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Commission Adds Metal Detectors

By MICHAEL KELLY
Of The Herald-Advocate

Hardee County commissioners voted to add increased security screening for anyone wishing to attend the public meetings.

Citizens and meeting participants will now have to walk through a metal detector to check for weapons before being allowed to enter the board room.

If metal is detected, a deputy with a handheld wand will further check the individual for any potential weapons before allowing that person into the meeting.

Pocketknives of any size will not be permitted in the room.

During breaks, or if a person leaves the room for any reason, people will have to pass back through the device before returning to the meeting.

The portable walk-through metal detector is expected to cost approximately $6,500.

County Manager Lex Albritton said State Statues re-quire the Sheriff's Office to provide security at commission meetings and to act as its sergeant of arms.

The metal detector will require an additional deputy, who will staff the station at all times during the meeting.

Albritton said he surveyed 44 other counties and found a wide range of security measures in place across the state. Three counties surveyed said they do not even have a deputy at all meetings, while four larger counties have a full gauntlet of security measures in place.

Hillsborough County and three others have a deputy in place, an armed security officer, metal detectors, a wand, X-ray machine, a bulletproof dais, a panic button, a private entrance for board members and limited entry points into the board room.

The new security measure here passed by a 4-1 vote, with Grady Johnson opposing the idea.

"I think we are going too far and there has to be a simpler way," Johnson said.

Mike Thompson said he is

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PHOTO BY KAYLA ELMORE

2014 Kindergarten Princess Tyler Pace.

PHOTO BY MARIA TRUJILLO

2014 Princess & Prince Mady Tyson and Josiah Lozano.

PHOTO BY MARIA TRUJILLO

2014 Lil' Miss Hardee County Darla Joe Harned.

2014 Hardee County Fair Concludes

By MARIA TRUJILLO
Of The Herald-Advocate

And it's over.

The 73rd annual Hardee County Fair has concluded. And now, there are several new winners and newly crowned royals. However, the fair isn't just about the pageants. There were also rabbit, poultry, swine and steer shows.

On Monday, Feb. 17, the rabbit show was held and Will Cornell received Best of Show for his Havana. The next day, Jordan Miller earned Best of Show for his Bantam in the poultry show.

The swine show also was held on Tuesday, Feb. 18. Taking home Grand Champion Swine was Heidi Smith. On Wednesday, Feb. 19, the steer show was held and Dillon Bozeman earned Grand Cham-pion Steer.

The last two days of the fair included the second- and fifth-grade pageants, while the kindergarten pageant took place on Sunday, Feb. 16, all in the Agri-Civic Center.

Crowned were Kindergarten Princess Tyler Pace, Prince Josiah Lozano and Princess Mady Tyson, and Lil' Miss Darla Joe Harned.

Kindergarten Princess

The youngest pageant contestants competed to win the princess crown earlier in the fair week. Entertainment for the night was provided by Tip Toes Dance Studio.

Before crowning this year's princess, the 2013 Kindergarten Princess, Ava Roberts made her final appearance. She is the daughter of Paul and Julia Roberts.

In the end, Addison Tyler Pace became Kindergarten Princess and Miss Internet Photogenic. She is the daughter of Andrew and Melissa Pace and is in Kristen Rivas' class at Wauchula Elementary, where her favorite subject is physical education.

Tyler says her favorite song is "Someday" by Taylor Swift and she loves to eat Frosted Mini-Wheats. Tyler also loves riding her scooter, her pink four-wheeler, gymnastics and playing with her little sister, Charlee Anne.

Her court includes Miss Photogenic Daveigh Belflower. She is the daughter of Jay and Susannah Belflower and is in Missy Carlton's class at WES.

Miss Personality is Brittany Ray Baker. She is the daughter of Justin Baker and Jon Baker and is in Karen Doyle's class at North Wauchula Elementary.

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Civic Leader Killed In Sarasota

By CYNTHIA KRAHL
Of The Herald-Advocate

A local banker and community advocate was killed early Sunday in Sarasota County as an outing with friends turned tragic.

Donald Hugh "Donnie" Canary, 35, of Wauchula, succumbed at the hands of an employee of the night spot where the group had gathered, the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office said.

Charged in his death is Brad Thomas Stanford, 32, of Bradenton.

Stanford was booked into the Sarasota County Jail at 6:02 a.m. on Sunday. He is charged with negligent manslaughter, a second-degree felony punishable by up to 15 years in Florida State Prison.

He remains in custody in lieu of bond pending trial.

Sarasota sheriff's detectives noted their investigation into the incident is ongoing.

Canary was senior executive vice president of commercial lending at Wauchula State Bank, having earned a Bachelor's Degree in business and finance at the University of Florida.

He was a 1996 graduate of Hardee Senior High School, and a member of the varsity Wildcat football team which went on to claim the state runner-up title in 1995.

Canary's love of sports and community carried him onto the field as an adult as well, coaching youth soccer and tee-ball. He also was instrumental in the construction of the Burton Building at the Leon Sharp Youth Center, a Kiwanis Club project in conjunction with the YMCA.

In fact, Canary was a current director and a past president of

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Canary

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DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
02/19	85	49	0.00
02/20	86	54	0.00
02/21	84	62	0.00
02/22	84	63	0.04
02/23	85	65	0.00
02/24	82	60	0.00
02/25	83	60	0.00

TOTAL Rainfall to 02/25/2014 - 4.75
Same period last year - 1.14
Ten Year Average - 47.79
Source: Univ. of Fla. Ona Research Center

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Sweetbay To Become Rowe's IGA

By MICHAEL KELLY
Of The Herald-Advocate

The new owner of Sweetbay Supermarkets has agreed to sell its Wauchula location to Rowe's IGA, changing its previously announced plans to rebrand the store as a Winn-Dixie.

Bi-Lo Holding LLC, the parent company of the Bi-Lo and Winn-Dixie grocery-store chains, originally entered into an agreement to acquire all Sweetbay stores in May of 2013.

Bi-Lo Holding and the Delhaize Group have now announced they received ap-proval from the Federal Trade Commission to proceed with the transaction. Bi-Lo Holding will acquire all of the stores in the Sweetbay, Harveys and Reid's supermarket chains from Delhaize.

Bi-Lo Holdings then agreed to divest of the 12 Delhaize America stores in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. This will include the Sweetbay stores in Arcadia, Lake Placid

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SENIOR PLAY

COURTESY PHOTOS

You're promised a wicked good time by Hardee Senior High School's Class of 2014 if you attend one of the three upcoming performances of "The Wicked Witch of the Old West." Getting into character (above, from left) are Kevin Borjas as the Tin Can Man, Emily Hughes as Coyote and Savannah Miller as the Wicked Witch. Showtime is 7 p.m. tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday, and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, all at the HHS Auditorium, 830 Altman Road in Wauchula. Admission is $3, and door prizes include a 32-inch flat-screen television, a Kindle Fire and gift certificates.

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COUNTY FAIR

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Coloring Contest winner is Jaden Leigh Hernandez. She is the daughter of Jessica and Willie Gilliard and Jason Hernandez and is in Kristen Rivas' class at WES.

Other contestants are Kierstin Alday, Zani Browdy, Haleigh'Ana Campbell, Laryn Christian, Callie Howell, Emma Jane Johnson, Elizabeth Johnston, Danielle Nicole Lazo, Jordyn Rylee Lozano, Isabella Lorraine Muse, Sara Navarro, Emma Grace Pelham, Mareli Ponce, Kaylee Reyna, Kylie Rickett, Kaitlyn Schierling and Eliza Thomas.

Prince & Princess

For the Prince & Princess Pageant, a boy and girl from each second-grade classroom in the county were chosen to represent their respective rooms. During breaks in the program, David and Beth Radford and Faith Hodges sang to the contestants and audience.

Also in attendance were the 2004 Prince & Princess, Eric Klein and Farrah Muntz, who are now seniors at Hardee Senior High.

Making their final appearance as 2013 Prince & Princess were Martin Isaias McClen-ithan and Mariah Annaliese Carrizales. Martin is the son of Tammy McClenithan and Mariah is the daughter of Jonah and Aurelia Carrizales.

The 2014 Prince is Josiah Lee Lozano. He is the son of Yogy and April Lozano and is in Lois Redding's class at NWES. Of his teacher, Josiah says she is nice, smart and fun to be around.

He likes to visit Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, watch favorite movie "Wild Hogs," and eat macaroni and cheese. He also likes to fish, play football, go to church and watch "Duck Dynasty." Josiah is proud of his athletic ability and enjoys helping others learn at school. He plans on becoming a police officer when he is older.

The 2014 Princess and Internet Most Photogenic is Madalyn Cate Tyson. She is the daughter of Doyle and Jill Tyson and is in Nicole Spencer's class at WES. Of her teacher, Mady says she is very nice and helps her understand what she should know.

She enjoys gymnastics, cheerleading and softball and is involved at her church. Mady says her best place to visit is the Florida Keys, "My Girl" is her favorite movie and she enjoys eating Shepherd's pie. She says she is proudest of making good grades and being able to do a back handspring. At school, Mady enjoys science and reading and wants to become "an orthodontist so she can work when she wants to and make lots of money."

Their court includes Prince Runner-up Bryson James Johnson and Princess Runner-up Carli Jade Mushrush. B.J. is the son of Steve and Andrea Johnson and is in Nicole Spencer's class at WES. Carli is the daughter of Eric Mushrush and Liberty Lozano and is in Lois Redding's class at NWES.

Most Photogenic is Ashton Izayah White and Cailyn Marie Frost. Ashton is the son of Leah Henry and Kevis White and is in Mary Nell Pace's class at WES. Cailyn is the daughter of Phillip and Candice Riddle and Chris and Lauren Frost and is in Kari Gicker's class at Zolfo Springs Elementary.

Internet Most Photogenic is Luke Michael Roberts. He is the son of Wendy Battles and Bruce Roberts and is in Jessica Gordon's class at NWES.

Other contestants from NWES are Jacob Ryan Duncan, Tyler Mathew Framer, Logan Michelle Garcia, Paige Rikki Justice, Adam Roland Boxley McCauley, Camryn Marie Rodriguez and Yazmin Aliza Smith.

From WES are Mia Nicole Cabrera, Mason Carlton, Belen Ariana Gomez, Princess Abagail Guerrero, Tristan Lee Hall and Kadence Kaye Harris.

From ZSE are Jeremiah Luis Cabrera, Bradley Allan Framer, Pablo Alejandro Jaramillo, Lane Edward Pippin, Sandivel Montes Reyes, Johnny Mixon Trammel III and Cambrya Jade Welsh.

From Bowling Green Elementary are Jada Nicole Altieri, Gavyn Rhea Hunt, Mikayla Lyann Johnston, Alejandra Isidra Pulido, Alvin Antonio Michael Sanchez and Kendal Brooke Spiller.

From Hilltop Elementary are Ivan Anselmo, Valeria DeLoera, Careli Mendez, Dionisio Ramirez and Jesus Torres.

Lil' Miss

Taking center stage on Friday were fifth-grade girls wanting to become Lil' Miss. Tip Toes Dance Studio was the entertainment for the night.

The outgoing Lil' Miss was Savannah Valletutti. She is the daughter of David and Denise Valletutti.

2014 Lil' Miss Hardee County is Darla Joe Harned. She is the daughter of Shane and Logan Harned and is in Jeannette Miranda's class at WES. Joe likes to do many activities, including hanging out with friends, playing with her siblings, snow skiing, camping, and fishing and hunting with her dad.

She also likes to rodeo and barrel race. In fact, Joe was awarded the 2011 Overall Youth Rodeo Champion, 2012 Goat Tying Champion and the 2012 Sunshine Barrel Racing Association Youth 1D Cham-pion. She is an active member of Faith Presbyterian Church of Wauchula. Her favorite subject is spelling, she likes to listen to Luke Bryan and her favorite show is "Good Luck Charlie." When she is older, Joe wants to come back to Hardee and be an elementary school teacher.

Her court includes First Runner-up Starling Parker. She is the daughter of Mark and Stephanie Parker and is in Kristie Benton's class at WES. One day, Star would like to become a lawyer.

Second Runner-up Lucy Stone is the daughter of Arti and Carrie Sue Edenfield and the late Daniel Stone and is in Lindsey Smith's class at WES. Lucy hopes to become a professional horse trainer and rider.

Third Runner-up and Miss Photogenic Sailor Bay Ullrich is the daughter of Max and Krista Ullrich and is in Kristie Benton's class at WES. Sailor's dream is to be a news broadcaster for CNN or a fashion designer.

Fourth Runner-up and Miss Congeniality Ebony Lamy is the daughter of Shujwana and Terry Lamy and is in Lindsey Smith's class at WES. Ebony hopes to become a chemical engineer.

Other contestants are Katelyn Bolin, Chloe Boyette, Alexis Paige Crews, Abby Duke, Karson Goodwyn, Chey-anne Longoria, Emma Mc-Guckin, Michelle Patterson, Marley Ureste, Shaydan Ward and Madison White.

PHOTO BY MARIA TRUJILLO

At the end of the Prince & Princess Pageant, all but one of this year's royalty came together as the official 2014 Royal Court. The latest to be crowned were (front, from left) Princess First Runner-up Carli Mushrush, Princess Mady Tyson, Prince Josiah Lozano and Prince Runner-up B.J. Johnson; (back) Lil' Miss Darla Joe Harned, Junior Miss Taylor Bone, Cattlemen's Sweetheart Emily Hughes, and Miss Hardee County Rayna Parks. Missing is Kindergarten Princess Tyler Pace.

PHOTO BY MARIA TRUJILLO

The 2014 Lil' Miss Court includes (from left) Third Runner-up and Miss Photogenic Sailor Ullrich, First Runner-up Starling Parker, Lil' Miss Darla Joe Harned, Second Runner-up Lucy Stone, and Fourth Runner-up and Miss Congeniality Ebony Lamy.

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Dunnellon along with Wauchula.

The deal is expected to be completed on March 29, subject to final approval by the FTC after the close of a 30-day public comment period.

Rowe's IGA is a member of the Independent Grocers Asso-ciation, which was established in 1926 to ensure that the local family-owned grocery store remained strong in the face of growing competition from chain stores.

Rowe's IGA currently operates several stores in the Jacksonville area.

Rowe's IGA will provide each Sweetbay employee the opportunity to interview for continued employment, the acquisition announcement stated.

The Wauchula store is located in the Hardee County Center on U.S. 17 South.

Prices At The Pump Heating Up

Winter storms responsible for flight cancellations and hazardous roads over the past month and a half can also be blamed for the rise in gas prices.

The freezing weather bolstered demand for heating fuels like natural gas and propane, which are derived from crude oil and used to heat homes in the northeastern United States. The spike in demand for these fuels tightened supplies, placing upward pressure on the price of oil.

Crude oil rose for the sixth consecutive week, settling Friday at $102.20 on the NYMEX — $1.90 more than the week prior.

U.S. prices increased for the 16th consecutive day Sunday, reaching the highest level this year. Average prices rose for the sixth consecutive day in Florida, Georgia and Tennessee.

"Despite the recent jump in pump prices, Southeast gas prices are more than 40 cents less than they were this time last year," said Mark Jenkins, spokesman, AAA — The Auto Club Group. "Even with the severe winter and seasonal refinery maintenance, it doesn't look like gas prices will spike to year-ago levels."

The national average for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline is $3.41, six cents more than last week. Florida's average of $3.45 also rose six cents from last week.

PHOTO BY KAYLA ELMORE

The 2014 Kindergarten Court includes (from left) Coloring Contest winner Jaden Hernandez, Miss Personality Brittany Baker, Kindergarten Princess and Miss Internet Photogenic Tyler Pace, and Miss Photogenic Daveigh Belflower.

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The 2014 Prince & Princess Court is made up of (from left) Internet Most Photogenic Luke Roberts, Most Photogenic Cailyn Frost, Runner-up Carli Mushrush, Princess and Internet Most Photogenic Mady Tyson, Prince Josiah Lozano, Runner-up B.J. Johnson, and Most Photogenic Ashton White.

HEALTH HERO NOMINEE

COURTESY PHOTO

Helene Conner Mancini, 92, was nominated as a Public Health Hero by the Hardee County Commission last week to mark the 125th anniversary of the Florida Department of Health, which was established in 1889 after a yellow fever epidemic. Mancini, shown accepting the nomination with husband Frank, was the first Registered Nurse in Hardee County and started the Department of Health here in 1947. The couple, now married for 47 years, met when she went to the Mancini Packing Co. in Zolfo Springs to give required vaccines and health certificates to the workers. She also traveled to the schools and vaccinated many children in Hardee County over the years. Mancini retired after 32 years in 1979.

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the Wauchula Kiwanis Club. He also was past president and director of the Hardee County Chamber of Commerce.

According to the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, he and his wife, Lauren, and their friends were at the Cheetah Lounge when the incident began shortly after the midnight hour.

Donnie Canary and two of the friends exchanged words with the establishment's em-ployees "over what they felt was a disrespectful act by the defendant, Brad Stanford, toward a waitress," Det. Tony Colonna said.

In defending the woman, a verbal altercation began. It turned physical, the detective added.

Colonna alleged Stanford, a "floor host," grabbed Canary in a choke hold and took him to the ground. Canary, he said, tried to lift up off the floor as another employee held him down.

Colonna alleged Stanford continued to apply his choke hold, telling other employees and Canary's friends that he would not release his hold on Canary until sheriff's deputies were on scene.

The choke hold was released upon the arrival of law enforcement, but Canary had stopped breathing by this point, Colonna charged. Cardiopul-monary resuscitation was begun by his wife and by officers, but with no success.

Canary was pronounced dead at the scene.

Colonna said Stanford was transported to the Sheriff's Office in Sarasota for a formal interview. He was read his rights under the Miranda Warning, then declined to speak to detectives and asked for a lawyer.

The detective alleged Stanford's failure to release the choke hold even after the altercation "had deescalated" constituted a criminal act of manslaughter.

Services for Canary are at 4 p.m. today (Thursday) at New Hope Baptist Church in Popash.

An annual college scholarship is being established in Canary's name, and donations to that memorial may be made at Wauchula State Bank.

Canary leaves his wife of 13 years and two young children, Laina, 7, and Bryan, 4.

Kelly's Column

By Jim

The Hardee High School baseball varsity team is off to a 6-0 start this season under veteran head coach Steve Rewis.

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The winter of 2014 has been unusually mild, with no severe freezes. There is an excess of hay since a lot of pasture grass is still green.

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The annual Pioneer Park Days is underway now through Sunday at Pioneer Park in Zolfo Springs. There is plenty of food, entertainment, old engines, and flea market vendors.

Parking and admission is a bargain. The event is sponsored by the Hardee County Commission. There is something for everyone at PPD.

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Steve Spinks, retired from the phosphate industry, is a new city commissioner in Bowling Green. He was the only candidate to replace city commissioner Randy Mink who resigned due to health reasons. Mink was also a former mayor and did a fine job for the city, helping the city recover from the 2004 hurricanes.

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Major League Baseball teams are in spring training in Florida and Arizona. The Detroit Tigers train in Lakeland. The Tampa Bay Rays train in Port Charlotte.

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Spring turkey season begins Saturday, March 15, in this area of Florida. A special youth hunt is the weekend before.

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The price of unleaded regular gasoline on Tuesday in Wauchula was $3.31 a gallon.

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The Florida boys' basketball Final 4 in eight classifications is underway through Saturday at the Lakeland Civic Center. This is Florida high school basketball at the elite level. Bartow High School is in the Final 4 for the fourth time in six years. Lake Wales won a state title two years ago.

Hardee High has never been to the Final 4. The Wildcat girls' team was winless this season, and the boys' team only won a couple of games. Former Hardee High head boys coach Bob Fittro, when asked, said community support and a strong youth program are important in building a program.

Fittro and the late Dunning Terrell were excellent head coaches for HHS basketball and came close to fielding a Final 4 team. Fittro's team featuring Zeke Mowatt and Lawrence Thompson, who won football scholarships to FSU and Miami respectively, was an elite team in the state, barely losing to Bartow in the playoffs.

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The Florida Gators men's basketball team this week is rated No. 1 in the nation with a 25-2 record.

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Plants and trees blooming in Hardee this week include azaleas, oranges, peaches, tabebuia, cherry, and mango.

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Wauchula City Manager Terry Atchley as president of the recent Hardee County Fair said the 2014 fair had a great year.

Atchley is one of 18 city of Wauchula employees participating in a Biggest Loser (of weight) campaign. He has lost 30 pounds in 10 weeks and has a goal of losing 10 more pounds.

Eating healthy and regular exercise will cut down on health care claims, as well as other benefits.

DETECTORS

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not "in love" with the idea, but feels it is necessary after a recent event in the community involving guns. He said he also talked with Sheriff Arnold Lanier, and Lanier would like the board to do something.

Once the metal detectors arrive, county staff will build two retractable walls to block off a walkway and force everyone entering the board room to pass through the detector.

The work will be done in conjunction with the remodeling of the dais to accommodate the larger Industrial Develop-ment Authority, which uses the same room for its meetings and has 13 members.

The IDA has budgeted up to $15,000 and will cover the cost of redesigning the dais.

Work on the dais and building the retractable walls is expected to take approximately five weeks to complete, Albrit-ton said.

During construction, Albritton said the commission would use the Hardee County School Board meeting room until the renovations are complete.

COMMUNITY Calendar

THURSDAY, FEB. 27

✔Hardee County School Board, rescheduled regular meeting, Board Room, 230 S. Florida Ave., Wauchula, 3 p.m.

MONDAY, MAR. 3

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

TUESDAY, MAR. 4

✔Hardee County Tobacco Free Coalition meeting, Hardee County Health Department, 115 K.D. Revell Road (off U.S. 17 North), Wauchula, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAR. 6

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

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was historian Barbara Tuchman who made the following sage observation: "War is the unfolding of miscalculations."

• You might be surprised to learn that a polar bear's skin is black and its fur is colorless. The transparent strands are so dense, though, that the fur takes on the color of the light around it.

• Unless you're a literary scholar, you've probably never heard of the novel "Cup of Gold." It was American author John Steinbeck's first novel, and it was a flop. He was issued a $250 advance to write the book, and the sales didn't even make that much money for the publishing house. Of course, early failure was no indication of talent; Steinbeck continued writing and was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1962.

• Domestic diva Martha Stewart once dated actor Sir Anthony Hopkins. After seeing "The Silence of the Lambs," though, Stewart broke it off. She just couldn't get past the image of him as Hannibal Lecter.

• You might think of glaciers as lifeless places, but that's not true. In addition to the polar creatures that live on and around these sheets of ice, there is one that actually lives in the ice. Though they're only found in glaciers in certain areas of North America, the ice worm actually spends its entire life within the ice. In fact, the worms are so well-adjusted to the cold that when they are exposed to temperatures even slightly above 40 degrees Fahrenheit, they will liquefy.

• The banana and the telephone were introduced to North America at the same time, at the 1876 Philadelphia Centennial Exposition.

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Thought for the Day: "Progress always involves risk. You can't steal second base and keep your foot on first." -- Frederick Wilcox

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Florida Crop Update

Week Ending: February 23, 2014

Weather Summary: According to Florida's Automated Weather Network (FAWN), Carrabelle (Franklin County) received the most rain with 4.02 inches. Maximum temperatures ranged from the upper 70s to the 80s, with the highest temperature in Immokalee (Collier County) and Belle Glade (Palm Beach County) at 88 degrees. The lowest temperatures in the State ranged from 31 degrees in Lecanto (Citrus County) to 58 degrees in Fort Lauder-dale (Broward County).

Field Crops: Farmers in Washington and Gadsden counties were preparing ground for peanut and corn planting. Sugarcane harvest is in the last five weeks of the harvest season.

Fruit and Vegetables: Gadsden farmers were laying plastic for tomatoes. Strawberries were still being harvested in Bradford County. Harvesting of cabbage continued in Flagler and Putnam counties and planting of potatoes continued. Vegetables and fruits marketed in the State included beets, cabbage, cucumbers, peppers, squash, tomatoes, herbs, and a variety of specialty items.

Citrus: Rain was widespread but generally light in the citrus area this week. Putnam Hall (Putnam County) recorded the most precipitation with 2.5 inches. Clewiston (Hendry County), Palmdale (Glades County), North Port (Sarasota County), and Arcadia (DeSoto County) recorded the least with no rainfall recorded. Day-time temperatures reached the mid 80s throughout the citrus growing area last week. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated February18, 2014, no drought exists within the citrus growing area.

Field workers reported small sizes on all varieties. Some growers are noticing various sizes in the same blocks, from slightly larger than golf ball size to larger than baseball size on oranges. Grove activity included harvesting on mostly early oranges and grapefruit, hedging and topping after harvest, care for new trees, and pulling out declining or dead trees. Blooms have been noted in several of the more southern areas of the citrus growing region, signaling the beginning of next year's crop. Growers in the Indian River area are experimenting with tenting young trees to eradicate or control the psyllid population that is causing greening.

Other methods are being used or tested to keep unaffected trees from getting the Huanglongbing, (HLB, Citrus Greening) virus.

Fifteen of nineteen processing plants were open this season. Almost all packing houses had opened and were shipping fruit.

Livestock and Pastures: Warm weather in the Panhandle helped improve winter grazing and started to green up pastures in the south. The cattle condition for the State was good but the pasture condition was mostly fair. Cattlemen were feeding hay across the State.

In Loving Memory

SANDRA JOY HOWARD

Sandra Joy Howard, 73, of Wauchula, passed away, Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014, at Florida Hospital-Wauchula.

Born on Aug. 19, 1940, in Arcadia, she was a lifelong resident of Hardee County. Sandra had worked at the G. Pierce Wood Hospital as an aide and was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Seth Howard and Pawnee Collier; son, Steven Broome; brother, Richard Howard; and sister, Patricia Huerta.

Survivors include two sons, Billy G. Broome Jr., of Wauchula and David Pavolini and wife Diane of Pass Christian, Miss.; two daughters, Patricia "Patti" Havens and husband James of Fort Hood, Texas and Pamela Broadnax and husband Brett of Lakeland; one sister, Shirley Platt of Arcadia; eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2014, at Robarts Garden Chapel from 10 to 11 a.m., followed by an 11:30 a.m. Graveside Service at Friendship Cemetery, Zolfo Springs.

Expressions of comfort may be made at robartsfh.com.

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In Memory

JAMES "JIM" OWEN YOUMANS

James "Jim" Owen Youmans, age 70, of Wauchula, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014, in Tampa. He was born in Wauchula on March 29, 1943.

Jim was a respected (retired) educator and coach for Hardee Senior High, as well as a longtime businessman in Hardee County, having operated two locations of his family business Youmans Groc-ery in Wauchula for many years.

An avid sportsman since high-school who excelled at baseball and golf during his lifetime, Jim spent his retirement enjoying the Florida outdoors and could often be found fishing with life-long friends at the fishing camp they shared in Chokoloskee. He also enjoyed working in his wood-shop and loved helping friends and neighbors with building projects.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John L. and Ruth Youmans; and one sister, Dolores Gore.

A much loved patriarch for his large extended family, Jim is survived by his wife of nearly 45 years, Diana Youmans of Wauchula; one son Michael "Kerry" Youmans, of New York City; one sister, Doris Ann Wolfe-Foland of Lakeland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jim was a graduate of Florida Southern University, where he was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Services were held on Friday, Feb. 21, at First Baptist Church of Wauchula, with Marcus Shackelford officiating. Burial was private in Wauchula Cemetery.

The family has asked that memorial remembrances be directed to the Hardee Education Foundation or the Hardee Athletic Foundation.

Online condolences may be made at pongerkaysgrady.com

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In Memory

ANDREW STEWART FAULKNER

Andrew Stewart Faulkner, age 48, of Wauchula, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014, at his home. He was born July 31, 1964, in Sanford.

Andy was the owner of Florida Business Equipment and enjoyed water skiing, fishing and camping at Green Swamp in Ocala National Forest.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Andrea Faulkner; his parents, Virginia Bishop and Donald Mack Faulkner Sr.; and one sister, Roberta Faith Bishop Black.

Andy is survived by one daughter, Amanda Faith Faulkner of Sanford; two brothers, Donald Faulkner Jr., and wife Renee of Wauchula and Ronald "Bubba" Faulkner and wife Tammy of Sweetwater; two step-sisters, Robin Keller of Longwood and Heidi Keller of Longwood; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held privately.

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In Memory

JUAN C. GARZA

Juan C. Garza, age 54, of Wauchula, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014, in North Carolina. He was born Jan. 17, 1960, in Texas and moved to Hardee County in 1969. Juan was a member of St. Michaels Parish. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, playing golf and was a hard worker.

Juan was preceded in death by his parents, Servando and Maria Cruz Garza; one brother, Jose A. Garza; and two sisters, Maria Alicia Garza and Cristina Garza.

He is survived by two sons, Servando Garza of North Carolina and Juan Garza Jr. of Bartow; one daughter, Amanda Garza of Bartow; six brothers, Paublo (Connie) Rosas of Wauchula, Jesus (Lupe) Garza of Nashville, Ga., Enrique (Elva) Garza of Zolfo Springs, Salvador (Elizabeth) Garza of Adrian, Mich., Santos (Ramona) Garza of Nashville, Ga. and Raul Garza of Amarillo, Texas; five sisters, Magdalena (Antonio) DeLeon of Bowling Green, Linda Reyna of Wauchula, Juanita Hughes of Brandon, Maria (Mark) Benton of Lakeland and Ernestina Garza of Arcadia; three grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held 1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 28, 2014, in the Chapel of Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home with Pastor Deloris Williams officiating. Burial will follow at Wauchula Cemetery.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the 2014 girls tennis team are (front, from left) Sylvia Martinez, Genesis Torres, Cameron Burnett, Katie Smith, Cheyenne Pohl and Abby Clark; (back) Susana Oceguera, Selena Macias, Josie Hancock, Emily Bennett, Caroline Durrance, Claudia Klein and Madison Burnett.

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Tennis Girls Going Up Hill

By JOAN SEAMAN
Of The Herald-Advocate

A trio of girls from the girls tennis team made it to the finals of the Heartland Conference Invitational Tournament last weekend.

Senior Caroline Durrance, junior Madison Burnett and freshman Abby Clark went through the opposition to the final round of the two-day event. Overall, Hardee placed third. Sebring, who hosted it, won the girls tourney, followed by Lake Placid, Hardee, Okee-chobee and Avon Park.

The tourney play was good news for the Lady Wildcats who had difficulty in their prior two matches, dropping from 3-0 to 3-2 overall.

On Feb. 10, the girls went to Sebring and got a foretaste of what they would see in the Heartland matches. Sebring won 8-1. Burnett had the lone singles victory in a three-set marathon against Amanda Castelli in a 7-6, 6-3, 6-3 come-from-behind win. Durrance won the first set 3-6 but dropped the next two in her loss to Micaela Devane. Similarly, Cheynne Pohl lost a tough first set 7-6, came back to win 2-6 and lost the third set 7-5. Hardee lost both proset doubles.

"Hardee split sets in three of four singles matches but could only pull off one win. The doubles teams need work. Hardee fought hard. We are looking forward to our re-match," said Coach Dennis Aubry.

After cancellation of the Feb. 13 match against Fort Meade, Hardee next had to face top-flight Bartow on its courts. The Lady Jackets swept Hardee 8-0, with Hardee only getting nine points.

"We didn't have our number one player, Susana Oceguera, so all players had to play up one position. Our girls played well against a very strong Bartow team," commented Aubry.

Hardee hopes to get back on track in three matches this week. They girls were at Tenoroc on Monday and went o Frostproof on Tuesday. They host Lake Wales today (Thurs-day) at 4:30 p.m. on the Wauchula city courts off West Oak Street.

Next week, the girls go to DeSoto on Monday, and greet Avon Park on Tuesday and Sebring on Thursday.

Other girls on the squad are Katie Smith, Selena Macias, Emily Bennett, Sylvia Martinez, Claudia Kline, Josie Hancock, Cameran Burnett and Genesis Torres.

Hardee boys scores have been unavailable. The team includes seniors Jake Neuhoffer and Zack Neuhoffer, the only returnees from last year's squad. Others are Wyatt Mont-gomery, Roby Paris, Colton Albritton, Jordan Jones, Francisco Salgado, Cha Lor, Richard Yang, Boone Paris and Conner Crawford.

Obituaries

In Loving Memory

DONALD "DONNIE" HUGH CANARY

Donald "Donnie" Hugh Canary, of Wauchula, lost his life on Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014.

Donnie, 35-years-old, was born in Homestead on March 18, 1978. After graduating as a proud Wildcat from Hardee Senior High, he earned his bachelor's degree in business and finance from the University of Florida. Donnie was the Senior Vice President at Wauchula State Bank. An active member within the Hardee County community, Donnie participated in Kiwanis, touching many lives.

