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# Ethics Commission Dismisses Complaints

## Clears Birge, Albritton, Grant

By MICHAEL KELLY  
Of The Herald-Advocate

The Florida Ethics Commission has dismissed complaints against three elected officials over their involvement in the technology startup company LifeSync, which received \$2.6 million from the Industrial Development Authority before being acquired by Continuum Labs.

County Commissioner Sue Birge, state Rep. Ben Albritton of Wauchula and state Rep. James Grant of Tampa all had allegations dismissed last week due to a lack of legal grounds that the politicians misused their

positions for personal gain or voted on issues while having a conflict of interest.

All three complaints were filed by Henry Kuhlman of Fort Green.

Birge faced accusations she

misused her position to engage in a course of conduct to benefit herself and her son, and that she voted on matters that affected her son's private gain, stated the report issued by the Florida Commission on Ethics last

week.

Her son was one of the initial hires made by Continuum Labs.

In the complaint, Kuhlman alleged Birge had voting conflicts when she appointed members to the IDA board and

participated in a meeting to ensure economic development funds went to the LifeSync/Continuum project.

The Ethics Commission decided "there is no probable cause to believe the Respondent (Birge), as a member and chair of the Board of County Commissioners of Hardee County, violated Section 112.313, See **DISMISSED 7A**

# Wreck Takes Teen

By MARIA TRUJILLO  
Of The Herald-Advocate

A single-vehicle crash on Sunday resulted in the death of a teenager.

Travis J. Waters, 17, of Wauchula, died at the scene of the accident after the vehicle he was driving hit two trees. His passenger, Jacob Ellis Avart, 20, of Lake Placid, was airlifted to the hospital, where he was treated and later released.

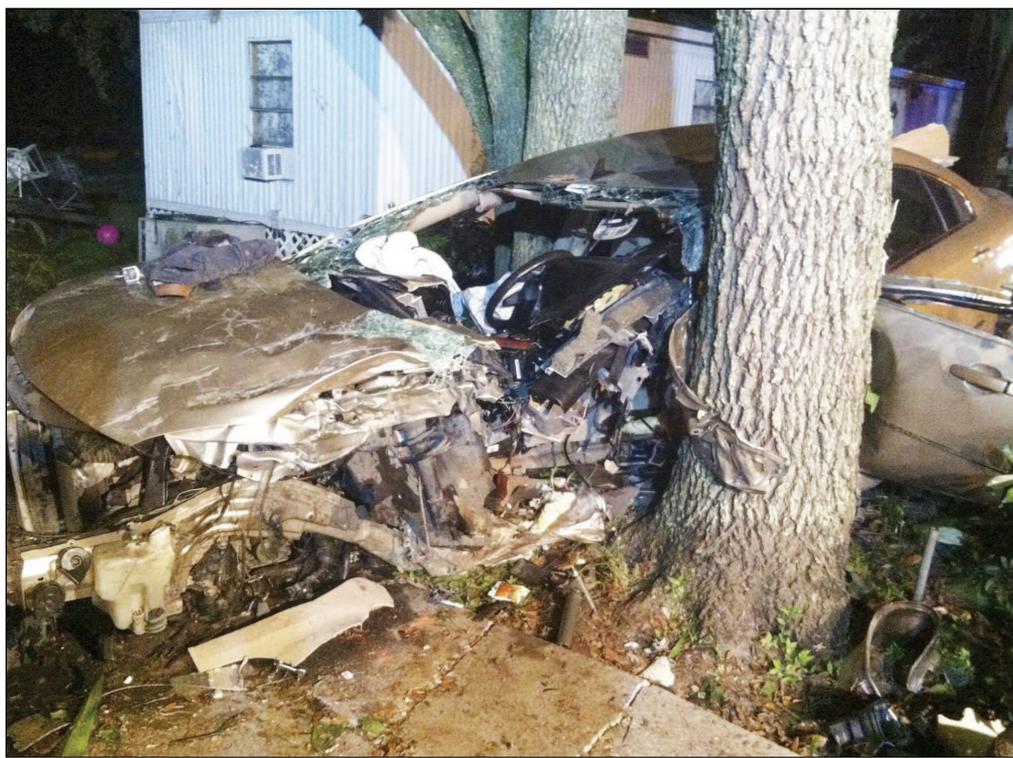
The wreck happened during the early-morning hours on Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue near Bay Street. According to the Wauchula Police Department, the call came in at 2:12 a.m. and by 2:15 a.m., Ofc. Pablo Bermudez III was at the scene.

Bermudez arrived to find a gold 2007 Saturn four-door sedan pinned between two large oak trees.

Upon investigation, police determined the vehicle was going at an estimated 70 miles per hour as it traveled north on MLK Avenue. The posted speed is 25 miles per hour.

Chief of Police John Eason said that for an unknown reason the car left the roadway and traveled about 50 feet before striking the oak trees. He said there was extensive damage to the sedan's front, including the engine being pushed toward the passenger compartment, causing the left front tire and axle to be separated from the vehicle.

Waters was pronounced dead on-site by members of Hardee County Fire-Rescue, and was then transported to the Medical See **WRECK 2A**



HARDEE COUNTY FIRE-RESCUE PHOTO

The teenage driver of this 2007 Saturn sedan did not survive this early-morning wreck on Sunday.

# Who's Giving What?

## Candidates Show Campaign Donors

By CYNTHIA KRAHL  
Of The Herald-Advocate

This election year holds the record for both the most and the least money ever spent in Hardee County political campaigns.

The most? To date, \$10,173.

The least? Zero.

And campaign treasury reports on file at the Supervisor of Elections Office in Wauchula show a wide range of spending in between.

The reports, prepared by each candidate's campaign treasurer, show how much money has been raised by the campaign, how much has been spent, and who has given to the cause. The latest statements were due at the Elections Office last Friday, and reflect finances through July See **DONORS 7A**

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# Early Voting Opens Monday

By JOAN SEAMAN  
Of The Herald-Advocate

Hardee County voters can start completing their ballots on Monday morning.

Early voting for the Aug. 26 Primary Election is over the next two weeks. A Voter's Guide with information on the local candidates appears elsewhere in this issue.

Early voting is from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 11-16 and again on Aug. 18-23 at the Supervisor of Elections Office in Hardee County Courthouse Annex II, at the intersection of U.S. 17 South and Oak Street in Wauchula.

For the Primary Election on Tuesday, Aug. 26, voters must go to their assigned precinct, which will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. If there are questions

on this, call the Elections Office at 773-6061.

Many of the Primary Election candidates are Republicans, meaning the Republican ballot will be longer than that of the Democrat or Independent voter.

For the Democratic gubernatorial race, the choice is between former governor Charlie Crist and opponent Nan H. Rich, while Republicans can choose between incumbent Gov. Rick Scott and two challengers, Elizabeth Cuevas-Neunder and Yinka Abosede Adeshina.

Democrats have a choice also for state attorney general, between George Sheldon and Perry E. Thursday.

All parties can vote in the 10th Judicial Circuit Judge See **EARLY VOTING 2A**

## WILDCAT WHITE



PHOTO BY MICHAEL KELLY

The newly painted Wildcat Stadium is nearly ready for the 2014 football season, for which practices began last Friday. The varsity Wildcats hope to repeat as district champions. They will not be at home until the Sept. 12 game against Sebring. That gives workers time to complete the press box and the orange-and-blue striping which offsets this fresh white paint.

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08/04	88	74	1.11
08/05	88	74	0.15

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# Burglar Gets 8 Years In Prison

By **CYNTHIA KRAHL**

Of The Herald-Advocate  
DNA evidence left behind at the scene has put a home burglar in prison.

James Christopher Brown, 35, of 25 N. Mays St., Plant City, was sentenced to eight years in Florida State Prison for breaking into a Hardee County home and stealing guns and other items while inside.

In imposing the penalty, Circuit Judge Marcus J. Ezelle allowed Brown credit for the 442 days he already served in the Hardee County Jail since his arrest. He assessed \$1,395 in fines, fees and court costs.

In accordance with a plea agreement worked out between defense lawyer Gil Colon Jr. and Assistant State Attorney David Ward, the judge found Brown guilty of burglary of a structure while armed with a firearm and grand theft.

A third count, grand theft of a firearm, was dropped by the

prosecution in exchange for Brown's change of plea from "not guilty."

It was blood droplets that landed Brown behind bars.

According to Maj. Randy Dey of the Hardee County Sheriff's Office, a Hardee Senior High School student arrived home from school on Aug. 23, 2012, to find the side door of his home kicked in.

Inside, he described, drawers had been opened and removed from their cabinetry, their contents then dumped out on the floor.

Dey said items stolen from the house included a loaded Smith & Wesson .38-S&W Special, hence the burglary while armed charge.

Also stolen were an unloaded Mossberg 20-gauge shotgun, two Case pocketknives, three Nintendo Wii controllers, 10 video games and some costume jewelry.

While the homeowner was



**Brown**

cleaning up the mess the thief left behind, she found several small drops of blood on the bathroom floor as she moved a cabinet to clean. She called to report her find.

Dey said the deputy collecting the evidence noted the blood appeared to be fresh, having coagulated within hours of its dis-

covery.  
The blood evidence was submitted to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's crime lab, the major said. Results obtained several weeks later showed the swabs taken from the bathroom floor tested positive for blood and revealed complete DNA profiles, he added.

Dey said the DNA profile was put into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), and a match came back for Brown, a felon.

A complaint affidavit was filed with the State Attorney's Office, and a warrant was issued for Brown's arrest.

He was booked into the Hardee County Jail on Jan. 28, 2013, records show, and remained there until his sentencing in Circuit Court. He has since been transferred into the custody of the state Department of Corrections to begin serving his prison term.

## EARLY VOTING

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However, for Circuit Judge Group 2, no vote is needed. Candidate Christine Thornton has withdrawn, leav-

ing Michelle Pincket as the automatic winner. In Group 16, the choice is between Taylor Davidson and Larry Helms.

The Florida Ethics Commission last week found no wrongdoing in Henry Kuhlman's ethics complaint against State Rep. Ben Albritton, State Rep. James Grant and Hardee County Commissioner Sue Birge.

The commission ruled there was no probable cause that Ben or his brother Joe Albritton benefited personally from the controversial LifeSync economic development project. Joe was on the county economic development board for awhile.

Democrats, Republicans and Independents can vote in the School Board races, which are non-partisan. And in the case of Precincts 4, 6 and 10, those who are municipal voters also can vote for Wauchula Commission Seat 6, a choice between incumbent John Freeman and challenger Sherri Thornton Albritton.

School Board choices are in District 1, where incumbent Paul Samuels faces off with challenger Andrew Smith, and in District 4, where incumbent Jan Platt is opposed by Eugenia Larsen and Garry McWhorter.

Republicans can vote for County Commissioner in District 2 and District 4, where Republican opponents vie to see who will advance to the General Election on Nov. 4 against Democratic candidates.

In District 2, incumbent Sue Birge is opposed by Daniel Graham and Judy Wilson, with Democrat Steven Anthony Plummer waiting for his General Election opponent.

In District 4, incumbent Grady Johnson goes head-to-head with Russell Melendy to see who faces Democratic opponent Allen Ellison in November.

## Kelly's Column

By Jim



Look out! The herd of elephants is growing. The herds of donkeys are going down, but they are still ahead of the elephants.

The Hardee County Supervisor of Elections office on Tuesday reported our country has 10,939 registered voters, including 4,980 Democrats, 4,331 Republicans, and 1,628 no-party voters.

Almost one year ago, on Aug. 14, 2013, Hardee had 11,259 registered voters, consisting of 5,514 Democrats, 4,149 Republicans, and 1,596 others.

Overall, the total voters declined by 320. Elephants grew by 182, donkeys declined by 534, and others grew by 32.

I can remember years ago when the Republicans were elated to reach the 1,000 mark. Allen French was a local GOP leader. Joe Mancini was a local GOP leader.

Nancy Craft, local Democratic Party chair a few years ago, has switched to the GOP (Grand Old Party).

The primary election voting will be Tuesday, Aug. 26, from 7 to 7. Early voting will be Monday, Aug. 11, to Saturday, Aug. 23, from 8:30 to 5, announced Supervisor of Election Jeff Usery.

