Marie Clax, 16, Wauchula.
 Gregorio R. Perez, 44, Wauchula, and Samantha Lynn Rodriguez, 25, Wauchula.

The following small claims cases were disposed of recently by the county judge:
 CACH vs. Ricardo R. Trevino, default judgment.
 Hardee County Housing Authority d/b/a The Palms Apartments vs. Nicole Vasquez and Frances Gushlaw, judgment for tenant eviction.
 Eloise Bolin vs. Amber Kelly, judgment for tenant eviction.

There was no misdemeanor court last week as it was trial week.

CIRCUIT COURT
The following civil actions were filed recently in the office of the circuit court:
 Virginia Wilson vs. Trenton Swanson, damages — auto negligence.
 Reverse Mortgage Solutions Inc. vs. estate of Julia Faye Davis et al, petition for mort-

gage foreclosure.
 State Department of Transportation vs. Thomas E. Brauckhoff, Lorraine G. Brauckhoff et al, petition for taking of property under eminent domain.
 Deservil Lamay and Augustine Duversin, divorce.
 Kenneth Reas and Amber Reas, divorce.
 Gloria Hernandez and the state Department of Revenue (DOR) vs. Reynaldo Salazar, petition for child support.
 Aimee Kathryn Baker and DOR vs. Reyes Orta Garcia, petition for child support.
 Dianna Garza and Lino Segura, divorce.
 Leonard Morris vs. Department of Corrections et al, petition to review inmate situation.
 Betty F. Ysai and David Ysai, divorce.
 Lendy Judith DeSantiago and Virgilo Avilez-Cruz, di-vo-

The following decisions on civil cases pending in the circuit court were handed down recently by the circuit court judge:
 Suntrust Mortgage Inc. vs. Matthew Edwin Pollock et al, order vacating judgment of Sept. 4 and dismissing case.
 Rita M. Sweat and DOR vs. Robert Preston Bivens Jr., order

on child support contempt.
 Jessica Gonzales vs. Mindy Lee, dismissal of injunction for protection.
 Beatrice Zamorano and DOR vs. Isaias Carrillo, order on child support contempt.
 Rachel L. Lanham and DOR vs. Travis J. Lanham, order on child support contempt.
 Jatterica N. Robinson and DOR vs. Michael Bernard Joseph, order on child support contempt.
 Leigh Ann Trammell and DOR vs. Kevin W. Bartel II, order on child support contempt.
 Linda G. Strickland Rosenberger vs. Kenneth L. Martin, order on child support contempt.
 Linda Sue Carter and DOR vs. Lewis M. Kembirling III, order.
 Christina Lynn Wilson and DOR vs. Jarrod Luvear Oliver, order on child support contempt.
 Thomas J. Sneider and DOR vs. Samantha L. Alderman, order on child support contempt.
 Sandra Flores vs. Asuncion Leon, voluntary dismissal.
 Wauchula State Bank vs. Michael H. and Patricia G. Groff, judgment.

There was no felony criminal court last week as it was trial week.

The following real estate transactions of \$10,000 or more were filed recently in the office of the clerk of court:
 Lawrence J. Martell and Mary Katherine Martell to Equity Trust Co. as custodian, \$20,000.
 Jack R. and Sharon K. Williams to Matthew and Jeanette Dillon, \$225,000.
 Laura Villarreal Morales to Salvador Arana, \$55,000.
 First National Bank of Wauchula to Rafik Abdelhalim (two properties), \$52,000.
 Torrey Oaks RV and Golf Resort to Frank K. and Lind L. Neri, \$24,900.
 W. Reynolds Allen as trustee to Edward G. and Irma E. Parker, \$230,000.
 Elvia C. Roque to Twenty-Two Groves Inc., \$100,000.
 Suntrust Mortgage Inc. to Cameron Peterson, \$99,900.

Words To Live By

A Daily Thought
THURSDAY
 Let's take a good look at the way we're living and reorder our lives under God. Let's lift our hearts and hands at one and the same time, praying to God in heaven.
Lamentations 3:40-41a (ME)

FRIDAY
 The farmer, looking for the precious crop his land may yield, can only wait in patience until the autumn and spring rains have fallen. You, too, must be patient and stout-hearted, for the coming of the Lord Jesus is near.
James 5:7b-8 (NEB)

SATURDAY
 The angel told Abraham, "I will bless you richly. I will multiply your descendants into countless millions, like the stars of the sky and the sand on the seashore."
Genesis 22:17 (NLT)

SUNDAY
 Wherever your treasures are, there your hearts and thoughts also will be. Be prepared — all dressed up and ready — for the Lord's return. ... So be ready all the time. For I, the Messiah (Christ) will come when you least expect it."
Luke 12:34a-35,40 (TLB)

MONDAY
 The Lord Almighty is the One you are to regard as holy. He is the One you are to fear (revere). He is the One you are to dread (respect). And He will be a sanctuary for you.
Isaiah 8:13-14a (NIV)

TUESDAY
 Because, whatever you do, eating or drinking, or anything else, everything should be done to bring glory to God.
1 Corinthians 10:31 (PME)

WEDNESDAY
 I wait for the Lord to help me, and I trust His word. I wait for the Lord alone to help me.
Psalms 130:5-6a (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.

Celebrity Extra



By Cindy Elavsky

Q: IQ: Can you tell me what Mark Steines has been up to lately? I miss seeing him every night on "Entertainment Tonight."