Donnie was a loving, devoted husband and father. He is survived by Lauren English Canary, his wife of 13 years; and his two beautiful children, daughter Laina, 7, and son Bryan, 4, of Wauchula. He was the adored son of Diane Justiss and Jamie Justiss, both of Wauchula; the treasured grandson of Bryan "Gene" and Virginia Ingram of Wauchula; and the dedicated brother of Daniel and Kimberly Canary of Wau-chula and Gene and Megan Justiss of Bowling Green. He was the beloved son-in-law of Dana and Idania English of Wauchula; and the cherished brother-in-law to Ray and Kristen Rivas, also of Wauchula. He leaves behind many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Donnie was a man of integrity, known for his infectious smile and contagious laugh; he warmed the hearts of many and will be forever missed.

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you"- Philippians 1:3.

A memorial service will be held at New Hope Baptist Church on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 4 p.m. All are invited to attend a celebration of life gathering at the Canary home directly following the service.

In lieu of flowers, an annual college scholarship has been established in Donnie's memory. Please contact Wauchula State Bank for more information.

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FWC Will Boost Daily Bag Limit

The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission at its meeting Feb. 12 in Tampa modified fall hunting season dates in parts of Sarasota, St. Lucie, Martin and Palm Beach counties and increased the daily bag limit of wild turkeys on private lands statewide.

These rule amendments take effect in the fall, with the start of the 2014-15 hunting season.

Currently, the boundary line between hunting zones A and C is State Road 70, which runs west to east from the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic Ocean, just above Lake Okeechobee. Hunting seasons and dates in Zone A, below SR 70, come in earlier and end earlier than they do in Zone C, which lies above the line.

Hunters had noted, and recent biological surveys have confirmed, that deer living below the zonal line in the counties of Sarasota, St. Lucie, Martin and Palm Beach have a breeding period that occurs later than that of most of the deer in Hunting Zone A. These deer actually have a breeding period more in line with deer living north of the line in Zone C.

The breeding period, also known as "the rut," is the time of year when bucks actively pursue female deer, which more often leads bucks to venture out during daylight hours, giving hunters a better chance at seeing and harvesting one.

It is because of this that a number of local hunters asked the FWC to move the boundary line between hunting zones A and C, so that all or parts of these counties would instead be included in Hunting Zone C, which has the later hunting season dates that better align with when the rut occurs in these areas.

The new boundary line between hunting zones A and C will begin at the Gulf and run east through Charlotte Harbor and up the Peace River until it intersects with SR70. The boundary line then becomes SR 70, continuing east until it meets U.S. 441 north of Lake Okeechobee. The line then follows U.S. 441 south, where it proceeds around the eastern shore of Lake Okeechobee, then turns east and follows County Road 880 and runs just a few miles before continuing east on U.S. 98/441/S.R. 80/Southern Boulevard until it reaches the Atlantic.

This new line separating hunting zones A and C only affects the fall hunting seasons for deer and turkey. Spring turkey season dates will remain unaffected and will continue as they have been. In other words, spring turkey season below SR 70 will continue to open the first Saturday in March, while above SR 70 in the rest of the state, the season will continue to open the third Saturday of March.

In the rule amendment regarding the increased daily bag limit for turkeys, the daily harvest limit per hunter will increase from one bearded turkey or gobbler per day to two on private lands. This is a statewide change and will affect both the fall and spring turkey hunting seasons. Only the daily bag limit will increase; the season limit for turkeys will remain at two birds.

That means hunters may still only take a total of two turkeys during the fall (all fall seasons combined) and another two during the spring season, but what changes is that hunters will have the option and flexibility of getting their season limit of two birds in a single day. How-ever, on wildlife management areas, the daily bag limit on turkeys will remain at one bird.

Both the rule modifying the boundary line between hunting zones A and C and the one increasing the daily bag limit for turkeys on private lands will not go into effect until the 2014-15 hunting season, which starts in early August.

Obituaries

In Memory

DORIS GOUGH RHYAN

Doris Gough Rhyan was born July 5, 1915 in Dale County, Ala., and went home to be with her beloved Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014.

She was married to Horace Gough on June 4, 1933, and celebrated 51 years of marriage. During those years of living in the country, three children were born: Dolores Gough Rutledge, Marshall Thomas Gough (deceased 2014) and Terry L. Gough. Horace and Doris were very active in New Zion Baptist Church. Doris served 20 years with the Women's Mis-sionary Union and was also a longtime member of the Women's Club and Garden Club.

Doris was known as "Meme" by her family and throughout the county. She had a true love of people and always enjoyed being around friends and family. Meme was a tireless worker with a servant's heart, always pre-paring delicious meals, working in the fields and doing whatever else needed to be done.

When phosphate began moving to move into the county, Horace and Doris sold their homestead and moved to Dansby Road. Horace died in 1984, and sometime later, Doris married a former high school beau, Pat Rhyan. Doris and Pat enjoyed many wonderful years together, until Pat died in 2001.

She became Mrs. Doris Rhyan and became an active member of Oak Grove Baptist Church till the end of her life. On July 5, 2013, most of Doris' family gathered at Pioneer Restaurant to celebrate her 98th birthday. Though Doris is gone, she leaves behind a loving family of many children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by Horace Gough, Pat Rhyan and son, Marshall Gough.

She is survived by daughter, Dolores Rutledge and husband Harry; son, Terry Gough and wife Norma Jean; sister, May Frank Himrod; brother, Alex Marsh and wife Pat; and Naomi Pearson and husband Walt. She is also survived by grandchildren, Lawrence Rutledge and wife Laura, Debbie McGee, Sherry Gough, Alex Gough, Marsha Fields and Jamie Gough; great-grandchildren, Wade McCorquodale, Matthew McGee and wife Jennifer, Jacob McGee, Jordan Gibbs, Lauren Rutledge, Kaley Rutledge, Tanner Gough, Mason Gough and Kendall Gough and Makayla Mc-Leod; and great-great-grandchild, Dustin McCorquodale.

To her family, Meme will always be remembered as the strong rock who kept them together by hosting numerous family events, constantly making phone calls to check in, and by faithfully praying for her loved ones throughout her life.

The celebration of Doris' life was held on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014, at Oak Grove Baptist Church, where all her family and close friends came to celebrate and re-member Meme's wonderful, long life.

In Memory

HELEN WEIS NICHOLSON

Helen Weis Nicholson, 98, of Wauchula, died peacefully at home after a short illness on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014.

Mrs. Nicholson was born Sept. 5, 1915, in Staunton, Ill., and lived most of her life in Hardee County where she was part owner of Nicholson Supply Company in Bowling Green and Wauchula. She was a member of the Senior Ladies' Sunday School class at First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, where she was an active member for over 70 years.

Mrs. Nicholson was preceded in death by her husband, Woodrow W. Nichol-son; one brother, John E. Weis; and sister, Henrietta W. Cochran.

She is survived by her son, Charles Nicholson and his wife Penny of Wauchula; and a daughter, Mary Ann Sanders and her husband Charles of Bowling Green. She delighted in her four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one step-great-granddaughter; Rich-ard and Judi Nicholson and children Sarah and Daniel of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; David and Ann Nicholson and children Jacob, Jeremy and Rachel of Lithia; Steven and Amy Nicholson and children Vusi and Micah of Cape Town, South Africa; Jennifer Sanders of Herndon, Va.; and Jessie Sanders Brooks and Michael of Coral Springs. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews and their families.

Interment was held at the Bowling Green Cemetery at 9 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 21, 2014. Visitation was held in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, Bowling Green at 10:15 a.m., and a Memorial Service followed at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Scott Tharp officiating.

In lieu of flowers, Mrs. Nicholson requested donations to support the ministry of her grandson who does mission work in Cape Town, South Africa. Donations may be mailed to the First Baptist Church, 4531 North U.S. Hwy. 17, Bowling Green, FL 33834 with preferenced for Steven Nicholson written on the memo line.

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

In Memory

ALBERT BYRON NEWBERRY

Albert Byron Newberry, age 81, passed away Monday, Feb. 24, 2014, in Sebring.

Mr. Newberry was born in Medulla to James Albert and Eva Mae (Hicks) Newberry. He was the owner/operator of Cyclone Pump and Welding of Avon Park, Director of Peace River Electric for 23 years and Director of Florida Electric in Tallahassee for 15 years. He was also a member and music director of New Life Baptist Church in Fort Meade for many years, attended schools in Medulla and Mulberry, loved to fish and hunt and worked in the Phosphate Mines as a Welder. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War and had been a resident of Ft. Meade since 1970, coming from Lakland.

Mr. Newberry is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marjorie B. Newberry; two sisters, JoAnn Still (Tom) of Lakeland and Teresa Bridges (Cecil) of Lakeland; three brothers, Van Newberry (Judy) of Winter Haven, Von Newberry (Joy) of Lakeland and Frank Newberry (Rita) of Lakeland; and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Newberry was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Steven and Jamie Newberry; brothers, Joe, Leslie and Gilbert Newberry.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014, from 1 to 2 p.m. with Funeral Services beginning at 2 p.m. at the Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home in Avon Park with the Rev. Joe Parrish and Missionary Robert Heath officiating. Burial will follow in Bougainvillea Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Good Shepherd Hospice: 1110 Hammock Rd., Sebring, Florida 33870.

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Wildcat Baseball Bounds Off

By JOAN SEAMAN
Of The Herald-Advocate

In a couple of pre-season tourneys and the first game of the season, the Hardee Wildcat nine are a perfect six-for-six.

Next up are back-to-back games today (Thursday) and tomorrow, taking on Lake Wales at home today and traveling to Lemon Bay tomorrow for the first district encounter of the season. There is a double-header at home on Saturday, against Berkeley Prep, the varsity squads clashing at 1 p.m. and the JVs at 4.

There are a pair of home games next week, playing against Class 5A, District 11 DeSoto on Tuesday and Frostproof on Thursday. The following week brings a visit to Frostproof on March 13 and a home tilt against the final district rival, Sebring, on March 14.

Hardee 9,
Ridge Community 2

In the first preseason tournament at Fort Meade, Hardee opened on Feb. 6 against Ridge Community, nailing a 9-2 victory. Kris Johnson, Keith Choate and Garrett Albritton handled mound duties.

The Bolts got the first score of the game in the second inning, when a single, walk and another singled plated the first tally.

Hardee got on the board with at trio of tallies in the top of the third stanza. Cody Spencer walked and advanced on a bunt sacrifice by Seth Mcgee. Hayden Lindsey was safe on an error and Kramer Royal beat out a dropped third strike. With a walk by Luke Palmer and hit by Tyler Hewitt, Hardee took a 3-1 lead.

Neither team scored in the fourth or fifth innings. Hardee added three more runs in the top of the fifth frame.Lindsey and Royal hit back to back singles and moved along on a Kris Johnson sacrifice to fly to right field. Palmer walked and Hewett smacked another singled. It was a 6-1 game when Ridge failed to score in the home half of the inning.

Hardee picked up its final three scores in the top of the sixth. Spencer walked again. With one away, Lindsey drew a walk and Royal singled. Spencer scored on a balk and the other two runners moved up 90 feet. Again, Palmer walked and Hewett singled, his third hit of the game.

Ridge picked up another score in the bottom of the sixth, on a double and single. Neither team scored in the seventh and Hardee had a 9-2 victory.

Hardee 3, Lakeland 2

Hardee was the home team in this second game of the Fort Made Preseason Classic. Spencer, McGee and Albritton held the Dreadnaughts nearly scoreless.

The Cats scored all their runs in the home half of the first. After a one, two, three top of the inning. Llindsey opened with a single and moved along on a Royal sacrifice to left field. Johnson singled. With two down, Hewett tripled and rode home on a passed ball to join his running mates in the dug out.

The defensive game rocked along until the top of the sixth, when Lakeland was able to push two runs across the plate after a pair of walks coupled with a single.

Hardee got two outs and left a runner stranded in the seventh inning for the 3-2 win.

Hardee 9, LaBelle 1

The Wildcats started the Early Bird Tournament in Avon Park on Feb. 10 with a 9-1 win over LaBelle, with Tanor Durden and Choate on the mound.

The Cowboys got their only score in the home half of the fourth on a single, stolen base and wild pitch.

Hardee responded by sending 12 men to the plate in the top of the fifth. Chevy Dolcater was safe on the shortstop's error and went to second on a Jake Bolin bunt sacrifice. Spencer doubled and Luke Winter singled.

Lindsey was safe on an error at first and Royal kept the action going with a single. With two away, Palmer was safe on an error and Hewett drew a walk. When Dolcater came to bat for the second time in the inning and singled, the sixth run had scored. Bolin was hit by a pitch, but the bases were left loaded. It was 6-1.

The Cowboys were not able to get any other action going. Hardee, meanwhile, padded its score with a run in the sixth and two more in the seventh. Lindsey smacked a solo homer in the sixth. Dolcater and Spencer both came home in the seventh, aided by an error on a Wyatt Maddox hit, making the final score 9-1.

Hardee 2, Lake Placid 1

The Wildcats had a couple of practice days before their Feb. 13 encounter with Lake Placid. Again, Hardee was the home team , with Johnson going the distance in the defensive game.

The Dragons stranded a runner in the top of the first. Hardee got on the board, when Lindsey was safe on an error, advanced on another error and raced home under the tag on a passed ball.

Lake Placid knotted the game at 1-all in the top of the fourth on a combination of errors and a hit.

Hardee put the game away with a sixth-inning rally. Royal and Johnson both doubled, with Royal racing home on the Johnson hit to deep center field.. When Lake Placid batters went down in order in the top of the seventh, Hardee had its fourth win in as many games.

Hardee 7, Avon Park 4

Hardee had won its way into the Feb. 14 tournament game against the home team Red Devils. Spencer and Albritton combined for the 7-4 win in a game in which Hardee was the visiting team.

The Cats immediately got on the board. With one down, Royal drew a walk and Johnson singled to center. Hewett was safe on a two-RBI hit which brought both teammates home. A Dolcater walk left two aboard. It was three up, three down for Avon Park in the bottom of the first.

Lindsey picked up another score for Hardee in the top of the second, with a double, coming home on back-to-back hits by Royal and Johnson. When the Red Devils stranded a runner in the home half of the second, Hardee had a 3-0 edge.

That became 5-0 when Dulcater and Spencer crossed home plate with help from a Bolin single. Again, it was a three-batter inning for Avon Park.

Neither team scored in the fourth. In the fifth, Dolcater took advantage of a pair of errors to get to third. He and Bolin, who was safe on another error, advanced on a balk, Dolcater coming home. A single by Winter brought Bolin home to make it a 7-0 game.

That was all the scoring for Hardee. Avon Park got one run in the home half of the fifth on a double, walk and single. The Red Devils added three more in a seventh-inning rally which fell short. Walks and errors gave them the scores and made it a more interesting final score of 7-4.

Hardee 10, Fort Meade 1

Hardee its regular season going with the first game on its own field last Friday, taking a 10-1 win from northern rival Fort Meade. Spencer and Albritton combined for the win.

The Miners got their only run in the top of the third. On a double and RBI sacrifice.

Hardee had started scoring from the opening gate. Lindsey and Royal both walked and Lindsey raced home on a Johnson single.

Hardee padded the scored in the second inning. Bolin, Winter and Dustin Goodwyn all walked to load the bases. With two down, Royal slashed a three-RBI double to the centerfield fence. He was out stretching for home on a Johnson hit. Hardee led 4-0.

Palmer, Spencer and Bolin were stranded in the third inning. In the fourth, Hardee plated three more runners. Lindsey started it with a single and moved on with help from a Royal fielder's choice. Johnson picked up an RBI single. Palmer was safe on an error and Spencer and Dolcater both singled. The last were stranded, along with Bolin, who had walked before a pair of strikeouts ended the effort. Hardee was 7-1.

The final trio of tallies came in the home half of the sixth. Spencer walked, Dolcater singled, Bolin doubled and Winter walked. He was out going to second, Spencer came home on the Bolin hit, Dolcater on a passed ball and Bolin on an error on a Lindsey hit. That made the final score 10-1 when Fort Meade failed to score in the top of the seventh.

Sports Quiz

By Chris Richcreek

1. In 2013, Baltimore's Chris Davis became the second player in major-league history to have at least 26 home runs and 23 doubles in the first 72 games of the season. Who was the first?

2. How many times did Roger Clemens lead the American League in wins for a season despite pitching for a team with a losing record?

3. Which college football team has won the most Fiesta Bowls?

4. Five players have won the NBA's regular-season MVP Award at least four times. Name four of them.

5. Which four NHL teams have combined to win the past five Stanley Cups?

6. In 2013, Tim Cahill set a record for fastest goal in Major League Soccer history (eight seconds). Who held the previous mark?

7. Name five of the previous eight WBA world heavyweight boxing champions before Mike Tyson won the title in 1987.

ANSWERS

1. Lou Gehrig, in 1927.
2. Twice — 1987 (Boston) and 1997 (Toronto).
3. Penn State, with six victories.
4. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Wilt Chamberlain, LeBron James, Michael Jordan and Bill Russell.
5. Chicago (twice), Boston, Los Angeles and Pittsburgh.
6. Dwayne De Rosario scored a goal in 11 seconds in 2003.
7. John Tate, Mike Weaver, Michael Dokes, Gerrie Coetzee, Greg Page, Tony Tubbs, Tim Witherspoon and James (Bonecrusher) Smith.

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6 large navel oranges
2 tablespoons brandy (optional)
1 cup sugar

1. From oranges, with vegetable peeler, remove 6 strips (3 inches by 3/4 inch each) peel. Cut strips lengthwise into slivers.

2. Cut remaining peel and white pith from oranges. Slice oranges into 1/4-inch-thick rounds and place on deep platter, overlapping slices slightly. Sprinkle with brandy, if desired, and orange peel.

3. In 1 1/2-quart saucepan, cook sugar over medium heat, stirring to dissolve any lumps, until sugar has melted and turned deep amber. Drizzle caramel over orange slices. Cover and refrigerate until caramel melts, about 2 hours. Makes 6 servings.

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JV Split First Games

By JOAN SEAMAN
Of The Herald-Advocate

The JV Wildcats are 1-1 or 2-our-of-4, depending how you look at it.

The young Cats had the first game of the season against Sebring and lost to Avon Park. In the second week, they won 7-4 over Lake Wales and had a game against Fort Meade cancelled.

The junior Wildcats host district rival Lemon Bay tomorrow (Friday) and play as part of a double-header at home on Saturday, when Berkeley Prep comes to Wildcat Field. The varsity squads play at 1 p.m. and the JVs about 4 p.m.

Next week, the JV goes to district rival Desoto on Tuesday and to Frostproof on Thursday. The following week, is a pair of home games. At 6 p.m. Mar. 10 against Sebring and at 6:30 p.m. on Mar. 13 against Frostproof.

After getting a late start with the cancellation against Sebring, Hardee hosted Avon Park on Feb. 13. Highlights of the 16-1 loss include a Marco DeLeon triple which left him at third, and hits by Russell Weems and Aaron Harrison.

Seth McGee was on the mound for the Feb. 17 home game against Lake Wales. He struck out the first two junior Highlanders, allowed a hit and left that runner aboard with a fly-out to end the Lake wales efforts.

Hardee got on the board first. Deleon opened with a hit to left center. With one away, McGee doubled to right to score DeLeon. With two down, Brandon Franks doubled to center to score McGee. Hardee had a 2-0 advantage.

Another Highlander was stranded in the top of the second and Hardee batters were retired in order. In the third inning, Lake Wales tied the game with a pair of scores on a single, double and sacrifice. Hardee batters were dispatched quickly.

McGee had a trio of strikeouts to start the fourth inning. Hardee forged back in front with four runs. Weems doubled to right and advanced on an Austin Vickers hit to left. When Andy Manley singled, Weems was out coming home, but on the next play David Badillo doubled to left to score Vickers and Manley. Badillo crossed home on a Deleon hit and he scored on a Carlos Camacho doubled to right center. When the dust settled, Hardee led 6-2.

Neither team was able to score in the fifth. In the sixth, Lake Wales plated a pair of runners on a single and homer. Hardee responded with its final tally of the game in the home half of the sixth. Ryan Moore was hit by a pitch and raced home ahead of a Keith Choate triple to deep center field.

Lake Wales had one final at-bat and was able to get only one score on a combination of hits and walks, leaving two runners on base when the game ended in a Hardee 7-4 win.

Coaches Travis Tubbs and Jacob Benavides have a young squad. Only DeLeon, Weems, McGee, Moore, Manley, Dalton Tubbs, Ethan Cord and Adam Salas are sophs. Franks, Harrison, Badillo, Vickers, Camacho, Keith Choate, Kyle Choate, Isaac Flores and Wyatt Zeigler are frosh.

Citrus Growers Meet Tonight

The Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association will host its annual meeting today (Thursday) at the Turner Center in Arcadia.

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with an orange juice reception, followed by dinner prepared by the Lakewood Ranch FFA club.

Comedian Leanne Morgan will be supplying the entertainment for the night. This mother of three, living in rural Appalachia, has been featured on ABC's "The View," the Las Vegas Comedy Festival and Nick at Night's "Funniest Moms." She continues to perform in comedy clubs, performing arts centers, and theatres all over the United States and is currently set to develop a sitcom with Warner Brothers and ABC.

Morgan's style of comedy combines her Southern charm and hilarious storytelling about her own life into an act that keeps you coming back for more. People are always accusing her of spying on them because she seems to be living the same life that they do. The fact that everyone can relate to her comedy has made her a hit even among the strangest of audiences.

The meeting will also feature a video message from Congressman Tom Rooney discussing the importance of the citrus industry to the state's economy and the much-needed research money recently provided to fight Greening.

This year's event is courtesy of "Platinum Sponsors" Bayer Crop Science, Yara North America, Farm Credit of Florida, Peace River Citrus Products, Mosaic, C.W. Har-rison Inc. and Tropicana as well as a host of other sponsors.

The Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association represents commercial citrus growers in Hardee, DeSoto, Manatee, Charlotte and Sara-sota counties. The association has approximately 250 grower members and 150 associate members.

All commercial citrus growers or citrus-related businesses are invited to attend. To make a reservation, call (863) 494-0061 or (863) 773-2644 or e-mail oj@prvcitrus.org.

MAKING COW WHIPS

PHOTOS BY JIM KELLY

This father and son from Wauchula are shown making cow whips at the recent Florida State Fair in Tampa at Cracker Country, depicting life in Florida in the 1800s. George Altman (white hat) is making a cow whip out of buckskin that sells for about $20 a foot. He also makes and repairs saddles at his shop at 2196 West Main Street in Wauchula. His son Justin Simon (dark hat) is making a cow whip out of nylon and kangaroo hide which sells for $10 to $11 a foot. Simon is manager of Smith's Southern Arms in Wauchula.

SWAMP CABBAGE

PHOTOS BY JIM KELLY

At the recent Florida State Fair in Tampa, Buddy Mills of Okeechobee showed people visiting Cracker Country how to trim, cut and cook swamp cabbage, the heart of Florida's official state tree, the sabal palm. He cooked several batches a day in a cast iron pot over a wood fire, like Floridians did in the 1980s. He uses salt, pepper and salt pork for seasoning. Mills said swamp cabbage is very nutritious, containing vitamins A, B6, C, magnesium, and potassium.

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

CASE #: 252012-CA-000002

The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Successor Trustee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for Certificateholders of Bear Stearns Asset-Backed Securities, Inc., Assett-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-3
Plaintiff,

vs.

William B. Heggie and Bonnie G. Heggie, Husband and Wife and Mary Hall and Anthony Harrell; et al.
Defendants.
_____/

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS PROPERTY

TO: Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Creditors, Lienors, and Trustees of Christine Harrell, Deceased, and All Other Persons Claiming by and Through, Under, Against The Named Defendant(s); CURRENT ADDRESS UNKNOWN UNTIL GUARDIAN AD LITEM IS APPOINTED.

Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned un-known Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown De-fendants as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Hardee County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

LOTS 16, 17, 18 AND 19, BLOCK 4, GRAHAMS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BOWLING GREEN, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 19, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

more commonly known as 415 East Banana Street, Bowling Green, FL 33834.

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Tampa, FL 33614, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately there after; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 21st day of February.

VICTORIA L. ROGERS
Circuit and County Courts

By: J. Wingo
Deputy Clerk

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, (863) 534-4488 WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL TDD (863) 534-7777 OR FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE 1-800-955-8770.

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Cutting the ribbon at the Town Center's newly refurbished lot are (front, from left) city commissioners Peter Preston and Neda Cobb, Mayor Keith Nadaskay, Commissioner Gary Smith, engineer Bo Conerly and Community Redevelopment Agency Coordinator Jessica Newman; (back) Commissioner John Freeman, City Manager Terry Atchley and Commissioner Ken Lambert.

Parking Lots Complete!

Concrete poured, lines drawn, flowers planted and the ribbon has been cut!

The Wauchula city commissioners gathered at the Town Center parking lot along U.S. 17 and Main Street for a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony commemorating the completion of the downtown parking lot project on Monday, Feb. 10.

The Community Redevelopment Agency led the parking lot project, which included the renovation of three downtown lots and the addition of one new lot.

"The Community Redevelopment Agency is charged with eliminating slum and blight in Wauchula," said Jessica Newman, CRA coordinator. "The renovated parking lots have brought a fresh breath to our downtown, and the parking lots now look like they belong with the quality of our downtown retail stores, businesses and restaurants."

The parking lot project included the renovation of the parking lot adjacent to the historic train depot and S&S Irrigation, the Town Center parking lot, the lot adjacent to the Masonic Lodge, and the parking lots behind Heritage Park and Giovanni's Main Street Kitchen.

Main Street Wauchula Inc. offered $5 discount coupons for businesses to utilize in an effort to mitigate any loss of business due to ongoing construction. "We got a huge response because of the coupons. People who had never visited the shop came in for the first time," said That Sub Shop owner Amy Hines.

The parking lot project required a community effort from business owners to the city commissioners, and stemmed from community input at public meetings during the redevelopment plan update process in 2010.

The ribbon-cutting commemorated all of those efforts.

Bowling Green To Have Clean-up Day April 2

By JIM KELLY
Of The Herald-Advocate

The Bowling Green City Commission on Tuesday, Feb. 25, voted unanimously to apply for a $700,000 federal grant to improve the sewage treatment plant.

If the grant is approved, the federal funds would flow through the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, said grants coordinator Fred Fox of St. Augustine.

The project would include a grit removal system, a new mechanically cleaned screen and channel, influent lift station improvements, associated yard piping and electrical work of $604,000, plus $40,000 for engineering and $56,000 for administration.

At the Feb. 11 regular monthly meeting, the city commission saw Steve Spinks, 54, retired from CF Industries, installed by city attorney Gerald Buhr as a new city commissioner, replacing Randy Mink who resigned due to health reasons. Spinks grew up in the Lake Dale community and has lived in Bowling Green 15 years. He was the only candidate for the post. No election was needed.

The commission accepted a lone bid of $1,050 for the 1992 28 by 44-foot mobile home on the Phillips property recently purchased by the city. Daniel Hershman of West Palm Beach will remove the mobile home from the site, which is just south of the city sewer plant property.

PHOTO BY JIM KELLY

Steve Spinks (right) is sworn in as a city commissioner in Bowling Green on Feb. 11 by city attorney Gerald Buhr.

City Manager Jerry Conerly said the city will save $1,900 on its water treatment permit.

City commissioner Richard Barone wants recycling bins in the city.

Conerly announced Family Dollar Store is no longer interested in building a store in Bowling Green.

The city has not heard back on its offer of $150,000 to purchase the old Bowling Green Inn under certain conditions from owner Gary Delatorre.

A city-wide clean-up day will be held Wednesday, April 2. Junk and up to two tires can be placed curbside and will be removed by the city at no charge to property owners. The junk can include furniture, TVs and appliances. No paint, chemicals or other hazardous materials are allowed.

Police Chief John Scheel reported the new city patrol car has been delivered.

Kitchen Diva

By Angela Medearis

Roast Up a Feast of Flavors

Roasting meats and vegetables is one of the oldest cooking techniques in human history. The earliest form of cooking was probably the direct heat method — placing raw meat into an open fire. Roasting via indirect heat was probably an accident. Raw meat was left near the fire, cooking the side closest to the heat. Eventually, somebody thought of putting the meat on a stick, and turning it so that all of the sides cooked evenly — and spit-roasting was born.

The earliest ovens were made of earth and clay and were found in Central Europe. An earth oven is one of the key indicators of human civilization. It is one of the most common artifacts archaeologist look for at an anthropological dig.

Typically, a pit was dug into the ground and then heated, usually by rocks or smoldering debris. The food was wrapped in leaves and set on top of the heat source, then covered with earth. Cooking times are usually long, as the food is cooked by slow roasting. This type of earth oven has been used by many cultures. In pre-dynastic Egypt, each mud-brick house had an oven. The ceramic oven is built of clay or another ceramic material, and takes different forms depending on the culture. It is one of the earliest forms of our modern ovens. In India, it is referred to as a "tandoor." Ovens were used to cook food and to make bricks. Brick is another ceramic material and was used to make ovens popular in Italy. With no need for spits or constantly turning the food over a fire, oven roasting was born.

High-heat roasting concentrates the flavor of meats and vegetables and brings out their natural sweetness. Best of all, it can be done year-round — on the grill in good weather and in the oven during cold weather.

There's no comparison between roasted and steamed vegetables. Roasted veggies have browning, carmelization and crisp edges and texture, which adds to their flavor. Roasted vegetables also add wonderful flavors to dishes without a lot of fat and calories. Roasting garlic, potatoes and carrots can work wonders as fat substitutes in recipes for mashed vegetables, sauces, cream soups and casseroles. You can spread six cloves of roasted garlic over a slice of bread as you would butter.

This recipe for Oven Roasted Vegetable Hash is the perfect way to roast up a feast of flavors using your favorite seasonal vegetables!

OVEN ROASTED VEGETABLE HASH

You can prepare all the vegetables up to 4 hours ahead, except the onions, which will become bitter. Don't overcrowd the pan or the food will steam, not roast.

3 to 3-1/2 pounds root vegetables, in any combination*
2 cups broccoli or cauliflower florets
2 medium yellow onions, peeled
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, rendered bacon or pancetta fat or brown butter, or a mixture of the oils
1 tablespoon poultry seasoning
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 teaspoon honey or sugar
1 tablespoon salt
4 ounces aged goat cheese

1. Preheat oven to 450 F.

2. Peel the root vegetables. Cut celery root into 1-inch-thick slices, then cut each slice into 1/4- to 1/3-inch thick strips; cut crosswise to make 1/4- to 1/3-inch dice. If any of the other vegetables are thicker than 1-1/2 inches in diameter, cut them lengthwise in half, then cut crosswise into 1/4- to 1/3-inch-thick slices. Cut the onions into eights through the root ends, leaving the wedges intact.

3. Line a heavy-rimmed baking pan with foil or parchment paper. Place the oil into a large bowl. Mix the oil with the poultry seasoning, pepper, sugar and 1/2 tablespoon of the salt. Place the onions into the oil and toss to coat. Lay the onion wedges cut-side down in one corner of the pan.

4. Place the rest of the vegetables into the bowl and mix with remaining oil until well-coated. Scatter the root vegetables over the rest of the pan. Sprinkle the vegetables with the remaining 1/2 tablespoon of the salt.

5. Roast, turning the vegetables every 15 minutes or so with a spatula, until tender and golden, about 45 minutes. The cooked hash can be stored, covered, in the refrigerator for up to 3 days. Warm in a nonstick skillet over moderate heat before serving.

To Prep Ahead: Mix the vegetables with the seasoned oil, and cover the bowl tightly with plastic wrap. Set aside at room temperature. Proceed with the instructions for roasting the vegetables. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

*Root vegetables include parsnips, carrots, celery root, parsley root, turnips, white or sweet potatoes, acorn or butternut squash, Brussels sprouts, asparagus, green beans and garlic. (Additional information provided by Elaine Magee, MPH, RD, www.WebMD.com)

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Pinball Machines Were A Favorite Pastime

By DOMINIQUE MURPHY
Special To The Herald-Advocate

The person I interviewed was Mike Schofield.

Q: What was your favorite thing to do in your free time when you were my age? Why?

A: When I was your age, my favorite thing to do in my free time was to mainly hang with my friends and play baseball or play pinball machines.

Q: What was your first job when you were my age? How much did you get paid?

A: My first job was a paper boy. Getting paid just varied on how many customers I had, but it ranged from $40-$100 a month.

Q: Did you go into a type of service when you were younger? If so, what and what age and why?

A: I went into the Army at 17 years old, and I went because I wouldn't behave and I needed discipline.

Q: When you went to school, what was your favorite subject in school and why?

A: My favorite subjects were math and history.

Q: What was the type of fashion when you were my age?

A: The type of fashion was khakis, corduroy.

Q: When and where were you born?

A: I was born in Baltimore, Md., on July 16, 1949.

Q: Did you have a "coming of age" experience?

A: My coming of age experience was when I went into the United States of America Army.