Larry Pelton, county veterans service officer, has done an excellent job of remodeling the loca office, located at 307 North 6th in Wauchula, next to the elections office. The veterans service office is open Tuesday and Thursday form 8 to 5.

The directors of the Hardee County Chamber of Commerce will meet Aug. 19, announced chamber president Steven Southwell. Executive director Casey Dickson resigned about two months ago.

Former leaders of the local chamber have included Grace Emmer-ton, Nancy Craft, Mary Lord English, Ted Hite, Jewel Peebles Harper, and Janet Hendry.

The chamber last month requested \$10,000 from the Hardee County Commission. The request was tentatively not approved. The chamber has also requested \$149,260 for operating expenses from the Hardee Economic Development Agency which will be considered in September. This funding is from Mosaic and designed to create new jobs.

BioNitrogen stock in the past couple of years has ranged form 4 cents to 44 cents, and early this week was trading at 4.8 cents a share. It will go up if the company is successful in their proposed projects in Hendry and Taylor counties and in Louisiana. Their proposed project in Hardee County of building a plant to make nitrogen fertilizer appears dead.

In 1985 Loran Cogburn, Jeff Maddox and Arnold Lanier of the Hardee County Sheriff's Office rented an airplane to look for marijuana plants, since the county's plane was in the shop.

The rented airplane developed a throttle problem and was headed down. Pilot Jeff Maddox originally planned to land on Hobb Road but could not and brought the plane into two orange trees. It then hit a ditch and flipped, the tail missing a 72,000-volt power line by about three feet. The plane slid across Doc Coil Road. The sheriff at the time was Doyle Bryan.

Loran Cogburn, 61, today has neck problems from the crash-landing. Bryan succeeded N.H. Murdock, who served as sheriff 16 years. Bryan was sheriff 12 years. Jeff Maddox lost the sheriff's race to Ricky Dick who served 4 years and was defeated by Cogburn who served 12 years. Arnold Lanier, 60, is the current sheriff, having served 6 years.

Cogburn is interested in history and wishes the school system would offer a course in local history/politics.



The 20th annual Florida Hospital Heartland Foundation Gala on Nov. 13 will feature the singing group Temptations. Otis Williams, a founding member, has been with the group since 1961. Mike Rouse and Nell McCauley are the co-chairs of the event, which will be held over four days.

The gala dinner and entertainment will be held at South Florida State College in Avon Park on Nov. 13. The golf tournament will be held Nov. 14. The 5k run/walk and 10k will be held Nov. 16. Concert tickets are now on sale. The SFSC auditorium will seat 1,400. The Temptations' most famous song is "My Girl."

Proceeds from the Gala will go toward the planned Florida Hospital Wauchula renovation, nursing education, and the Lake Placid fitness center renovation.

Recently over \$200,000 was raised for the new FHWauchula mammography unit named after Linda Adler. Since November 2013 there have been 244 mammograms performed there in the continuing fight against breast cancer.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott has recently signed a bill that sets up a three-year program to help pay the cost of driver's education, auto insurance and licenses for eligible foster children. The Department of Children and Families will administer the \$800,000 program. Only two percent of the state's foster children had a driver's license because they did not have parents to put them on their auto insurance.

This bill was spearheaded by State Rep. Ben Albritton of Wauchula and State Sen. Nancy Detert.

Nearly 42 million U.S. households grew herbs, vegetables or fruits in 2012, reported a recent AARP magazine. Food gardening has overtaken flower gardening as America's favorite horticultural pursuit.

Harden Media Group founder Susan McCoy says this is the most vegetable gardening activity in the U.S. since the victory gains of the 1940s. This is an increase of 17 percent over 2008. Reasons for the growth include the recent recession, cheaper produce and health concerns.

## WRECK

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Examiner's Office in Lakeland. Avart was airlifted by medical helicopter to Lakeland Regional Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries. He has since been released from the hospital.

According to the police report, neither of the young men was wearing a seatbelt.

Initially Waters' identity was unclear as he had no identification on him and none was found inside the Saturn. During the investigation it was discovered the passenger, Avart, was the registered owner of the car.

Eason noted in the initial investigation that speed was a contributing factor in the crash,

pending further investigation by homicide investigator Cpl. Robert Spencer.

An autopsy was scheduled Monday to determine if a medical emergency could have caused the accident. A toxicology test, which is standard, also will be conducted. Results will take a minimum of 90 days.

Meanwhile, the investigation will continue with a physical inspection of the vehicle by a certified mechanic to see if the car had any defects, Eason said. Investigators will also speak to any eyewitnesses.

Waters becomes the 10th person to die on Hardee County roads this year.

# Free Haz-Waste Disposal Saturday

By **JOAN SEAMAN**

Of The Herald-Advocate

A new school year is about to start. Why not make a clean break with the past?

For those who have gotten a new computer, tablet, iPad or iPhone, there's a proper way to dispose of the old ones. Printers, scanners and other electronics should go the same way.

Gather them up and take them to the Household Hazardous Waste Day collection on Saturday at the Hardee County Landfill between 8 a.m. and noon.

To reach the landfill from Wauchula, go east on Main Street about two miles. Turn north onto Airport Road and follow it until the pavement ends. Then turn left into the entrance to the landfill at 685 Airport Road.

There's a lot of other things to collect which could create unhealthy problems if left along the roadside or placed in the usual garbage. There are things which leak chemicals into the groundwater or landfill drain waters, creating untold problems.

So, clean out the cabinets and closets and box up any hazardous materials.

There are spray cans or aerosols, boxes and bottles, bleach and cleansers, light bulbs and more.

Each household can bring up to 60 pounds of hazardous waste for free. If you don't have that much, stop by and see if your elderly neighbor needs help to dispose of some old batteries or fluorescent light bulbs and add them to your pile.

Check the house or garage for disposable hazardous waste. But, don't bring gas cylinders,

ammunition, explosives, or radioactive, biohazardous or infectious waste.

Look in the garage for pesticides, herbicides and insecticides which have outlasted their usefulness. There could be old pool chemicals, petroleum, transmission fluids or antifreeze no longer good. Used oil and old batteries can also be taken care of properly at the landfill.

Old oil- or paint-stained rags can become combustible easily. Take them along, with any paint and wood stains, preservatives and turpentine.

In the kitchen and bathroom are old cleansers, anything with a chemical base which needs safe removal. It could be polishes, bleaches or other cleaning materials.

While you're at it, collect those old bottles, newspapers, plastic, cardboard, aluminum, metal and glass for recycling. There's recycling bins at the landfill for them. Putting them in the trash means they can take 10 to 30 years to decompose. Recycling is a better idea.

Businesses which generate less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month are allowed to bring it to the collection day, too, but will have to pay current contract prices.

Businesses that generate more than 220 pound but less than 2,200 pounds of hazardous waste per month are not allowed to bring their waste for disposal on Saturday, but can call for pickup at their place of business, again at current contract prices.

For more information about what you can and cannot bring to Hazardous Waste Day, call the landfill at 773-5089.



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# HCSO: Kids Could Reach Drugs

By CYNTHIA KRAHL  
Of The Herald-Advocate

What began as a search for a man named in a child-support warrant ended last week with the arrests of two others on drug charges.

Expecting to find him at an apartment on La Playa Drive, sheriff's deputies went there just before 8 p.m. last Wednesday, but apartment renter Jamie Samantha Hrabal told them he was not there and invited the officers inside to look.

Maj. Randy Dey alleged that as a detective walked down a hallway, he smelled the strong odor of marijuana. Inside a bedroom off the hallway, Joshua Glenn Luke was standing beside a desk.

Asked where the marijuana was, Luke reportedly pointed to the desk.

Five small pieces of marijuana and rolled foil as commonly used to smoke methamphetamine were on the desktop, Dey charged.



Hrabal



Luke

When Hrabal entered the room, she was asked if there were any more drugs inside it, the major said. She allegedly reached into a desk drawer and pulled out some foil with meth residue on it.

Both Hrabal and Luke said the items belonged to them, and both said they were addicted to methamphetamine and marijuana, Dey alleged.

A further search of the residence allegedly revealed a small white jewelry box containing four Vicodin pills and two Xanax pills. Another small white oval item, however, was described as a TicTac breath mint.

Dey said Hrabal's two young children, ages 4 and 7, sleep in that same room, yet the narcotic pills were within their reach.

The pills, he further alleged, could be mistaken by a child as candy or a mint.

Both Hrabal, 28, of 798 La Playa Dr., Wauchula, and Luke, 18, of 5590 Dallas McClellan Road, Zolfo Springs, were arrested. Each was charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, a felony, and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of narcotics equipment, both misdemeanors.

Hrabal additionally was charged with cruelty toward a child/act which could result in injury.

Hrabal posted a \$2,000 bond to gain her release pending trial last Thursday at 3:07 p.m. Luke posted a \$2,000 bond on Friday at 10:24 a.m. Meanwhile, the original subject of the search, Marcel Louis Melton, 30, was arrested Tuesday on the child support warrant and four drug charges. He remains in the Hardee County Jail, currently without bond.

# Appeal Court Upholds County Lawsuit Decision

By JOAN SEAMAN  
Of The Herald-Advocate

A lawsuit which has been under appeal for nearly a year was decided recently.

With the simple word "Affirmed," the Second District Court of Appeal in Lakeland said that Hardee County made the correct decision in Hardee County Professional Firefighters Local 3471 vs. Hardee County.

The two-year old case involved former firefighter/paramedic Danny Cole, who was terminated on Feb. 16, 2012, for incomplete patient care reports, violation of professional conduct and insubordination.

The matter initially went through the normal arbitration procedure as did that of his twin brother, David Cole, who had also been terminated. The arbitrator recommended that David Cole be reinstated with retroactive pay, which occurred on Dec. 14, 2012.

However, in upholding the grievance of Danny Cole, the arbitrator went a step further in commenting what he felt was the more appropriate punishment. That violated the seven-page grievance procedure outlined in the union contract, which specifies that the arbitrator "shall not substitute his judgment for that of the county as to the type of disciplinary action taken by the county."

Following advice of the county's labor attorneys Allen, Norton and Blue, the county's personnel director filed suit under Florida Statutes 125-74 outlining the county manager's responsibility to employ and supervise employees and "to suspend, discharge or remove any employee under county jurisdiction, any area under the Board of County Commissioners."

A lawsuit on the arbitration appeal went before the Hardee Circuit Court on May 1, 2013. Circuit Judge Marcus J. Ezelle delayed his decision until May

13 to fully study the applicable law and arguments of attorneys for the union and the county.

His ruling in favor of the county vacated the arbitration award. In his decision, Ezelle noted that the arbitrator's findings of fact and conclusion that disciplinary sanction was justified is accepted, but "his authority does not extend to the fashioning of a remedy, other than to confirm or reject the County Manager's disciplinary action(s)... not even to elect a disciplinary action considered but not imposed by the County Manager."

The union appealed that decision to the Second District Court on July 16, 2013. During the next year, both attorney Mark W. Floyd of the Lake Worth firm Mierzwa & Associates for the union and Brian Kohl of Allen, Norton and Blue of Tampa for the county filed briefs with the appeals court.

The court made its decision on May 2, but its mandate announcing that decision was not filed until July 22, after the time frame for it to be appealed to a higher court had elapsed.

A lot has happened at the Hardee Fire-Rescue Department since the initial action in early 2012.

Then Fire Chief Mike Choate resigned in February 2012. Former Medical Director Dr. Edwin Pigman, who had re-turned from service in Afghanistan, was reinstated.

More recently, James Stillwagon was named the new chief in October 2013. In February the county acquired a used 75-foot ladder truck with a 500-gallon tank. In May, plans began for a \$1 million permanent Fire-Rescue building at the west end of Pyatt Park in Bowling Green. It would replace the "temporary" Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) trailer.

And, Dale R. Deleacaes accepted a position as deputy chief a couple of weeks ago (see related article).

# Man Charged With 14 Drug & Other Charges

By CYNTHIA KRAHL  
Of The Herald-Advocate

Methamphetamine, ammunition and narcotics equipment were seized by the Hardee County Drug Task Force last week in the raid of a Bowling Green home.

Sheriff's Maj. Randy Dey, a spokesman for the Drug Task Force, said a search warrant for the mobile home at 321 Torrey Road was obtained following alleged drug sales at that location.