—Sara G., via email

A: Instead of seeing Mark every night, now you can see him for two hours each morning. Along with Cristina Ferrare, Mark co-hosts the Hallmark Channel's "Home and Family Show" every weekday morning from 10e/9c. I spoke with Mark recently about his new hosting gig, and he said he's having such a great time on his new show that it doesn't even feel like work. According to Mark: "I worked with 'ET' for 17 years, and I was never this close to people there because it's just such a big operation, and you feel like you get lost in it. This is a small show with a big heart. And Hallmark believes in us. We're the cornerstone of their daytime programming, and I love it."

And each day Mark is eager to discover what that day's show will bring. "I used to have to go to the stars, now they come to me. And our show isn't really star-based, in that regard. But when they do come on, we try to unmask that celebrity. We take them into the kitchen with us or we'll do a DIY project with them. We'll build something. We'll make something. It's always what I really wanted to do with celebrities, to see the other side of them. That's what I like about this show."

Q: My sister-in-law told me that Laura Linney recently had a baby; I didn't even know she was pregnant!

—Janie F., via email

A: Aside from Laura's closest friends and family, no one knew. Laura and hubby Marc Schauer welcomed a baby boy named Bennett on Jan. 8. It was the 49-year-old actress's first child, and also the best kept secret of 2013. Since this past summer, she has kept a low profile, and never presented an opportunity to be photographed with a baby bump. Congrats to the new parents, and bravo for being able to keep this special time to yourselves!



Q: This season of "Justified" has just been super so far. Can you tell me if it has been renewed for a sixth season yet?

—Kyle L., Baltimore, Md.

A: The hit FX show indeed has already been renewed for another season; however, its sixth season will be its last. According to FX Networks' CEO John Landgraf, the decision had nothing to do with the show having low ratings or lack of critical acclaim. The decision was made by showrunner Graham Yost and star Timothy Olyphant, as Landgraf explained at the Television Critics Association press tour: "We talked about it a year ago, and [Graham and Timothy] felt that the arc of the show and what they had to say would be served by six seasons instead of seven, and I regretfully accepted their decision."

Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475; or e-mail her at letters@cindyelavsky.com.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that GRAY E. VANCE, 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.: 479 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2006

Parcel ID Number 10-34-25-0843-00001-0002

Description of Property:

LOT 2 HARLEM HEIGHTS

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

Name in which assessed: JOSE LOPEZ AND LOLA LOPEZ

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 26th day of FEBRUARY, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 16th day of JANUARY, 2014.

Victoria L. Rogers
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hardee County, Florida
 AD No: 1
 By: LAURA L. BARKER, Deputy Clerk
 Tax Deed File No.: 252013TD054XXXX
 Pursuant to F.S. 197.512

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HARDEE COUNTY KIDS NEED HARDEE COUNTY HELP!

Ease a dependent child's way through the court system. Volunteer to be a Guardian Ad Litem.

773-2505

(If office unattended, please leave message.)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & INTENTION TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held and thereafter Ordinance Number 2014-01 will be presented to the City Commission for adoption upon the second reading at City Hall, 225 East Main Street, Wauchula, Florida 33873, on the 10th day of February 2014, at 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as it reasonably can be held. A copy of the proposed Ordinance can be obtained from the office of the City Clerk, 126 South Seventh Avenue, Wauchula, Florida 33873. Any person may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance. The proposed Ordinance is entitled as follows:

ORDINANCE 2014-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAUCHULA, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, DIVISION 3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAUCHULA, (THE "CODE") BY RECREATING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD; CONTINUING THE EXISTENCE AND CURRENT USE OF THE ALTERNATE CODE ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 162.03(2), FLORIDA STATUTES; RECODIFYING ALL PROVISIONS RELATED TO CODE ENFORCEMENT IN CHAPTER 2, DIVISION 3 OF THE CODE; REPEALING ORDINANCE 97-832 AND ORDINANCE 2012-12; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Pursuant to Section 286.0107, Florida Statutes, as amended, the City Commission hereby advises that if any interested person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at the proceedings, he will need a record of the proceeding and that, for such purposes, he may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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s/Holly Smith
 HOLLY SMITH, City Clerk
 City of Wauchula

Thomas A. Cloud
 301 East Pine Street, Suite 1400
 Orlando, Florida 32801
 Attorney for the City of Wauchula

1:30c

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY TASK FORCE MEETING NOTICE

The City of Bowling Green's Citizen's Advisory Task Force will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the City applying for a grant under the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program for the FFY 2013 funding cycle.

The Citizen's Advisory Task Force will hold the meeting at the City Hall Commission Chambers, City of Bowling Green, located at 104 East Main Street, Bowling Green, Florida. The public is invited to attend. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours-before the workshop by contacting: Mr. Jerry Conerly, City Manager, City of Bowling Green (863) 375-2255 or by e-mail at: jconerly@bowlinggreenfl.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800) 955-8770 (Voice).

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CITY OF WAUCHULA NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City Commission of the City of Wauchula will hold the regular scheduled workshop Monday, February 3, 2014 at 5:00 pm or as soon thereafter as it reasonably can be held. The agenda can be viewed at www.cityofwauchula.com.

The meetings will be held at the Commission Chambers located at 225 East Main Street, Wauchula, FL 33873.

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CITY OF WAUCHULA
 S/ Richard K. Nadaskay Jr.
 Mayor

ATTEST
 S/Holly Smith
 City Clerk

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