Q: What was it like to date when you were my age?

A: You had to be home at a certain time.

Q: What were your favorite things to do with your friends when you were my age?

A: Play pinball and play baseball, because that was really all we could do.

Q: What were your parents like (strict, not strict)?

A: Strict, because you had curfews and certain places you couldn't go and certain things you couldn't do.

Q: What kind of music did you listen to when you were my age? Why?

A: The Beatles, The Monkees, Elvis, Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan. They were the thing back then.

Q: If you could go back to when you were younger, to when would you go and why?

A: If I could go back to when I was younger, I would go back to 1966, when I was 17, because that was when my favorite baseball team won the World Series.

Q: Did you play any sports when you were younger?

A: Yes, I played baseball, football and I bowled.

Q: If you had to get around to places, how did you do it?

A: By bus, because I didn't have a vehicle, unless someone who had a car came and picked us up.

Q: What kind of activities did you do to bond with your family?

Back In Time

A: Nothing much that I can think of.

Q: What was your favorite food to eat when you were my age?

A: Fried chicken, chicken and dumplings, and liver

Q: When you were my age what was your favorite movie to watch?

A: "Zorro," "Tarzan" and Western movies were my favorite.

Q: When you went to school, how did you get to school and home? How far was the school from your house?

A: In third through ninth grades, I walked to school. For 10th and 11th grades, I rode the bus. For 12th, I walked to school. For third to sixth grades, school was like 12 blocks away from my house, in sixth through ninth it was three blocks away, and in 10th and 11th grades it was 20 miles away from my house. It took an hour to get home. For 12th, it was three blocks away.

Q: When you went into the Army, what did you think at first of what you were getting yourself into?

A: I knew I was getting myself the discipline I needed, and I knew I was going to finally understand to be put into my place. I got what I was looking for when I went.

Q: Do you have anything else to add that you would like?

A: When I was in the Army, I had to deal with kids your age. I had to be their mommy and daddy, and take care of them and tuck then in at night and make sure they didn't get into any trouble. Also, my life when I was younger wasn't as easy as you teenagers and kids have it. We had to work and do stuff, but you guys get it easy; you get stuff handed to you while we had to work for what we wanted or needed.

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.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO. 252014CP000005

IN RE: ESTATE OF

KAREN JEAN MONG, Deceased.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of KAREN JEAN MONG, deceased, whose date of death was November 22, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for HARDEE County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Drawer 1749, Wauchula, FL 33873. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is February 27, 2014.

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

CASE NO.: 252014CP000006

IN RE: ESTATE OF

JO ANN COBB, deceased.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JO ANN COBB, de-ceased, whose date of death was August 10, 2013, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-xxxx, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hardee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Drawer 1749, Wauchula, FL 33873-1749. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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Oasis RV News

By Georgianna Mills

AROUND THE PARK

Charles and Emma West left for home, as Emma needs to have some surgery. Please keep her in your prayers and send a card.

Welcome back home, Barb! So glad your surgery went well.

Our "Men's Treat" saw a full house and everyone enjoying the wonderful dishes that the men prepared, giving the women a day without cooking. Our men know how to cook and make desserts. Yum! Following the dinner, a great time was had at the auction vying for the best gift. Ray Tuttle always puts the fun in raising the "bid." The setting-up crew was Chuck Cline, Leonard Starr and Mike Yaw.

Tuesday Bible Study had 11 attending. Connie spoke on "Be of Good Cheer."

SUNDAY SERVICE

The Rev. Trent Swanson spoke on "How Strong is Our Faith?"

The Bluegrass Band opened the service with Trent playing the guitar and singing "Washed in the Blood." Lew Mothersbaugh played the mandolin, Ray Moore played "How Great Thou Art" on the fiddle. Les Day played the banjo. Marie Buntley sang "Take Me in Your Life Boat" and Richard Buntley played the guitar.

Connie Swanson and Jeff Riggs sang "He'll Be Coming Down From Glory," written by Warren Pennie. Nancy Pennie played the base and Will Pennie the dobro.

Ray and Jo Moore along with family have arrived home safely.

BINGO

Feb. 13 saw 39 players. Six merchant certificates were given out. Estelle Wheeler won the 50/50 and Edie Philips went home with the jackpot.

Feb. 17, Nora Tipton went home with the 50/50, seven merchant certificates were given players who yelled "bingo!"

Marie Buntley finally won the cover all.

BREAKFAST

With Lucy and Leonard Starr and Charles and Kathy Gaylog cooking, nobody goes home hungry. Their grits, eggs, pancakes, sausage gravy, biscuits and sausages are delicious.

SHUFFLEBOARD

There were 11 shufflers with six people shooting for the big win. Dowayne Parks came through to be the champion, winning all of his games.

Feb. 18, we had 16 turn out. Ed Moore did his best to outdo Nancy Pennie and Carol Yaw, but they became the champions.

POKENO

With five players this week, Joyce Longueuil went home with more pennies than she came with. That means she was the biggest winner.

Feb. 17, we had five players and it was Audrey Semler who ran away with the most pennies.

Feb. 19, we had seven players. Now, you can talk about the pennies, but when these girls get going on bagging those pennies, it's tense! Joyce Longueuil went running home with the biggest pot yet. She was afraid she might lose them.

HORSESHOES

Monday will be the tournament for the horseshoe players. It is tense; there will be many wanting to win the "trophy" that Mary Ellen and Tom Hopkins are proud to give each year.

WII BOWLING

Frank Huiet took the honors with a high game of 265 and high average of 238. There were seven players vying for high score.

Track Girls Win At Sebring; Boys Second

By JOAN SEAMAN
Of The Herald-Advocate

Hardee girls track took the healthiest share of points in a quad-meet in Sebring on Thursday, while the Wildcats placed second.

Coach Rob Beatty was overall pleased with the performances and noted that most athletes only ran two events as they had another one on Friday at the huge North Port Invita-tional which includes more than 30 teams from around the state and out-of-state. Results from that meet were unavailable at press time.

This week, Hardee travels to Lake Placid today (Thursday). The next is a tri-meet at Sarasota Out-Of-Door Academy on March 4 and another at Avon Park on March 6.

Girls

At Sebring, the girls track competition was fairly evenly match. Hardee won with 81.17 points, with Sebring close at 79.83, Moore Haven at 59.50 and DeSoto at 36.50. Hardee was able to collect points with placement in many events.

First place points came from underclassmen Maria Munoz and Madeleine Zamora. Munoz won the 1,600 or mile run in 6:10.12 with teammate Crystal Avila close behind for second-place points at 6:32.41, just ahead of Lady Streak Kaylyn Cooper at 6:43.44. Crystal Huerta and Anahi Velasco were also among the nine runners in this race.

Munoz and Avila also went one-two in the 3,200 or two-mile run. Munoz crossed the finish line at 13:44.00 and Avila at 14:35.40. Araceli Ramos placed fourth with a time of 15:35.50, just 10 second behind Christian Pules of Sebring.

Zamora won the 800-yard run in 2.57.18, beating Sebring's Katie Stoll, who was in at 2:59.72. Angel Mancillas, Ashley Ayala and Brenda Miramontes claimed third, fourth and fifth placed of the 13 runners.

Lousha St. Louis placed third in the 100-yard dash and fourth in the 200. She was nine seconds off the second-place pace in the 100 and 31 seconds off third place in the 200. Annetude Delhomme and Ana Toledo were also among 11 runners in the 100 and Delhomme, Toledo and Jacqueline Perez were among 14 in the 200.

Ana Galvez placed fourth in the 400-yard dash, with Perez fifth, Litsy Vargas sixth and Julie Lopez ninth of the dozen girls in that race.

In the 100-yard hurdles, it was Erica DeLoera third, cutting 45 seconds off her seeded time. Deiunide "Dee Dee" Metayer placed fourth, Brook-lyn Graham fifth and Savannah Miller sixth, DeLoera was also third in the 300 hurdles, with Miller close behind for fourth place.

Hardee girls relays were third in the 4x100 and 4x400 and second in the 4x800, adding important points.

Turning to field events, Hardee's only first place was in the high jump, where Graham was first of the five girls who finished.

In the pole vault, it was Avila tied for second place with Shannon Bloomsa of Sebring and sharing points. Huerta placed fourth, and Galvez and Zamora tied for fifth place.

Metayer was eighth, Delhomme 10th and St. Louis 11th among the 16 girls in the long jump. Erica DeLoera, the only Hardee girl in the triple jump, placed third.

Allison Smith was second in the shot put, her 29-06.00, just six inches off the winner from Moore Haven. Isabel Abel, Maribel DeLoera, Miller and Nancy Sanchez were also among the 19 girls in the shot put.

Smith picked up fourth-place points in the discus, with Maribel DeLoera seventh, and Abel, Juliss Ortiz and Sanchez also participating.

Other girls on the 2014 squad are Kayla Albritton, Kristen Burkett, Merislene Cimeus, Shelby Dees, Brooke Faulk, Amberly Franks, Cynthia Hernandez, Deisy Piedad, Fernanda Ramos, Berenice Roblero and Karen Suarez.

Boys

Sebring dominated the boys performances in its own meet, compiling 113 poionts, to 53 for Hardee, 48 for DeSoto and 45 for Moore Haven. Seniors had the best performances.

Tristen Lanier places second in the 400-yard dash, his 53.96 close behind a Moore Haven runner's 53.43. Dustin Smith was firth and Sherry Lee ninth in that event.

Lanier was also third in the triple jump, with classmate Tyler Helms fifth, Adrian Briones eight, Brandon Beatty ninth and Marco Ehrenkaufer 13th.

Jesse Santoyo placed second just ahead of Alex Chavez in third place in the 800-yard run. Marc Salazar was fifth.

Nelson Bethea placed second in the 110 hurdles. He also placed third in the shot put and was fourth in the 300 hurdles. Roberto Torres was fifth and Julian Galvez tied for 11th in the shot put.

Leonel Rodriguez placed a strong second in the pole vault, with Adam Ramirez, Salazar and Will Roberts also in competition.

Gustavo Toledo was third in the 3,200-yard run, with a time of 11.25:60. Gultavo Villalva, Leonel Rodriguez and Adam Ramirez was all in that long run.

Tyler Smith placed fourth in the 1,600-yard, with Helms, Gillalva, Ehrenkaufr and Roberts also involved.

Hardee won the 4x800 relay, placed second in the 4x400 and was third in the 4x100.

Others involved in various events were Cory Rich, Cavaris Snell, John Snell, Johnny Luna, Sahmud Blandin, Chauncey Rivers, Alexander Shields, Jarret Carlton, Dustin Smith, Levi Lovett, DeVonte Greer, DeShaundre "Debo" McMillan, Jaquavious Kimbrough, Adrian Briones, Andres Hernandez, Devin Mendoza, Timmy Steedley, William Murphy and Netza Garcia.

Other boys on this year's squad are Thomas Atchley, Kevin Borjas, Braddock Collom, Isis Garza, David Gibson, Ryan Ham, Vaughn Kirkland, Eric Klein, Jimmy Lane, Eduardo Lopez, Santos Lopez, William McClelland, Jose Padilla, Ezequiel Perc, Ryan Ramirez, Rodrigo Rodriguez, Simon Rojas, Jesse Santoyo, Jacob Servin, Larrett Smith, Agustin Toledo and Jose Zuniga.

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To Your Good Health

By Dr. Paul G. Donohue

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What is the best way to get rid of tonsil stones, besides sticking my finger down my throat as far as I can and trying to dislodge the smelly things? More importantly, what is the way to prevent tonsil stones? I never had them until a year or so ago.

—S.M.

ANSWER: Tonsil stones, or tonsilloliths, are the not uncommon (one study reported them in 7 percent of young adults) but seldom discussed clusters of calcified material that lodge in the tonsils. Your tonsils, those oval-shaped swellings on the sides of the back of your throat, are important for the cells of the immune system.

Tonsilloliths form in the crypts (deep valleys) of the tonsil, and sometimes are visible as white or yellow spots when looking in the mirror. They become bothersome if they are large enough to cause discomfort or difficulty swallowing, but often they are noticed because of their unpleasant odor. Tonsilloliths often spontaneously come out of the tonsils; they usually are described as waxy or hard, with a peculiar odor.

I don't recommend sticking your finger in the back of your throat. The gag reflex can be very strong, and the tonsils have a very good blood supply, so damaging them can be very bloody. Some authorities recommend removal using the tongue attachment of a Waterpik (or similar device), but I have had general success with saltwater gargles. Very large or recurrent tonsilloliths are an indication for a visit to the ENT doctor.

Donohue

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My blood count showed that my hemoglobin is too high. Everything else is normal. My doctor says the hemoglobin is high because I smoke. The doctor is on me, every time I see him, to stop smoking. I want to, but I haven't been able to. Is he putting me on with another scare tactic?

—S.C.

ANSWER: Hemoglobin is the stuff inside red blood cells that grabs onto oxygen as the blood cells pass through the lungs. Determining a person's hemoglobin is a surrogate for determining the number of red blood cells.

The carbon monoxide in cigarette smoke prevents the attachment of oxygen to the red blood cell. The body senses an oxygen deficit. It ups the production of red blood cells to compensate. The hemoglobin count rises. Your doctor is telling you the truth. Now you've got two doctors harping on you.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am writing to see if the medicine I get in the United States is the same that I get from India. I took Evista by Eli Lilly, who says there is no generic; however, my supplier from India says there is a generic.

—A.O.

ANSWER: India has no patent protection of medications, so many Indian companies make versions of U.S. pharmacologic drugs at greatly reduced cost. Some of the companies are exceedingly reputable, and the drugs are identical. However, you don't have the guarantee of purity that comes with government regulation of pharmaceuticals in the United States and Canada. While I understand wanting to save money on an expensive medication, you're taking a risk.

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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NOTICE

School Board Meeting to be held at 3:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Hardee County School Board will be held Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. instead of 5:00 p.m., due to meeting a quorum of members.

The meeting will be held in the School Board Meeting Room, located at 230 South Florida Avenue, Wauchula, Florida.

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Weightlifting Duo Unbeaten

By JOAN SEAMAN
Of The Herald-Advocate

A pair of senior Hardee weightlifters have, so far, been successful in their goals to get to the state competition on April 25.

Keyon Brown, who placed sixth at state last season, is joined by another returnee Joshua Almaraz in attempting to keep advancing in the 2014 weightlifting season.

Almaraz lifts in the 154-pound class and won at the Feb. 10 Avon Park meet with a 465 total, 240 in the bench press and 225 in the clean & jerk. At Sebring on Feb. 20, he upped his total to 480 with 255 in the bench and 225 in the clean & jerk.

Brown, in the heavyweight division this season, set his best in the Avon Park meet with a 620 total, 315 in the bench and 305 in the clean & jerk. At Sebring, he upped the bench to 325 and settled for 285 in the clean & jerk for a 610 total.

Omar Santiago won at Avon Park with a 450 total in the 169-pound division. He had 255 in the bench and 195 in the clean & jerk. Although he improved to a 455 total at Sebring, it was only good enough for second place against the tough opposition.

Three other lifters won at the Avon Park meet. Senior James Greene won the 238-pound class with a 515 total, 275 in the bench and 240 in the clean & jerk.

Tyler Bragg won at 183 pounds with a 365 total, 180 in the bench and 185 in the clean & Jerk.

And, Jonathan Tucker won in the 238-pound class with a 370 total, with 215 in the bench and 155 in the clean & jerk.

Others on the weightlifting squad are Dalton Forrester, Levi Boyette, Alex Clarke, Parker Calton, Hector Lopez, Ryan Ramirez, Jeremy Reyna, Nick Johnson, Kevin White, Jarret Carlton, Daniel Kalinuck, Richard Yang, Jose Gonzales, Tomas Gomez, Blaiaine Molitor, German Figueroa, Noah Coronado and Blake Crawley.

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A large group of fellows is out for the 2014 Hardee boys weightlifting squad; kneeling (left to right) are Dalton Forrester, Levi Boyette, Alex Clarke, Joshua Amaraz, Parker Carlton, Hector Lopez and Omar Santiago; (middle row) Ryan Ramirez, Jeremy Reyna, Nick Johnson, Kevin White, Jarret Carlton, Daniel Kalinuck, Richard Yang and Jose Gonzales; (back row) Coach Uvaldo Sanchez, Tomas Gomez, James Greene, Coach Chris Cook, Keyon Brown, Blaiaine Molitor, German Figueroa, Head Coach Buddy Martin, Noah Coronado, Blake Crawley and Coach Shawn Rivers; missing are Jonathan Tucker and Tyler Bragg.

FHP Puts 2 New Troopers Here

The Florida Highway Patrol recently graduated 95 new troopers from its Training Academy, marking the first time in the patrol's 75-year history that two recruit classes trained and graduated simultaneously.

The graduates join the more than 1,800 troopers who patrol the state's roads each day to provide protection and assistance to Florida residents and visitors.

One member from each of the graduating classes has been assigned to Hardee County, the patrol said.

From the 126th Recruit Class, LaTonya Nedd will be stationed in Wauchula for Troop F. For the 127th Recruit Class, Ricardo Castillo has been given that assignment.

"Today we welcome 95 new members to the Florida Highway Patrol family," said Col. David Brierton, director of the Florida Highway Patrol, at the Jan. 30 ceremony.

"As we mark our 75th Anniversary of the patrol, these new troopers represent the agency's future and will carry on FHP's traditions and dedication to public safety in the years to come," he said.

"For 75 years the Florida Highway Patrol has worked to build a reputation as one of the best state law enforcement agencies in our country," said Attorney General Pam Bondi, the keynote speaker at the graduation ceremony. "I am honored to be a part of this historic day and to welcome these 95 troopers who will build on FHP's legacy of providing public safety and assistance to the millions of residents and visitors who travel Florida's highways every day."

Members of the 126th and 127th basic recruit classes went through twenty-three weeks of intense physical training and academic study covering topics such as human relations, law, firearms, defensive tactics, vehicle operations and First Aid.

While at the academy, recruits also participated in several community service activities, including blood drives and volunteering to help those living with developmental disabilities.

Pioneer Creek RV News

By Reggie DeSmet and Andie McCosco

CHAPEL

Tim and Annella Aurand and Kent and Joyce Aurand welcomed 177 people to chapel on Sunday. Wayne welcomed one couple new to chapel this year.

Devotions were led by Twonia Edwards, followed by the anthem "Till the Storm Passes By. A solo was sung by Bob Conkle, directed by Ardeth Johns and accompanied on the piano by Cheryl Conkle. There was special music played by the dulcimer group.

Pastor David spoke from Matthew 5:16, where we as Christians are called to be the salt of the earth and we need to be the light of the world. In this passage is also found the Sermon on the Mount, telling us how we are supposed to live. Christians have had an impact on the world through the years.

There needs to be a thirst for Christ. As Christians, we need to let people see Jesus in us. Like salt, we can lose our flavor and our influence in the world. We must have contact with people and let God use us as He sees fit. We don't have to be famous or successful; we just need to have an effect on our little corner of the world.

SCOREBOARD

Horseshoes: Pioneer pitchers got off to a fast start in a match held at home over a talented Craig's team. Pioneer's A players staked the B players to an early 9-7 lead, and the B's built on that lead with a 10-6 half of their own to make the final score 19-13.

Bowling: For the men, Ron Bellis had high game of 224 and a high series of 588. For the women, Terry Stamm had a high game of 142 and a high series of 400. Both Ron Faris and Frank Feeser had 5-10 splits.

SPOTLIGHT

Ed and Alice Basso are from Ascutney, Vt. He was born in Baltimore, Vt., and she was born in Cavendish, Vt. They met through a neighbor of Ed's in Baltimore. They have one daughter, one son, a granddaughter and a great-granddaughter.

Ed has had an RV since 1956 and he is happiest when he is "tooling" down the road. Alice used to do crafts. They have been in Pioneer Creek for 26 years, living on the same lot. Ed retired as an electrician and garage mechanic. Alice retired as a nurse's aide.

They are both over 93 years old and their claim to fame is that as of October 2013, they have been married for 74 years. When I talked with them, Ed had on a shirt that Alice had made over 50 years ago with the original buttons still on. It still looked brand new!

They have many stories to tell of their time here in the park, and are an asset to the park.

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YMCA SOCCER REPORT

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Peyton Sullivan, soccer director for the local YMCA and Hardee High School soccer trainer, spoke to the Wauchula Kiwanis Club on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the Panda Restaurant. "Soccer is for everyone. It is not a cultural sport. The YMCA has 262 boys, girls and adults out for soccer in Hardee County. The ages are 3 to adults." The Kiwanis Club donated $2,000 on Feb. 11 to the YMCA soccer program. "Our goal is to give Hardee County another major sport and be affordable. Hardee has nearly 40 soccer teams. Sponsorships are $100 for field, $300 for team, and $500 for league." From left are club vice president Nell McCauley, Peyton Sullivan, Florida Angus Queen Destiny (Dusty) McCauley, and club president Lizette Ortega.

HARDEE HELP CENTER

PHOTO BY JIM KELLY

The Hardee Help Center (HHC) had the privilege of speaking to the Wauchula Kiwanis Club on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the Panda Restaurant. The HHC, located at 713 East Bay Street in Wauchula, is currently in the process of adding a new program called SMART Choices. The program is for both adults and children and focuses on how to make smart choices with money to help avoid a financial crisis. Opportunities like the Financial Management Class, held once a month, is offered to not only clients but anyone interested in learning more about budgeting and managing their money. "Sharing with civic groups, such as the Kiwanis Club, is important because our community needs to understand the large impact they have on those in need just by giving small amounts of time, resources and funds. It isn't about large numbers; it's all about that one person who overcomes their crisis because of the assistance, resources and love the HHC is able to provide," says Executive Director Jamie Samuels. If you would like more information about how you can be involved in the ministry or attending a Financial Management Class at the Hardee Help Center, please contact them at 863-773-0034. From left are Jamie Samuels, Sam Fite and club president Lizette Ortega.

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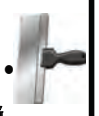

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New Arrivals

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Robert and Courtney Murphy of Wauchula, twins, a daughter and a son, Kimberly Joann and Jonathan Wyatt, born Feb. 18, 2014, at Florida Hospital Heartland in Sebring, weighing five pounds eight ounces and six pounds eight ounces, respectively. Mrs. Murphy is the former Courtney Packard. Mater-nal great-grandparents are Curtis and Sheirly Jackson of Avon Park. Paternal grandparents are Mickey and Wanda Murphy.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Rebekah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who ran from the tent door to meet an appearance of the Lord in the plains of Mamre? Jacob, Abraham, Ho-sea, Adam
3. From 2 Kings 24:17, what was the original name of Zedekiah? Eutychus, Mattaniah, Cain, Ethbaal
4. What king had the prophet Uriah killed with a sword for opposing him? Mesha, Jehoia-kim, Darius, Sihon
5. Obed, the son of Ruth and Boaz, became the grandfather of whom? Solomon, Jesse, Elimelech, David
6. From what mountain did Moses see the promised land? Nebo, Moriah, Gilboa, Ararat

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Abraham; 3) Mattaniah; 4) Jehoiakim; 5) David; 6) Nebo

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His Will – Not Our Will

It is often asked, why people continue doing something over again, even after deciding to stop doing whatever it is that they don't want to do? We must know that being repeatedly defeated in our effort to rid ourself of an unwanted habit is a symptom of an unsurrendered "will" to our Creator.

If the governing nature in our power of choice is not decidedly placed in the sole possession of Jesus Christ, it remains yielded to the enemy alone. Satan is careful to conceal his real power in peoples lives by causing them to think that they are living life their way or "just doing their own thing." We must also understand that it is Satan that uses our "feelings" to guide the will.

Christ desires us to live by faith guided by "Scriptural reason." Feelings must "follow" the action of the will rather than being the motivation for it. If you desire the joyful experience of true freedom – tell Jesus that you are taking "your will" from Satan's control and you are giving it to Him. Jesus will renew and then return it to you linked to His own. Our will, becomes His will and His will, becomes ours. Remember – continue daily – even if, for a time, the experience is comparable to plucking out an eye or cutting off a limb.

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These area college students placed in the top five of all 22 district competitions.

SFSC Phi Beta Lambda Members Shine At District-Level Competition

Twelve South Florida State College students were among the top winners in events testing their knowledge of accounting, finance and management during the Phi Beta Lambda District IV Leadership Conference & Competition held at Saint Leo University on Jan. 25.

Students representing SFSC included Michael Nyhan, Michael Gergen, Martile Blackman, Kylee Martin, Alex Morris, Deidre Shankle, Clark Zelyk, Austin Mock, Courtney Cloud, Kerry Mushrush, Adrianna Torres and Catherine Steiner.

The competition focused on a wide range of business-related tests, including subjects ranging from economics and business decision-making to public-speaking and marketing.

SFSC's Phi Beta Lambda chapter competed in 22 different event categories of business-related topics and placed in the top five in all 22 events. SFSC had a combined total of 31 top-five finishes, including eight first-place finishes and nine second-place finishes.

SFSC nearly swept the category of management concepts by placing in four of the top-five positions and earning three of the top-five finishes in macro-economics.

The annual conference and competition attracted nearly 100 business students from District IV, the largest district in Florida, and included State College of Florida, Saint Leo University, Pasco Hernando State College, Saint Leo University, Edison College and the University of South Florida.

Phi Beta Lambda is the post-secondary division of the national Future Business Leaders of America. Through state-based competition at the spring state leadership conferences, students compete in events testing their business knowledge and skills. Top state winners then are eligible to compete for honors at the National Leadership Conference each summer.

SFSC District IV Conference & Competition results were as follows:

Michael Nyhan — first place, Management Concepts; first place, Human Resource Management; second place, Business Law; second place, Contemporary Sports Issues; and third place, Justice Administration.

Michael Gergen — first place, Sports Management and Marketing; first place, Man-agement Analysis and Decision Making (team); first place, Hospitality Management (team); and second place, Management Concepts.

Martile Blackman — first place, Management Analysis and Decision Making (team); first place, Hospitality Management (team); third place, Man-agement Concepts; and third place, Project Manage-ment.

Kylee Martin — first place, Economic Analysis and De-cision Making (team); fifth place, Macroeconomics; fifth place, Microeconomics; and fifth place, Impromptu Speak-ing.

Alex Morris — first place, Economic Analysis and De-cision Making (team); and fourth place, Macroeconomics.

Deidre Shankle — first place, Computer Concepts; second place, Cyber Security; and fourth place, Retail Manage-ment.

Clark Zelyk — first place, Hospitality Management (team); fourth place, Business Communication; and fifth place, Management Concepts.

Austin Mock — first place, Strategic Analysis and Decision Making.

Courtney Cloud — second place, Statistical Analysis; second place, Macroeconomics; third place, Accounting Principles; and fifth place, Inter-national Business.

Kerry Mushrush — second place, Marketing Concepts; second place, Justice Admin-istration; and third place, Human Resource Management.

Catherine Steiner — second place, Retail Management; and third place, Marketing Concepts.

Carlton Announces Retirement

Barbara Carlton is planning to end her 20-year career with the Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association, setting June 1 as her departure date.

Carlton notes she will miss working for such a great group of people, stating, "It has been my honor to serve the outstanding individuals that make PRVCGA such a dynamic organization. I will dearly miss everyone and being a part of an organization focused keenly on the well-being of local citrus growers. Being a part of this membership has provided me with so many personal highlights to hold dear."

Carlton is the second executive director of PRVCGA, taking the helm in 1994. Cal Cobb, the first executive director, left the association after six months to return home to New York State.

Carlton had left a 10-year career at Farm Credit of Southwest Florida to accept this new challenge. She credits her time there for giving her a strong foundational knowledge of the members and their businesses, multi-tasking and organizational skills and a belief in notable customer service.

"There is no substitute for a personal relationship, even in today's high-tech world," she notes. "I have been blessed with many."

Plans are under way to ease the transition and the board is actively engaged in assuring her departure is seamless. Carlton has been working with the board for the past year planning her exit, leaving the leadership time to make necessary plans. In response, the 2013 and 2014 Board of Directors have made significant strides in assuring the association is prepared for this new chapter.

They are currently finalizing the future planning process, started with appointment of a Long Range Planning Com-mittee, which met at the end of last year. They were charged with looking at all aspects of the association, and the transition process to recommend the proper path for the association in the coming years.

Committee members were charged to consider nothing sacred as they examined the association structure, set future goals and made recommendations on achieving those goals. The Long Range Planning Committee recommendations are currently being examined by the board and a final strategic plan will be adopted.

An Executive Director Search Committee has created a job description, prioritizing the duties of the new executive director, and will be accepting resumes through March, with an anticipated start date in mid-May. More information about the position can be found on the association website and applications can be sent to prcitrus-applications@gmail.com.

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Fort Green News

By Rilla Cooper

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Greetings from Fort Green!

We have had too much tragedy for our small town this week. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the families of Jimmy Yeomans, Donnie Canary, and Helen Nicholson, all who made their final journeys this past week. Also sympathy is extended to Dr. and Mrs. Dwayne Wyatt on the death of their daughter-in-law, who lived in Atlanta.

There is much sickness that I am aware of and more that you may know about. Please continue to pray for Gloria Dupree who is still in Manatee Memorial, Donald Deal, Betty and Clint Walker, Sharon Adams, Doug Heron, Henry Kepler, Joy Spencer and her Mother and David Spencer's Mother, who is in the nursing home in Bartow, Byron Newberry, Trudy Hendry, Lavoyd Hall, and Suzanne Gay who fell down the steps getting ready for church last Sunday morning. Sherman is scheduled for more kidney stone surgery this week. Gary and Ginny Oden were at church as was Betty Waters. They are remarkable.

On a happier note, congratulations to Dr. Hodges. I finally know someone who was elected to the Agriculture Hall of Fame. He and daughter were at the fair several nights but one night in particular Margaret took a picture of my granddaughter's best of show bookcase. They wanted me in the photo since Kaylee was not available and Lauren Ganious was walking by and so I got her to be in the picture.

Congratulations to Brianna Waters on being selected as the most photogenic in the recent Junior Miss contest. Of course all of us at Fort Green thought she should have won as to us she was the most beautiful and she is one of ours. Sherman felt too bad to stay for the contest so I caught a ride home with Faye Davis and her crew!

I rode to the fifth grade contest with Karson Goodwyn's grandmother, Betty Waters known as Nana and Faye Chancey and Joyce Coker. We all cheered and rang the cowbells for Karson and Abby Duke, both which, we at Fort Green think, should have won something as they were the most beautiful to us. I did see Cheryl and Neil Bone and congratulated them on their granddaughter winning the Jr. Miss. Grandparents are always there to encourage their offspring. I have never been to so many pageants in one week!

The fair was lots of fun and I can understand why Jacque Weeks takes off the entire week. I saw her practically every night. Daughter, Eliza-beth was one of the dancers during the entertainment for some of the pageants and daughter Danielle showed the 4-H steer and did a good job.

I worked at the 4-H booth on Monday from 9 to 5 and had a good time. Faye and Randy Davis were there when Sherman and I arrived. Danny Weeks was there instructing us on all the different new items we had for sale. When the strawberries arrived Mary Samuels, Faye and I washed and got ready for George Wil-son to cut up. Kaylee Hog-enauer helped with this task and when everything was ready to serve we all sat down and breathed a sigh of relief. The fun began when the customers arrived. I still say, George Wil-son can make the prettiest banana split and Mary Samuels the prettiest strawberry shortcake! The rest of us, Donald Samuels, Brother Steve and Tara McGaughey and I waited on the counter and prepared the other items as requests came in with Sherman manning the pulled pork, beans and cole slaw plates. We always have a great time followed by sore feet.

Fair week is a great time to see people you don't normally see. Bryant and Marnet Waters were busy as grandchildren participated in various functions. Grandson Kyle had a swine and won a blue ribbon. Hunter Davis and Kaylee Hogenauer were the only Fort Green youth to be in the swine show and sale and both received blue ribbons and good prices for their animals. We appreciate CF who bought Hunter's and Alan Jay Ford who bought Kaylee's.

Dustyn, Tammy, Brianna and Brody Waters enjoyed a weekend at Disney recently. They were celebrating birthdays of both youth but this is one place you do not need a reason to visit when you are young!

Please pray for our nation and each other.

Way Back When

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

75 YEARS AGO

Much interest is being shown in the Kiwanis Tennis Tournament to be staged beginning Tuesday of next week. Some 30 entrants have already registered and 20 more are expected by the time the contest begins.

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Wauchula cagers took two out of three games from Winter Haven basketball teams on the local court Tuesday night. The Wildcat Girls won their contest by the close score of 14 to 12, with the Wildcat "B" squad conquering the visitor "B" team by the score of 14 to 4.

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Walter Windell says, "Pay no attention to blokes who make fun of you for waving the American Flag. Time to worry is when there is no American Flag to wave." There is plenty of food for thought in that advice.