And it allegedly revealed 3.6 grams of methamphetamine, according to Dey.

The occupant of the residence, Ramiro Ramirez Jr., 40, was arrested.

Ramirez was charged with four counts of sale of methamphetamine, one count possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, four counts possession of ammunition by a convicted felon, three counts possession of narcotics equipment two counts use of a two-way communications device in the commission of a crime.

He remained in custody at the Hardee County Jail as of late Tuesday in lieu of \$84,500 bond.

Dey said detectives entered the double-wide mobile home, which has been divided into two separate living areas, late in the afternoon last Thursday.

Ramirez occupies one side of the residence, Dey explained, and his mother the other side.

Ramirez reportedly admitted to detectives that he smokes methamphetamine and marijuana, and that they might find narcotics paraphernalia in his side of the home. Dey said Ramirez told the officers there was a marijuana pipe in his bedroom.

The major alleged the searchers found even more.

Ramirez' bedroom contained two water bongs testing positive for meth, a digital scale with meth residue, a can full of the cut corners of plastic bags, two straws and a bag corner with meth residue, a handgun magazine holding a 9mm round and one 12-gauge shotgun shell, Dey charged.

Further, a tackle box on the floor of the bedroom contained another round of ammo, this time .22-caliber, and a plastic bag corner with 3.6 grams of meth. There also was a glass smoking pipe, he said.

Dey said Ramirez denied any knowledge of the methamphetamine found in his bedroom.

He went on to note that Ramirez had four closed-circuit video surveillance cameras attached to his residence, with monitors in his bedroom, kitchen and living room. They



Ramirez Jr.

provided a 360-degree view of the property, Dey said.

Additionally, Ramirez, a convicted felon, is not permitted to have any firearms or ammunition in his possession.

Ramirez was booked into the county jail on the 14 criminal counts at 7:23 p.m. last Thursday.

## COMMUNITY Calendar

**THURSDAY, AUG. 7**  
✓Hardee County Commission, regular meeting, Room 102, Courthouse Annex I, 412 W. Orange St., Wauchula, 8:30 a.m.

**MONDAY, AUG. 11**  
✓Wauchula City Commission, regular meeting, City Hall, 225 E. Main St., Wauchula, 6 p.m.

**TUESDAY, AUG. 12**  
✓Tobacco Free Partnership, regular meeting, Hardee County Health Department auditorium, 115 K.D. Revell Rd., Wauchula, noon.  
✓Bowling Green City Commission, regular meeting, City Hall, 104 E. Main St., Bowling Green, 6:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, AUG. 14**  
✓Hardee County School Board, regular meeting, Board Room, 230 S. Florida Ave., Wauchula, 5 p.m.

# School Contract Talks Delayed

By JOAN SEAMAN  
Of The Herald-Advocate

School Board/union negotiations will wait until after the start of school.

That's not very far off, as the teachers and Educational Service Professionals (ESPs), formerly called School Related Personnel, report to work next week. Students begin their fall session on Aug. 18.

Most of the details of negotiations for the 2014-15 school year, which began July 1, have been hammered out between the School Board negotiating team of George Kelly, Marie Dasher and Bob Shayman and the Hardee Education Association/United union team of Heather Lane, Angela Spornraft, Selden Spencer, Juan Coronado Sr. and Florida Education Association representative Rich Frankhouser.

There are only two issues still on the board. One is insurance coverage, with the School Board opting to provide hospitalization, health and life insurance basic coverage and employees choosing from a variety of deductibles, maximum out-of-pocket expenses and subsidies. There will also be a health savings account of the employees choosing.

The 45 new teachers which will begin their Hardee careers next week have to wait 60 days

before pre-existing conditions may be covered under the School Board insurance plans. A graph provided by the School Board team notes proposed coverage would be \$134,332 for the 45 new employees and \$928,411 for the current staff.

The second issue in the negotiations in wording for the grievance procedure is an employee feels he has unfairly been terminated, or not had his contract renewed. It's a bit complicated for the existing employee and new employees, who may have had good ratings during their probationary period and the balance of that school year.

There is no provision for grievance if an employee has been terminated for just cause.

Official evaluations are under review of a Teach Performance Appraisal System, which sets up a joint evaluation committee with an equal number of union members and administrators appointed by the Superintendent of Schools. Each is appointed to a two-year term on the committee.

Salary issues seem to have been resolved. Teacher salaries begin at \$35,000 and grow by steps, each about \$750, for each year of employment. There are also cost of living supplements annually and extra supplements for teachers in critical shortage areas.



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# Obituaries

# Magnolia Manor Park Site Of Back-To-School Event

By **MARIA TRUJILLO**  
Of The Herald-Advocate

It's almost time to pack those school lunches and send the kids back to school.

But before classes begin, children must be well-prepared with all their school supplies. Unfor-

tunately, not all students can get the necessary supplies before school begins.

And that is where the 11th annual Community & School Awareness Back to School Event comes into play.

This event, started by Ka-

trina Blandin, was created to help all students within the community be ready to start off the school year right.

She says she has seen so many children go without, and thinks it's important for every kid to have the proper school supplies in order to get a good education. Although there are other similar events in town, Blandin says not everyone is able to get into town to attend those events.

Blandin says getting these supplies to the students doesn't only benefit them, but also helps teachers because they then don't have to worry about also providing materials for their students. She says some teachers even give her lists of suggested materials that students are likely to need during the year.

Throughout the 11 years, this event has grown and Blandin says that at one point they had enough supplies to be able to hand out to about 370 students.

During this back-to-school event, school supplies won't be

the only thing offered. Important school-related information for parents can also be found. Some of the information available will be about lunches, teen pregnancy and much more. A notary will also be on the grounds.

Those attending will get a chance to meet School Board members, County Commission candidates and other county officials who will be in attendance to support the event.

Although the event is on Saturday, school supply donations can still be made up to the day

of the event. To get the supplies to Blandin, she can be reached at (863) 245-7423.

Students must be present to receive their supplies. All students between kindergarten and eighth grade must have a parent accompanying them, but supplies are available for those in high school as well.

The event will take place at Magnolia Manor Park on Chamberlain Boulevard on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All Hardee County students are welcome to attend.

## In Loving Memory



### NANCY RANKIN CAMPBELL

Nancy Rankin Campbell, 66, of Wauchula, passed away Sunday Aug. 3, 2014, at home. Born on Jan. 2, 1948, in Manassas, Va., she came to Hardee County over 35 years ago. Nancy worked at Wal-Mart as an area manager.

Survivors include one son, Adam Hash and wife Shannon of Punta Gorda; and three grandchildren, Kaitlin Victoria Hash, Devanee Hash and John David Deluca.

Memorial Services will be on Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014, at 3 p.m. at Roberts Garden Chapel.

Expressions of comfort may be made at [robertsfh.com](http://robertsfh.com).

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## In Loving Memory

### BYRON J. STICKLE

Byron J. Stickle, 57, of Wauchula, passed away Thursday, July 31, 2014, at Hardee Manor.

Born May 9, 1957, in Wauchula, he was a lifelong resident of Hardee County. Byron had been a maintenance worker and was of the Pentecostal faith.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph B. Stickle and half-brothers, Elton O. Cowart and Harvey L. Cowart.

Survivors include his mother, Frances C. Stickle of Wauchula; one son, Clayton Wade Stickle and wife Jennifer of Bartow; one brother, Burton C. Stickle and wife Nita of San Antonio, Texas; one half-brother, Harmon E. Cowart and wife Laura of Arkansas; one sister, Elizabeth A. Black of Bradenton; two grandchildren, Payton Lynn and Makenzie Rose Stickle; and several nieces and nephews.

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## In Memory



### MARY E. COX

Mary E. Cox, 91, passed away on Monday, Aug. 4, 2014, into the loving arms of God.

She was born Feb. 4, 1923, in Chickasaw County, Miss., to Kirby and Marie Wise. Once married, she lived in Baldwin, Miss., Winder, Ga., Kissimmee and Wauchula. Early in her life she was a housewife and then became a successful co-owner/manager of J.W. Earnest Department Store in Wauchula until she retired.

She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Jimmy R. Cox, her parents, three brothers and one sister.

She is survived by daughter, Linda See (Jim); son Mark Cox (Melody); daughter, Dixie Edwards (Paul); and her sister, Yvonne Myatt. Also surviving her are seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mary (affectionately called "Muva") was anchored by her faith in God and her love for family and friends alike. Another one of her nicknames by her loved ones was "the rock" because of her mental toughness, loyalty, devotion and always being able to rely on her no matter the situation or circumstance. She was a woman of few words but when she spoke, her counsel and advice were true and of a great value.

Later in life she loved to work in her yard and walk for exercise. Mary Cox was a wonderful, devoted, selfless and giving mother and grandmother and she will be missed.

Donations can be made in her honor to the Alzheimer's Association 1-800-272-3900 and/or to Shearer-Richardson Memorial Nursing Home (662)447-5463.

Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m., on Saturday, Aug. 9, followed by a Memorial Service at 11 a.m. at The First Christian Church of Wauchula located at 1121 Louisiana St., Wau-chula.

## In Loving Memory



### LEONARD PERRY TAYLOR JR.

Leonard Perry Taylor Jr., 88, of Wauchula, passed away Friday, Aug. 1, 2014, at his home.

Born on Feb. 28, 1926, in Lakeland, he came to Hardee County in 1936. Leonard was a rancher and merchant and served in the Army Air Force from 1944 to 1946. He attended First United Methodist Church of Wauchula and graduated from Georgia Military College in 1942.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard Perry and Verna Ratliff Taylor; and daughter, Donna Adelaide Taylor Fairchild.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Joanne Carlton Taylor of Wauchula; one daughter, Catharine T. Woods and husband Prentis of Wauchula; three grandchildren, Amanda Nicole Waddle and husband Brian, Clay D. Hartzog Jr. and wife Kim and Leonard L. Hartzog; and seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside Services and burial were at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2014, at Wauchula Cemetery. The Rev. Danielle Upton officiated and Military Honors were provided by the American Legion Post #2.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Good Shepherd Hospice, 1110 Hammock Rd., Sebring, FL 33870, or to the charity of one's choice.

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## INFORMATION Roundup

### Church Offers Fun And Prayer Night

A "Back To School Prayer Night" at Florida First Assembly of God next Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. will feature fun time for the children as families gather to receive a time of blessing on the county and its families. The first 150 children registered will receive a fully stocked back pack.

There will be bounce houses, music, free haircuts, face painting, a puppet show, free food and door prizes for everyone as the church at 1397 S. Florida Ave., Wauchula, gathers for a time of prayer for the families, schools and faculty.

### Help Kids To Get School Supplies

Everyone can help children be prepared by donating school supplies for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Sun Coast. Supplies needed are two-pocket folders, glue, crayons, notebooks, markers, pencils, pens, scissors, rulers, construction paper, calculators and similar items.

Anyone bringing three or more of these to the Dunkin' Donuts, 1042 S. Sixth Ave. (U.S. 17 South), Wauchula through Friday, Aug. 15, will receive a free hot or iced coffee and a donut.

## In Memory



### MARGARITO CARRERA

Margarito Carrera, age 70, of Wauchula, passed away Wednesday, July 23, 2014, in Sebring. He was born June 10, 1944, in Aguatibia de Penjamo, Mexico, and moved to Hardee County in 1991 from California. Margarito enjoyed planting and landscaping and was of the Catholic faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents Jose and Consuelo Carrera and two brothers, Ruben and Ben-jamin.

Margarito is survived by his beloved wife, Maria Carrera of Wauchula; two sons, Jose Carrera and wife Amanda of Wauchula and Jesus Carrera of Wauchula; two daughters, Ruth Sandoval and husband Andres of California and Leticia Padilla and husband Emanuel of Wauchula; four brothers, Jose Luis Carrera of Mexico, Gerardo Carrera of California, Carlos Carrera of Ocala and Juan Carrera of Bowling Green; one sister, Lucia Garcia of Mexico; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mass was held at 10 a.m., Friday, July 25, 2014, in the Chapel of Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home in Wauchula. Private burial followed at Wauchula Cemetery.

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## In Memory



### TRAVIS "T.J." JERALD WATERS

Travis "T.J." Jerald Waters, II, age 17, of Wauchula, passed away Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014, in Wauchula. He was born June 16, 1997, in Arcadia and was a lifelong resident of Hardee County.