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That Hardee County is receiving a substantial cash income from the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) was revealed in figures released here today from state headquarters of the State Welfare Board. During the period from July 1, 1937, when the Board was inducted into office, through December 1938, the end of the last calendar year, Hardee County CCC enrollees received an aggregate sum of $37,260.

50 YEARS AGO

A process using radioactive Carbon 14 to estimate the age of a Mastodon bone won the overall first-place award last week in Hardee County's 1964 Science Fair. The exhibit was entered by James Kendrick, a high school junior and son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kendrick of Wauchula.

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Two films on cancer, for all women of Hardee County, will be shown at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 5, in the Bowling Green Baptist Church fellowship hall. Dr. Barbara Carlton of Wauchula will be present to answer questions and lead a discussion.

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Army Warrant Officer Charles C. Nicholson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow W. Nicholson of Wauchula, has been assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division of Korea.

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A Dunn, N.C., man is in Palmetto Clinic receiving treatment for injuries he received in a sequence of events Saturday which (1) his tractor-trailer overturned and (2) the ambulance taking him to the clinic collided with two cars in Wauchula.

25 YEARS AGO

March winds blew early last week and with that came a spell of cold weather that hit hard in Florida and left an impact on Hardee County growers and farmers. One report after another confirms the loss of crops and some harm to citrus.

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Seminole Electric Cooperative Inc. and TECO Energy Inc. agreed Friday to pursue a power supply contract involving a new power plant in northwestern Hardee County.

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During the 1980s Florida's population has grown from 9.7 million to 12.4 million, an increase of over 27 percent. During that period Hardee County's population has grown by 9.2 percent, which was the third slowest growth rate among Florida's 67 counties.

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The Kiwanis Key Club has been invited to be the guest of the U.S. Marines at a special program when they visit Washington this summer.

10 YEARS AGO

Hannah Potter was crowned Miss Hardee County and Natalie Green as Junior Miss in the opening days of the Hardee County Fair.

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A 19-year-old Iraqi war veteran is safely home. Private First Class Sarah Olliff received a standing ovation twice during last week's County Commission meeting as she told a bit of her experiences and showed a video of activities of the 101 Airborne's service in Iraq.

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Something new is coming to Main Street. Vickie Judah Swindling and Lisa Smith Ennis, both 1982 Hardee High graduates, reminisced a bit as they planned to open The Coffee Club at Park Place, the former Cranford building adjacent to the Main Street Heritage Park at the intersection of Seventh Avenue.

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Ending his 25-year career with a deployment to Iraq, a local sergeant plans his retirement. Staff Sgt. James Carpenter is within sight of the end of his long military career. The 1978 Hardee High School graduate officially retires later this spring.

The Fireside

By James Stillwagon

Hardee County Fire-Rescue Chief

BACK IN THE DAY

"Back in the day" or "Back when I was your age" — phrases, not unfamiliar to many, which can bring to mind memories both fond and terrifying, relating truths and perceptions of truth relative to the individual remembering.

As a firefighter, my "back in the day" began in 1974 when I became a volunteer with the El Jobean Gulf Cove Volunteer Fire Department. Yes, I was 11 years old, did not fight fire yet but I did get to ride the fire trucks and make sure the other volunteers had what they needed on the fire.

We all did our part, helped our community and shared the bond of brotherhood.

I remember my first structure fire I went to in 1977. I was 14. It was 4:30 a.m. when the siren went off, you know the type, the old air-raid siren on the roof.

It was a school day, but when I heard the siren I shot out of bed and asked Mom and Dad if I could go. Mom said, "No, go back to bed, you have school today." I asked Dad, "Go ahead, son. Be careful."

From Dad's "go," I went, and I never rode my 10-speed bike any faster. I arrived at the station just as the second truck was getting ready to pull out. I jumped on the tail-board and went to the fire. I remember seeing the "glow in the sky" ahead of us and black smoke, knowing we had a "real worker," and thought my heart would burst out of my chest.

The fire was an apartment that was built above the local watering hole across the road from the Forestry Tower. The apartment was destroyed, as was most of the watering hole, but it survived.

The other volunteers had placed my helmet, rubber coat, and 3/4 pull-up boots on the truck, and when we arrived I put my gear on.

The other volunteers were putting out the fire and I did my job by making sure they had refreshments and other necessities.

When the fire was out, I was allowed to walk through and see the devastation and help with the "mopping up" by extinguishing any hot spots of fire with the ¾-inch booster hose. How it started is a mystery to me but, as always, rumors run rampant and that can become the "new truth" if allowed to take root.

Suffice it to say it was suspicious.

Moving into today, as fire chief of Hardee County Fire-Rescue and reflecting upon not only my "back-in-the-day" stories but hearing those of the men and women of HCFR, I can enjoy and relate to them, knowing that many of these men and women began their careers as volunteers, just as I did …

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Senior News Line

by Matilda Charles

EXERCISE PAYS OFF

Have you noticed that your muscles seem to get weaker as you get older? It's thought that starting at age 40, we lose about 1 percent of muscle mass each year. Multiple studies have questioned whether that muscle loss is true aging or whether it's from disuse.

One particular study compared "master athletes" (recreational athletes who seriously exercised four to five times a week) who were 40 to 80 years old. Researchers measured leg strength, muscle mass and fat content of their muscles. They even took MRI scans of cross sections of the muscles of those at various ages who exercised versus those who didn't.

They discovered that the loss of muscle mass and strength was not due to aging alone. Senior athletes had almost as much leg muscle as the younger athletes. There was little fat in the muscles of senior athletes. There was little loss of strength.

Which means there's hope for the rest of us.

Here's my theory, after viewing the photos: We might not get back all the muscles and strength we had when we were very active and younger, but we can get back some of it, even if we've been sedentary for years. At the very least we can maintain what we have and avoid further loss of strength.

Here's what we get with regular exercise:

• Physical stability: Our core muscles and legs can hold us up, keeping us strong and agile. Without that strength, we're more likely to suffer from falls and broken bones.

• Calcium remains in our bones, which gives them strength.

• Self-confidence: When we can continue to do things for ourselves; we keep our independence.

Ask about classes at your local senior center. Even yoga or tai chi would be a good place to start.

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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Players on the 2014 JV softball squad are (front, from left to right) Alyssa Tatum, Michaela Villareal, Julia Figueroa, Tiffany Flores, Vanessa Ortiz, Ariana Ramos and Mara Goodwyn; (back row) Jacqueline McGhee, Kourtney Henderson, Shayna Harned, Gabby Allen, Ana Erekson, Tara McNabb and Diana DeSantiago.

JV Girls On The Move

By JOAN SEAMAN
Of The Herald-Advocate

The Hardee JV girls softball team added a pair of games in the last two weeks.

The girls played on successive Fridays, Feb. 14 and Feb 21, both home games.

This week's only game is tomorrow (Friday) at district rival Lemon Bay. Next week, it is Monday at Frostproof, Tuesday home for DeSoto and Friday home for Sebring.

Hardee started well against Palmetto at home on Feb. 14. Spotting the junior Lady Tigers a first-inning run while leaving the bases loaded, Hardee put a three-spot on the board. Jac-queline McGhee opened with a hit to center field and advanced on an Arianna Ramos sacrifice. Tara McNabb singled to right center to score McGhee.

Walks to Tiffany Flores and Kourtney Henderson kept the action going. On a Michaela Villarreal fielder's choice McNabb was out coming home, but Alyssa Tatum brought two runners home on her hit to left field. It was 3-1.

Palmetto got one run back in the top of the second to narrow the deficit to 3-2 and Hardee stranded a runner. In the third inning, Palmetto broke loose for seven runs on a combination of hits and a walk to take the lead for good. Hardee batters went down in order. Palmetto led 9-3.

The junior Lady Tigers added a run in the fourth and two more in the fifth. Hardee got a pair of scores in the fifth inning. McGhee singled to left field and moved along on a Ramos sacrifice. When Flores smacked a hit to right field, McGhee skipped home. Flores raced across home on a Henderson hit, making the final score 12-5.

It was a defensive game against Lake Wales on Feb. 21.

The junior Lady Highlanders scored one run in the top of the first on a pair of errors.

Hardee left runners stranded until the fifth inning, when McGhee singled to left and Julia Figueroa followed with a shot nearly to the fence. Tatum and Flores shoved Mc Ghee home.

There was no further scoring until the seventh inning , when Lake Wales plated a pair of runners on several hits. Hardee came up just short. Figueroa singled to left and rode around the bases on hits by Gabby Allen and Henderson, who were both stranded, leaving Hardee on the short side of the 3-2 score.

Letter To The Editor

President Obama Is Not Good For Future Of U.S.

Dear Editor:

Anybody who thinks Obama is working for the people of this country should read "Obama's America, Unmaking The American Dream," by Dinesh D'-Souza. The author has done a lot of research on the Obama family's way of thinking and his policies on the U.S. since taking office.

His policy is to make the U.S. a third world country. He has stopped the proposed Keystone pipeline, stopped most new oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico, then gave money (through the Export-Import Bank) to Mexico to do drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. He awarded a big helicopter contract to a foreign country while a U.S. contractor lost out. The Export-Import Bank gave big money to India to buy airlines. He has cut back on our missile defense system and not built up our ground forces.

He has assisted the Muslim brotherhood many, many times. He spent way more money as president than our other presidents. His wife spends millions on travel and vacations at our expense. He opposes everything the Republican Party proposes to cut our national debt. He has caused inflation with his money-easing policies, and now he wants more money from taxpayers while controlling your health issues down the "nth" degree.

Obama is not fit to be president of anything, let alone the U.S.A. He is not working for our country or its people and should be removed from office as soon as possible. He is a disaster for our country.

William Bartlett
Zolfo Springs

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) announces the following public meeting to which all interested persons are invited:

Change of location for the Joint Agricultural and Green Industry Advisory Committee. This meeting will include a FARMS Project tour. One or more Governing Board members may attend.

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PLACE: 14576 Blackjack Road, Dover FL 33527

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BGE Presents 'Proud Panther' Award Winners

COURTESY PHOTOS

Bowling Green Elementary recently held an honor's breakfast to celebrate the winners of the Proud Panther award for the second nine weeks of the school year. Kindergarteners with their certificates are (front, from left) Jasyiah Singleton, Natalie Rodriguez, Azaria Benavides and Elvis Jose-Garcia; (back) Makaelah Sanchez, Alejandro Rodriguez, Michael Avila-Victoria, Rachel Reynolds and Jenny Cabrera. Missing is Lidia Valencia.

Students in second grade earning the Proud Panther award are (front) Alvin Sanchez, Mkenzy Stewart, Liliana Hernandez and Luizandro Rodriguez-Paz; (back) Bryan Glisson, Daniel Castro, Yasmine Lopez and Charity Thompson. Absent is Destiny Justiss.

BGE third graders receiving their award certificates are (front) Vanessa Padilla-Lucatero, Yadira Sanchez, Rafael Reyes-Miranda and Jennifer Hernandez-Garcia; (back) Karime Rodriguez, Christian Gonzalez, Kelsey Gomez and Kyleigh Revell.

Proud Panthers in first grade are (front) Jeremiah Hodges, Tyasia Spurlock, Brenda Lopez-Ramos and Omar Moralez; (back) Zachary Hunt, Jessica Bautista-Lopez, Elaney Stewart, Dallas Rodriguez, Milagros Covarrubias-Vales and Alyssa Hines.

Fourth-grade recipients of the Proud Panther award are (front) Simeon Blas, Elijah Albritton, Anissa Castillo and Juan Lagui; (back) John McBride, Yaridalia Solis, Raquel Martinez and Eric Felix. Missing is Sylvia Crosby.

BGE fifth graders earning the title Proud Panther are (front) Adan Molina, Monica Hernandez-Ruiz, Veronica Sanchez and Erik Leon-Lopez; (back) Jose Hernandez, Eliana Browning, Majavia Thompson and Denise Moralez.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

MONDAY

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

Lunch: BBQ Rib Patty on WGR Bun, Savory Oven Roasted Chicken & Roll, Turkey & Cheese Wrap, Fresh Broccoli and Dip, Home-style Baked Beans, Fruit Cup, Condiments and Milk

TUESDAY

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

Lunch: Chicken Bite Meal, Mini Cheeseburgers, PB Jamwich, Wowbutter & Jelly Sandwich, Fresh Carrot Sticks w/Dip, Seasoned Sweet Yellow Corn, Red Delicious Apples, Condiments and Milk

WEDNESDAY

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

Lunch: Nachos w/Meat & Cheese, Pepperoni Pizza, Yogurt Parfait w/Fruit, Garden Fresh Side Salad, Salsa, Steamed Normandy Blended Vegetables, Fruit Cocktail, Condiments and Milk

THURSDAY

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

Lunch: Chef Salad w Turkey, Spinach & Roll, Chicken Quesadilla, Sloppy Joe on WG Bun, Roasted Potatoes, Salsa, Lemon and Blue Raspberry Frozen Treat, Condiments and Milk

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cheerios, Buttery Toast, Blueberry Pancakes & Sausge on a Stick, Fruit Cocktail, Condiments and Milk

Lunch: Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Turkey & Gravy with Roll, Bean Burrito, Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Salsa, Steamed Spinach, Apple Slices, Condiments and Milk

JUNIOR HIGH

MONDAY

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

Lunch: BBQ Rib Patty on WGR Bun, Savory Oven Roasted Chicken & Roll, Turkey & Cheese Wrap, Fresh Broccoli and Dip, Home-style Baked Beans, Fruit Cup, Condiments and Milk

TUESDAY

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

Lunch: Chicken Bite Meal, Mini Cheeseburgers, PB Jamwich, Wowbutter & Jelly Sandwich, Fresh Carrot Sticks w/Dip, Seasoned Sweet Yellow Corn, Red Delicious Apples, Condiments and Milk

WEDNESDAY

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

Lunch: Nachos w/Meat & Cheese, Pepperoni Pizza, Yogurt Parfait w/Fruit, Garden Fresh Side Salad, Salsa, Steamed Normandy Blended Vegetables, Fruit Cocktail, Condiments and Milk

THURSDAY

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

Lunch: Chef Salad w Turkey, Spinach & Roll, Chicken Quesadilla, Sloppy Joe on WG Bun, Roasted Potatoes, Celery Sticks and dip, Salsa, Lemon and Blue Raspberry Frozen Treat, Condiments and Milk

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cheerios, Buttery Toast, Blueberry Pancakes & Sausge on a Stick, Fruit Cocktail, Condiments and Milk

Lunch: Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Turkey & Gravy with Roll, Bean Burrito, Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Salsa, Steamed Spinach, Apple Slices, Condiments and Milk

SENIOR HIGH

MONDAY

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

Lunch: BBQ Rib Patty on WGR Bun, Savory Oven Roasted Chicken & Roll, Turkey & Cheese Wrap, Tuna Salad w/Bread Bowl, Fresh Broccoli and Dip, Home-style Baked Beans, Fruit Cup, Fresh Bartlett Pear, Condiments and Milk

TUESDAY

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

Lunch: Cheese Pizza, Chicken Bite Meal, Mini Cheeseburgers, Taco Salad w/Tortilla Chips, PB Jamwich, Cheese Stick, WGR Chips, Wowbutter & Jelly Sandwich, Fresh Carrot Sticks w/Dip, Seasoned Sweet Yellow Corn, Banana, Grape Juice, Condi-ments and Milk

WEDNESDAY

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

Lunch: Breaded Chicken, Cheese & Spinach Chef Salad w/Breadstick, Mini Cheese-burgers, Nachos w/Meat & Cheese, Cheese Pizza, Yogurt Parfait w/Fruit, Garden Fresh Side Salad, Salsa, Steamed Normandy Blended Vegetables, Fruit Cocktail, Fresh Florida Oranges, Condiments and Milk

THURSDAY

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

Lunch: Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Chef Salad w Turkey, Spinach & Roll, Chicken Quesadilla, Sloppy Joe on WG Bun, Roasted Potatoes, Celery Sticks and Dip, Salsa, Lemon and Blue Raspberry Frozen Treat, Granny Smith Apples, Condiments and Milk

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cheerios, Blueberry Pancakes & Sausge on a Stick, Fruit Cocktail, Condiments and Milk

Lunch: Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Grilled Chicken Chef Salad w/Spinach & Breadstick, Turkey & Gravy with Roll, Bean Burrito, WGR Cheese Sticks & Marinara, Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Salsa, Steamed Spinach, Apple Slices, Yogurt Parfait w/Fruit, Condiments and Milk

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This Is A Hammer

By Samantha Mazzotta

Ridding Home of Mice

When they find evidence of mice in the house — droppings, gnawed food containers or disturbed attic insulation — many homeowners will contact a pest-control professional. This is a wise choice if they can't locate where mice are entering the house or where they're nesting, because exterminators can help pinpoint those locations. From there on things get decidedly DIY, even with a pest-control service.

First, you'll need to decide on the type of trap to deploy. Most are lethal or injurious to the mouse — if you're opposed to killing, few options are available other than to live trap and relocate the mouse. The exterminator may recommend a number of options, including the familiar "snap" trap, open glue traps or an enclosed glue trap, in combination with a rodent poison. He or she may recommend a slower-acting poison that mice bring back to the nest with bait or on their paws or fur — the poison levels build up until the mouse dies, along with any other mice that have eaten the bait or licked the affected mouse.

What to use depends on different factors. Traps and poisons cannot be put into areas of the house where pets or small children can access them. Enclosed traps (sort of like larger roach motels, where the mouse sneaks inside and gets stuck on a glue pad) are somewhat safer but don't always work well. The traps need to be placed near suspected nesting areas, but not too close, as mice will figure out the game quickly. And their location and bait need to be changed frequently, about once per week.

Place traps or poison in out-of-reach areas where you have found evidence of mice infestation, such as the tops of kitchen cabinets, well inside or behind lower cabinets, and attics or crawlspaces that cannot be accessed by pets. Try different baits in different locations, such as peanut butter, pieces of bread or yeast rolls, or meat. If the mouse doesn't take the first bait, look at the food packages the mouse has gnawed into and use a bit of that food as bait.

Meantime, remove any accessible sources of food. Throw away any packages that have been gnawed open. Undamaged food products that are packaged in cardboard or paper should be repackaged in sturdy plastic or metal containers.

Thoroughly clean the cabinets, pantry and other storage areas to remove spilled food, crumbs and mouse droppings. This will allow you to see any new droppings so you can figure out where the mice most often roam. The lack of food also will drive the mice toward the bait and traps.

Once a mouse is caught, remove it immediately and clean the spot with an ammonia-based cleaner, like Windex, to remove much of the mouse's scent and prevent alarming other mice. Bait and place a new trap a few feet away from the old location.

HOME TIP: When using a snap trap, try putting the bait inside a small piece of pantyhose before attaching to the trap: the mouse may catch its teeth in the nylon, delaying it long enough for the trap to snap.

Send your questions or home tips to ask@thisisahammer.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

Feb. 23, Abel Aguilar, 27, of 1423 Last Acres Dr., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Polly Bissette and charged with DUI.

Feb. 23, Rafael Bautista, 19, of 803 Lake Branch Rd., Bowling Green, was arrested by Brian LaFlam and charged with battery.

Feb. 23, Adalberto Lopez, 19, of 2317 Falcon Lane, Wau-chula, was arrested by Dep. Polly Bissette and charged with possession of alcohol under age 21.

Feb. 23, thefts on Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and Oak Meadow Lane were reported.

Feb. 22, Maria Nativad Dominguez, 33, of 349 River Chase Dr., Wauchula, was arrested by Cpl. Todd Souther and charged with larceny — petit theft.

Feb. 22, Lisa Ann Qualls, 32, of 122 Allman St., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Dep. Cesar Medina and charged with battery.

Feb. 22, Anthony Deamaro Briseno, 21, of 1150 Gause Ave., Bartow, was arrested by Cpl. Todd Souther and charged with larceny — petit theft.

Feb. 22, Pedro Luis Bonet, 49, of 915 Sandpiper Dr., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Scott Heasley and charged with battery.

Feb. 22, a residential burglary on Tom Bryan Road, and thefts on two locations on U.S. 17 North were reported.

Feb. 21, a residential burglary on North Ed Wells Road and criminal mischief on U.S. 17 South were reported.

Feb. 20, Roksana Sultana, 51, of 3452 Suwannee St., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by the Drug Task Force and charged with distribution of schedule IIII synthetic narcotics, gambling/owning or manufacturing of slot machines and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Feb. 19, Joseph Thomas Martinez, 26, of 1048 Sally Blvd., Bowling Green, was arrested by Dep. Steven Ahrens on a charge of violation of probation.

Feb. 19, Patrick Keith Thomas, 43, of 5017 Dixiana Dr., Bowling Green, was arrested on a charge of violation of probation.

Feb. 19, a robbery/holdup on Will Duke Road and a theft on Marion Street were reported.

Feb. 18, Pedro Vidal Pesquera, 30, of 311 Turner Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Capt. Andrew Rigney on two counts of violation of probation.

Feb. 18, Teresa Rodriguez, 37, of 4655 Maple Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested by Dep. Brian LaFlam and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Feb. 18, a residential burglary on Stansfield Avenue, a vehicle stolen on SR 64 East, and thefts on Sabal Palm Drive, Honeysuckle Street and Erler Road were reported.

Feb. 17, Christopher Brent Saldivar, 36, of 228 S. Bailey Rd., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Aron Thomas on a charge of withholding child support.

Feb. 17, Roberto Althuro Gallegos, 25, of 803 Pleasant Way, Bowling Green, was arrested by Capt. Andrew Rigney on a charge of failure to appear in court.

Feb. 17, Jessie Lamar Keeton, 22, of 977 SR 64 East, Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Dep. Chris Albritton and charged battery and violation of probation.

Feb. 17, Jessica Lynn Hays, 22, of 3892 SR 64 East, Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Dep. Brian LaFlam and charged with battery and two counts cruelty toward child that could result in injury.

Feb. 17, Aaron Markeeia Cook, 33, of 405 Bertha Fulse St., Bowling Green, was arrested by Sgt. Lyle Hart and charged with habitual driving without a license and violation of probation.

Feb. 17, residential burglaries on South First Avenue and Tom Bryan Road and a theft on Pignut Street were reported.

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Feb. 23, a tag stolen on North Second Street was reported.

Feb. 22, Jose Fidencio Garza, 41, of 2599 Garza Rd., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Ofc. Jesse Poole and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, fraud — giving a false ID to a law enforcement officer and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Feb. 22, Brian Gary-Demas Sambrano, 25, of 607 E. Bay St., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Jonathan Corwin and charged with possession of methamphetamine, battery, smuggling contraband into a detention facility and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Feb. 21, Gerardo Santiago, 29, of 100 Lang Dr., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Jesse Pool and charged with DUI, DUI with property damage and no valid license.

Feb. 20, a business block on East Main Street was reported.

Feb. 19, Marty Wayne Evans, 37, of 1427 Lost Acres Dr., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Jereme Bridges and charged with battery.

Feb. 18, Patrick Lenord Williamson, 48, of 711 LaPlaya Dr., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Jonathan Corwin and charged with battery and battery on a person age 65 or older.

Feb. 18, Damien Richard, 24, of 635 S. Sixth Ave. (U.S. 17 South), Wauchula, was arrested by Sgt. Justin Wyatt and charged with battery.

Feb. 18, thefts on Walton Avenue and on South Sixth Avenue (U.S. 17 South) were reported.

Feb. 17, a residential burglary on South First Avenue was reported.

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Feb. 17, Michael Stephen Martinez, 22, of 517 Rainey Blvd., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Jeremy Mendoza and charged with possession of methamphetamine.

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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, March 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.

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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CITY OF WAUCHULA
S/ Richard K. Nadaskay Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST
S/Holly Smith
City Clerk

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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 2014-02 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 March 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 NO. 2014-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WAUCHULA, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE WAUCHULA CITY CODE; AMENDING SECTIONS 3-2 THROUGH 3-12 OF THE WAUCHULA CITY CODE TO DESIGNATE THE HOURS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT TO BE SOLD, SERVED, DISPENSED, CONSUMED OR PERMITTED TO BE SERVED OR CONSUMED; ESTABLISHING CLOSING PROCEDURES; ESTABLISHING ZONES WHERE SALES ARE NOT PERMITTED; PROVIDING FOR INSPECTION OF RECORDS AND PREMISES; REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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s/Holly Smith
HOLLY SMITH, City Clerk
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CITY OF WAUCHULA
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In accordance with S. 163.356(3)(c), Florida Statutes, the City of Wauchula CRA has developed the annual report of its activities for the preceding fiscal year. The Annual Report and a complete financial statement setting forth assets, liabilities, income, and operating expenses as of the end of fiscal year 2013 has been filed with the City of Wauchula City Clerk, and is available for inspection during business hours in the office of the Clerk, located at 126 S. 7th Avenue, Wauchula, FL 33873, phone number 863-773-3131. In addition, the report is available for inspection during business hours in the office of the CRA, located at 107 E. Main Street, Wauchula, FL 33873, phone number 863-767-0330 or by visiting www.cityofwauchula.com.

Keith Nadaskay, Chairperson
Jessica Newman, Coordinator
City of Wauchula Community Redevelopment Agency
107 E. Main Street
Wauchula, FL 33873
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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 2014-04(formerly Ordinance 2013-14) 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 March 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 NO. 2014-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAUCHULA, FLORIDA; MODIFYING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAUCHULA, FLORIDA (THE "CODE"); MODIFYING RATES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE CITY'S ELECTRIC UTILITY; MODIFYING THE CITY'S FRANCHISE REGULATIONS; AMENDING OR CREATING SECTIONS 22-1, 22-3, 22-5, 22-15, 22-16, 22-17, 22-18, 22-20, 22-21, 22-23, 22-24, 22-25, 22-27, 22-32, 22-33, 22-34, 22-35, 22-111, 22-112, 22-113, 22-118, 22-121, 22-122, 22-123, AND 22-124, CODE OF ORDINANCES; MODIFYING ELECTRIC USER RATES; MODIFYING THE TARIFF AND AUTHORIZING ITS FILING WITH THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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s/Holly Smith
HOLLY SMITH, City Clerk
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FBC GOSPEL JUBILEE

PHOTOS BY JIM KELLY

The Gospel Jubilee of the First Baptist Church of Wauchula performed at Cracker Country recently at the Florida State Fair in Tampa. One photo shows lead singer David Spencer with a mandolin. Another photo shows Cass White with an upright bass fiddle. In the group photo in front row from left are Mary Beth Bryant, Donna Alexy, Judy Terrell, June Potter and Cass White. In back row are David Spencer, Debbie Carlton and James Walker.

Solunar Forecast

2/27/2014	3/1/2014	3/3/2014	3/5/2014
Sun Data Rise: 6:53 AM Set: 6:26 PM	**Sun Data** Rise: 6:51 AM Set: 6:27 PM	**Sun Data** Rise: 6:49 AM Set: 6:28 PM	**Sun Data** Rise: 6:47 AM Set: 6:30 PM
Day Length 11 hrs. 33 mins.	**Day Length** 11 hrs. 36 mins.	**Day Length** 11 hrs. 39 mins.	**Day Length** 11 hrs. 43 mins.
Moon Data Rise: 5:18 AM Set: 4:55 PM Overhead: 11:05 AM Underfoot:11:33 PM	**Moon Data** Rise: 6:49 AM Set: 7:06 PM Overhead: 12:56 PM Underfoot:12:29 AM	**Moon Data** Rise: 8:14 AM Set: 9:11 PM Overhead: 2:41 PM Underfoot: 2:15 AM	**Moon Data** Rise: 9:39 AM Set: 11:09 PM Overhead: 4:23 PM Underfoot: 3:58 AM
Moon Phase Solunar Table Moon Phase is 4% percent waning 4% Waning Crescent	**Moon Phase** Solunar Table Moon Phase is 0% percent new 0% NEW MOON	**Moon Phase** Solunar Table Moon Phase is 8% percent waxing 8% Waxing Crescent	**Moon Phase** Solunar Table Moon Phase is 23% percent waxing 23% Waxing Crescent
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Moon Data Rise: 6:04 AM Set: 6:01 PM Overhead: 12:01 PM Underfoot: --:--	**Moon Data** Rise: 7:32 AM Set: 8:09 PM Overhead: 1:46 PM Underfoot: 1:23 AM	**Moon Data** Rise: 8:56 AM Set: 10:11 PM Overhead: 3:32 PM Underfoot: 3:07 AM	**Moon Data** Rise: 10:23 AM Set: --:-- Overhead: 5:13 PM Underfoot: 4:48 AM
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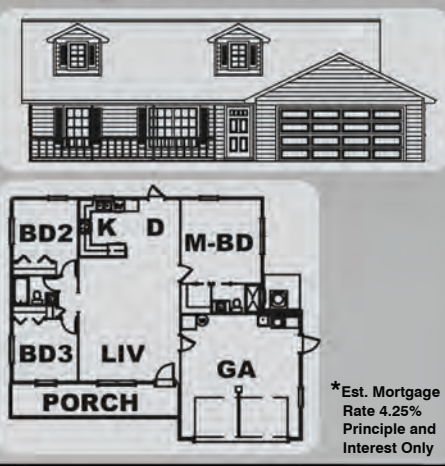

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725 Palmetto St.
375-3304
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Tues. Night Bible Study ..... 7:30 p.m.
Evening Worship
1st Sunday .....5:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Main & W. Centra.
Sunday AM Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening .....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting .....7:00 p.m.

FAITH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
4937 Hwy. 17 N. - 375-4206
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Disciples Train & Choirs .....5:30 p.m.
Evening Worship .....6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer .....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Bowling Green
4531 Hwy. 17 N - 375-2253
SUNDAY:
Bible Study .....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .....10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Discipleship Training
Youth & Adult .....6:00 p.m.
TeamKID (ages 3-5th grade) ..6:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Grape & Church Streets - 375-2340
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study .....6:00 p.m.

FORT GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Baptist Church Road - 773-9013
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Supper .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study .....7:00 p.m.

HOLY CHILD SPANISH CATHOLIC MISSION
Misa (Espanol) Sunday .....7:00 p.m.

IGLESIA DEL DIOS VIVO
105 Dixiana St. - 375-4191
Domingo De Predicacion ....11:00 p.m.
Martes Estudio Biblico .....7:00 p.m.
Miercoles Estudior Juvenil ....7:00 p.m.
Jueves De Predicacion .....7:00 p.m.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
210 E. Broward St. - 445-0290
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer .....7:00 p.m

MACEDONIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
607 Palmetto St.
Church School .....9:30 a.m.
Morning Service .....11:00 a.m.
Evening Service .....7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study/Prayer .....7:00 p.m.
Communion-2nd Sun. Eve. ..6:00 p.m.

MT. PISGAH BAPTIST CHURCH
6210 Mt. Pisgah Rd. - 375-4409
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Disciples Training.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship .....7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Time .....7:00 p.m.

OPEN DOOR FULL GOSPEL PRAISE CENTER
E. Broward St.
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Service .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service .....7:30 p.m.

PRIMERA MISION BAUTISTA
Murray Road off Hwy. 17
375-2295
Domingos Escuela Dom. .....9:45 a.m.
Servicio de Adoracion.....11:00 a.m.
Servicio de Predicacion .....5:00 p.m.
Miercoles Servico.....6:30 p.m.

BOWLING GREEN

REAL LIFE CHURCH
3365 South US Hwy 17
Morning Service .....10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Study/Learning ..6:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN A.M.E. CHURCH
513 W. Orange St.
375-2911
Sunday Church School .....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship ....11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study .....6:30 p.m.

VICTORY PRAISE CENTER
128 E. Main St.
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.
Thursday Night Services,
Evening Worship. .....7:00 p.m.
Kidz Club.....7:00 p.m.

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IGLESIA PENTECOSTES VISION POR LAS ALMAS
149 Badger Loop - 448-2831
Martes: Oracion .....7:00 p.m.
Jueves: Ensenaza Biblica .....7:00 p.m.
Domingo: Servicio .....10:30 a.m.

LIMESTONE BAPTIST CHURCH
4868 Keystone Ave. • Limestone
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer .....7:00 p.m.

NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
202 Sidney Roberts Road
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Disciples Training.....6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer .....6:00 p.m.

ONA BAPTIST CHURCH
131 Bear Lane - 773-2540
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer .....7:00 p.m.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
5076 Lily Church Rd. - 494-5622
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
AWANA for Kids .....6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Time.....7:00 p.m.

WAUCHULA

APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY
Martin Luther King and Apostolic Rd.
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Englishg Service .....11:30 a.m.
General Worship Service .....1:30 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer .....7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service .....7:00 p.m.

CELEBRATION CHURCH
Rainey Blvd.
863-781-1624
hardee.celebration.org
Sunday Morning Service ....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Service ....5:30 p.m.
Childcare provided at all services

CELEBRATION FELLOWSHIP
773-0427
Celebration Service.....10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Cell Groups
Adult Cell Group .....7:00 p.m.
Youth Cell Group .....7:00 p.m.
Children's Cell Group .....7:00 p.m.
Call for locations

CHARLIE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
6885 State Road 64 East - 773-3447
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Worship .....6:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
201 S. Florida Ave.
Sunday Bible Study .....9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study .....7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST Will Duke Road
773-2249
Sunday Morning Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Class .....11:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Bible Class .....7:00 p.m.
Men's Leadership & Training Class -
2nd Sunday of Month .....4:00 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 Meeting .....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Priesthood .....11:00 a.m.

COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH OF WAUCHULA HILLS (SPANISH)
615 Rainey Blvd.
257-3950
Sunday Bible Study .....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship ....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service.....7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service .....7:00 p.m.

DIOS ES AMOR
807 S. 8th Ave.
773-4576
Domingos Escuela Dominica .....10:00 a.m.
Servicio .....11:00 a.m.
Lunes Oracion .....6:00 p.m.
Miercoles Servicio .....7:00 p.m.

Peace River Growers
Wholesale Nursery
Donnis & Kathy Barber
Hwy. 66 East
P.O. Box 760
(863) 735-0470
Zolfo Springs, FL

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EL REMANENTE IGLECIA CRISTIANA
318 W. Main St..
Martes Oracion .....7:00 p.m.
Jueves Servicio .....7:30 p.m.
Viernes Servicio .....7:30 p.m.
Domingo Servicio.....10:30 a.m.

ENDTIME CROSSROAD MINISTRY
501 N. 9th & Georgia St. - 773-3470
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Morning Service .....11:30 a.m.
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible St. & Yth. Gath ..7:30 p.m.
Friday (Holy Ghost Night) ....7:30 p.m.

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
114 N. 7th Ave. - 773-2105
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Supper .....6:15 p.m.
Wed. Youth Fellowship.....6:50 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study .....7:00 p.m.

FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD
701 N. 7th Ave - 773-3800
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship .....10:20 a.m.
Children's Chuch .....10:40 a.m.
Evening Service .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study .....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
1570 W. Main St. - 773-4182
SUNDAY:
Bible Study for all ages .....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Sr. Adult Bible Study .....10:00 a.m.
Children's Chiors
(PK-Grade 4) ..... 5:30 p.m.
PRAISE 57–Jr High Chior .. 5:30 p.m.
Mid-Week Prayer Meeting .. 6:00 p.m.
Kids On Missions
(PK-Grade 4) ..... 6:00 p.m.
Club 56 ..... 6:00 p.m.
Youth Group (Grades 7-12) 6:00 p.m.
Family Life Ministry
& Discipleship ..... 6:00 p.m.
Church Orchestra..... 6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir ..... 7:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1121 W. Louisiana St. - 773-9243
SUNDAY:
Generations Café Opens.....9:30 a.m.
Kids World Check-In for
Nursery-5th Grade Begins..10:15 a.m.
Pre-K Blast .....10:45 a.m.
Kids World B.L.A.S.T.
(K-5th) .....10:45 a.m.
Worship Service .....10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Check-In begins for
Nursery-5thgrade .....6:15 p.m.
Classes for children ages
PreK-12th grade .....6:30-8:00 p.m.

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
511 W. Palmetto St.
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Morning Service .....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer .....7:00 p.m.

FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1347 Martin Luther King Ave.
773-6556
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.
Morning Service .....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.
Tues. Youth Ministry Meeting/
Bible Study .....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer/Bible Study .....7:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
207 N. Seventh Ave. - 773-4267
Coffe and Fellowship .....9:15 a.m.
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.
Blended Sunday Worship ....10:55 a.m.
Wednesday Night Dinner .....6:00 p.m.
Youth (0-18) & Adult Programming ....
.....7:00 p.m.

FLORIDA'S FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
1397 South Florida Avenue
773-9386.
Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .....10:00 a.m.
Wed. Family Night .....7:00 p.m.
Adult, Children & Radiate Youth Church

FLORIDA GOSPEL
511 W. Palmetto
223-5126
Sunday Morning Worship ....11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Worship .....7:30 p.m.

THE GOSPEL TABERNACLE
810 W. Tennessee St. - 863-735-1158
Morning Service .....10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Service.....7:00 p.m.

HEARTLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH
1262 W. Main St. - 767-6500
Coffee & Donuts.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Dinner .....6:00 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 Worship....11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Bible Study .....6:30 p.m.

IGLESIA ADVENTISTA DEL SEPTIMO DIA
Old Bradenton Road
767-1010

IGLESIA de DIOS ALFA Y OMEGA
1909 Stanfield Rd.
Sunday School .....10: 00 a.m.
Evening Service .....6:00 p.m.
Tuesday (Bible Study & Prayer
Night) .....7:30 p.m.
Friday Worship Service .....7:30 p.m.

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IGLESIA HISPANA FUENTE DE VIDA
501 N. 9th Ave.
Martes .....7: 30 p.m.
Jueves .....7:30 p.m.
Domingo .....10:30 a.m.

IGLESIA HISPANA PRESENCIA de Dios
511 W. Palmetto St.
Domingos .....6:00 p.m.
Miercoles.....7:00 p.m.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES - ENGLISH
155 Altman Road - 1131
Sunday Service .....2:00 p.m.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES - SPANISH
Sunday Service .....10:00 a.m.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD MINISTRIES
Womans Center 131 N. 7th Ave.
Wauchula, FL
Friday Evening .....6:00 p.m.

LAKE DALE BAPTIST CHURCH
3102 Heard Bridge Road
773-6622
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.
Morning Service .....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer .....7:00 p.m.

MINISTERIO INTERNACIOÑAL Cambriadores de Mundo
704 W. Main St. - 773-0065
Wednesday Service.....7:30 p.m.

MY NEW LIFE IN CHRIST CHURCH
117 W. Palmetto St.
773-2929
Sunday Service .....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service.....7:00 p.m.
Children Ministries for all services

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
1999 State Road 64 East
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service ....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship Service .....6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Supper .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Activities
(All Ages) .....7:00 p.m.

NEW BEGINNING CHURCH
Georgia & 9th Avenue
781-5887
Sunday Worship .....11:00 a.m.
2nd Sunday Communion ....11:00 a.m.
Bread of Life - Sunday .....12:15 p.m.
T.H.E. Meeting - Tuesday ....7:00 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 School .....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
2nd Sunday Youth Service ....4:00 p.m.
Allen Christian Endeavor .....4:00 p.m.
Wed. & Fri. Bible Study .....7:00 p.m.

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
912 N. 8th Ave. - 773-6947
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Supper .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer .....7:00 p.m.

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
4350 W. Main St. - 735-0321
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study .....6:30 p.m.

PEACE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH
1643 Stenstrom Road - 773-2858
1st & 3rd Sun.
Communion .....10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sun.
Divine Worship .....10:00 a.m.
Bible Study .....11:15 a.m.
** Fellowship each Sunday after service

PROGRESSIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
149 Manley Road - East Main
773-5814
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.
Worship Service .....11:00 a.m.
Wed. Evening Prayer .....7:00 p.m.

REAL LIFE CHURCH
3365 North US Hwy 17
Morning Service .....10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Study/Learning ..6:30 p.m.

RIVERVIEW HEIGHTS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1321 S.R. 636 East - 773-3344
Radio Program
WZZS Sundays .....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer .....7:00 p.m.

SOUL HARVEST MINISTRY
1337 Hwy. 17 South, Wauchula
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Evening Service .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service.....7:00 p.m.

ST. ANN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
204 N. 9th Ave. - 773-6418
Sunday .....9:30 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.
Catecismo .....9:45 a.m.
Daily Mass in English .....8:30 a.m.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
205 S. 11th Ave. - 773-9927
Sabbath School .....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Tues. Prayer Meeting .....7:00 p.m.

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SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
505 S. 10th Ave. - 773-4368
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer .....7:00 p.m.

SPIRIT WIND TABERNACLE
1652 Old Bradenton Road
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Worship .....7:30 p.m.

TABERNACLE OF PRAISE & JOY
1507 MLK Avenue
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:30 a.m.
Evening Worship .....7:00 p.m.
Tues. Bible Stdy.
& Child Train .....7:00 p.m.
Friday Prayer Service .....7:00 p.m.

WAUCHULA CHURCH OF GOD
1543 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.
773-0199
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:15 a.m.
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Fam. Training ....7:30 p.m.
Thurs. Youth Bible Study .....7:00 p.m.
Friday Night Worship .....7:30 p.m.

WAUCHULA HILLS HARVEST TEMPLE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
210 Anderson
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Church.....10:00 a.m.
Youth Service .....6:00 p.m.
Evening Service .....7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service.....7:30 p.m.

WAUCHULA HILLS SPANISH CHURCH OF GOD
1000 Stansfield Rd.
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship .....7:30 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer .....7:30 p.m.
Thursday Worship.....7:30 p.m.
Saturday Worship .....7:30 p.m.

WAUCHULA REVIVAL CENTER (Full Gospel)
501 N. 9th Ave.
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Youth & Child. Church.....6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship .....7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study .....7:00 p.m.
Men's Fri. Prayer .....7:00 p.m.

ZOLFO SPRINGS

COMMUNITY WESLEYAN CHURCH Gardner
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship .....7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service.....7:00 p.m.

CREWSVILLE BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
8251 Crewsville Road
Church - 735-0871 Pastor - 773-6657
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship .....6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer .....6:30 p.m.

EVANGELISTIC HOLINESS CHURCH INC
Corner of 6th and Hickory
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship .....7:00 p.m.
Wednesday .....7:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ZOLFO
320 E. 4th St. - 735-1200
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Training Union .....5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer .....7:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Corner of 6th & Suwanee - 735-1544
Gospel Music .....10:30 a.m.
Worship Service .....11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study .....7:00 p.m.

FOX MEMORIAL HOLINESS CHURCH
2937 Pear St. • 836-781-0500
Sunday Morning Worship....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service.....7:30 p.m.

GARDNER BAPTIST CHURCH
South Hwy. 17 - 494-5456
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer .....7:00 p.m.

ZOLFO SPRINGS

LIFE CHANGING WORSHIP CENTER
3426 Oak St. - 863-832-9808
Sunday Worship .....2:30 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study .....6:30 p.m.

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH
2465 Oxendine Rd.
(863) 832-9292
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Evening .....1:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible & Prayer Meet....7:00 p.m.

NEW VISION WORSHIP CENTER
64 E. & School House Road
Church 735-8585 Childcare 735-8586
Morning Worship .....10:00 a.m.
Children's Church .....10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth & F.T.H. .....7:00 p.m.

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD FAITH TEMPLE
Oak Street
Sunday Worship .....10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship .....7:00 p.m.
Tuesday Worship .....7:30 p.m.
Thursday Worship.....7:30 p.m.
Saturday Worship .....7:30 p.m.

PRIMERA MISSION BAUTISTA HISPANA
518 8th Ave. E.
Escuela Dominical .....10:00 a.m.
Servicio del Domingo .....11:00 a.m.
.....7:00 p.m.
Servicio del Miercoles .....7:30 p.m.

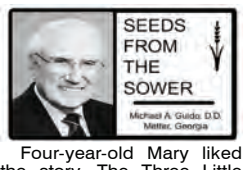
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Pioneer Park
2nd Sunday .....10:30 a.m.
Evening Service .....6:30 p.m.
5th Sunday .....6:00 p.m.

REALITY RANCH COWBOY FELLOWSHIP
2-1/2 Miles east of Zolfo Springs on Hwy. 66
863-781-1578
Sunday Service .....11:00 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
3676 U.S. Hwy. 17 South - 735-0636
Sunday School . . . .9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service .....7:00 p.m.

SAN ALFONSO MISSION
3027 Schoolhouse Lane
Domingo, Misa en Espano ..10:00 a.m.
Catecismo .....11:00 a.m.

SPANISH MISSION
735-8025
Escuela Dominica . . . .10:00 a.m.
Servicio .....11:00 a.m.
Pioneer Club .....6:30 p.m.
Servicio de la Noche .....7:00 p.m.
Mierecoles Merienda .....6:00 p.m.
Servicio .....8:00 p.m.
Sabado Liga de Jovenes .....5:00 p.m.



Four-year-old Mary liked the story, The Three Little Pigs. She begged her father to read it to her every night.

One day he taped the story and when she asked him to read it to her he said, "Dear, please turn on the tape recorder. I made a recording especially for you."

"But," she protested, "it can't hug me."

When someone wraps their arms around us we feel safe and loved, wanted and important.

Love has eyes to see the misery of others, ears to hear the cries of others, feet that hurry to help others, hands that can lift the burdens of others and a heart to feel the pain of others.

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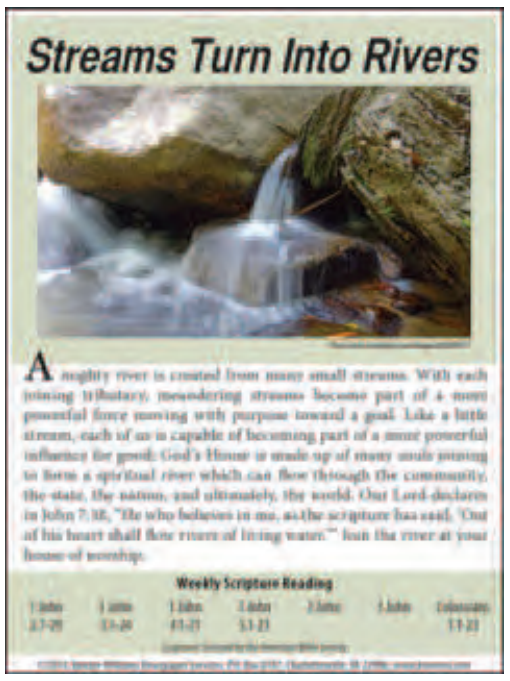

Celebrity Extra

By Cindy Elavsky

Q: Can you tell me if Army Wives will be back on Lifetime? I loved that show.

—Cheryl, Boise, Idaho

A: "Army Wives" was not renewed after seven successful and record-breaking seasons on Lifetime. For all of us who need some sort of closure, Lifetime has come through with a two-hour special, "Army Wives: A Final Salute," which premieres Sunday, March 16, at 9 p.m. ET/PT. The retrospective provides a look back at the program with members of the cast and production team as they come together for a final, heartfelt goodbye to "Army Wives." The special features interviews with original cast members, including Wendy Davis, Kim Delaney, Sally Pressman, Brigid Brannagh, Sterling K. Brown, Brian McNamara, Terry Serpico, Drew Fuller and Jeremy Davidson, who reunite to offer exclusive insight into the show and their characters.

Q: Can you tell me what happened to "Golden Boy"? I never saw a finale episode for it. Is it gone for good?

—Diane B., via email

A: "Golden Boy" — which aired on CBS for one season — followed the meteoric rise of Walter Clark, an ambitious cop who became the youngest police commissioner in New York City's history. The show starred Theo James, Chi McBride, Kevin Alejandro and Bonnie Somerville, and was very well received with glowing reviews from critics and audiences alike. However, the show fell victim to the old "mediocre ratings" syndrome, and was canceled after its freshman season.

Q: I was glad to read in your column that "Game of Thrones" is returning to HBO on April 6. Does that mean season 3 will be out on DVD soon?

—Doug C., via email

A: Season three of the adventure-fantasy series was released Feb. 18 on DVD. So now you can now catch up on what you've been missing, just in time for season four. But keep all spoilers, including "The Red Wedding," close to the vest.

READERS: I've discovered a wonderful new book series, and I want to share it with you. New author Em Barrett has written "Leaving Green Island" and "The Almosts," which follow three 20-something girlfriends as they navigate the present day — trying to find the right job, the right boyfriend and the right life. We also get a glimpse into the past to see how they got where they are today. I tell you, I couldn't put these books down, and now, five of my readers won't be able to either. I am giving away five sets of these books in e-book form (if you don't have an e-reader, you can still read them on your computer). Simply send an email to letters@cindyelavsky.com and tell me to enter you in the book giveaway contest, or send a letter to: Cindy Elavsky, King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Deadline is April 30, 2014.

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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In Other Action

The Wauchula City Commission also discussed the following items during the 2-hour, 20-minute meeting on Feb. 10. All members were present except Russell Smith.

—named the Paige Waters home at 708 E. Palmetto Street for the curb appeal award for February.

—applauded Sandy Chesnut as the 2013 Employee of the year.

—noted Commissioner Neda Cobb had completed the Florida League of Cities municipal officer training.

—approved second reading of Ordinance 2014-01 re-establishing the Code Enforcement Board and Magistrate System for enforcement and first reading of Ordinance 2014-02 updating the alcohol beverage laws.

—held a Fair Housing public workshop and reviewed standards. People cannot be discriminated in the sale or rental, finance or brokerage in housing because of race, color, sex, religion, origin, familial status or handicap. There must be a system to document all complaints, which are to be sent to the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Southeast office, Five Points Plaza, 40 Marietta St., 16th Floor, Atlanta, Ga. 30303-2806.

—recessed and met as the pension board and reconvened as a commission to approve pension board amendments, advertising for a pension board attorney and invoices from Gray Robinson.

—declared the city grove as surplus preparing it for sale, and also declared a list of 10 pieces of equipment, generators, vehicles, mowers, etc. as surplus.

—approved purchase of a truck for the utility department and the financing arrangements for purchase of three police vehicles, which should be received within 90 days.

—recessed and met as a Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) board and reconvened as a commission to approve the CRA actions, including awarding best bid of Redding Lawn Care for the CRA and city landscaping projects, which will relieve the parks and grounds staff for other duties.

It was announced that Paint The Town for this year is May 10, the Slice of Life historical event will be March 29, the city will work with the Hardee County Industrial Development Authority on development of the incubator project in the old Scotty's Building on U.S. 17 South, and work on historic markers and historical photo panel boards to put in windows of vacant downtown buildings is under way.

—announced Peace River Park's Walk 'n Talk tours will be on Feb. 26 and March 8, both beginning at 9 a.m. with Kayton Nedza as tour guide.

The next commission workshop will be March 3 at 5 p.m. and regular meeting at on March 10 at 6 p.m. Both will be held in commission chambers in Historic City Hall, 225 E. Main St., Wauchula.

Pet Of The Week

Fuzzy and Wuzzy are both male mixed breed puppies.

Adoption fees are $45 and include a rabies vaccination and spaying or neutering of the animal. Contact 773-2320 if you are interested in adopting any cats or dogs that desperately need a loving home. The kennel location is 685 Airport Road, Wauchula, at the county landfill.

LLOYD HALL invites all his friends and neighbors to come see him at

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

FILE NO: 14-CP-03

IN RE: ESTATE OF

HORACE VERNON ALLRED,
Deceased.
_____/

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of HORACE VERNON ALLRED, deceased, File Number 14-CP-03, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hardee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 417 West Main Street, Wauchula, Florida 33873. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATTER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE

ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is February 20, 2014.

Personal Representative:
Fleeta Wheeler
1905 West Immokalee Drive
Immokalee, Florida 34142

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Kenneth K. Thompson, Esquire
1150 Lee Boulevard, Suite 1
Lehigh Acres, Florida 33936
(239) 369-5664 - phone
(239) 369-8763 - fax
FLA. BAR NO. 344044
E-Mail: Ken@KenThompson-Law-Office.com

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

Case No.: FC14-017

JEFFREY BAIR,
Petitioner

and

ROXANA ECKER-aRZUZA,
Respondent.
_____/

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: ROXANA ECKER-aRZUZA
512 West 122nd
Tampa, Florida 33612

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Jeffrey Bair whose address is 26 Redwood Trail, Lake Placid, Florida 33852 on or before March 14, 2014, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 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 29, 2014

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

BY: A.R. GONZALES
Deputy Clerk

2:6-27p

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

CASE NO.: 252013GA000094
252013GA000095

IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF
JOSE LUIS DEANDA JUAREZ
_____/

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR THE PROPOSED GUARDIANSHIP OF A MINOR CHILD

TO: ANGELA JUAREZ-ORTEGA
Address Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Ramona DeAnda, Petitioner, c/o Stacey H. McNelis, Esquire of Colon & McNelis, P.A. whose address is Post Office Box 130, Bartow, FL 33830-0130 and Victoria Erica DeAnda, Petitioner, c/o Nathaniel White, Esquire whose address is 515 E Main Street, Bartow, FL 33830 on or before thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court, at P.O. Drawer 1749, Wauchula, Florida 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.

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DATED: February 7, 2014

VICTORIA L. ROGERS
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Edwina Murphy
Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO.: 25-2007-CA-000559

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
Plaintiff,

vs.

Francis A. Whaley; Jennifer L. Whaley; John Doe and Jane Doe
Defendants.
_____/

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 6, 2013, entered in Case No. 25-2007-CA-000559 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Hardee County, Florida, wherein Bank of America, N.A. is the Plaintiff and Francis A. Whaley; Jennifer L. Whaley; John Doe and Jane Doe are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at, the 2nd floor hallway. outside Room 202, 417 West Main Street, Wauchula, FL 33873, beginning at 11:00 AM on the 5 day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

COMMENCE AT THE NW CORNER OF SOUTH 18 ACRES OF WEST 1/2 OF NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST AND RUN TO THE EAST LINE OF PAVED ROAD FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN EAST, 208.75 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 208.75 FEET: THENCE WEST 208.75 TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID ROAD; THENCE NORTH TO THE POINT OF BEGINNIG, ALL LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Dated this 17 day of February, 2014.

VICTORIA L. ROGERS
As Clerk of said Court

By: Connie Coker
As Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

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Courthouse Report

COUNTY COURT

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

Daniel Gagne, 51 Sherrington, Quebec, Canada, and Guylaine Boudreault, 53, Sherring-ton, Quebec, Canada.

Robert Logan Barker, 39, of Wauchula, and Yvonne Elaine Adams, 38, Wauchula.

Dale Eugene Roberts, 34, Wauchula, and Angela Diane Delaney, 33, Wauchula.

The following small claims cases were disposed of recently in county court.

American South Realty Corp. vs. Brenda Sandoval, judgment for tenant eviction.

Country Manor Apartments vs. Jesus Anaya et al, judgment for tenant eviction.

Midland Funding vs. Herman Smith, order approving stipulated settlement and dismissing case.

There was no misdemeanor court as it was trial week.

CIRCUIT COURT

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

Yaminah Salaam vs. Willie Harris, petition for injunction for protection.

Frank D. Greeson vs. the state Department of Corrections (DOC), petition to review inmate situation.

Timothy Cowart vs. Tommy Parker (two cases), petition for injunction for protection

Jose Gutierrez vs. Argie Ramoa, petition for injunction for protection.

Juventino Munoz-Perez vs. Jose Castillo-Vasquez, petition for injunction for protection.

Amanda Clair vs. Chris-topher Woods, petition for injunction for protection.

Alicia D. Ross and the state Department of Revenue (DOR) vs. Dale Richard Hettech, petition for administrative child support order.

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

Beatrice M. Juarez and DOR vs. Juan Manuel Juarez IV, order.

Severiano E. Rivera and Sara Alicia Prieto Riveria, amended order.

David Howell and Eunice Howell vs. Ashley Howell Hines, order.

Tiffany N. Keeton and Jessie Keeton Jr., divorce.

Shane P. Grantham and Kristen Kay McNeil Grantham, stipulated judgment.

Shaila Rahman Hossain and Ramel M. Hossain, order.

Andrea Rosales and DOR vs. Frankie Reyna, order on child support contempt.

Rosa Marie Rodriguez and DOR vs. Frankie Reyna, order on child support contempt.

Rebecca Villegas and DOR vs. Frankie Reyna, order on child support contempt.

Wells Fargo Bank vs. Christina Aurea Harrelson et al, judgment of mortgage foreclosure.

James B. Nutter & Co. vs. Lurena Blandin et al, judgment of mortgage foreclosure.

CitiMortgage Inc. vs. Deonna C. Brantley et al, judgment of mortgage foreclosure.

Sylvia Sanchez and DOR vs. Michael Paul Sanchez, order on child support contempt.

Norma Lopez and DOR vs. Ernest Wayne Wheeler, order on child support contempt.

Theresa Denise Bostick and DOR vs. Mark Alan Bostick, order on child support contempt.

Topeika White and DOR vs. Cedric David Williams, order on child support contempt.

Amanda Kae Sunday and DOR vs. Homer Curtis Kirk, order on child support contempt.

Amanda Alcantar and DOR vs. David Ochoa, order on child support contempt.

Letitia Ann Bostick Crews vs. Mark Alan Bostick, order on child support contempt.

Jose Gutierrez vs. Argie Ramos, petition for injunction for protection denied.

Hugh Kunselman and Florida prisoners vs. Governor Rick Scott, petition of Jan. 13, 2014 denied.

There was no felony criminal court last week because it was trial week. The following cases were settled.

Armando Hinojosa, violation of probation (original charge possession of drug paraphernalia), probation revoked, 364 days in jail, $300 fees and costs added to outstanding fines, fees and costs.

Heather Pavolini, violation of probation (original charges two counts possession of drug paraphernalia), probation re-voked, 364 days in jail, $300 fees and costs added to outstanding fines, fees and costs.

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

Mirtha V. Ponce-Calderon to Edward Rios and Elisavet C. Rios $47,000.

Lee Tapager to Rich Holtzee and Allen Zoellick, $30,000

Lealon H. Childs to Kenneth E. and Josephine M. Thompson, $29,000.

Donald H. and Rose M. Summers to Robert S. Wil-liams, $60,000.

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

CASE NO.: 25-2013-CA-000469

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

CHRISTINA A. HARRELSON A/K/A CHRISTINA AUREA HARRELSON, *et al*,
Defendant(s).
_____/

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated February 03, 2014 and entered in Case No. 25-2013-CA-000469 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HARDEE County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. is Plaintiff and CHRISTINA A. HARRELSON A/K/A CHRISTINA AUREA HARRELSON; FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, A PUBLIC CORPORATION; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY, OUTSIDE OF ROOM 202, OF THE HARDEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 417 W. MAIN STREET at 11:00 AM, on the 5th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 5, FRACTIONAL LOT 9, AND ALL OF LOTS 10 TO 12 INCLUSIVE IN BLOCK 36 OF THE TOWN OF LIMESTONE, HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS PER PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 1.

A/K/A 5015 PRESCOTT AVENUE, 5150 CR 663 SOUTH, ONA, FL 33865-8791

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 sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on February 10, 2014.

VICTORIA L. ROGERS
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Connie Coker
Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO.: 25-2012-CA-000474

JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY,
Plaintiff,

vs.

LURENA BLANDIN A/K/A LURINA BLANDIN, *et al*,
Defendant(s).
_____/

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated February 03, 2014 and entered in Case No. 25-2012-CA-000474 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HARDEE County, Florida wherein JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY is the Plaintiff and LURENA BLANDIN A/K/A LURINA BLANDIN; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNITED STATE OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY, OUTSIDE OF ROOM 202, OF THE HARDEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 417 W. MAIN STREET at 11:00 AM, on the 5th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOTS 3 AND 4, LESS THE WEST 30 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 16, MAGNOLIA MANOR, HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 514 WILL DUKES ROAD, WAUCHULA, FL 33873

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 sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on February 10, 2014.

VICTORIA L. ROGERS
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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Collecting

By Larry Cox

Q: I have an original Boston Herald newspaper published Nov. 23, 1963, reporting the assassination of President John Kennedy in Dallas. What is this newspaper worth? I have been told it belongs in a museum.

—Edward, Nashua, N.H.

A: Your newspaper is, perhaps, worth about $25. It is not rare or all that collectible. The fact that it is a Boston paper makes it a little more interesting, but doesn't elevate it in value all that much. The newspapers of the JFK assassination that collectors scramble for are the ones that were published in Dallas during the day before and the actual date of the event.

Keep in mind that hundreds of millions of newspapers were published about this tragic event, and most sell in shops and at antiques malls generally in the $15 to $25 range. As I often state in this column, there are always exceptions.

Q: I have a collection of signed and designer jewelry, including pieces by Napier, Marvello, Kramer, Judy Lee, Worthington Money and Sarah Coventry. Can you provide me with the name of someone who can help me determine values and perhaps buy these items? —Charlotte, Okeechobee, Fla.

A: Costume and designer jewelry have increased in value during the past decade or so. There are several excellent references, including "Warman's Jewelry: Identification & Price Guide" by Christie Romero, and "Warman's Vintage Jewelry: Identification & Price Guide" by Leigh Leshner, both published by Krause Books. These guides are filled with images in full color with descriptions and values for more than 2,000 pieces of both vintage and costume jewelry.

Janet Gaynor has bought and sold vintage and costume jewelry for more than three decades. She is knowledgeable and can help you. Her contact is P.O. Box 35038, Tucson, AZ 85740; and 520-615-1544.

Q: I am sending you a picture of a flour shaker that I think is at least 40 years old. Is it worth keeping?

—Alice, Rio Rancho, N.M.

A: What you have is a Jeannette Jadite Ring flour shaker that is quite collectible and worth about $75 in good condition. Collectors should be cautious buying this line, however, since reproductions have flooded the marketplace.

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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TOWN OF ZOLFO SPRINGS, FLORIDA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014, 6:00 PM

The Town of Zolfo Springs Planning and Zoning Board will hold a public hearing regarding the following amendment to the Town of Zolfo Springs Comprehensive Plan.

AN AMENDMENT TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT OF THE TOWN OF ZOLFO SPRINGS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; SPECIFICALLY, AMENDING THE ADOPTED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT AND UPDATING THE 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN.

The Town of Zolfo Springs Planning and Zoning Board will consider these proposed amendments on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at 6:00 pm or as soon thereafter as possible. The hearing shall be held at the Zolfo Springs Town Hall Commission Chambers, 3210 US Highway 17; Zolfo Springs, Florida. At the meeting interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed amendments. The hearing may be continued by the Planning and Zoning Board under appropriate circumstances.

Copies of the proposed amendments are available for inspection and review with the Town Clerk from between 8 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Comments may also be submitted in writing to the Town Clerk prior to or during the meeting.

Persons are advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board or Commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, at his or her own expense and effort, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based per Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the Clerk's Office at least 48 hours before the hearing by contacting (863) 735-0405.

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MUSICAL ENTERTAINERS

PHOTOS BY JIM KELLY

Leon Jacobs Jr. of Lawrenceville, Ga., is a star performer on the keyboard for the Dennis Lee Show at the annual Florida State Fair in Tampa. They also perform at the annual Strawberry Festival in Plant City. Singer Dennis Lee of Clearwater and Memphis, Tenn., is shown singing with Alex Knight, 20, and her twin sister, Katie Knight. They live in Palm Beach Gardens with their mother Kristen Knight. The girls were born at 30 weeks and are living with cerebral palsy. Alex, wearing a necklace, weighed 3 pounds, 2 ounces at birth, and Katie weighed 2 pounds, 15 ounces.

Letter To The Editor

County Would Benefit From Fresh Perspective

Dear Editor:

To: Fifth Generation Residents of Hardee County ...

A few thoughts:

Ancient Egypt coalesced 5,000 years ago. One of the greatest civilizations. Their achievements included quarrying, surveying and construction techniques that facilitated the building of monumental pyramids, temples, and obelisks; a system of mathematics, a practical and effective system of medicine, irrigation systems and agricultural production techniques, the first known ships, glass technology, new forms of literature, and the earliest known peace treaty.

Egypt today is in trouble. A car bomb blew up less that two miles from the pyramids yesterday. The population of Cairo is almost eight million (almost a NYC). When I was there on the eve of 9/11, slums abutted the pyramids. Tourists do not visit Egypt today. When tourists visited Egypt, it was to marvel at the accomplishments of their ancestors, not what their de-scendants did to their legacy.

Barely a week goes by that someone in Hardee County does not proclaim which generation they came from. Ms. Monica Reas started her re-marks from the BOCC podium recently with "I'm a __ generation Hardee Countian." Repre-sentative Ben Albritton began his Letter to the Editor dodging his complicity in the bankrupt LifeSync grant by saying, "I'm a __ generation ... " Mrs. Krystin Chapman, in her rebuttal to my letter to the editor titled, "A Better Way For the IDA," wrote, "I'm a ___ generation ... Heck, the Florida Secretary of Agriculture Adam Putnam at Streamsong made the same claim.

Honestly, if I were a fifth generation descendant living in Hardee County today, I would not brag about it. I also would not expect that distinction to garner extra points when it comes to getting jobs and board appointments. It does, but it shouldn't. The economic demographics of our county are pathetic. Mrs. Krystin Chapman warns about listening to "outsiders" from Chicago and Miami because they do not know what is best for HC. Because they are not fifth generation?