T.J. enjoyed baseball, bowling and rapping while listening to music.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, James Hart; maternal great-grandmother, Martha Bennett Hart; paternal great-grandfather, Dewey Waters; and paternal great-grandmother, Sarah Fehr.

T.J. is survived by his loving parents, Travis and Amy Waters of Wauchula; his girlfriend, Cassie Hesters of Zolfo Springs; one brother, Hunter; two sisters, Makayla and Lexi, all of Wauchula; his maternal grandmother, Glen-da Smith and his paternal grandparents, Donny Waters and Suzanne Dupree.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 8, 2014, at Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home in Wauchula.

Services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014, at Fort Green Baptist Church with Pastors Wendell Smith of Faith Temple Church of God and Josh Goodwin of Maranatha Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow in Fort Green Methodist Cemetery.

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# Rogers Earns Certification

Victoria L. Rogers, Hardee County Clerk of Courts, recently earned a state certification.

Rogers completed 240 hours of initial New Clerk training to earn the Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers' Clerks Certification.

Clerks are required to have 240 hours of training for the initial certification. After the initial certification, clerks are required to attend 36 additional hours per year to maintain their certification.

"The clerk's job spans a wide range of duties, including budgeting and managing the county's money, an area that is very familiar to me," said Rogers. "I was fortunate to take training and make acquaintances with those that have experience in differing areas of the Clerk's Office."

"The training has and will help me in the future to make the best decisions in serving the citizens of Hardee County," she added.

Rogers began her New Clerk training following her election as Hardee County Clerk of the Circuit Court in 2012.

The training includes six 40-hour weeks of training comprised of a well-rounded curriculum helping to prepare clerks to perform their duties. Topics included technology, finance, administration, records, courts and other clerk-related



Rogers

material. A wide variety of experienced speakers and presenters was provided during the extensive training.

Rogers has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in accounting and had served in the Clerk's Office as accounting manager since 2007. Prior to that, she worked in several Certified Public Accountant firms in the Wauchula area.

The Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers, established in 1969, is a statewide, non-profit member association. The association provides education and accreditation for clerks of the court and comptrollers, information and technical assistance to local governments.

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

**Springs Coast Management Committee: Discussion on summary of policy committee direction, meeting schedule, background information on Rainbow River and background information on Kings Bay.**

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, August 20, 2014; 2 p.m.

PLACE: SWFWMD Headquarters, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604

Pursuant to the provision of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring reasonable accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting SWFWMD's Human Resources Bureau Chief, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, Florida 34604-6899; telephone (352) 796-7211, ext. 4702 or 1-800-423-1476 (FL only), ext. 4702; TDD (FL only) 1-800-231-6103; or email to ADA-Coordina-tor@swfwmd.state.fl.us.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board/Committee with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: [Chris.zajac@watermat-ters.org](mailto:Chris.zajac@watermat-ters.org); (1800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211, x4413 (Ad Order EXE0337)

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

**SWFWMD Governing Board Flying Eagle Evaluation Committee Meeting: Discuss the solicitation, evaluation and award processes prior to solicitation for Invitation to Submit an Offer for Flying Eagle Nature Center Lease.**

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, August 26, 2014; 1 p.m.

PLACE: SWFWMD Tampa Service Office, 7601 US Highway 301 North, Tampa FL 33637

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Deadline is 5 p.m. on Thursday.

**Deputy Fire Chief Chosen**

By JOAN SEAMAN

Of The Herald-Advocate

A man with 22 years of experience in firefighting has joined Hardee Fire-Rescue as its new deputy fire chief.

Dale R. Deleacaes, a 47-year old from Fort Myers, comes to Hardee County with a variety of experience which began in 1992. He and his wife are moving here. They are the parents of three adult children, a son and pair of daughters.

Hardee Fire Chief James Stillwagon was thrilled to have some help, especially since he was recently named as Hardee County Public Services director.

"Now, I can devote more time there. It's a blessing to have Dale aboard. He has 22 years good experience and brings some good, fresh ideas. Being of similar age, I believe we'll make



Deleacaes

a great team," said Stillwagon.

He said it was a lengthy process to "finally find the right fit for the department and the community. His mindset of servant leadership, public service comes first, is on the same wavelength as mine. He hit the

ground running about three weeks ago. He's very supportive of my direction and I'm ecstatic to have him aboard," concluded Stillwagon.

Deleacaes and his family moved to the Fort Myers area from New Jersey when he was four years old. He started in the fire service as a volunteer in 1992 in a department that was a combination of volunteer and paid staff. After three years, there was an opening and he became a full-time employee.

In 1998 he was hired by the independent San Carlos Park district of South Fort Myers, where he remained until his recent resignation. For the past 12 years he has also been the elected fired commissioner for the South Trail area of Fort Myers. He is in his final year on that board and is retiring from it.

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**TAKING OFF**



PHOTO BY NANCY DAVIS

A project last week repositioned the F84 jet at the newly landscaped American Legion memorial site at U.S. 17 and Palmetto Street in Wauchula. Straps are attached (upper picture) as a crane prepares to raise the U.S. Air Force plane which once flew in Korea to its new position. It was obtained by the late Commander Ralph Rickels of the Wauchula Civil Air Patrol Composite Squadron. Maintained by the adjacent Wauchula American Legion Post #2, the vintage plane is now at a 13-degree banking (lower photo). The military flags have been put in place. The pedestal is still to be re-painted, the plane pressure washed and a few other cosmetics completed before its dedication in November or December.



PHOTO BY MARLENE HYDE

# Continuum Lab Review Proceeds

By MICHAEL KELLY  
Of The Herald-Advocate

The financial review of Continuum Labs to validate its draw requests, expenses and compliance with its contract with the Industrial Development Authority should be completed al-

most exactly nine months after the board voted to begin the process last December.

What started out as an audit, then changed to an "agreed upon procedure" and then changed to an "examination" should be ready for the IDA's review at its

September meeting, a representative from the accounting firm told the board at its July meeting.

Trisha Floyd, who is representing CliftonLarsonAllen out of Lakeland, said so far the review to date has totaled \$25,000 and she expects it to take an additional \$10,000 to complete the work.

Floyd said she is waiting on additional information from Continuum Labs, which she said has been hard to get at times, be-

fore she can finish the work.

The firm is looking at a selection of 25 percent of the draw requests the company made to the board for reimbursement. The seven draw requests represent about 42 percent of the \$7.25 million in grant money the company has received since October 2011.

## CITY OF WAUCHULA NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City Commission of the City of Wauchula will hold a regular quarterly Police Pension Meeting Monday, August, 11, 2014 at 5:45pm, or as soon thereafter as it reasonably can be held.

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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## Jokes & Philosophies

With A Little Dab Of Common Sense

By Truman A. Thomas

Always remember that big shots are well known for their cheap shots.

When we're young we live on love, but when we're old we live on pills.

My philosophy is don't trust nobody until you catch 'em being honest. But still keep an eye on 'em cause it just might be a big act, because in today's world that's just what it is, an act.

Indeed, friends may come and go, but enemies can last a lifetime.

My good old neighbor Uncle Ben will turn 101 years old Tuesday, and he's worried to death because he has been drawing food stamps for most of his first 100 years, but when he turns to the start of his second 100 years the government might cancel his food stamp card by saying he's double dipping.

I knew right away that she was falling out of love with me when she started hiding her pocketbook. It hurst. It really does.

Never, I say never put off until tomorrow what you could put off for a week.

Some of you remember the good old days of nursery rhymes and fairy tales. Some of you weren't born yet, but those were the golden years. Children's stories would start out with "once upon a time" and they would end with "and they all live happily ever after." For example, the Three Bears indeed had a few minor problems they had to work out but they did and they lived happily ever after. but let us spin forward into today's world with the hustle and bustle of our times with the world spinning out of control and take another look at the story of the Three Bears. The story will most likely start out with once upon a bumpy time and Momma and Poppa Bear have just gone through a nasty divorce because of Poppa Bear's alcohol problems, cocaine and other female bears and they are now in a bitter court battle over custody of Little Bear.

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



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DATE/TIME: Monday, August 18, 2014; 10 a.m.

PLACE: Sarasota Service Office, 6750 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL 34240

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25. They show a campaign spending battle being waged between County Commission District 2 incumbent Sue Birge and challenger Judy Wilson, with Birge having the most money at her disposal. The third candidate in that race, Daniel Graham, has a light war chest and has yet to fully open it.

Holding the spending record, for now, is Russell Melendy in the County Commission District 4 race. He has spent more than four times as much as incumbent Grady Johnson. He also has three times more money available to him.

While the County Commission candidates duke it out on the battlefield, School Board candidates report frugal, if any, campaign spending – barely enough for a financial fray. Even the incumbents are keeping their hands in their pockets as they manage their campaigns.

But the only candidate who has no money for the campaign trail, and hasn't spent any, is District 4 challenger Eugenia Larsen.

Incumbent Jan Platt so far has put about \$100 into her re-election bid. Her other opponent, Garry McWhorter, has spent nearly \$400 in his attempt to unseat Platt.

For District 1, challenger Andrew Smith shows the higher amount of spending to try to sway votes, about two times that of incumbent Paul Samuels.

As early voting begins and Primary Election day draws nearer, however, war chests may overflow and spill their monetary contents as candidates try to win over voters.

For now, the campaigns and their donors are as follows:

**Sue Birge**—  
Treasurer: Self  
Contributions: \$8,800  
Expenditures: \$6,738  
Donors:  
Alan Jay Ford, corporation, Sebring, \$500.  
Cooper's Wayside Flowers, corporation, Wauchula, \$250.  
RGC Heartland Properties LLC, Wauchula, \$500  
Earl & Diana Smith, individuals, Bowling Green, \$100  
Joe H. Jones, individual, Bowling Green, \$50  
John O'Neal, individual, Wauchula, \$50  
David Singletary, corporation, \$250  
GRS Consulting, individual, Wellington, \$500  
Monica Reas, individual, Wauchula, \$100  
Dennis Ford, individual, Lakeland, \$100  
Charles Grimsley, individual, Zolfo Springs, \$500  
Zee Smith, individual, Wauchula, \$100  
Norm Nickerson, individual, Wauchula, \$100  
Jim See Jr., individual, Wauchula, \$100  
Melony Bell, individual, Fort Meade, \$100  
Barbara Carlton, individual, Wauchula, \$500  
Acreage Consultants, business, Wauchula, \$200  
Lavon Cobb, individual, Wauchula, \$100  
John & Beth Gill, individuals, Wauchula, \$100  
Denise Grimsley, unspecified, Tallahassee, \$500  
Frank Mancini, individual, Wauchula, \$200

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Lory Durrance, individual, Ona, \$500  
Edwin C. Pigman, individual, Avon Park, \$1,000  
Darlene Pigman, individual, Avon Park, \$1,000  
Doris Lambert, individual, Wauchula, \$100  
Denise Grimsley, senator, \$500  
Self, open account, loan, \$100

**Judy J. Wilson** —  
Treasurer: Pamela M. Belflower  
Contributions: \$4,620  
Expenditures: \$4,327  
Donors:  
John Gibney, individual, Wauchula, \$50.  
Virginia Brown, individual, Wauchula, \$100  
Rhonda Cole, individual, Wauchula, \$100  
Michael Smeal, individual, Lake Wales, \$50  
Donald Samuels, individual, Bowling Green, \$200  
Frank Kirkland, individual, Bowling Green, \$100  
Bruce Douglas, individual, Port Charlotte, \$50  
Bobby Douglas, individual, Port Charlotte, \$50  
Carl Weis, individual, Wauchula, \$50  
Rebecca Stephens, individual, Bowling Green, \$300  
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Jack Strickland, individual, Wauchula, \$100  
Pam Lovett, individual, Wauchula, \$50  
John Terrell, individual, Wauchula, \$100  
Horst Witschonke, individual, Ona, \$300  
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F.L. Revell, individual, Wauchula, \$100  
Robert Cole, individual, Wauchula, \$500  
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Jack Smith, individual, Zolfo Springs, \$100  
Henry Kuhlman, individual, Bowling Green, \$500  
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Wendell Cotton, individual, \$10  
June Pewterbaugh, individual, Arcadia, \$10  
Jim Platt, individual, Wauchula, \$50  
Melissa Platt, individual, Wauchula, \$50  
Self, open account, loan, \$600