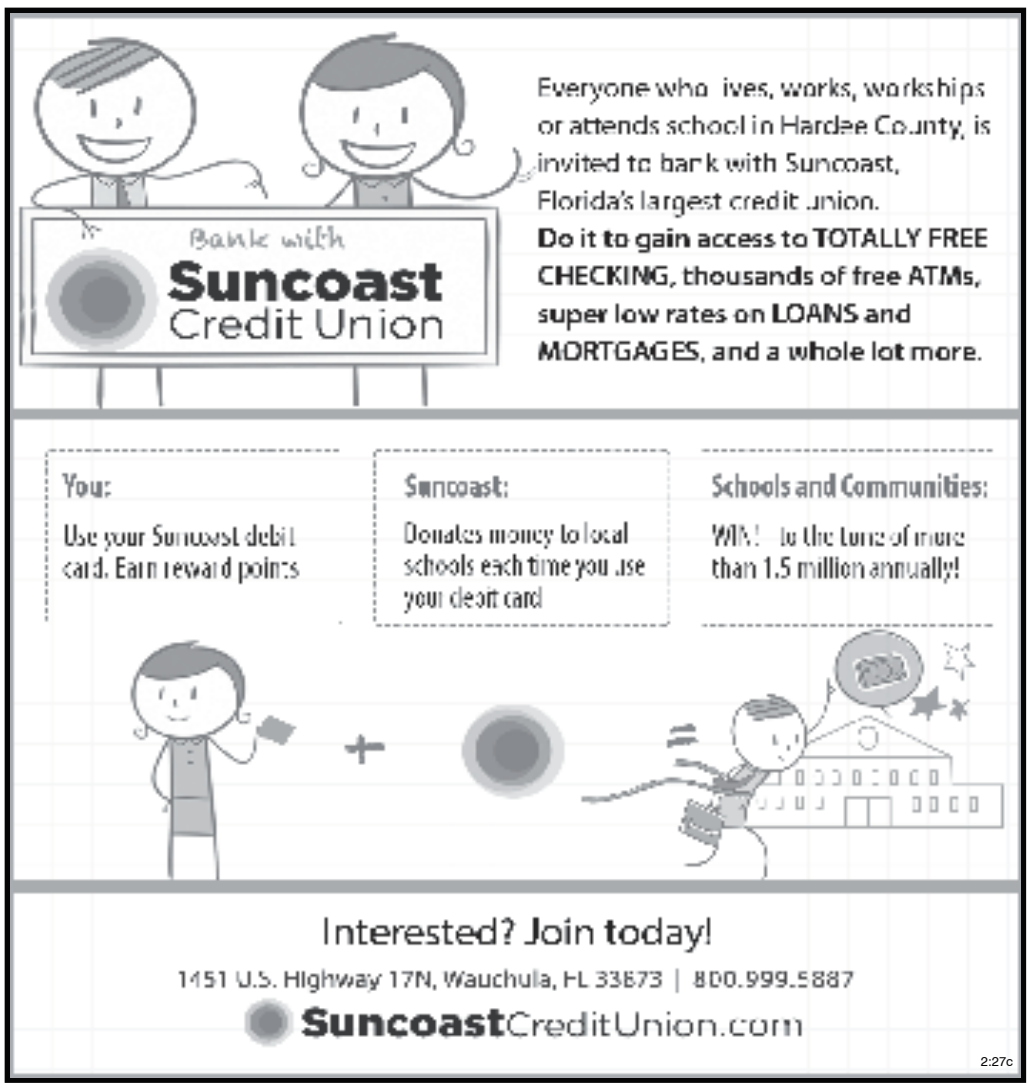
As Hardee County slides down the economic ladder, we live with the results of nepotism and cronyism from insiders that stay inside by keeping outsiders out. Folks, it is literally that simple. A loser's bet, to say the least, but keeping a tight circle of cronies in public positions gives them first dibs on up to $10 million per year in public slush money for anything they cook up. How about a non-evaluated, USDA inspected commercial kitchen incubator in an old hardware store that employs their friends and relatives with public money?

No denying, the accomplishments of the first generations are spectacular. "A Land Remembered," by Patrick Smith tells of what was given so their children would have a better life in central Florida. He also wrote about the plight of migrant workers ("Angel City") who also sacrificed for the bounties now being spent by the fifth generation.

Let's not forget, the ancestors were also outsiders. They were not dependent on public welfare (crony derived jobs and assistance). They used all available information from other emigrants to build the legacy that is now being dismantled — one bite at a time.

Not until the cycle of tired, unimaginative and scared isolationists from ___ generation welcome newcomers with a world of talent and experience, will this county stand a chance.

Henry Kuhlman
Fort Green



Paw s Corner

By Sam Mazzotta

Do Big Dogs Equal Stronger Economy?

Is our growing preference for larger dog breeds a sign that the economy is recovering? According to the American Kennel Club, that's a possibility.

"Owning bigger breeds — an economic indicator of sorts — have been on the rise during the past five years," said Lisa Peterson, an AKC representative. "As the economy has improved, people are turning back to the big dogs they love, which cost more to feed and care for than the smaller breeds that saw a rise in popularity in 2007 and 2008."

That's an odd statement to make, considering the most popular large dogs have never been out of the AKC's annual top 10 breeds. The Labrador Retriever has held the No. 1 spot for 23 years, and the German Shepherd and Golden Retriever consistently make the top five. The Dachshund and the Yorkshire Terrier are the only small breeds to consistently break into the top 10.

It raises questions about what the AKC thinks of dog owners. What were we doing when we were supposedly out of love with big dogs six years ago? What about owners who prefer smaller dogs?

While financial problems are often cited as a reason for owners to neglect or abandon their dogs, the size of the dog isn't the biggest cause. Smaller breeds can cost just as much or more to care for, and I've met many owners who would gladly go hungry to make sure their pet has food. Owners have many reasons for choosing the pet they bring into the family. Economic concerns are an important consideration, but responsible owners consider a lot of factors, such as the breed, its size, potential behavioral or health issues, apartment or homeowner association rules, and local pet ordinances.

It's irresponsible of the AKC to correlate breed size with growth or dampening of the economy and smacks of bias by the organization.

Send your questions or comments to ask@pawscorner.com.

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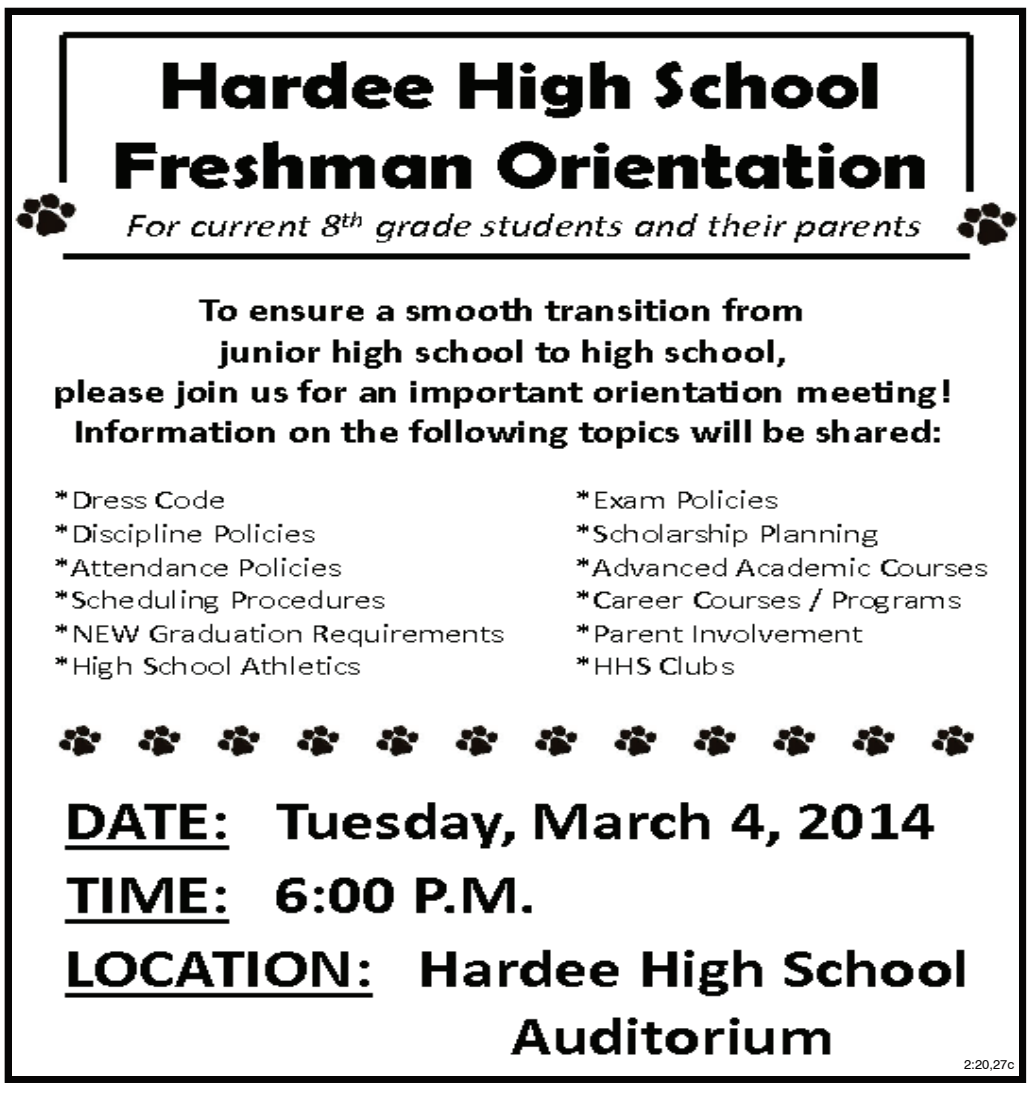


ORANGE & BLUE REVIEW

Collaborative Efforts of Hardee County Schools

by Susan Barton, Hardee High School STEM Coach

Hardee County provides an educational opportunity found only in rural school districts or private schools; one junior high feeding into one senior high school. This secondary continuum allows students entering junior high to spend the next 6 years learning together. These students forge strong relationships with their classmates and with their teachers as every junior and senior high educator has a vested interest in their success.

Schools that provide a smooth transition from one year to another eliminate an unnecessary interruption in the educational experience. That goal is reached when teachers work together to produce consistency in instruction. The junior and senior high schools are collaborating to bring that continuum of education to their students. Recently, all secondary teachers were trained in AVID; which stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. AVID uses research based methods of effective instruction to promote college and career readiness through the development of reading, writing, and organizational skills. From 6th to 12th grade, teachers are using AVID strategies such as Interactive Notebooks and Cornell Notes in their instructional practices. Students will benefit when these strategies are practiced from year to year.

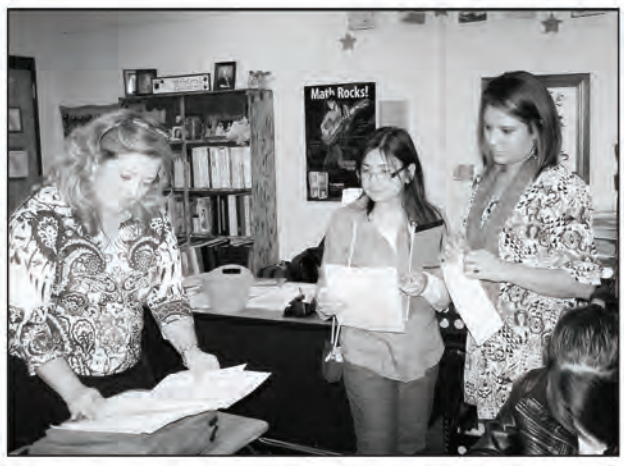
Collaboration between junior and senior high educators that teach the same subject is necessary for consistency. Mrs. Marie Price, Junior High Math teacher, has worked over the past few summers with her high school colleagues to develop Algebra I lessons for her classes. Next year, as her 7th grade Algebra students go on to take Geometry in 8th grade; Mrs. Price will continue to play an important role in planning excellent lessons with her high school counterparts.

Agriculture Foundations is a high school credited class that is being taught at the Junior High by Mrs. Amy Gough. Mrs. Gough works with the Agriculture teachers at the high school to provide similar instruction so the students will be prepared for the next course in the Ag sequence. The introduction of Agriculture Foundations at the Jr. High helps to prepare the students for courses such as Agricultural Biotechnology that are offered at the High School.

Partnerships between Junior High teachers and their High School counterparts are essential for the success of some programs. The Blue Star Brigade has developed successfully under the instruction of music teacher, Mr. Michael Hill. However, he would be the first to admit that his music program is dependent upon an infusion of junior high music students that have developed their talents under the leadership of music teacher, Ms. Shayla Bryan. Mr. Hill and Ms. Bryan often assist each other with musical productions, parades, and other activities.

Vertical Articulation Meetings for mathand science have provided opportunities for representative teachers from elementary, junior, and senior high schools to meet together several times over the past few years. The teachers discussed important topics such as their successes and concerns with Science Fair. Additionally, representatives from the Jr. High science and reading departments have spent time at the High school observing their counterparts to learn more about the classroom expectations of Senior High teachers.

Alexander Graham Bell said it best, "Great discoveries and improvements invariably involve the cooperation of many minds." Great things are happening as a result of the cooperative efforts of our secondary educators… and the beneficiaries of those efforts are all our children.



Vertical Articulation between Junior and Senior High teachers inspires a sense of community, allowing them to learn from each other. Here, Chrysta Chancey, Sr. High Math teacher shares ideas with Junior High math teachers, Marie Price and Jessica Gilliard.

HHS IN PICTURES

In-service days provide opportunities for teachers to learn new teaching strategies and collaborate with their colleagues about effective instructional practices. In February, high school teachers attended a school-wide AVID workshop in the morning and then went to various breakout sessions in the afternoon. Pictured here at the morning workshop, Rob Beatty utilizes an iPad Mini to present his ideas to a small group of teachers.

The Ag Tech class provides Erica Roberts and Brea Farrer time to exercise the Hardee Middle FFA hog which will build the hog's stamina in preparation for the County Fair Market Hog Show.

Valentine's Day always brings plenty of treats, flowers, balloons and teddy bears to the Hardee High campus, and this year was no exception. These students were all smiles after receiving their Valentine's Day gifts from their friends and sweethearts.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

2/28	Softball @ Lemon Bay - 6:00pm Lemon Bay High School
2/28	Senior Play - *The Wicked Witch of The Old West* - 7:00pm HHS Auditorium
3/1	Baseball v. Berkeley Prep - 1:00pm HHS Baseball Complex
3/1	Senior Play - *The Wicked Witch of The Old West* - 7:00pm HHS Auditorium
3/2	Senior Play - *The Wicked Witch of The Old West* - 2:30pm HHS Auditorium
3/4	8th Grade Orientation - 6:00pm HHS Auditorium

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1 "Sorry, I goofed"
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13 — Vineyard (island south of Cape Cod)
20 "Guitar Town" singer Steve
21 Italian wine
22 So-so
23 Venue for American art in Manhattan
25 Hyperactivity medication
26 Mauna — (volcano in Hawaii)
27 Walk- — (minor roles)
28 Mazda car
30 Young horse
31 Mozart work
33 California city south of Monterey
38 Pep
39 Miracle Mets member Tommie
40 German for "three"
41 Given a makeover
44 Air passage of the lung
47 Loafs about
52 Shakable liquid-filled souvenirs
54 — Kim (rapper)
55 — rasa
56 Competes (for)
57 Dark deli bread
58 Place to vote
59 Tehran inhabitants
60 Hdqrs. of law enforcers
61 Ontario's capital, on a sports ticker
63 Garden plants with large white flowers
66 Like charged atoms
68 Ovine mother
69 Author Bret
70 Exterior car adorners
75 Store (up)
76 Toward a boat's stern
79 — kick (football action)
80 Cheer yells
81 Jurists' gp.
83 Rural tower
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85 Crusly treat
86 Some crisp red fruits
89 Swirly marble
90 Fellini of film
92 Knocks it off
93 Sad notice in the paper
95 With 124-Across, yonder
96 Stuff making a big bang
97 Mom on "Rhoda"
103 Puts in office by ballot
107 Nothin' at all
108 Tax cheat's dread
109 — Lanka
110 Hee- —
111 Carrier to Muscat
113 Ensure a person's ruin
119 Enormous
120 Wrap around
121 Sprayed, as a sidewalk
122 Renters
123 Substance in chemical analysis
124 See 95-Across

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1 Whimpers
2 Boorish sort
3 The Beach Boys' Wilson
4 Flier's stat
5 Standing for
6 Brenneman and Tan
7 Highland hat
8 Capote, to his pals
9 Curve in a driving exam
10 West in film
11 Long feather
12 Language of India
13 Epitomes of self-sacrifice
14 Fly a jet, say
15 Like many sr. citizens
16 Faint residue
17 Saintly glows
18 Quick-footed
19 — message to (got in touch with)
24 Nail varnish
29 King of Saudi Arabia
32 Affirms
33 Taxi driver
34 Matches up
35 Vintage Olds cars
36 Grown-up boys
37 Intense mirth
41 Abbr. on an invitation
42 City NNW of Oklahoma City
43 Bucks' partners
45 Place to hang apparel
46 Sword part
48 Humiliate
49 New Mexico tribe
50 Nobelist Wiesel
51 Back-talk
53 Utah senator Hatch
55 Pontifical crown
58 Puts in hock
61 "So long!"
62 "No Turn —" (traffic sign)
64 Sneaky laugh
65 — Lama
66 Bozo
67 Having a rug
70 Joyous Israeli dance
71 Certain blood type, briefly
72 Greek peak
73 Motel employee
74 Cup holder
76 Feels sickly
77 Skip town
78 Pitch
82 Borg of tennis
83 Large influx
86 Smallish bill
87 One- — (short plays)
88 Illuminator in a shirt pocket, perhaps
90 Puzzles (out)
91 Spoil, as food
94 Brown in fat
97 How fries are fried
98 Jean-Claude Van —
99 Singer Edie
100 Lion features
101 Less mean
102 Plum center
104 Picked out
105 Zapping gun
106 82-Down, by birth
109 Back-to-school mo.
112 Ending for prop- or hex-
114 Fertilized cells
115 Tavern barrel
116 Corrida cheer
117 NCO part
118 "Nice one!"

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MOUNTAIN OPENINGS

DVD PREVIEWS

BY SAM STRUCKHOFF

PICKS OF THE WEEK

Gravity (PG-13) — Spiraling off into the dark void of space, two astronauts undergo a pulse-pounding struggle for survival as their odds of ever reaching Earth again plummet with each new obstacle. Sandra Bullock plays a medical officer on her first trip into outer space who is paired with a veteran astronaut, played by George Clooney. While working on the Hubble telescope, a patch of space debris cuts them off from the space shuttle and sends the pair careening into space.

During its box-office run, "Gravity" attracted rave reviews from audiences and critics. Cinema purists have hailed it as a model for how 3-D filmmaking should be done. For us home-video audiences, the movie offers a tenacious survival drama that will leave you gasping for sweet, sweet oxygen.

Thor: The Dark World (PG-13) — Long ago, the Norse gods of Asgard banished some ancient evil dudes to a far-off dimension. Natalie Portman, while searching for a way to contact Thor, accidentally unleashes the sealed-away evil powers. Once again, the fate of the universe is in the brawny hands of Thor the thunder god (Chris Hemsworth). This time, however, Thor needs to recruit the reluctant aid of his evil brother, Loki (Tom Hiddleston), the god of chaos and the villain of "The Avengers."

While Hemsworth carried the first Thor film on his broad shoulders, this sequel is largely propped up by the caustic and sneering screen presence of Hiddleston. As Thor's adopted brother and chief rival, he's also the balancing point for the movie that allows it to make fun of itself. Audiences get to drink in the foamy, hammer-smashy battles, then wash it down with the refreshingly sour lemonade of Loki's anti-hero.

Nebraska (R) — A bitter old man and his disillusioned son take an eye-opening road trip from Missouri to

who believes he's won a maga sweepstakes. His son, Dave ("SN Will Forte), agrees to take him or road. The film gives a lot of cor eration to the landscapes surro ing the minuscule drama; lots of open, underwhelming backd underscore the brief exchanges of logue and quiet realizations of mi opportunities.

Scene from "Gravity"

Blue Is the Warmest Color — The story starts with 15-y old Adele (Adele Exarchopou a French high-school student has caught the eye of one of male classmates. While Adele's romance fizzles, she becomes fix on Emma, a mysterious blue-h art student she's seen around t The story of romance, pain and covery unfolds over decades, ta the viewer on an emotional ride deepest parts of the human heart. film has garnered a lot of contro for its scenes of adult intimacy, bu backlash shouldn't take away this beautiful drama.

TV RELEASES

Mama's Family: Complete T Season
Adventure Time: The Comp Third Season
Ghost Adventures: Season 5
The Middle: Season Four
Above Suspicion: Set 3

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TOP DVD RENTALS AND SALES

Top 10 DVD, Blu-ray Rentals

1. **Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa** ....(R)
Johnny Knoxville
2. **Last Vegas** ....(PG-13)
Robert De Niro
3. **Captain Phillips** ....(PG)
Tom Hanks
4. **Escape Plan** ....(R)
Sylvester Stallone
5. **Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2** ....(PG)
animated
6. **Runner, Runner** ....(R)
Ben Affleck
7. **Lee Daniels' The Butler** (PG-13)
Forest Whitaker
8. **Don Jon** ....(R)
Joseph Gordon-Levitt
9. **Prisoners** ....(R)
Hugh Jackman
10. **Despicable Me 2** ....(PG)
animated

Top 10 DVD, Blu-ray Sales

1. **Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa** ....(R)
Paramount
2. **Escape Plan** ....(R)
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3. **Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2** ....(PG)
Sony
4. **Free Birds** ....(PG)
FOX
5. **Captain Phillips** ....(PG)
Sony
6. **Despicable Me 2** ....(PG)
Universal
7. **Last Vegas** ....(PG-13)
Sony
8. **Justice League: War** ....(PG-13)
Warner Bros.
9. **Downton Abby: Season 4** ....(NR)
PBS
10. **Dallas Buyers Club** ....(R)
Universal

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Books

Recommended Reading

The Splendour Falls
by Susanna Kearsley
(Sourcebooks Landmark, $16.99)
by Ralish Waddell

Even though it was his idea to have a holiday in France in the first place, Emily isn't surprised when her cousin isn't there to meet her at the train station. Henry has a reputation for being easily distracted, and she assumes he's off chasing the trail of his latest academic theory.

In the meantime, she has plenty to do exploring the picturesque town of Chinon, from the imposing edifice of its namesake castle to the winding streets and charming plazas of the village below. She's often in the company of the motley crew staying at her hotel, a bohemian jumble of artists and tourists that includes a seriously sexy British violinist who sets off all her warning bells.

Emily can't help but have romance on her mind, surrounded by the stories of the two tragic Isabelles of Chignon. Though separated by centuries — one a medieval royal besieged by political enemies, the other a chambermaid during the Nazi occupation — both women fell victim to lost loves and sad fates, and both are rumored to have hidden priceless treasures somewhere in the town.

But as days go by with no word from Henry, Emily becomes more and more uneasy, especially once she finds a cryptic clue that she believes to be a message from him. Then events take a tragic turn, and she realizes she's unknowingly stumbled into a tangle of present-day passions that may have already put her in deadly danger.

Originally published in England, this pleasantly atmospheric tale is being reissued in the States just in time for some serious curling-up-under-a-blanket winter escapism. Visions of sunlit ruins will enchant armchair travelers, and layers of ancient intrigue thrill history buffs; romantics will enjoy watching a cynic open her heart to love, and there's even a tinge of ghostly doings for fans of the gothic.

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TOP FIVE MOVIES

1. The Lego Movie (PG) animated
2. The Monuments Men (PG-13) George Clooney, Matt Damon
3. Ride Along (PG-13) Ice Cube, Kevin Hart
4. Frozen (PG) animated
5. Lone Survivor (R) Mark Wahlberg, Taylor Kitsch

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MAGIC MAZE

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DAYTONA 500 WINNERS

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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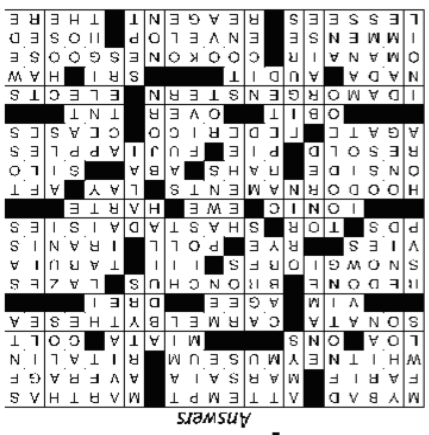

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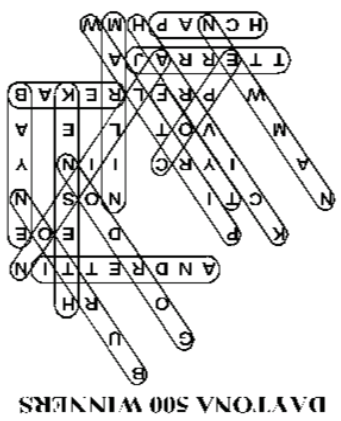

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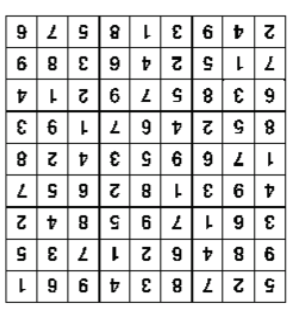


Answer — Weekly SUDOKU

Letter To The Editor

An Old Tree Reminds Her Of Life With God

Dear Editor:
The tree.

One morning I awoke around 3 a.m. I took my dog MJ out for his walk. The yard seemed to be lit up well enough to see where you were going.

The big tree in my back yard caught my eyes. It was almost bare. You could see right through the tree. It did not look as big, without all the leaves on it. As I was thinking upon this tree, this thought came to me.

This tree has been through at least three hurricanes, yet it still stands. The tree has roots (God) that are strong and well-grounded. The tree itself represents Jesus. All the branches that spring out in every direction — they are we, the Christians. The leaves that fall are like the word of God.

The roots of the tree are grounded and well nourished. They supply life to the tree, which in turn bare the leaves and possibly fruit. Even when changes (seasons) come, it still lives on.

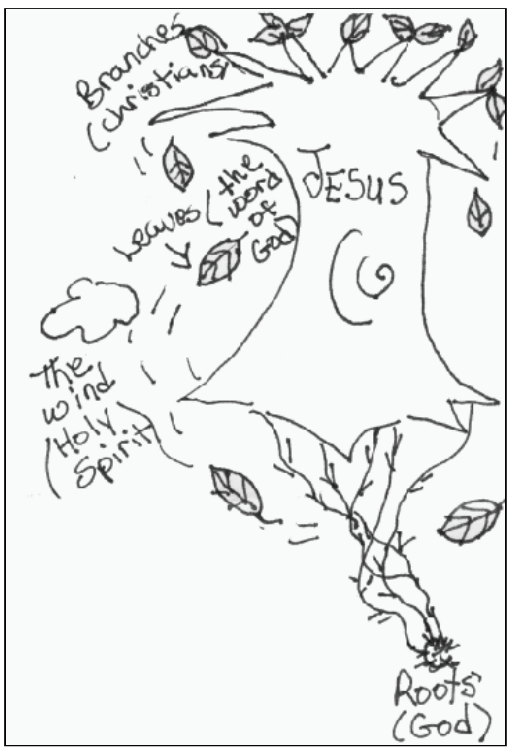
Sometimes it may look dead, but it is not. When the leaves fall, the wind (Holy Spirit) blows them everywhere. We are the branches that stretch out in every direction (the world).

Everything in life should reflect Christ. We have God's word and the Holy Spirit with us. He supplies all our needs. God is life. Our life is in God. We Christians are called to go forth into this world, showing others Christ as our example. The Holy Spirit enables us to reach the lost.

We can be like the tree, reflecting Christ, the Holy Spirit and God. Just a thought, keeping God and His word in my heart, grounded.

His word brings forth life. When well-nourished we grow. Stretch forth and grow, spread the life of Christ. Let the Holy Spirit give you direction.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Sheila Miller
Wauchula



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Jokes & Philosophies

By Truman A. Thomas

If we cannot talk with reason, then there is really no reason to talk at all, now is there?

The following three words can be used to define a most miserable life. Let's say that we have money and it really does not matter how much in this illustration. So we POSSESS the money, but in time we become OBSESSED with it, which leads us to preoccupy intensely or abnormally, and this leads us to become DEPRESSED, which could give us a very miserable life. But the eye of this storm is greed.

Remember that old military saying, the rules of engagement? Well, I also believe it must apply to marital engagements as well. So let us throw this into the pot. I am sure you have heard that all things are fair in love an war. Right? So with everything considered here, saying the rules of engagements and what it means, we have just dug up a world war one and two. Excuse me please. I am getting out of Dodge.

We have got this new heater which has two separate switches. With switch 1, turn it on and you have got heat around the clock. I mean good and hot, the kind of heat that would have Old Man Winter leaving your house with icicles dripping off of him. But now switch 2 has absolutely no heat. However, you will see a log laying inside the heater with red embers and make-believe flames. However, with this scene you will feel warm anyway but you are not. It is all your imagination, so I call it my physicological heater.

Some say that money talks, but all I know is when I take money along with me to buy something, I always have to do the interpretations for it.

My Pa always told me to never kick a dog when he is down, but I asked if he is too sorry to get up, what do I do then?

Did you know that one stroke of the tongue can cause you more damage than the hoofbeats of a thousand horses rumbling through the dark of night.

What is an excuse? It is just what it is, used most times to pass the blame on somebody else or something else. However, believe me when I tell you they pile up quickly with those we pass them out to. Excuses are the generator that gets some people through life. And by the way, just in case you did not know, there is no one who collects them.

I am ready. I am prepared. I deserve it. I have earned myself a big slice of the good life.

Every time I see Democratic Minority Whip Nancy Pelosi on TV, she leaves me confused. However, I would suggest to everyone concerned, please keep a whip of any size out of her hands.

I sometimes think hard people suffer from a soft brain.

NOTICE VACANCIES ON ENTERPRISE ZONE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The Hardee County Board of County Commissioners is accepting applications for persons interested in serving on the Hardee County Enterprise Zone Development Agency. The Agency shall consist of a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 13 members, and shall contain at least one member from the local financial or insurance entities, the business operating within the nominated area, residents living in the nominated area, non-profit community based organizations operating within the nominated area, the local workforce board, the local code enforcement agency and the local law enforcement agency.

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

For more information, please call 863/773-9430.

Rick Knight, Chair

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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 March – 06th at 8:30 a.m. and 20th at 6:00 p.m.
Planning Session – 02/14/14 at 8:30 a.m.
FAC Legislative Day – 03/27/14 – Tallahassee – Commissioners going up on 03/25/14

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY "INDEPENDENT BOARD"
MONTH OF March - No meeting scheduled.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL/INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTH.
Meets on second Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m.
MONTH OF March –11th

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD – meets first Thursday night of each month at 6:00 p.m.
MONTH OF March – 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 March – 10th

COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Meets first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
MONTH OF March – 03rd

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
Meetings called as needed at Library in Annex II
MONTH OF March – No meeting scheduled

HOUSING AUTHORITY
Meets quarterly on the third Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at 701 LaPlaya Drive, Wauchula
MONTH OF March – No meeting scheduled.

HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE
Meets quarterly at Hardee County Health Department Auditorium at Noon
MONTH OF March – No meeting scheduled.

HARDEE COUNTY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE BOARD
Usually meets third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.
MONTH OF March – 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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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that US BANK C/O BRIDGE TAX, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO.: 970 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011

Parcel ID Number: 27-34-25-0730-00018-0010

Description of Property:

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11 BLK 18 R & S RE-SUB OF
R & S ADD LOCATED IN
SEC 26 TWN 34S RNG 25E
636P547 724P1094

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

Name in which assessed: ADNAUD LOUIS AND JOYCE RENEE LOUIS

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 19TH day of March, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 30th 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.: 252013TD063XXXX
Pursuant to F.S. 197.512

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NOTICE OF INVALID VOTER REGISTRATION AND NOTICE TO SHOW CAUSE

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

Thayson L Quinn
3368 Jack Jones Rd.
Wauchula, FL 33873

Scottie Dale Boyles
404 N 7th Ave Apt A
Wauchula, FL 33873

Tomeka C Cozart
1525 US Highway 17 North
Bowling Green, FL 33834

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

Jeffery Ussery
Supervisor of Elections
Hardee County

La NOTA DE VOTANTE
INVALIDO La MATRICULA
Y la NOTA para
MOSTRAR la CAUSA

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

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

Jeffery Ussery
El Supervisor de Condado
de Elecciones Hardee

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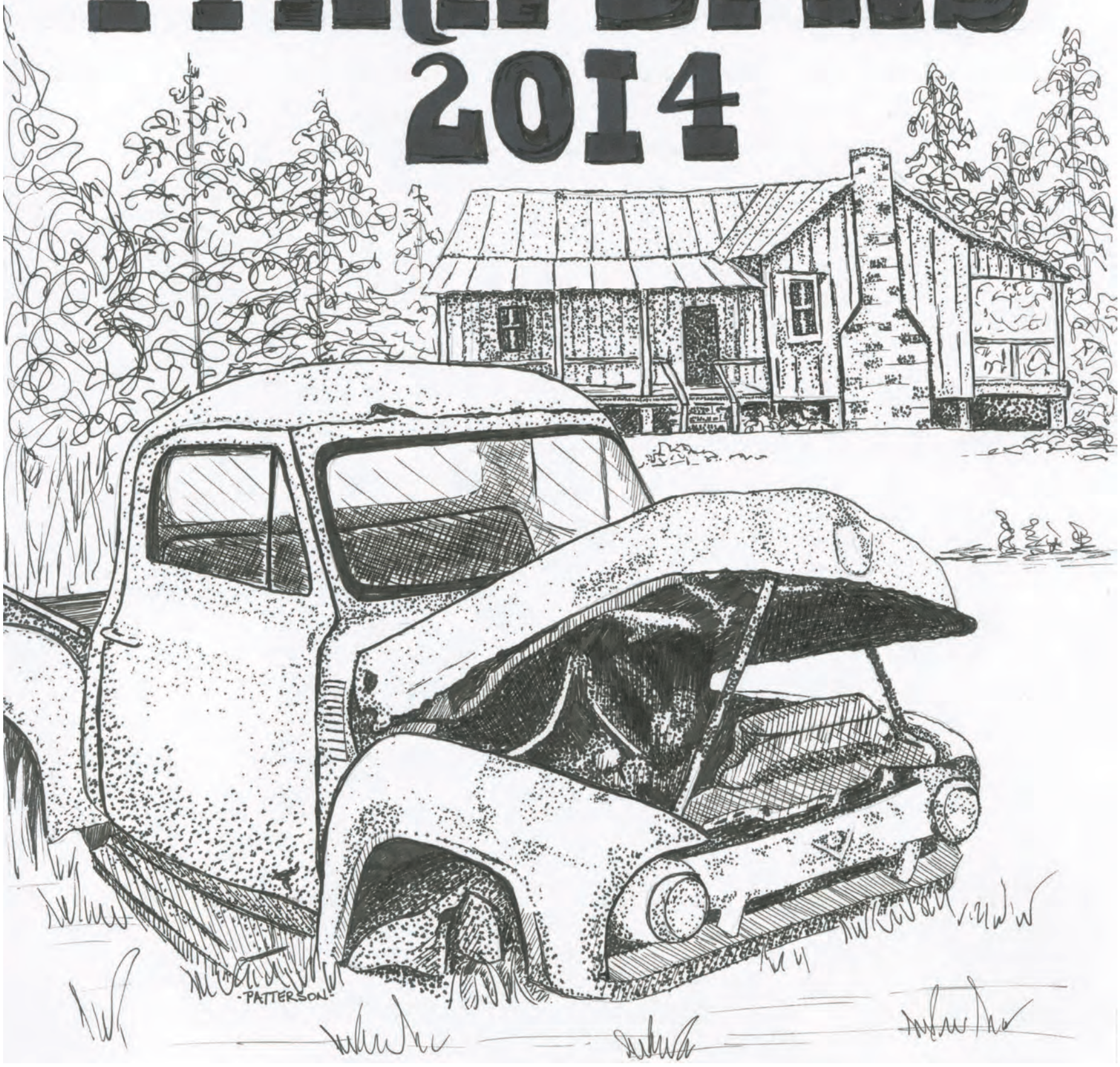
PIONEER PARK DAYS 2014



Meet Cover-Art Contest Winner Donna Patterson!

Donna Patterson of Wauchula is the grand-prize winner of The Herald-Advocate's 14th annual Pioneer Park Days Cover-Art Contest.

Though this is the first time Patterson has entered our Cover-Art Contest, it is not the first time a drawing of hers is on our cover. Prior to the start of this annual contest, Patterson's work appeared on our cover a couple years in a row.

Welcome home, Donna!

Patterson is an art teacher at Wauchula Elementary School, a position she has enjoyed for 19 years. "I love teaching those kids," she says. "I love seeing the faces, the eyes of those children if you put an A on their artwork."

Though her teaching career did not begin until her own children started graduating from high school, her love of art intensified immediately after her own graduation. Patterson explains she never took art classes in school, but enrolled in the Ringling School of Art after high school.

Soon, she met and married husband Laron. Four sons followed: Jerry, now in Colorado Springs, Colo.; Keith, of Wauchula; Brian, of Bradenton; and Daniel, of Wauchula.

After son Jerry graduated from high school, Patterson returned to classes, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Art Education and, later, a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership.

She decided to enter this year's contest after experimenting with black-and-white art. "I had been playing with pen and ink some, and I just wanted to try it and see what I could do. The contest was kind of the catalyst to get me back into it."

Her inspiration came from an activity as simple as cleaning out a desk drawer. "I found the pictures of the old truck that Laron took a couple years ago, so that truck was my inspiration." Her model was missing some important features, but she filled in the gaps and created that old farm truck out by the cabin we are enjoying now on our cover.

Patterson says she was "pleasantly surprised" to learn her drawing became the judges' overall favorite.

Congratulations, Donna Patterson!

—Cynthia Krahl
Managing Editor

PHOTO BY RALPH HARRISON

Artist Donna Patterson with her first-place drawing.

And The Winners Are ...

A total of 15 adults and seven children entered The Herald-Advocate's 14th annual Pioneer Park Days Cover-Art Contest.

Our three judges – William Bruce Smith, chief judge of the 10th Judicial Circuit; Jane Long, director of Pioneer Park Days; and an art aficionado who wishes to remain anonymous – labored longer over this year's entries than in any year past.

They marveled over the talent displayed by each and every artist who entered, and noted a half-dozen or more drawings were equally matched. Final selections were an arduous task.

For the second year in a row, a tie was declared in the Adult Division, this time for second-place honors. Regrettably, in the Children's Division, judges disqualified three entries for Contest Rules violations.

In the end, final tabulations gave the prizes to:

ADULTS
First Place, $100 – Donna Patterson, Wauchula
Second Place, $50 – Myrna Miller, Wauchula
Second Place, $50 – Janice Nicholson, Bowling Green
Third Place, $25 – Amanda Wilson, Bowling Green

CHILDREN
First Place, $25 – Rebekah Erekson, Bowling Green
Second Place, $15 – Renell Herrera, Bowling Green
Third Place, $10 – Lyria Hrabal, Wauchula

In addition to the cash prizes, Pioneer Park Days Director Jane Long, in representing Hardee County, has awarded all of these talented children with two free five-day passes to this year's event. She noted the range of ages in these young artists and said they are all winners. She hopes they are inspired to continue their artwork.

We, and the judges, thank all of you for your beautiful work. It is our privilege to publish all the winning entries here in this section for all of our readers to enjoy!

Rebekah Erekson Wins Claim To The Back Cover

Eleven-year-old Rebekah Erekson's drawing has won the honor of appearing on the back cover of this year's Pioneer Park Days special section.

Judges cited the variety and detail of her work.

"There's a lot of art on this page!" judge William Bruce Smith said. "The details are the best."

"I enjoyed the use of multi-subjects," our artist judge declared. "It covers the gambit of Pioneer Park Days.

And judge Jane Long noted, "This artist put in a lot of time and effort." She was impressed by the "knowledge of Hardee County as Cucumber Capital" and "loved the pigtails and the detail on the horse."

Rebekah is the daughter of Denise and Ronny Erekson of Bowling Green.

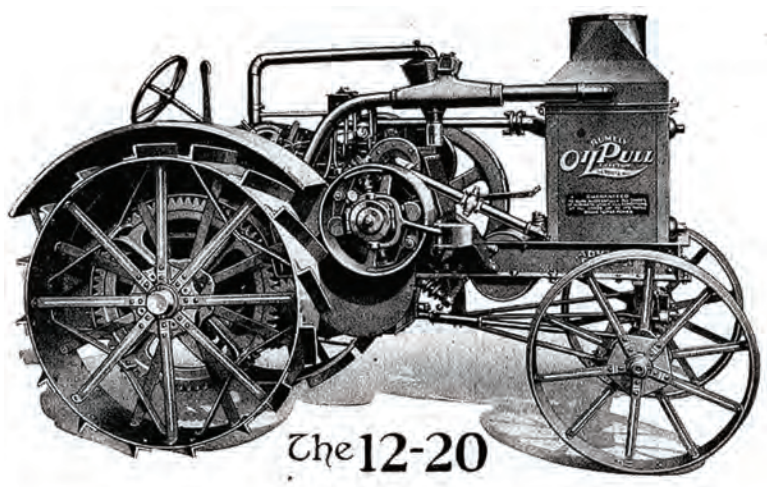
She is a home-schooled fifth grader who plays softball, raises rabbits along with her sisters and is in the 4-H Club. Rebekah likes to draw, just as older sister Abigail does.

Congratulations, Rebekah, and see you at Pioneer Park Days!

The Herald-Advocate
proudly presents excerpts from the book" Hardee County: Its Heritage and People" by the late Spessard Stone of Wauchula in this Pioneer Park Days special section.

COLLECTOR'S STAMP

Staff from the Zolfo Springs Post Office will be at the Cracker Trail Post Office during Pioneer Park Days. Visit it anytime from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday through Friday or from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday. This special treat from the postal workers gives folks a chance to get letters mailed or stamped with the special Pioneer Parks Days cancellation.



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Welcome To Pioneer Park Days 2014

46th Annual Festival

By JOAN SEAMAN
Of The Herald-Advocate

There's a combination of the new and the old for visitors to Pioneer Park Days 2014.

The new includes lots of children's activities, several new entertainers and a variety of yesteryear handcrafts. The old includes favorites in the entertainment pavilion, antique cars, tractors and other equipment of olden times, the food vendors and flywheel exhibitors.

Nestled at the corner of U.S. 17 and SR 64 in Zolfo Springs, Pioneer Park is a 100-acre county facility, which takes a week each year to celebrate history. This year it is Feb. 26-March 2. Cost is $2 daily or $5 for a weekly pass.

There will be no shuttle bus this year as it wasn't used often enough.

Instead, there will be parking in the county lot south of the west entrance to the park. There will also be some parking inside between the pavilion and kids area, and motorcycle parking in the main lot off the double drive. Parking is $5.

Much of the fun will center around the west side of the park. Just inside the west entrance will be a children's area with a barrel train, pony rides, a bounce house and other activities. The slides and swings are in the usual play area over by the Peace River bank.

When they need a break, they can step across the lot to the Wildlife Refuge and stroll along the 100-foot boardwalk while viewing bobcats, deer, bears and other wild animals in their natural habitat. Cost is $4.28 for adults, $2.14 for ages 6 to 12 and children under 5 free.

Just past the refuge is the entertainment pavilion, with all kinds of music and fun from noon to 9 p.m. daily. (See entertainment story elsewhere in this issue.)

A tram, or people-mover, will take folks from one end to the other in the huge park.

At the extreme east end is Pioneer Village, centered around the museum with more than 3,500 artifacts. Museum fees are waived this week. Mike McIntyre will again be at the C.A. Bryant Blacksmith Shop and Wendell Smith will be at the Hart Cabin explaining life in the time of his grandfather.

There will be a larger antique car show just south of the 1914 Baldwin wood-burning locomotive, and the Cracker Trail Post Office will be open on Friday and Saturday to let people get a special 2014 Pioneer Park cancellation stamp.

The Florida Frontiersmen will set up camp in the village area, with clothing and cooking of the Confederate era. Crafts demonstrations include a woman crocheting afghans, a spinning wheel, walking wheel and loom, soap making, a Native American beading clothing and many others.

Between the west and east activity centers, there's lots more.

In between, there are rows and rows of exhibitions of model steam and gas engines, antique tools, tractors and farm equipment. Most of the exhibitors are friendly and glad for folks to stop by and chat with them.

Next, situated nearly in the middle of the park are a couple of rows of concession stands, featuring the best of local breakfast, lunch and snack items as well as soft drinks or coffee. There are tables to sit and rest awhile. There are nearby restrooms and a First Aid Station at the end of the concessioners' Easy Street.

Moving on to the west, there are several hundred flea market booths offering all kinds of interesting items, including fruits and homemade preserves, toys, clothing and T-shirts, and a variety of craft items.

Come and spend a day or two. There's plenty to see and do and time to sit and enjoy the entertainment while tired feet and feelings are rejuvenated.

Cracker Trail Museum: Fun For Free During PPD

Whether you're interested in a look back into local history or a view of the country a hundred years ago, the Cracker Trail Museum in Pioneer Park displays over 4,500 artifacts and oddities for you to peruse.

Museum Curator Judith George adds that there will be demonstrations of handcrafts from pioneer days, including using the loom, spinning wheel, walking wheel, and soap-making. There also will be a Native American volunteer creating jewelry and folks practicing quilt-making.

Author/artist Patricia Stebelton, creator of inspirational fiction in every genre from suspense to romance, will be on hand on Friday.

Pioneer Village, the buildings that include the Hart Cabin, Bryant Blacksmith Shop, the Cracker Trail Post Office, the Smokehouse and the old Outhouse, will be open for folks to tour.

Mike McIntire will be the "blacksmith on duty" once again at the blacksmith shop, and mail will be sent from the Post Office during Pioneer Park Days thanks to the staff from the Zolfo Springs Post Office.

A large area of the museum is dedicated to military history, with pictures and information on Hardee Countians who have served this nation. Uniforms and insignias, articles and artifacts all help folks appreciate the sacrifice military men and women make to keep freedom alive.

Bringing Hardee, Florida and U.S. history together for folks to see and experience at the museum brings an important sense of community and both uniqueness and similarities.

Don't miss Pioneer Park Days, and stop by the museum where admission is free during the five-day event.

Call (863) 735-0119 for information, to rent park buildings, or to ask about donating items to the museum.

To learn more, visit its website at hardeecounty.net/crackertrailmuseum or its Facebook page at facebook.com/crackertrail museum.

See you at the park!

Visit The Wildlife Refuge at Pioneer Park!

Native Indians And Army Begin To Clash

Excerpt 1 from Chapter One, "Indians, Trading Posts and Forts."

When Florida was transferred by Spain to the United States in 1821, the territory was no longer the domain of the Timucuan, Tocobega, Calusa, Ais, Apalachee, and Tequesta tribes the Spanish had found in the sixteenth century.

Various causes, primarily war, diseases, slave raiding, and migration, had decimated them, and into Florida in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries from present-day Alabama had come the Upper Creeks and Seminoles.

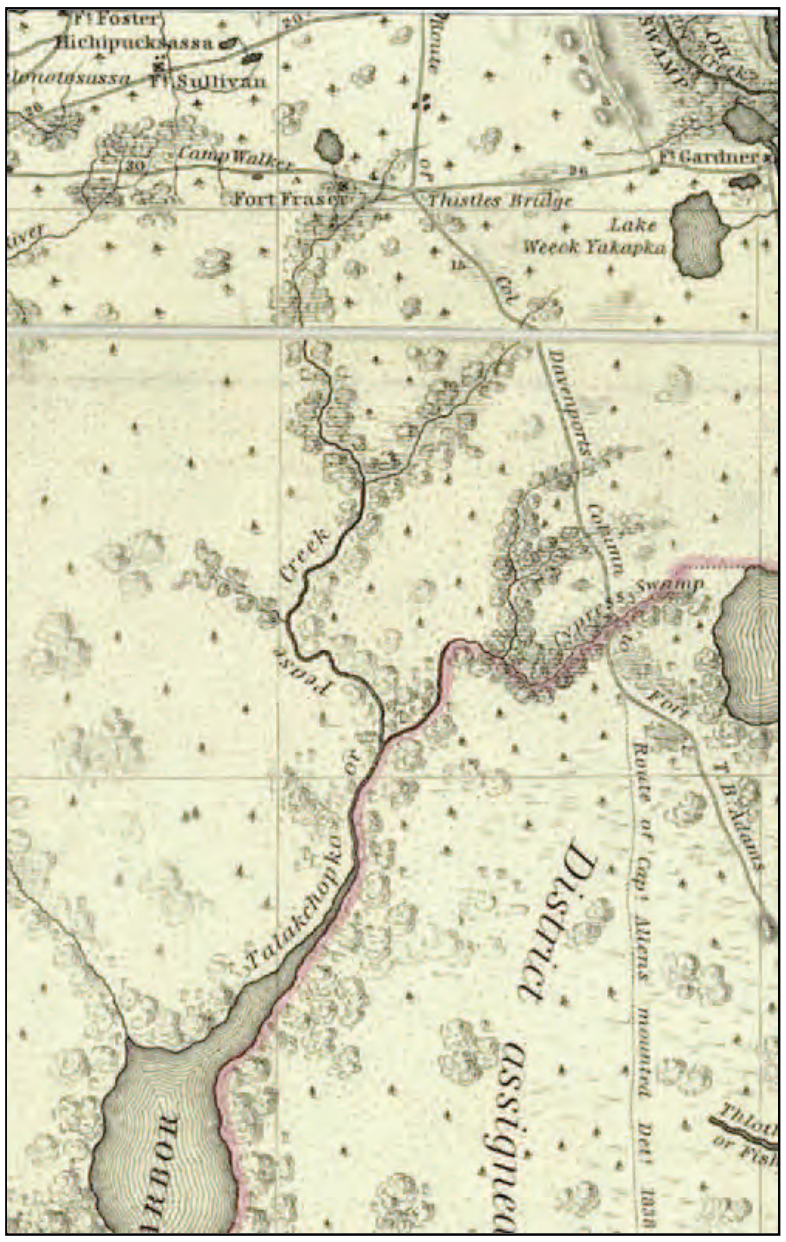
In South Florida, except for the 1767-founded settlements at Big Hammock in today's Hernando County, they came as seasonal hunters, with parties dispersing from now Plant City, variously to the Myakka range or east to the fords on Talakchopco hatchee (River of the Long Peas, also known as Peas Creek and Peace River), or thence to the Caloosahatchee River region.

Wars initiated the flight of Seminoles to their settlements on the Peace River. First the Patriot War of 1812-14 forced many from Alachua to flee. Then in March 1814 at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend, Alabama, General Andrew Jackson and his Lower Creeks and Cherokees allies defeated the Red Sticks Creeks (Upper Creeks), resulting in an exodus of over 1,000 to Florida. General Jackson followed up his victory soon after in the First Seminole War of 1817-18 by quickly subduing the Indians. In April 1818, Peter McQueen (Talmuches Hadjo), the Red Stick chief, and Oponay, the Ockmulgee Creek chief, eluded capture and found haven in South Florida. Oponay settled near Lake Hancock, while McQueen located at Talakchopco in the vicinity of now Bartow and Homeland.

After the deaths of Peter McQueen and Oponay in the early 1820s, their settlements were inhabited by other Indians. Many of McQueen's Tallahassee moved north to the Big Hammock. Seminoles, among whom were young Billy Bowlegs (Holata Micco) and his mother Buckra Woman, were at Talakchopco by early 1822. Seminoles, including Bowlegs, later moved to now Bowlegs Creek.

Several hundred Indians were settled in this Peace River area by the mid-1830s.

Read more of the late Spessard Stone's sold-out book, "Hardee County: Its Heritage and People," published in 2007, at the Hardee County Public Library.



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An 1839 map depicting the "Pease Creek" area, by Capt. John McKay and Lt. J.E. Blake.

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First Settlers Arrive In Peace River Valley

Excerpt 2 from Chapter One, "Indians, Trading Posts and Forts."

In 1843, after the Second Seminole War (1835-42), there remained in Florida only about 300 Indians confined on reservations south and east of the peace river.

Some 120-130 Seminoles (Muskogees), under Billy Bowlegs (Holata Micco), then lived near Lake Okeechobee and the Caloosahatchee River. Residing near Lake Istokpoga were about 100 Mikasukies (early spelling), headed by Sam Jones (Arpeika), and some Creeks and Tallahassees, under Halpatter Tustenuggee.

In 1843 General William J. Worth, U.S. Army commander in Florida, to facilitate trade with the Indians, named Thomas P. Kennedy as Indian trader of the store at Fort Brooke (Tampa).

In 1845 Kennedy opened an Indian trading post at Charlotte Harbor. The hurricane of September 1848 badly damaged the buildings of the trading post; whereupon, Kennedy and his new partner, John Darling, sought and were granted permission to relocate at a fork of Hatse Lotka (now Paynes Creek) and Peas Creek (Peace River, near now Bowling Green), 48 miles east southeast of Tampa and 51 miles by the route.

In April 1849, Capt. George S. Payne, a 32-year-old former sailor and native of Cornwall, Connecticut, was clerk of the Charlotte Harbor store. He had grown to love Florida for its climate, access to the sea and natural beauty. While at Charlotte Harbor, he had met many

COURTESY IMAGES

A scene similar to what the first settlers saw on the Peace River at what is now Bowling Green.

Indians who had come in to trade and had become well acquainted with Billy Bowlegs, chief of the Seminoles now on the Caloosahatchee River, and Sam Jones, chief of the Mikasukies at Lake Istokpoga.

Although the Indians only numbered several hundred, he believed there were 1,000 and feared they were uneasy and might break out from their reservations and sweep the country to the banks of the Suwannee. He, nevertheless, did not consider himself in any immediate danger.

Payne, having been notified by his employers to relocate, loaded the trade goods onto canoes and began the ascent up the river. He observed: "We came up the river 80 miles & from the fact that it had never before been traveled by white men the journey, excepting rains, was rather interesting...lots of game in the live oak hammocks on the banks & plenty of fish in the stream..."

The completed store was a large log building, with upper and lower floors of pit-saw lumber and chimney and floor to the kitchen. Payne soon developed a plentiful trade with the Indians, who, for such items as melons, potatoes, venison, deerskins, bearskins and beeswax, were offered a variety of merchandise.

Five tiers of shelves on two sides of the 22-foot-square store room contained a wide assortment of goods inclFirst Settlers Arrive
In Peace River Valleyuding rifles, powder, lead, flints, knives, brass kettles, tinware, domestic goods, tobacco, beads, blankets, red broadcloth, Indian shawls and handkerchiefs, a saddle, spurs, bridles and bits, looking glasses, files, tools, hoes, hatchets, grindstones, combs, binding, salt and whiskey.

To assist him Payne by June had hired Dempsey Whidden. Then on July 3, William McCullough, and his wife, Nancy, sister of Dempsey, were engaged, respectively, as clerk and cook/housekeeper. With the couple was their seven-month old daughter, Elisabeth Frances McCullough. James W. Whidden and Mary Altman Whidden, Dempsey and Nancy's parents, lived six miles north of the post where by March 1849 they had become the first white settlers of the Peace River Valley.

Read more of the late Spessard Stone's sold-out book, "Hardee County: Its Heritage and People," published in 2007, at the Hardee County Public Library.

Early inhabitants Nancy Whidden McCullough (1830-1908) and William McCullough (1821-1890).

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Indians Attack Trading Post!

Excerpt 3 from Chapter One, "Indians, Trading Posts and Forts."

On July 17, two parties of Indians came to the post. At about noon, Echo Emathla Chopco, known as Chipco, a Tallahassee chief re-nowned for his hostility to whites, and three women came to the store.

After selling their goods, consisting of venison, sweet potatoes, skins, beeswax and melons, of which the latter Payne purchased only part as he did not think the melons would sell in New York to advantage, Chipco stated that he would return a pony he had recently purchased as not being such as he had ordered.

Appearing friendlier than usual, they lingered for several hours before leaving. Then about thirty minutes before sunset, four other Indians, carrying only their rifles and acting in a bolder than normal manner,arrived.

After telling Payne they had a large pack of skins on the east side of Peas Creek and wanted his boat to get them across, Payne replied that after supper he would assist them in getting them over, but he refused their request to sleep in the store. Payne and Whidden, to early twilight, stayed outside where they talked with the Indians until called in for supper; whereupon, they left the Indians, smoking their pipes.

Unexpectedly, the Indians reacted violently.

As Payne, Whidden and the McCulloughs began to eat, the Indians shot into the door, thereby killing Payne and Whidden and wounding William McCullough in his left shoulder. The McCulloughs fled but were pursued by three Indians who fired upon them, wounding both William and Nancy, William in the right thigh and Nancy near the knee.

Hiding until dark, they evaded their foes and, after much hardship, on July 20 arrived some twenty-five miles away at the Alafia home of William J. "Jockey" Whidden where the McCulloughs found the family of James W. and Mary Whidden, Nancy's parents, who had fled their homestead after four Indians had on July 19 shot into the Whidden home and wounded a son. As at the store, the Indians were observed to be sober.

On July 20, a report was brought into the Fort Brooke (Tampa) garrison of the attack on the Whidden family, and Lt. Gibbon with four men was sent to investigate. Returning the next morning, he reported that at Jockey Whidden's homestead he had received confirmation not only of the attack on the Whidden family, but also from William McCullough of the trading post assault.

Lt. John S. Garland, with a detachment of twenty-five men, was dispatched to the trading post, which they reached on July 23. Upon returning on July 25, Lt. Garland reported that he had found the trading house with its out buildings burned to the ground and a nearby small bridge partially destroyed. They had found and buried the burned bodies of Payne and Whidden.

Tracks were seen going to and from the store to the river, as if the Indians had engaged in bearing off the goods, but a barrel of whiskey, found near the house, had been untouched. Whidden's camp had been left undisturbed, with the exception of a small sum of money taken.

The tragic news, combined with an express that arrived on July 22 from the commander at Fort Marion in St. Augustine to Major W. W. Morris at Fort Brooke that the Indians on July 12 at the Indian River settlement had killed one man and wounded another, seemed to confirm the settlers' fears of an Indian outbreak. Still Morris and other officers were disposed to doubt the Indians were determined on another war, and instead focused on the marauders as an outlaw band.

Rumors, however, spread like wildfire, and war seemed imminent.

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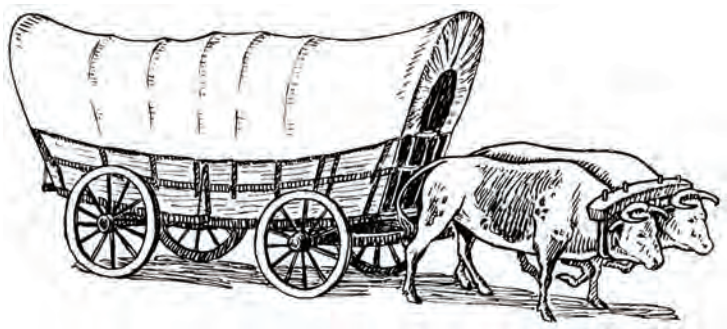

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There are the regulars, who have been coming for years, and several new groups to entertain listeners. And, don't miss the youngsters of Bailey Dance Academy when they perform on Saturday at 11 a.m. All the other days, music ranges from noon to 9 p.m.

The entertainment kicked off at noon Wednesday with John Summeral bringing his unique blend of country and gospel music. He'll be on again at noon and 4 p.m. on Friday.

Other individuals and duets will take their turns. Ron & Sharon Frazier come from Indiana with their country gospel, Richard Kiser presents his special finger-picking guitar style, while Bakey & Betty (Paul Scavarda and wife Teresa) perform jazz and orchestral music with a flair.

Then, there's the Porchdogs, guitarist Andy Burr and accordionist Greg Tollion, specialists in cajun and zydeco music and the Cunning-Hams, an Okeechobee group featuring unusual instruments such as the dobro, mandolin and pedal steel as well as banjo and guitar in a blend of ragtime, old country and bluegrass. Mercy Seat provides country gospel vocals with lighthearted accompaniment.

Again, there is a variety of groups to enjoy.

The Little Roy and Lizzy show brings legendary Lewis family bluegrass gospel with stories, acting and many instruments. Highway 41 South comes from the Gulf Coast with flat picking, mandolin and vocal harmony. The Generations Bluegrass Band is traditional bluegrass from the Rogers family and Ryan Clark.

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Rounding out the program are the Melody Makers, Noah Carter, Indiana Grass Roots, Spencer & spencer and Gospel Jubilee.

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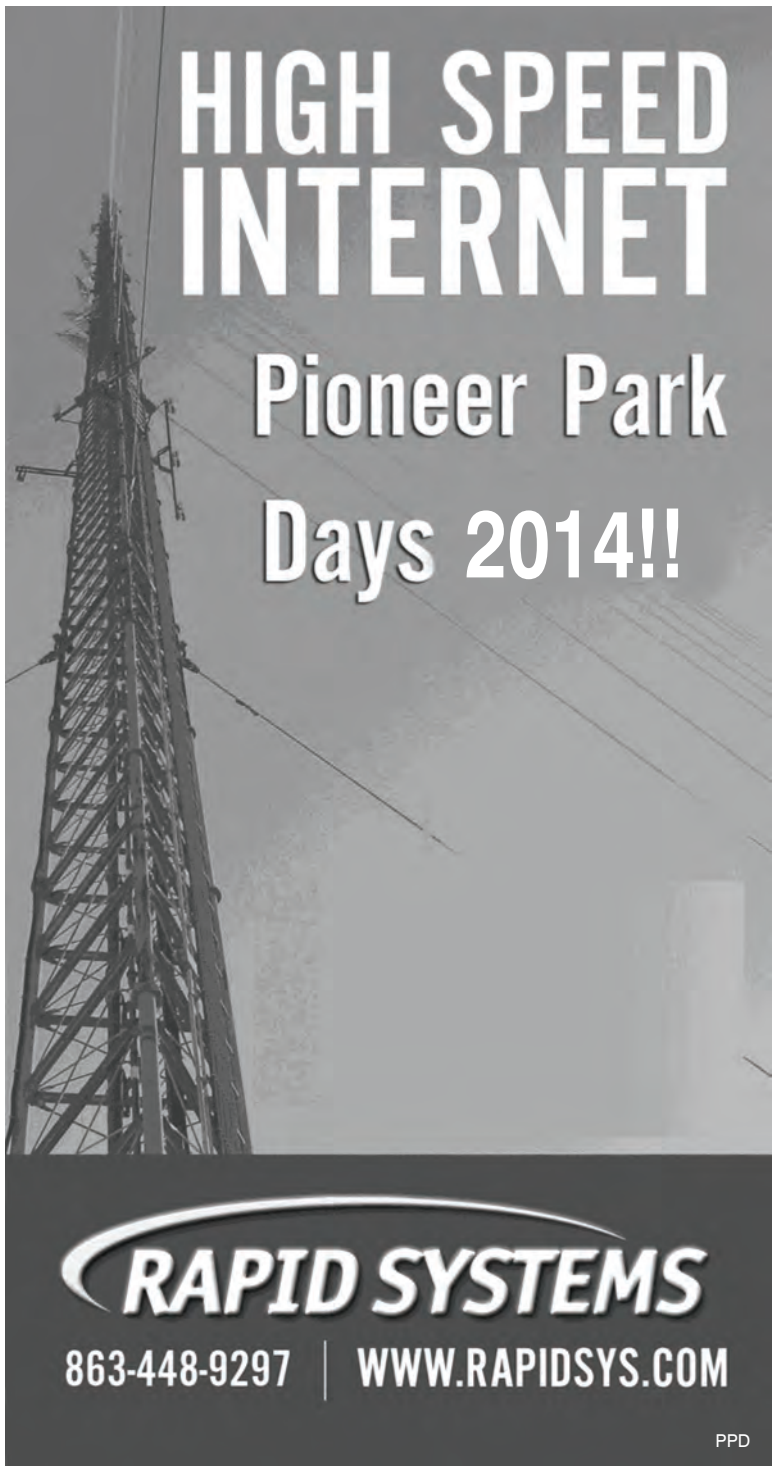

Troops Arrive On The Scene

Excerpt 4 from Chapter One, "Indians, Trading Posts and Forts."

An express rider along his entire route from Tampa to Palatka, terrified the settlers with a bogus report that 100 warriors had appeared in force at Peas Creek and forced the detachment under Lt. Garland to retreat.

By July 24, Capt. John C. Casey, the Indian agent, had concluded that Kennedy and Darling and their associate Micajah Brown, who also was Hillsborough County's state senator, were anxious for war.

Darling, by July 28, had surmised that the same marauding party had not perpetrated the two attacks, and the store assault was composed of a large number of Indians due in part to the distant between the two points and the quantity of goods removed from the store. He was convinced that at the last green corn dance in the latter part of June the Indians had determined to make war. That they had not proffered satisfaction for the crimes, he concluded proved the aggressions had the sanction of the Indian nation and to secure the murderers a military force sufficient to whip the whole Indian nation would be required.

Col. Jesse Carter of Tampa, who had accompanied Lt. Garland to the burned store, related that at the attack on Peas Creek the Indians had obtained twelve new rifles, two or three kegs of powder, and nearly one hundred pounds of lead and was convinced war had commenced.

The frontiersmen of Hillsborough County were panic-stricken. Abandoning their homes, they assembled their families in block houses while the men organized to scout and look after their crops and cattle.