**Daniel A. Graham**—  
Treasurer: Jean Graham  
Contributions: \$500  
Expenditures: \$359.32  
Donors:  
Self, account loan, \$300  
Self, open account, loan, \$200

**Grady Johnson**—  
Treasurer: Patricia Johnson  
Contributions: \$4,350  
Expenditures: \$2,511  
Donors:  
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Jack & Carlyne Smith, individuals, Zolfo Springs, \$300  
John Terrell, individual, Wauchula, \$100  
John Roy Gough, individual,

Wauchula, \$500  
Linda Clark, individual, Wauchula, \$500  
Gloria Harrod, individual, Zolfo Springs, \$300  
Horst & Maria Witschonke, individuals, Ona, \$300  
Virginia Brown, individual, Wauchula, \$250  
Robert & Rhonda Cole, individuals, Wauchula, \$500  
Charles H. Cannon, individual, Wauchula, \$500  
Self, open account, loan, \$1,000

**Russell A. Melendy**—  
Treasurer: Self  
Contributions: \$12,400  
Expenditures: \$10,173  
Donors:  
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Carl Simmons, individual, Wauchula, \$500  
Doris Lambert, individual, Wauchula, \$100  
David Singletary, individual, Wauchula, \$500  
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Stephen Hendrix, individual, Bartow, \$50  
Lilyann Hendrix, individual, Bartow, \$50  
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Joe L. Davis Jr., individual, Wauchula, \$250  
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**Paul Samuels**—  
Treasurer: Jamie M. Davis  
Contributions: \$1,100  
Expenditures: \$581  
Donors:  
Self, in-kind, postage, \$68  
Self, in-kind, postage, \$34  
Self, loan, \$1,000  
Self, open account, loan, \$100

**Andrew Smith**—  
Treasurer: Stephanie Smith  
Contributions: \$1,250  
Expenditures: \$1,224  
Donors:  
Self, loan, \$250  
Self, open account, loan, \$1,000

**Janice Platt**—  
Treasurer: Jaime Platt Carnley  
Contributions: \$700  
Expenditures: \$103  
Donors:  
John B. and Jan Platt, self-loan, \$200  
John B. and Jan Platt, self-loan, \$500

**Eugenia Larsen**—  
Treasurer: Self  
Contributions: 0  
Expenditures: 0  
Donors: None

**Garry McWhorter**—  
Treasurer: Self  
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Expenditures: \$387  
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Florida Statutes, by engaging in a course of conduct to benefit herself and her son."

It also cleared Birge of violating Section 112.3134 of the Florida Statutes by voting on matters that resulted in her or her son's special gain, and dismissed the complaint.

Birge said Monday she was relieved the questions surrounding her have been brought to a close.

"Citizens in Hardee County can know that an independent set of eyes looked at the complaint and found no basis for it," she said.

"I want us to move forward together to get back to the business of improving this community," Birge concluded.

Albritton and Grant faced the same accusations over their involvement in LifeSync and voting to lower the phosphate severance tax in 2012.

Kuhlman alleged the state representatives misused their public positions to influence the IDA to fund a grant award for their personal business venture.

Grant was the CEO of LifeSync and Albritton had an agreement to potentially own part of the company, but never executed the contract and said he has never received any money from the company.

Since the grant money came from Mosaic as part of an agreement when the South Fort Meade Mine extension was awarded, the legislators also faced a voting conflict allegation as both had voted to lower the severance tax phosphate companies pay in 2012.

"There is no probable cause to believe the Respondent (Albritton), as a member of the Florida House of Representatives, violated Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using his public position to benefit a company that funded a grant award to his personal busi-

ness venture," the report dismissing the complaint stated.

It went on to conclude "there is no probable cause to believe the Respondent violated Section 112.3134(2) by voting on a matter that injured his, his brother's, and/or his business associate's special private gain."

Albritton said Tuesday afternoon he was relieved by the ruling but not surprised.

"From the beginning I knew I had not done anything unethical," he said.

He said it is now time for the county to pull together and continue to focus on creating jobs.

Albritton said he has no ill will toward Kuhlman for filing the complaint against him, and it will not affect his focus to help the community by getting needed resources here while he continues his service in the Legislature.

The accusations against Grant were dismissed under the same findings as Albritton's.

Grant was quoted by The Tampa Tribune as saying he "welcomed the investigation and fully expected the finding."

"Nobody did anything but for the benefit of Hardee County and for health care as a whole," he said.

Kuhlman said the odds are against the complainants when filing ethics violations in Florida, except in specific violations of direct voting conflicts and public money going to a public official.

He said his complaints against Birge, Albritton and Grant are hard to prove, but he feels ethical violations did occur regardless of the ruling.

Kuhlman said he also has pending ethics complaints against County Commissioner Rick Knight, IDA Executive Director Bill Lambert, former IDA members Joe Albritton and Rick Justice and current IDA members Jim See and Lory Durrance.

**VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM**  
The Guardian ad Litem program, which serves abused and neglected children across Hardee County, is seeking volunteers. Volunteer guardians help represent children who are involved in court proceedings. Guardians must be at least 21 years old and undergo background checks and a certification process. For more information about the program, call Dawn Shinsky 863-534-4597 or email [Dawn.Shinsky@gal.fl.gov](mailto:Dawn.Shinsky@gal.fl.gov).

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING**  
The Florida Governmental Utility Authority ("FGUA") announces a public meeting and public hearing to which all interested persons are invited. The FGUA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Citrus County, Florida; DeSoto County, Florida; Hendry County, Florida; Pasco County, Florida; Polk County, Florida, Lee County, Florida; and Marion County, Florida. The meeting and public hearing will be held at 1:00 p.m. on September 18, 2014 at West Pasco Government Center Commission Chambers located at 7530 Little Road New Port Richey, Florida 34654. The FGUA Board will address general operating issues of the FGUA. The meeting will also include a public hearing to consider adoption of the annual budgets and capital improvement programs for the water and wastewater systems of Aqua Unified Utility System (former Aqua Utilities) and the FGUA General Fund annual operating budget. All customers of the FGUA, affected property owners, tenants or occupants, and all other interested persons, shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed annual budget and capital improvement programs and to file written comments with the FGUA. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the FGUA with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-3482, at least two business days prior to the date of the hearing. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-FGUA.

**CITY OF WAUCHULA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**  
The Board of Directors of the City of Wauchula Community Redevelopment Agency (the Board) will hold the regular scheduled meeting Monday, August 11, 2014 immediately following the City Commission meeting which will convene at 6:00 pm or as soon thereafter as it reasonably can be held. The agenda can be viewed at 126 S. 7th Avenue or [www.cityofwauchula.com](http://www.cityofwauchula.com).  
The meetings will be held at the Commission Chambers located at 225 East Main Street, Wauchula, FL 33873.  
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S/Keith Nadaskay  
Chairman  
Community Redevelopment Agency  
ATTEST  
S/Holly Smith  
City Clerk

**CITY OF WAUCHULA NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**  
The City Commission of the City of Wauchula will hold a General Employee Pension Meeting Monday August 11, 2014, during the regular scheduled City Commission Meeting which begins at 6:00 p.m.  
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# Lozano Claims World Title

By JOAN SEAMAN  
Of The Herald-Advocate

Learning just two days before his fight that it would be a title shot just gave Bowling Green boxer Daniel Lozano that much more incentive.

Lozano ended the scheduled 10-round Friday night bout with an eighth-round TKO and secured the World Boxing Organization interim Latino Super Flyweight title.

What that belt means is that Lozano is just a step away from being the flyweight world champion. If the Latino world champion Omar Andres Narvaez, 38, of Buenos Aires, Argentina, fails for any reason to fulfill the title obligations he won May 17, Lozano would automatically become the WBO world champion.

Lozano, just 24, hopes he will have a title shot against Narvaez, who carries a 42-1-2, 20 KOs record. But, with a record of 12-1, 9 KOs and just returning to the ring after a bit of a layoff following his spring loss to Matthew "Mighty" Villanueva, Lozano realizes he will probably have a couple of tune-up bouts before a title shot.

The Bowling Green boxer, nicknamed "El Alacran," recently signed a two-year contract with All-Star Promotions, which guarantees him at least

three bouts a year. That began with the Friday night shot against Antonio "El Tostado" Garcia (13-2, 6 KOs.) who had previously lost to Narvaez.

Tentative pairings are against Johnathan Vidal, (19-1) who also fought, but lost to Garcia, the boxer Lozano beat on Friday night. Whoever is his opponent will have to face Lozano on Oct. 3 in another fight at the A La Carte Pavilion in Tampa, also televised live on Boxeo Telemundo.

In an interview on Monday, Lozano was upbeat about his Friday night win. He described it as a tough fight but felt he had carried the first seven rounds. He landed a right hook in the third round but after a body shot at the beltline, Garcia went to his knees claiming a low blow. When he got up he hit Lozano with an overhead right which stunned him for a few seconds.

Recovering, Lozano continued the body work and jab and almost dropped Garcia in the fourth round. Wearing his opponent down with hard body shots, Lozano was looking to hit on his left hook, but Garcia kept him at bay.

So, Lozano went to the overhand right and dropped Garcia for the first time early in the eighth round. When he got up, he elected to go toe-to-toe

against Lozano, who then caught him with two right hooks, dropping him again and again before the referee stopped the bout at the 2:12 mark in round eight.

Another Hardee County boxer was also successful on Friday night. Toribio "Tori" Ramirez (2-1) bounced back from his March loss to Bryan Resto to take on Cesar Cisneros (4-6-2) in a four-round bout.

Ramirez recently began training at the St. Petersburg Gym under Dan Birmingham, two-time trainer of the year who led Keith "One Time" Thurman to the Interim WBO Welterweight championship.

The Wauhatchee boxer felt he used his boxing ability and skills to negate those of Cisneros, who usually boxes at lightweight (135 pounds) to take this 126-pound featherweight bout. Ramirez was not intimidated by the larger, stronger Cisneros that he had to counter most of the fight.

When it was over, it was apparent Ramirez had the faster hands and boxing ability to carry the fight. Judges gave him the 40-36, 39-27, 40-36 unanimous decision.

Ramirez also returns to the A La Carte Pavilion on Oct. 3 for another bout. His opponent has not yet been named.



COURTESY PHOTO  
The referee raises the hand of Bowling Green boxer Daniel "El Alacran" Lozano after his TKO win on Friday night. His father, and trainer, Daniel Lozano, to his right shares the victorious moment.

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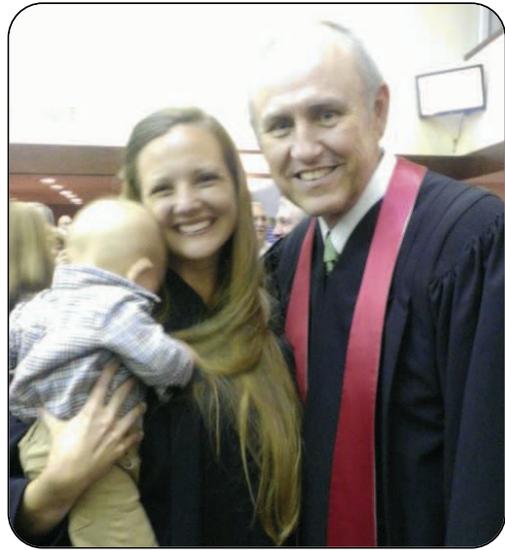
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This is a partial listing of the County Manager's Powers and Duties. There is hard evidence that our current County Manager is not held accountable to these statutory duties by the majority of the Board of County Commissioners.  
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# — Hardee Living —



**Pastor Danielle Upton with her childhood pastor, John Powers, and baby Ian.**

## RIFLEMAN!



**Rick Justice was the winner of the Project Graduation 2014 rifle raffle. He won this Bushmaster AR15 when his name was drawn at Benchcrest Shooters in Zolfo Springs. The drawing took place June 6, prior to Hardee Senior High School's graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 7. The raffle brought in more than \$3,000 to add to the money already raised throughout the 2013-14 school year. Using it, Project Graduation was able to treat the Senior Class to an evening at Wet'n Wild in Orlando, via chartered buses. Each senior also received a cash prize and a monogrammed beach towel for participating in Project Graduation 2014.**

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



**Two \$5,000 scholarships were given in the memory of Richard L. "Dick" Spader, former American Angus Association executive vice president, at the 2014 National Junior Angus Show Awards Ceremony on July 11 in Indianapolis, Ind. Pictured (from left) are Destiny McCauley of Bowling Green, recipient; Sheri Spader, presenting; and Evan Woodbury of Quenemo, Kansas, recipient. Since 1998, the Angus Foundation has awarded more than \$2.1 million in undergraduate and graduate scholarships to Angus youth.**

## Methodists Commission Upton As Provisional Elder

Danielle Upton, the pastor of five years at First United Methodist Church of Wauchula, has been commissioned as a provisional elder.

The commissioning ceremony took place on June 13 during the denomination's annual conference in Lakeland.

Upton was among a number of other individuals from throughout Florida being licensed, commissioned or ordained.

In order to achieve this step in the ordination process, Upton had to submit extensive paperwork and undergo a number of interviews both at the district and conference levels. "This was quite the task, however the experience truly allowed me to grow in my relationship with Christ and in my ability to better serve the church," she says.

During the service, the conference celebrated by sharing in a time of worship, hearing a spoken word, and recognizing each of the candidates. "One piece that was most impactful," Upton shared, "was being around my fellow colleagues as we worshipped together. 'It will be my joy to say, Your will Your way!'"

As we sang those words I was inspired like never before for the future of the United Methodist Church and the Kingdom of God."

Another important element of the service was the support Upton received from her family, mentors and church congregants.

She says she was humbled to celebrate this time with the support pastor, the Rev. Christy Holden; the district superintendent, the Rev. Rini Hernandez; and her childhood pastor, the Rev. John Powers. These mentors were influential in her success as she moved toward answering God's call on her life.

Upton offered special gratitude to the many individuals from First United Methodist Church of Wauchula who came to support her in Lakeland.

The Methodist Church has been encouraging to Upton throughout the process of ordination, and she says she couldn't be more grateful for her church family in Wauchula. "You all are a blessing in my life!" Upton declares.

## Clark Zelyk Earns Bachelor's Degree At SFSC

Clark Zelyk of Crewsville has been graduated from South Florida State College with the four-year degree of Bachelor of Applied Science/Supervision & Management.

Zelyk is a 2011 graduate of Hardee Senior High School. He is the son of Peter Zelyk Jr.

During his college career at SFSC, he was an active member of Phi Beta Lambda and also competed in the Brain Bowl.

He plans to attend the University of Northwestern Ohio beginning this August, where he will major in high-performance auto mechanics.

Zelyk hopes to own an automotive customization shop in the future.



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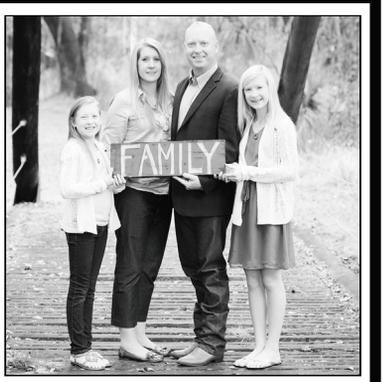
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# Sailfish: State's Saltwater Icon

Sailfish hold a special place in many hearts.

Whether a Florida resident or visitor has admired a replica of the beautiful fish while waiting for a fresh-caught meal at a local restaurant or felt his blood pump as one leapt into the air on the other end of a fishing line, the fish known for its tall "sail-like" dorsal fin is a Florida icon.

Though you can find the highly migratory species in warm offshore waters around the globe, sailfish are so abundant off the coast of Florida and so popular with people, it was made the state's official saltwater fish in 1975.

Between its aesthetic beauty and its penchant for fighting, sailfish are a recreational favorite.

Like bonefish or tarpon, two of Florida's other iconic fishes, the sailfish has a higher value as a recreational catch-and-release species than it does as a commercial food fish. The meat is tough and is rarely eaten unless smoked.

I sat down with co-worker Justin Lerner, a biologist and sailfish fan, to find out a little more about the appeal of fishing for sailfish.

"It's very exciting fishing, es-

pecially when using a kite," Lerner said, describing a fishing method where an actual kite is used to dangle bait at the top of the water, enticing the sailfish to take the bait right before your eyes. "It is a very fast, very acrobatic fish with a lot of energy."

Lerner caught his first sailfish in 2000 on an offshore charter trip and was instantly hooked! (My apologies for the pun.)

While they are typically caught in water 80- to 240-feet deep, sailfish, unlike other billfish, can be found in fairly shallow water and, though not common, have even been caught off piers in South Florida and in the northern Gulf of Mexico near Panama City.

Look for color changes in the water, Lerner said, and fish along them. When the water goes from an inshore green to a deep blue, you are in the right spot.

Sailfish can be caught in every region of Florida, but they are more abundant in South Florida in the colder months,

from October through March. "Cold fronts drive bait south, and fish run an interception," Lerner said.

In areas of North Florida and the Panhandle, such as Panama City, they are more abundant during the summer and fall months.

There is a recreational bag limit of one billfish per person. Billfish includes blue marlin, white marlin, roundscale spearfish and sailfish. This means you can catch and keep one only billfish species per person, per day. There is no daily bag limit in federal waters for sailfish.

While technique varies, one of the most popular ways to catch them is by kite fishing with live bait, usually goggle eyes or blue runners. Other popular techniques are slow trolling with live ballyhoo, or trolling with hookless bait and teasers and casting to fish as they appear in the trolling spread. Other popular live baits are threadfin herring and pilchards.

Hooked a sailfish? Once you get your fish to the

boat, use caution. The long and pointed bill can be dangerous when attempting to unhook the fish. Lerner suggests holding the fish in the water by the bill while unhooking. Another option is cutting the line as close to the fish as possible.

When release is your intention, leave the fish in the water at all times. Removing large fish from the water can cause internal damage to the fish and decrease its chances of survival. In all federal waters off Florida, a sailfish must remain in the water if you intend to release it.

While the species fights hard, it can tire and may need to be revived if you plan on releasing the fish. Use the appropriate tackle to shorten the amount of time it takes to bring your catch to your vessel. You can revive a sailfish by pointing its head into the current or pulling the fish through the current while the boat is moving slowly. This pushes water over the gills.

While most sailfish are caught and then released, if you plan on keeping yours, the sailfish caught in state or federal waters must be larger than 63 inches when measured from the end of the lower jaw to where the tail splits, also known as the fork.

All sailfish and other billfish caught in state and federal waters that are taken to shore or landed must be reported to NOAA Fisheries within 24 hours by calling (800) 894-5528 or visiting the HMS permits website at [HMSPermits.noaa.gov](http://HMSPermits.noaa.gov) and selecting "Landing Reports." Learn more about billfish, including sailfish, by visiting [MyFWC.com/Fishing](http://MyFWC.com/Fishing) and clicking on "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations" and "Highly Migratory Species." This column hopes to help recreational anglers understand complex saltwater regulations and learn more about saltwater fishing opportunities. Alan Peirce is available to answer questions by phone or e-mail anytime. Contact the Fish & Wildlife Commission's Regulatory Outreach subsection at (850) 487-0554 or e-mail [Alan.Peirce@MyFWC.com](mailto:Alan.Peirce@MyFWC.com).



**Gone Coastal**  
By Alan Peirce  
Fish & Wildlife Commission

# Carlton Re-Elected As State Fair Chairman

The Florida State Fair Authority has announced its election of officers for the 2014-15 Board of Directors.

The new slate of officers includes Linda Syfrett of Okeechobee, re-elected as treasurer; John T. "Jack" Vogel of San Antonio, elected secretary; and Robert M. Thomas of Thonotosassa, re-elected as vice chairman.

Doyle E. Carlton III of Wauchula was re-elected as chairman of the board.

Elections for officers are held annually, and the Fair Authority's 19 board members serve a four-year term.

"I am very honored to have been re-elected and to be able to return as chair," says Carlton. "The Fair Authority has many great things in store this year."

Newly appointed to the board this year is youth member Victoria Harris of Plant City. Victoria is state secretary for the Florida Future Farmers of America, and will hold a non-voting position.

As the state fairground's governing body, the Florida State Fair Authority operates under the direction of the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services and the Board of Directors.

It is committed to agriculture, education and community service with a focus on new opportunities. It operates strictly from revenues generated from the annual State Fair and other events throughout the year; it does not receive any public monies or annual tax appropriations.



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The high-energy sailfish is a recreational fisherman's favorite. It was named the state's official saltwater fish in 1975.

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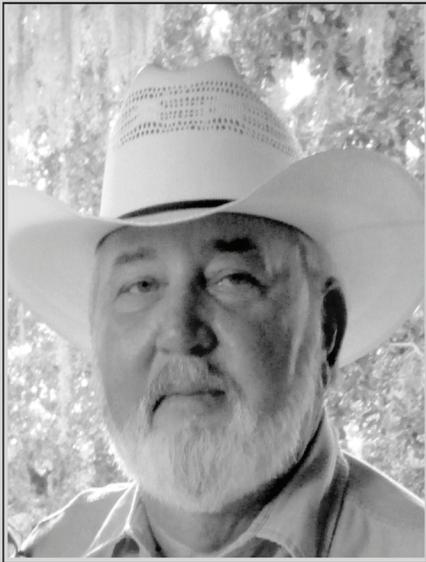
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# AGAPE, Cutting Edge Ministries Give Free Food To 287 Families



PHOTOS BY JIM KELLY

The AGAPE Food Bank of Catholic Charities of Central Florida, part of Florida Association of Food Banks and Feeding America, partnered with Cutting Edge Ministries to give food out to 287 families on Wednesday, July 23 in Zolfo Springs. There were 41 volunteers from various groups, organizations and churches who helped with this Mobile Pantry effort.

The food products given out included ham, turkey, roast beef

and assorted luncheon meats, as well as potatoes, green leafy veggies, cantaloupe, avocados, small salad bowls, fruit cups or sliced watermelon, various snacks, crackers, breads, rolls, and desserts.

Bishop Wendell G. Smith, pastor of Faith Temple Church of God, is the director of Cutting Edge Ministries, which gives out food every Tuesday and Friday from 10 to 3 at 3059 Elm Street in Zolfo Springs.



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# Way Back When

This week in history, as researched from the archival pages of **The Florida Ad-vo-cate**, the **Hardee County Her-ald** and **The Herald-Ad-vo-cate** ...

## 75 YEARS AGO

The transportation committee of the Florida Citrus Commission has under study at this time a proposed resolution which would designate the Growers & Shippers League of Florida as an agent of the commission in handling any transportation rate matters which may arise in the future. This committee, headed by Harry D. Ulmer, is expected to make its report to the commission in the near future.

Appointment by Secretary Wallace of three farmers to assist in carrying out the tenant purchase program of the Farm Security Administration in Hardee county was announced today by Ross V. Swartzel, county FSA supervisor.

With a full schedule of games played during the week, the city diamond ball race remained close and exciting with Steffens Grocery holding the lead by a slight margin. During the week the standing may be shifted all the way from top to bottom according to which teams win. The Lions, leaders during the first half, find themselves at present at the bottom of the list in league standing.

## 50 YEARS AGO

The mammoth being excavated on Hickey Branch probably roamed this section of Florida from 10,000 to 50,000 years ago.

Victor Irby, temporary chairman of the Hardee County Park Committee, announced that several freight-car loads of gravel had arrived Wednesday for use in constructing a parking lot at the county park on Peace River.

Fourteen German students and their American hosts will visit Wauchula Wednesday, Aug. 12, for a firsthand look at orange groves and a citrus processing plant.

## 25 YEARS AGO

Health officials here issued a Hepatitis A alert Monday after seven cases of the disease were reported in July. Hepatitis A is a highly contagious disease. So far, the Health Department has been unable to pinpoint the origin of the illness.

The state Department of Environmental Regulation has filed a lawsuit against Bowling Green Enterprises Inc. charging that effluent from its tomato canning plant is polluting the Peace River.

A civil action seeking a restraining order prohibiting the Wauchula City Council from voting to abolish its Police Department has been filed in Hardee Circuit Court. The lawsuit was brought by plaintiffs Donald Bissette and Floyd Albritton and names each of the council's seven members as defendants.