Joining the exodus was the Peace River Valley's other pioneer settlers, the Rigdon Brown family, near now Bartow. Their reaction mirrored the pioneers of the east coast where from the Miami River to north of Palatka many settlements and crops were deserted as they fled to the nearest towns although, except at Indian River, not an Indian track had been seen.

An overwhelming military buildup to rally the settlers began. Governor William D. Moseley by August 3 called into service two companies of mounted volunteers (175 men) to occupy the line between Smyrna and Tampa in posts of 20 to 25 men. On August 10, Capt. Dell's company of mounted state militia from Newnansville arrived at Tampa and was followed the next day by Capt. Fisher's mounted company from Tallahassee.

Additionally, by August 14, five companies of federal troops near Florida were ordered to Indian River and Peas Creek; also, the 7th Infantry from Jefferson barracks in Missouri was dispatched to Tampa Bay. From Pensacola on August 17, the steamship Alabama with companies A, C, F, L and M of the 4th Artillery docked at Tampa, and on August 24 General David E. Twiggs and staff arrived, with General Twiggs assuming command of the army in Florida on August 25. On September 13, the steamer Anglo Saxon arrived with five companies of the 7th Infantry.

Meanwhile the Indians had initiated peace overtures.

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Billy Bowlegs Turns Over The Murderers

Excerpt 5 from Chapter One, "Indians, Trading Posts and Forts."

On August 19, Philippi Bermudez had returned to his rancho at the south end of Sarasota Bay to find fastened to his door a white flag made of feathers and the token of Billy Bowlegs. Bermudez made the necessary marks, signifying the time he had found the flag and his intention to return on the full moon. Notified, Capt. Casey made plans to accompany him, and Major W. W. Morris countermanded an order for the troops to move into the country for the protection of the settlements as the move might tend to alarm the Indians and endanger the safety of Capt. Casey.

Capt. Casey soon met with envoys of Billy Bowlegs. On the evening of September 3, while anchored off Sarasota, he was hailed by three Indians on shore, one of whom waved a white flag. Landing, he arranged an interview with them for September 4 when the trio relayed that they had been sent by Billy Bowlegs, who regretted the murders and that if Casey would meet, he would be able to settle the difficulties to the entire satisfaction of the white people.

Furthermore they stated that Sam Jones had sent a runner to Bowlegs with the news and urged active measures to preserve peace.

The murders, without the sanction or knowledge of any chief, they continued, were committed by five young Seminoles of Sam Jones' band, who were residing on the Kissimmee River, one of whom was an outlaw, and desired to make war for the purpose of saving himself from the Indian law.

After the first murder, Assunwah, assistant to Billy Bowlegs, had been dispatched to arrest them, but reached the store the day after the killings there. Chitto-Hajo, sensekeeper (counselor) for the Bowlegs band, then overtook and apprehended the marauders, who were enroute for the settlements after failing to recruit others.

Casey on an unrelated matter from June 30 to July 21 had been on a trip to Charlotte Harbor but had been unable to establish contact with Billy Bowlegs. He belatedly learned that he had left one day before the chiefs had arrived. A council at the old trading store at Charlotte Harbor was arranged for September 18.

General Twiggs and Capt. Casey on September 18 met with Billy Bowlegs and thirty-seven of his sub-chiefs and warriors. Bowlegs agreed to surrender in forty-five days the five murderers, who were watched at their town on the Kissimmee. Various reasons were offered for the delay in turning over the fugitives, including the inundated country made travel difficult, having few ponies left, and that the fugitives had to be seized by strategy and surprise, for they were desperate and armed.

Further negotiations, however, led to an agreement of thirty days for turning over the five. The next day they were joined by a Mikasuki subchief who strongly pledged his people to the same action that Bowlegs had promised.

On October 17, General Twiggs and party returned via steamer to Charlotte Harbor to find that Billy Bowlegs, Sam Jones and some sixty warriors had been waiting for nine days. The next day Billy Bowlegs surrendered three of the assailants, Pahay Hajo, Yahola Hajo, and Kotsa Elec Hajo. The hand of a fourth, Hiathle-mathla, killed in the attempt to capture him, was presented as proof of his death.

They promised to catch the fifth, Sah-tai-yee, who had eluded capture.

Prominently missing was Echo Emathla Chopco, who, the trio later confessed to Capt. Casey, had joined in the pursuit and fired at the fleeing McCulloughs.

When Billy Bowlegs turned over the prisoners, he expected them to be immediately executed and told General Twiggs that he had brought his young men that "they might see how sternly he executed them."

After commending them on their actions, General Twiggs strongly urged emigration, to which if they would consent he would allow them to take the prisoners with them. Billy Bowlegs agreed to propose emigration to his people, but many of them declared on the spot they would rather die than go to Arkansas.

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Chief Billy Bowlegs.

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Fort Chokonikla Is Established

Excerpt 6 from Chapter One, "Indians, Trading Posts and Forts."

The decreasing likelihood of hostilities had earlier on October 1 led Governor Thomas Brown to order the discharge of the state volunteers, but the federal buildup continued. With about 1,700 troops in his command, General Twiggs turned his attention to a defensive cordon of forts and military roads.

By November 26, 1849, he had completed an impressive line of fortifications, which included Fort Hamer on the Manatee River, Fort Chokonikla, Fort Crawford, Fort Meade, Fort Myakka (midway between Fort Crawford and Fort Chokonikla), Fort Fraser on Peas Creek, Fort Gardner, Fort Gatlin (Orlando), Fort Pierce and Fort Dallas at Key Biscayne.

Of the forts, two, Fort Chokonikla and Fort Myakka, were located in present-day Hardee County.

Albert DeVane chronicled the establishment of Fort Myakka as November 16, 1849 just below the spot where the east prong of Chillocko-Hatchee Creek (Horse Creek) and the west prong of the same creek join, within 300 to 400 yards of present New Zion Baptist Church.

A bridge had been erected across Peas Creek at Fort Chokonikla and a road from the head of the Manatee River to Fort Gardner on the Kissimmee was being constructed.

In January 1850, General Twiggs, with the establishing of Fort Clinch and Fort Arbuckle, had secured the country with a chain of posts, roads and bridges.

General Twiggs had assigned Major William W. Morris to establish and command a post at Chokonikla (meaning burnt house), while Capt. Casey was to there have his Indian agency with "an ambulance a horse & a comfortable domicile." Arriving there on October 25, Morris and Casey had found a detachment under Major Gabriel Rains, who had, with Lt. George G. Meade, been scouting a new road from Tampa to the river.

Rains had already repaired the bridge over Paynes Creek, the former Hatse Lotka renamed for the slain Capt. George S. Payne.

Morris and Casey chose a site one-half mile north of the ruins of the trading post in the forks of Paynes Creek and Peas Creek where Fort Chokonikla was established on October 26, 1849.

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Life In Florida Is Full Of Luxuries

Excerpt 7 from Chapter One, "Indians, Trading Posts and Forts."

The New Orleans Daily Picayune of January 3, 1850 regaled its readers with this Fort Chokonikla dispatch, dated December 10, 1849, written probably by Major William W. Mackall:

Florida Luxuries

"The following extract of a letter from an officer of the U.S. Army in Florida, to a friend in this city, written with the prospect of making himself and wife comfortable in a log cabin, twelve by fifteen feet in the clear, shows in glowing terms something of the luxuries and comforts to be enjoyed in that climate.

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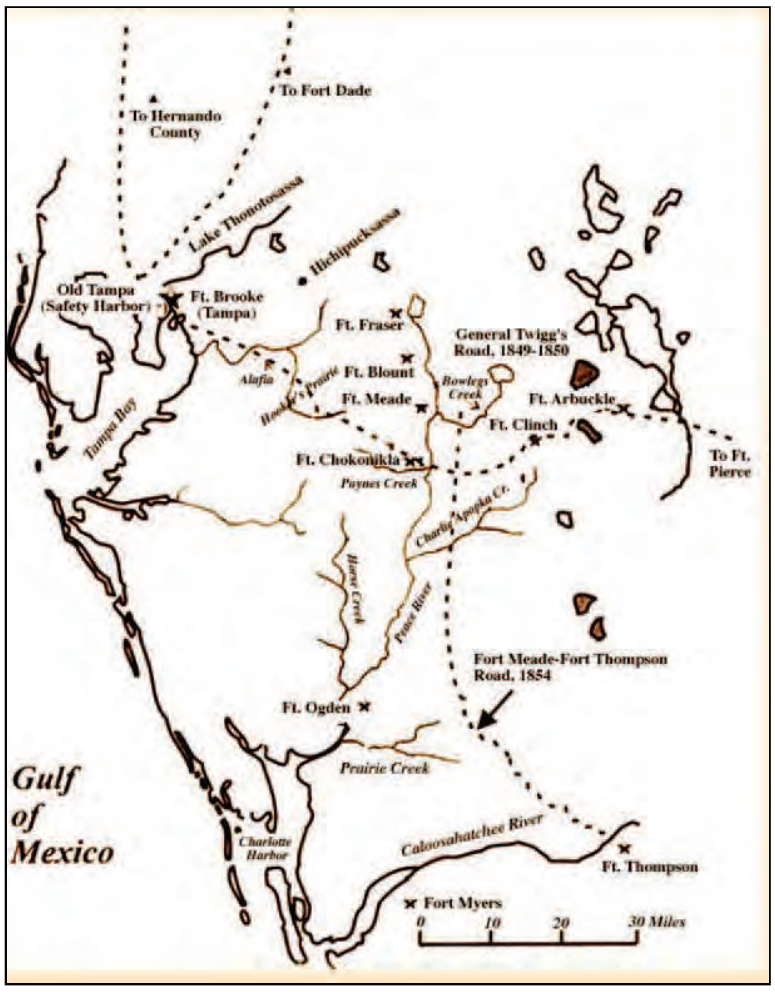

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The 1850s map shows the entire Tampa Bay area and the numerous inland forts to keep settlers safe.

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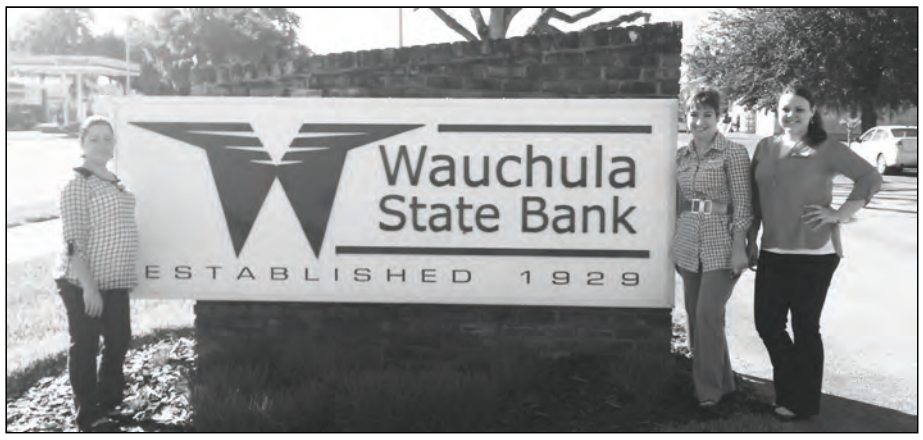

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Indians Agree To Move West

Excerpt 8 from Chapter One, "Indians, Trading Posts and Forts."

Fort Chokonikla served as a site for Indians to meet and negotiate with agents advocating emigration or as a stopover point before venturing to the locales of the remaining tribes.

On November 14, an 11-man delegation of Seminoles, Tallahassees and Mikasukis, headed by Halleck Tustenuggee with two mixed-blood interpreters brought from Arkansas, were escorted by General Twiggs to the fort to try to open communications with Billy Bowlegs or Sam Jones.

On November 20, two runners from Billy Bowlegs came in, and on November 22 the delegation left to contact the other Indians. After they returned, the agents, beginning December 15, held a council with the Arkansas envoys and eight or 10 Florida Indians who had come into Fort Chokonikla.

The talks resulted in a formal invitation to the Westerners to visit their brethren in Seminole country. This was a breakthrough, as previously the Florida Indians had threatened to kill the delegates if they ventured such an action.

On January 21, 1850, in council with Billy Bowlegs, six subchiefs of the Seminoles and Mikasukis, and a delegate from the Tallahassees, General Twiggs obtained an agreement from them to remove to the West.

The momentum for emigration moved forward. On February 12, 1850, Capt. Casey returned to the Caloosahatchee where he met Billy Bowlegs and some 25 other Indians, all of whom agreed to emigrate and began making preparations by collecting their cattle and hogs for sale.

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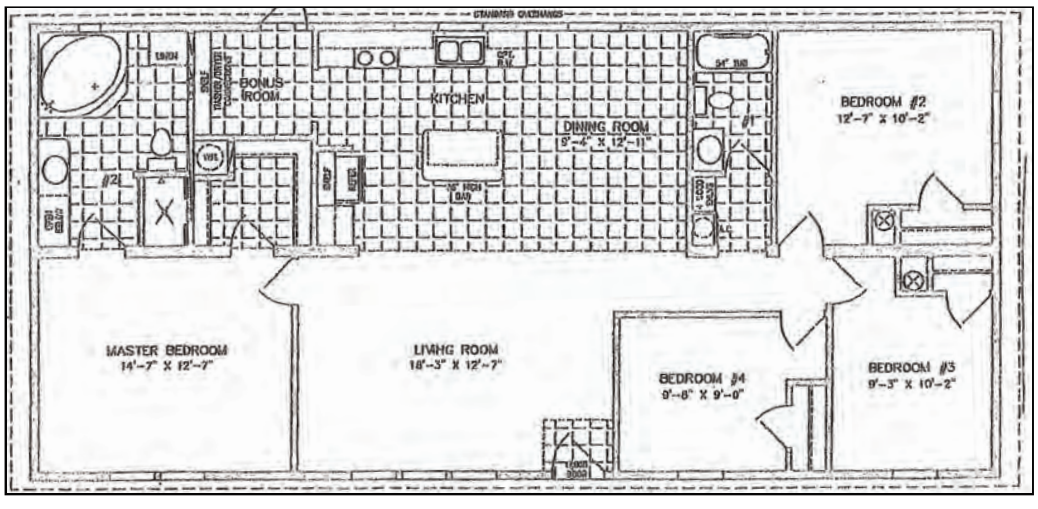

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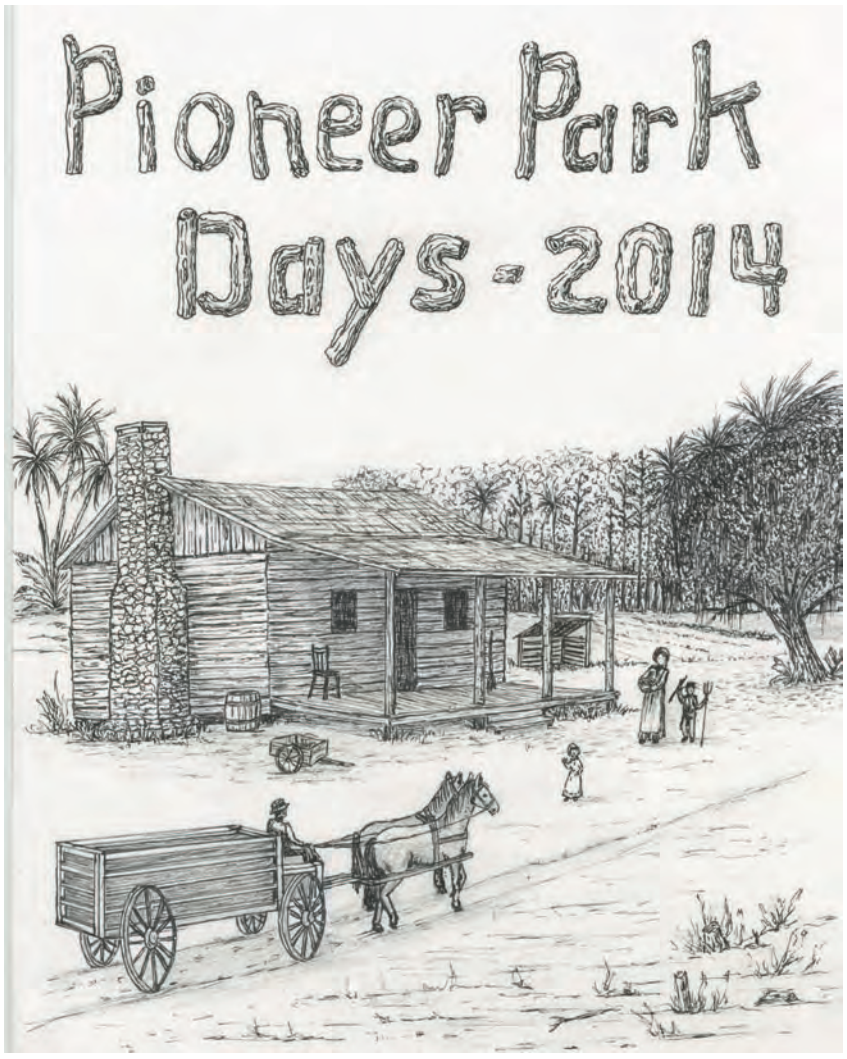

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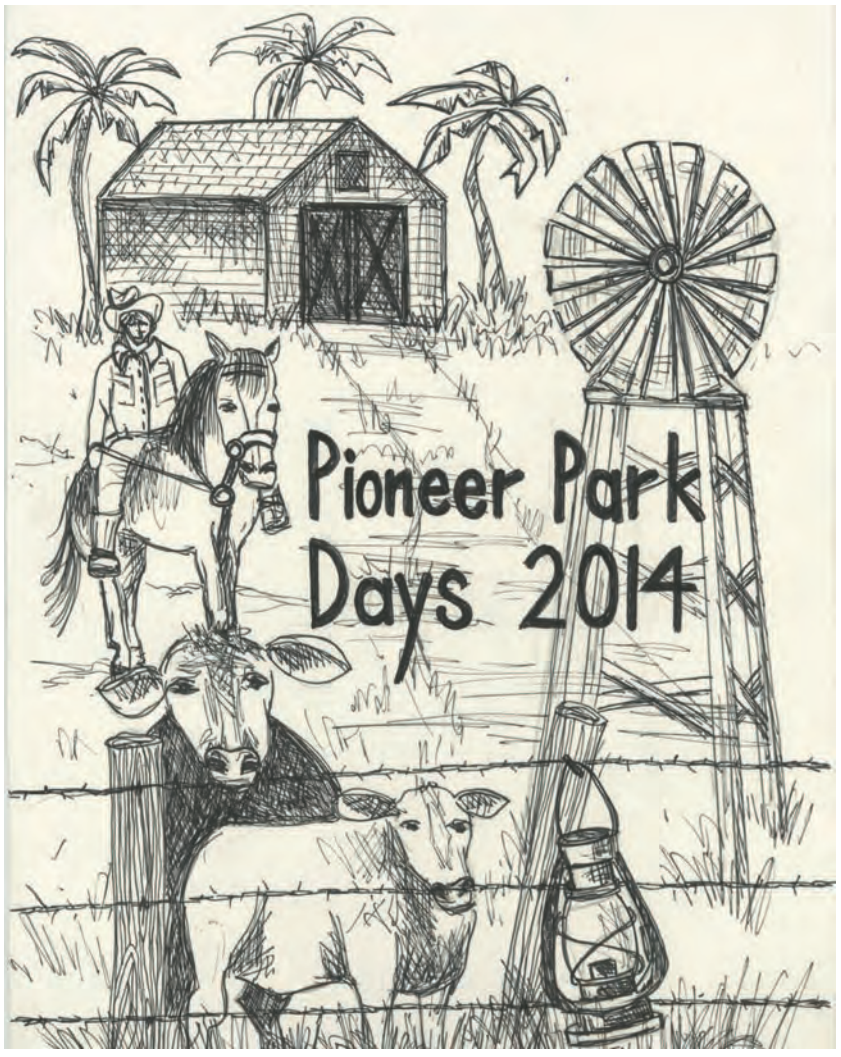

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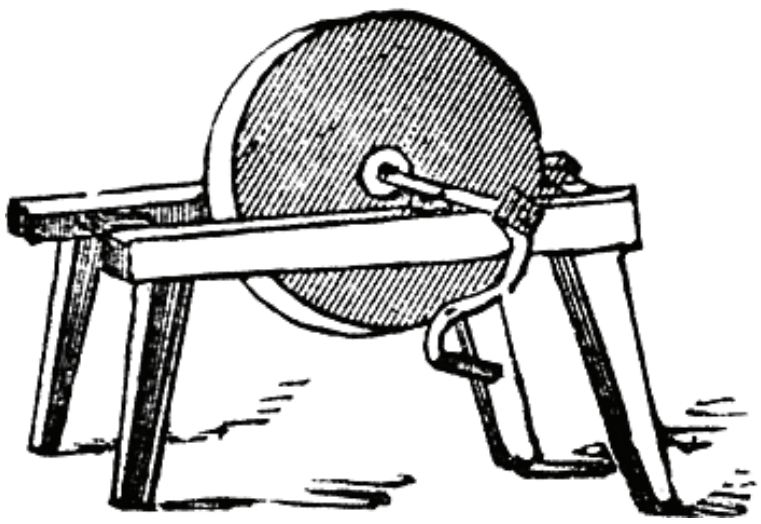

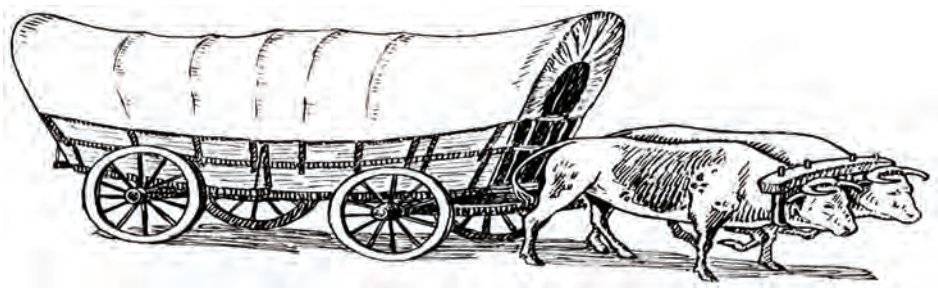

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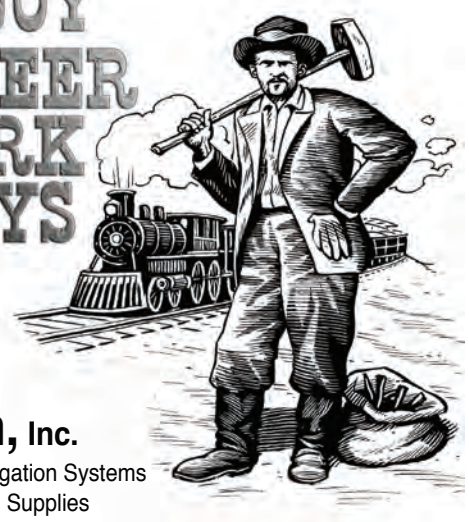

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Will Billy Bowlegs Be Forced To Leave?

Excerpt 9 from Chapter One, "Indians, Trading Posts and Forts."

With emigration seeming evident, General Twiggs on April 15, 1850, initiated an accelerated reduction in forces already begun.

He advised that two companies be stationed at Charlotte Harbor, one at Fort Hamer, one at Fort Chokonikla, one at Fort Meade, and probably one or two at Indian River. He also recommended the depot at Fort Brooke be broken up as it was "entirely useless from its great distance from the Indians," with Fort Hamer on the Manatee to assume its duties.

Fort Myakka, 17-1/4 miles from Fort Chokonikla, about a quarter-mile from where the road crosses Horse Creek (called Chillico by the Seminoles), just below where the east and west forks come together, on the site of the present New Zion Baptist Church, had previously been closed on March 22. Others followed, but not Fort Brooke.

By the end of June 1850, locally only Fort Meade and Fort Chokonikla remained.

Attention was directed to the Seminoles under Billy Bowlegs, living in the vicinity of the Caloosahatchee River. Bowlegs, however, lost trust in the Army after he learned that Holahteelmathloochee and Is-haiah-taikee were among those aboard the (westward steamer) "Fashion." No longer trusting the Army and fearing he would be seized, Bowlegs in early March hastily moved off toward the Big Cypress.

He sent messages that while desiring peace and promising to surrender any offenders, he would not emigrate, nor so induce his people, but would settle for a smaller reservation.

On May 10, General Twiggs and Billy Bowlegs met, but Bowlegs refused to alter his position, and the irate general returned to Tampa. When President Zachary Taylor in a meeting with General Twiggs expressed a willingness to allow Billy Bowlegs and his people, subject to good behavior, to remain in Florida, it appeared the government policy of emigration had been put to rest.

Then, within a week on July 9, 1850, President Taylor died, and his successor, Millard Fillmore, soon reverted to the old order of forced removal.

Fort Chokonikla was abandoned on July 18, 1850, and its men marched to Fort Meade. It had though served its purpose as a site for negotiations.

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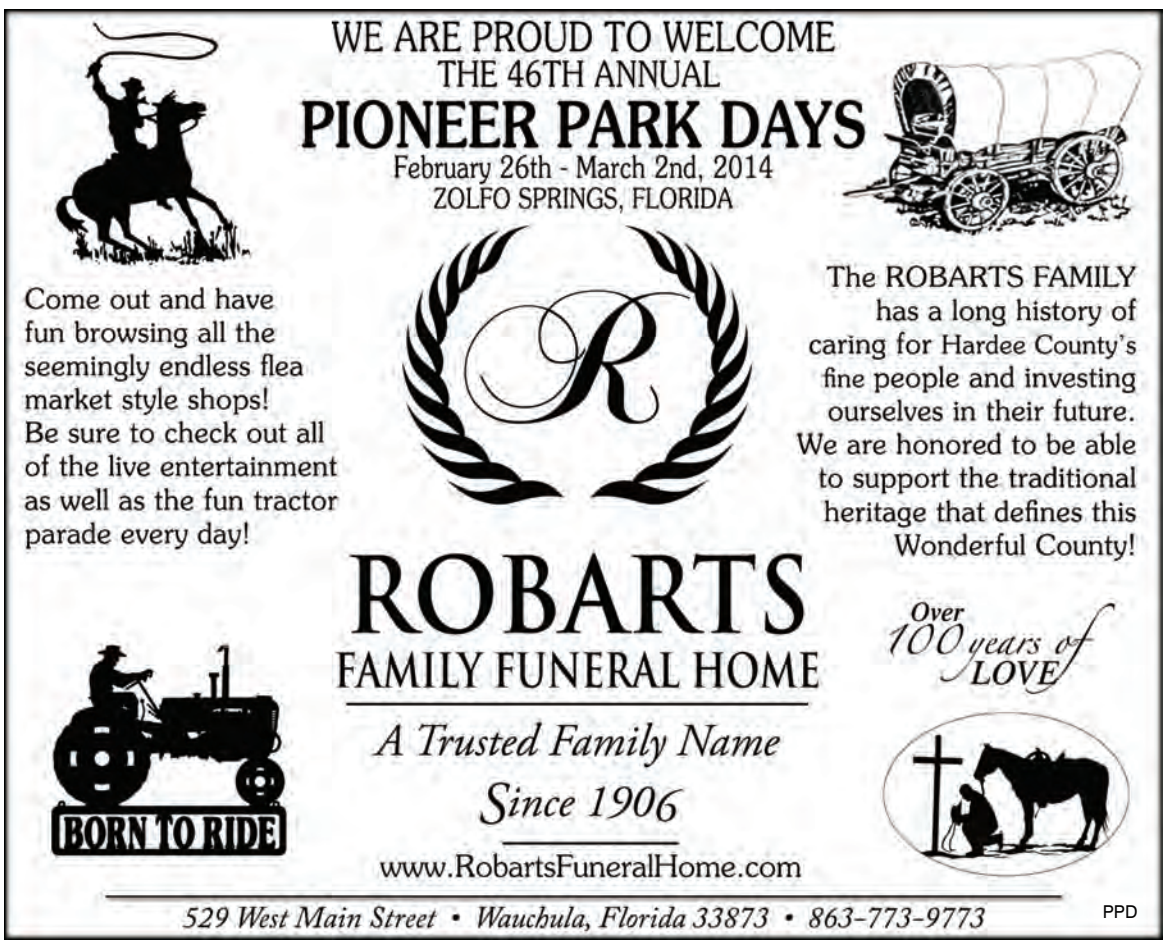

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Army Abandons Fort Chokonikla

Excerpt 10 from Chapter One, "Indians, Trading Posts and Forts."

Although generally less, at its peak 223 men, including a regimental band, were garrisoned at the fort.

Malaria and fever were a continuing problem, and on one occasion, 153 of the 166 troops at the fort were sick, on detached duty, or under arrest. Dr. Jonathan Letterman, assistant surgeon, U.S. Army, on July 1 had recommended to Fort "Chokhonikla" commander Bvt. Major Wyse:

"In consequence of the (prevailing) sickness existing among the troops ... caused by malarious exhalations ... chiefly in the form of intermittent and remittent fevers ... there are but few of these men capable of performing duty requiring much exertion or exposure. …

"Company M 4th Arty. numbering on the 1st ultimo 50 men has presented 62 cases of sickness. During the month of June ... on an average, each man has been sick once, and one fourth of the company twice during the past month.

"From the situation of this Post, surrounded on three sides by a marsh now but partially under water, it is my opinion that these fevers will increase with the progress of the season and terminate in congestive and severe Remittent fevers and that the troops stationed here will be unfitted for active duty.

"I would therefore recommend that this Post be abandoned, at least for the present, unless there be an urgent necessity for its occupation."

With peace seemingly assured, the settlers gradually returned to their homesteads to find to their amazement that their houses were intact and their livestock needed only to be rounded up.

One more major violent episode threatened the peace.

In Marion County on August 6, 1850, Daniel Hubbard, an 8-year-old boy, disappeared. Jacob Summerlin, a cattleman of Itchepuckesassa (Plant City), and others undertook an intensive search, but were unable to find the boy. Capt. Casey again contacted Billy Bow-legs, and demanded the murderers.

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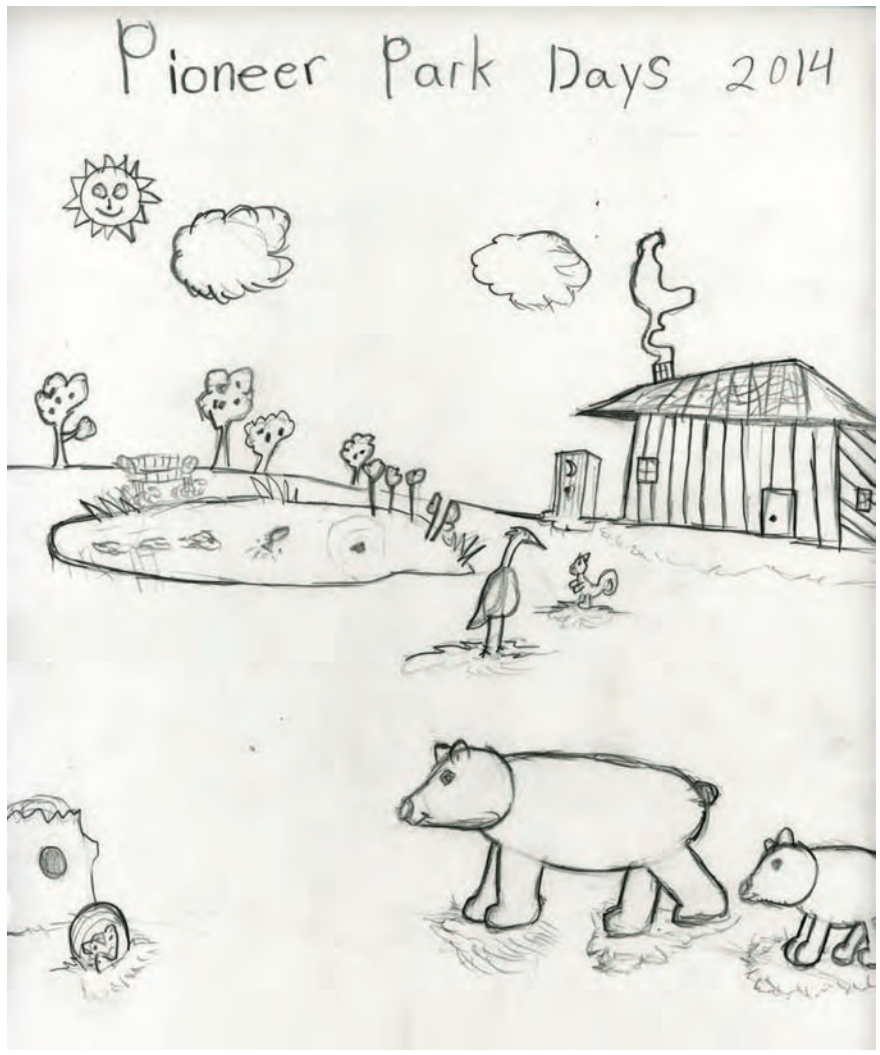

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