The Hardee County Commission, under pressure from the state Legislature, attempted without warning to slash expenditures for 1990 by eliminating Advanced Life Support services from the Fire-Rescue budget.

## 10 YEARS AGO

A small spill at a local chemical distribution company was quickly and quietly handled. Hardee County Fire-Rescue crew and Emergency Management Director Bill Muhlfeld responded to the call shortly after 8:30 a.m. last Thursday, Aug. 5.

Batten down the hatches, Charley is heading here. Tropical Storm Alex turned into a hurricane and brushed the North Carolina coast. Tropical Storm Bonnie is currently churning in the Gulf Of Mexico and heading for landfall on the Florida Panhandle this afternoon (Thursday).

A proposed ordinance would prohibit people from panhandling here. The Wauchula City Council unanimously endorsed first reading Monday night on an ordinance to restrict aggressive panhandling within the city limits.

# Fort Green News

By Rilla Cooper  
773-6710

Greetings from Fort Green! It is unbelievable that the summer is over and school is starting, which means Christmas is just around the corner. When I worked at PCA, George Kelly said the older we get the faster time passes because we are nearer to the end of life on this earth! He has the degree that lets him know things like this! I am proud to get older.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Louise Newman as she made her final journey last week. She was blessed with I know of at least three sons. They used to live in our area. Years ago one night, a couple of her sons visited with us and I don't know how the conversation got on snakes but they said cottonmouths were more dangerous than rattlers because they would come after you. Mr. Schultz was considered the snake man in Fort Green but the Newman boys sure did know a lot about them.

Several years ago I was visiting in Tennessee and every day at 4 o'clock a terrible noise would take place in the yard. They said it was some type of cricket. Well, the other day we had the noise in our yard. You can't see anything that is making it but it is annoying.

Tom and Sharon Lynn were at church last Sunday morning and he got to feeling bad. They rode with John and Essie Deer, and John told them just to take his car and go on home. He would get a ride. Tom is anticipating several different procedures this month. We surely hope they turn out OK but he sure needs prayer.

If you have missed Tina Owens when you were at the north Winn-Dixie, it is because she fell and hurt her shoulder. She is an amazing person and worked at Winn-Dixie, I believe, 50 years and is still going strong!

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Waters family in the untimely death of T.J. T.J. is the son of Travis, who is the son of Donnie Waters. He was only 17 and was killed in a car wreck.

It was great to see Jane

Kennedy back at church but she has lost weight. I saw Jackie See the other day and he was very thin. He said he had been sick and had lost 30 pounds, but was well and feeling better. That is the wrong way to lose weight.

Sherman is anticipating surgery this week. Earl Bergeron was going to have cataract surgery also this week.

We have decided to just let the coons have our grapes. I believe the only way you could eliminate them would be if you had a good yard dog. All the "things" we tried have not worked. The squirrels are eating the avocados before they ripen and we had to pick the mangoes while they were green to get any of them. The only thing I can say is we have some well-fed wild animals!

Mike Braxton had a nice watermelon patch, and he said it was the first one he didn't have any problem with the coons. He attributed the success to Grayson Braddock's two hounds.

Our Back-to-School Bash was a success. I believe we gave out over 100 backpacks filled with school supplies. We had a nice lunch of corn dogs, cookies, chips and canned drinks.

One of the cookies was called "Ding-Dong." They were good, and I had never heard of them. Tara McGaughey said they had been around a long time as her mama used to put them in their school lunches. Believe it or not, Walmart had them. I had to go to town after the "bash" and made it a point to get a box. I haven't read the label, but they probably aren't good for you.

Avie and Allen Eures and Kaylee Hogenauer have returned home after a couple of weeks at Anna Maria Beach. There are about five families that go and stay in the same resort. Avie said they and the Rosenberg family had been doing this over 20 years!

Pray for one another and our nation.

# Celebrity Extra



By Cindy Elavsky

**Q: The last time I saw the gorgeous and talented Katherine LaNasa was in the NBC nighttime drama "Deception." I just loved her character of Adriana. Can you tell me when/where I can see her again?**

—Jennifer G., via email

A: The lovely lady LaNasa currently is co-starring in the new USA drama "Satisfaction," which also stars Matt Passmore and Stephanie Szostak, and airs Thursdays at 10/9c. Katherine plays Adriana, the hard-edged, high-end madam who lures unhappy husband and father Neil Truman (Matt Passmore) into becoming one of her male escorts. While some had their doubts as to her taking on this role, she knew it was one she could hone and make her own.



She recently told me: "It was definitely really outside the box, so I liked that about it. I knew how the part read, but I had this feeling that I could really do something different with it. It's always nice when you take it in a different direction, and they say, 'Yes!' When (writer/executive producer) Sean (Jablonski) saw my take, he told me he just knew that I was the person."

"The same thing happened with Sophia (Bowers, "Deception"). It's fun in these serial soaps to have a character like Adriana or Sophia, but I think that the writers want there to be something not pushy about them.

I seem to be able to manipulate most of these characters in that way. I always feel like I take a nod from the Barbara Stanwycks of the world. I felt like those

ladies really knew how to do it. They were complicated, strong and dark characters in the forefront, and it was a lot of fun. I've been lucky to get to play those types of characters in these past few series."

**Q: Can you tell me what Naomi Watts has coming up? She is always such a joy to watch.**

—Nathan H., Fresno, Calif.

A: The versatile and award-winning actress recently started work in a prominent role in "Insurgent" and "Allegiant," movies two and three of the "Divergent" trilogy. Naomi plays Evelyn, mother of Four and leader of an insurgent rebel group, the Factionless. She'll also give viewers more of a glimpse into the background of her son, Four (played by Theo James), the restrained and self-contained Dauntless leader. Shooting began this summer in Atlanta, and is scheduled for a March 20, 2015 premiere date.

**Q: Is "Boardwalk Empire" returning for another season?**

—Gord, Mission, British Columbia

A: The Emmy Award-winning HBO drama will return for its fifth and final season on Sept. 7. This eight-episode season takes place during the depths of the Depression in 1931, wherein Enoch "Nucky" Thompson (played by Steve Buscemi) recalls his Atlantic City roots and plots a post-Prohibition future. Says series creator Terence Winter: "We look forward to bringing it to a powerful and exciting conclusion."

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## Sports Update

By Joan Seaman

WOW! There's a lot of news this time. First is that Bowling Green pro boxer Daniel Lozano is the new World Boxing Organization Interim Latino Super Flyweight champion. The WBO set up a new format a couple of years ago, naming an Interim champion in each weight division. Daniel is in the flyweight or 115-pound division. The current Super Flyweight World Champion is Argentina's Omar Andres Narvaez, age 38. If for any reason, illness, injury, retirement, Narvaez cannot compete, Daniel would automatically become the world champion. Daniel, a 24-year-old who has been boxing nearly his entire life in amateur and professional levels, would like to go up against Narvaez, but will have a couple of tune-up fights before then. His next bout is Oct. 3, again at the A La Carte Pavilion in Tampa, and again on Boxeo Telemundo.

Another Hardee pro, Afghanistan veteran Toribio "Tori" Ramirez, also won on Friday night fights in Tampa, taking a unanimous four-round decision against an experienced boxer with four times as many fights under his belt. Look for some good things from Ramirez, who also fights again on Oct. 3.

It may seem like it's still summer vacation to some students, but not to athletes, who have hit the fields, courts and gym in practices leading up to the fall sports seasons.

Take a gander at the new repainted Hardee Wildcat Stadium. It looks great, even as they are putting on the finishing touches. The Luther Colbert Press Box is also being redone.

Hardee has the opportunity to add even more district championships this year. Last year, there was a half dozen, in football, cross country and girls golf in the fall, and track and field, girls softball and boys baseball in the spring.

Here's hoping for a few more this year. We need to get the basketball boys and girls in on the riches too.

Football is just barely the first fall sport, with the varsity Wildcats

taking on the Auburndale Bloodhounds in Auburndale for the Fall Classic on Aug. 22. Girls volleyball and the swimming and diving teams both get going on Monday, Aug. 25, and the JV football boys go to Mulberry on Aug. 28.

We've just gotten the Hardee Junior High fall schedules. The football boys start on Sept. 6 by going to Hill-Gustat Middle School in Sebring to play against the Golden Eagles in the search for an unprecedented seventh Heartland Conference Championship.

The softball girls also begin at Hill-Gustat, on Sept. 18, and they are in search of their second Heartland Conference Championship. Athletic Director/Coach Mark Carlton is providing good leadership at the Junior High. It's great to see him healthy again.

Hardee Youth Football players and cheerleaders began practices last week. The first weekend of games are on the road, but the first Saturday home games are at Wildcat Den, the new stadium on the Hardee Junior High campus.

There's a difference in the football categories this year, with more emphasis on kids playing at similar weight levels. So, divisions overlap. After the 5 to 7 Tiny Mites, there are the 7-9 Mighty Mites, with the more mature, heavier sevens moving up from Tiny Mites. Similarly, the junior PeeWees are for 8, 9, 10 and smaller or lighter 11-year-olds. PeeWees are for 9-10, 11 and older/lighter 12-year-olds.

Pop Warner, the league Hardee plays in, has replaced Junior Midgets and Midgets with a unlimited category for players 11 to 14, who are 100 pounds and up.

The new system allows the lighter/smaller youth to play down a level and the heavier/taller boys to move up a level from the Tiny Mites on up.

For any questions, contact Hardee Youth League president Donna Parks at 245-1579.

Information from school and community athletic events is always welcome. Please call me at 773-3255 or e-mail me at sports@theheraldadvocate.com with news for this biweekly column.

Please note that the deadlines for weekday or upcoming events is 5 p.m. Thursdays. For events which happen after that time, the sports news is due by noon Mondays in order to have any chance of getting in that week's paper, and is always on a space available basis.

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Mark in the Old or New Testament or neither?
  2. What words did Jesus use three times in resisting the temptations of Satan? My father above, God is love, It is written, Thou must repent
  3. In 2 Peter 1, what were holy men moved by in regard to prophecy? Kindred spirit, Holy Ghost, Sins, Love of God
  4. From Judges 6, what judge threshed wheat by the winepress? Gideon, Joash, Neco, Hosea
  5. Whom was Saul's daughter that married David? Jephthah, Oholah, Rahab, Michal
  6. Shechem the son of ...? James, Hamor, Jacob, Onan
- ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) It is written; 3) Holy Ghost; 4) Gideon; 5) Michal; 6) Hamor  
 Comments? More Trivia? Visit [www.TriviaGuy.com](http://www.TriviaGuy.com)  
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## On The Agenda

### HARDEE COUNTY COMMISSION

The Hardee County Commission will hold its regular meeting today (Thursday), beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Room 102, Courthouse Annex I, 412 W. Orange St., Wauchula. The meeting can be followed on computer by going to [www.hardeedeclerk.com](http://www.hardeedeclerk.com) and following the link just above the picture of the courthouse. It, and past meetings can also be seen at that link anytime. Each contains an information packet for the items discussed during the meeting. The following is a synopsis of agenda topics that may be of public interest. Times are approximate except for advertised public hearings.

- Zoning, 8:35 a.m., The only item is draft amendments to parts of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan being redone to correct typographical errors and make them consistent with new state statutes.
- Engineering agreement for Wauchula Hills Phase 3 Water/Wastewater project, 9 a.m.
- Approval of one-time \$60,000 housing award for a home replacement, :15 a.m.
- Presentation of U.S. Fair Housing Equal Opportunity requirements, 9:30 a.m.
- Budget transfer for corrective action plan for Little Charlie Creek, 10 a.m.
- Addendum on West Main Street paving project, 10:15 a.m.
- Adopt-A-Road litter control program resolution, 10:30 a.m.
- Resolution approval reclamation at Sweetwater Borrow Pit, 10:45 a.m.
- Resolution accepting reclamation for South and North Pasture mines, 11 a.m.

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# Anglers: Register To Win Bass Boat & Motor

In preparation for Season Three of "TrophyCatch," the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission has launched a new and highly improved website for gathering data on this state's famed trophy largemouth bass and to reward anglers for releasing them alive.

TrophyCatch is an incentive-based conservation program designed for anglers who catch-and-release largemouth bass heavier than eight pounds. There are three different tiers and two bonus categories offering the opportunity to win prizes:

- The Lunker Club (8-9.9 pounds) — \$100 in gift cards, T-shirt, certificate and decal.
- The Trophy Club (10-12.9 pounds) — \$150 in gift cards, T-shirt, certificate and decal.
- The Hall of Fame Club (greater than 13 pounds) — \$500 fiberglass mount, \$200 in gift cards, duffel bag, hoodie and other apparel, Glen Lau DVD, certificate and decal.
- The Biggest Bass of the season wins a \$3,000 championship ring from the American Outdoors Fund and, if it happens to come from a major water body in Osceola County, Experience Kissimmee chips in \$10,000 in cash. The current leader is J. Morrell, with a 14-pound, nine-ounce bass caught and released on Lake Kingsley last March.
- One lucky registered angler will win a \$40,000 Phoenix bass boat, powered by Mercury Marine and equipped with a Power-Pole. Besides getting a chance at the boat just for registering, every verified catch pro-

vides 10 extra chances for the drawing, which is conducted at the end of the season. Trophy-Catch seasons run from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30 each year.

"Anglers should carefully follow catch-and-release guidelines for these big bass and document the catch through a photograph of the entire bass on a scale with the weight clearly legible," said Tom Champeau, director of the Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management.

The new TrophyCatchFlorida.com website makes it easy to register and review the rules and prize details. Anglers should remember to take a camera and scale, and perhaps a tape measure to document the catch quickly and safely before releasing it.

People then simply upload catch photos (up to five) or even an MP4 video clip up to 50 MB in size, complete a simple form and submit.

Since this is a citizen-science program, properly verified data helps FWC biologists enhance, conserve and promote trophy bass fishing. This will ultimately benefit anglers, fishing-related businesses and local communities. Corporate partners, including Bass Pro Shops, Dick's Sporting Goods, Rapala and Bass King Clothing, provide the rewards, in return for carefully documenting these catches and live-releasing them in the same water system where they were caught.

This program provides ex-

remely valuable data and encourages live-release of these older, female bass, so they can continue to challenge other anglers and spawn in their home waters.

The program began in October 2012 and continues to expand, going from a total of 1,941 registrants and 185 verified winners in Season One to 7,903 registrants and 798 winners through the first three-quarters of Season Two. Similar growth is anticipated for Season Three.

K.P. Clements, the Trophy-Catch director, also encourages anglers to subscribe to TrophyCatchFlorida on YouTube.com and to "like" it on Facebook to keep up with developments.

The new website integrates these social media resources so that anglers can brag about their catches with their social networks.

The FWC encourages all anglers to check out the site, register to be automatically entered in the boat drawing and be prepared to catch-and-release largemouth bass.

One never knows when or where a trophy bass will appear, but checking the gallery and catch records at TrophyCatchFlorida.com may enhance opportunities. From Okeechobee through the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes to Lake Talquin, trophies are being caught year-round. But small local lakes and even golf-course ponds harbor those lunkers, too. Good fishing!



**Fish Busters**  
By Bob Wattendorf  
Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission

## Pages From The Past

### From The Herald-Advocate Of Thursday, Aug. 7, 1975

#### Front-Page Headlines:

- Parents Deliver Son At Home In Surprise Arrival
- County Tax Roll Up 6.5 Percent
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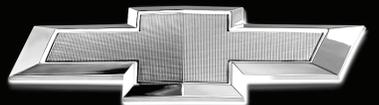
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## Fish Busters

By Bob Wattendorf

Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission

### FISH ATTRACTORS

Have you ever been fishing and wished there was a sign saying right where the fish are? Well, fish attractors and the buoys that mark them are intended to do just that.

We all know that sportfish like structure, meaning something different than just a plain sand or mud bottom area, around which to hang out. We also know that tiny plants (phytoplankton) are the food for many bugs that little fish like to eat, and big fish eat little fish.

When biologists plan a fish attractor, they take advantage of those two facts, but a lot more goes into the decision. Research shows attractors may not produce more fish, but they do effectively congregate fish. So fish are more accessible to anglers, especially when there is a lack of natural structure or there is a need to bring fish to a specific location. Translation: a better opportunity to catch fish, from small bream to trophy bass.

For example, in community ponds or small fish management areas that are popular with children and families, it is often desirable to place an attractor near shore or a fishing pier to give young anglers and others without access to a boat somewhere to aim their cast. In other instances, productive lakes may have large areas of open water, and a properly deployed and marked attractor can help provide a new "honey hole" for recreational fishermen.

Before we detail how attractors are constructed, where to find them and how to fish them, let us share a legal disclaimer or two. The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission has a permit from the Department of Environmental Regulation to place attractors in state waters. It is illegal for anyone to place materials in public waterways without such a permit and, moreover, in many instances it can constitute littering and result in severe penalties. Finally, unmarked attractors without a minimum clearance of three feet can become a navigation hazard.

Most FWC-constructed freshwater fish attractors are built from hardwood trees and branches. A suitable location is identified that will benefit anglers, and a brushpile is submerged using cinder blocks. Care is taken to keep the tops of the material at least three feet below the surface, and a marker buoy is deployed. Hardwood attractors are effective because the natural substrate quickly attracts algae and stimulates the food chain. In addition, passages between the branches provide hiding places for small fish to avoid predators. Ironically, branches also provide concealment points for ambush predators like bass.

Other attractors are made of plastic or concrete materials. Those are normally located away from boat paths. Their advantage is they are longer lasting than hardwood and need to be refurbished less frequently. Other attractors are actually bedding sites. These use oyster shell or gravel to create a desirable area for bass, bream and crappie to spawn over when the surrounding bottom is mucky. They can be very productive for anglers, especially in spring.

The net effect is a community of fish hanging out where anglers can find them.

To fish effectively around a fish attractor, there are several considerations. First, use weedless lures or natural baits with strong braided line. Second, when fishing from a boat, do not anchor too close; stay 50 feet or so away and cast toward the buoy. Remember there are branches or other material under the surface, anchoring in amongst them can pull the attractors apart, ruining their effectiveness or fouling your prop.

Most freshwater sport fishes in Florida will use attractors. The FWC's Big Catch program includes 33 different species for which anglers can be recognized. Simply take a photo of the fish and submit it. If the fish is longer than the Big Catch minimum length or weight (see MyFWC.com/BigCatch for details), you will receive a customized certificate and have your picture posted on the Web. There are special sizes for youths under 16 to encourage their participation.

However, the big rewards go to Trophy Catch anglers who catch, document and release bass over eight pounds. Beginning Oct. 1, you just need to submit a photo of your eight-pound plus bass on a scale showing the entire fish and its weight to TrophyCatchFlorida.com. An additional photo showing the length of the fish on a measuring tape will help with verification, if the first photo isn't clear. You can choose to submit other photos such as you holding the fish, the bass' girth and release.

In return, you'll receive rewards starting with a \$50 Bass Pro Shops gift card and Bass King T-shirt, to go along with your customized certificate and window decal. Registering on the website makes you eligible for a Phoenix Bass Boat drawing. Like us at Facebook.com/TrophyCatchFlorida to get the latest updates.

Find the location of FWC fish attractors online at MyFWC.com/Fishing (select freshwater, sites and forecasts and then fish attractors). A new map (bit.ly/Attractors) makes it easier for anglers to find attractors and check out the video at bit.ly/YT-attractor.

# Collecting

**Q: I have a Liberty Bell cookie jar that is marked with the dates 1776-1976, so I assume it was made to commemorate our country's bicentennial. Is this something worth keeping or passing along to my great-grandchildren?**



By Larry Cox

—Ruth, Barre, Vt.  
A: I think you are probably correct that your cookie jar was manufactured to observe the 200th anniversary of the United States. Although there are a few collectors of bicentennial items, it will take a little more time before many of the items are all that much in demand. I have spotted plates, cups, posters and, yes, cookie jars at antiques malls and in shops, but prices do not seem to be increasing all that much. My advice is to keep your cookie jar, since it will probably be more valuable in the future. How much, I can't begin to guess.

**Q: I have a three-speed Capitol phonograph that my mother purchased for me 60 years ago when I was a teenager. Capitol only made a few, and mine still is in working order and in excellent condition. How much is it worth?**

—Aileen, Howell, Mich.  
A: I spoke to several collectors, and they seem to agree that your phonograph would sell in the \$75-\$150 range. In your letter you also listed several other

items, including dishes and guitars. Let me state again that in this column I do not make appraisals and take only one question at a time.

**Q: I have an original edition of the Stars & Stripes newspaper announcing the end of**

**World War II. I would like to know what it is worth.**

—Estelle, Sun City, Ariz.  
A: Timothy Hughes is one of the leading newspaper dealers in this country and has bought, sold and appraised vintage publications for more than 30 years. His contact information is P.O. Box 3636, Williamsport, PA 17701; info@rarenewspapers.com; and 570-326-1045. Check out his website at www.rarenewspapers.com.

**Q: I have an Elks Jim Beam decanter from 1968. What do you think it is worth?**

—Charlie, Hobbs, N.M.  
A: I found the decanter on eBay. It sold at auction for \$12, which is probably close to what it is actually worth. Write to Larry Cox in care of KFWS, 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 cannot personally answer all reader questions, nor do appraisals. Do not send any materials requiring return mail.

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"Dogwood trees will add color and beauty to your yard

throughout the year, with their showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage and red berries that attract songbirds in the winter," said Matt Harris chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

New members of the Arbor Day Foundation also receive "The Tree Book," which includes information about tree planting and care, and a subscription to "Arbor Day," the foundation's bi-monthly publication.

To receive the free white flowering dogwood trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to: Ten Free Dogwoods, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Aug. 31 or join online at arbor-day.org/august.



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White blossoms make this dogwood a stunning addition to this yard.

## SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

### NIACIN'S DARK SIDE

When do we seniors finally reach old age? The answer depends on who we ask, and when.

Back in 2009, Pew Research did a survey, and the average answer was at 68 years old ... unless the person being asked was under 30. Then "old age" struck before age 60, said the youngsters. Those who were already age 65 said old age didn't arrive until age 74. The result was even disputed by sex; when all ages were averaged, women said age 70, and men said age 66.

The top four answers to the question about becoming old netted conflicting mile markers: 1) Turns 85; 2) can't live independently; 3) can't drive; 4) turns 75.

Here's a smile: A U.K. study done four years ago pegs the end of youth at 35 and the beginning of old age at 58. In Portugal, it was age 29 when youth ended. (Did you feel middle aged at 30?)

Fast-forward to now: Similar research shows that those over

40 think "old age" starts at age 80. My, how things have changed. Seems that retirement doesn't automatically put us in the old age category, at least for those who are decades younger than we are.

Perhaps it's how we're living now that makes a difference in perceptions of age. Our parents might have sat back after retirement at age 65, taken on at-home hobbies, napped in the afternoon and called it good. We're out there in the world traveling, being active, working out, texting the grandkids, learning musical instruments, acting in local theater, volunteering, joining clubs — and often still working. At this point, 36 percent of us don't think we'll retire at age 65 — maybe because we can't?

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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To ripen, put them in a brown paper bag, placing them shoulder (stem) side up, and store at cool room temperature for a day or two. Don't put tomatoes in the fridge — and don't stand them

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# Paw's Corner

By Sam Mazzotta

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** My beautiful big mutt, "Archie," is a rescue dog who is very anxious around men. I'm not sure why, or what's in his past to cause this. But when company comes over, he whines constantly or runs behind me to bark if a man approaches. How can I ease his anxiety?

—Linda in San Jose, Calif.  
**DEAR LINDA:** It's clear that Archie has some trauma in his past, and he may never be completely free of his anxiety. What you'll need to do is be patient and encouraging. There isn't a tried and true method to "cure" him of this, but you can ease his fears.

First, talk with his vet about ways to reduce Archie's overall anxiety. He may suggest medication, either for a specific period of time or permanently, to help. You also can try alternative medicine like Bach's Rescue Remedy, which many owners swear by and which can be added to Archie's water bowl once a day.

Next, don't overwhelm him when company comes over. Place Archie in a back room or the kitchen, or train him to stay in place when the doorbell rings. Once everyone has settled, bring Archie in to meet each guest. If he becomes stressed or won't approach certain people, don't worry and don't be embarrassed. Just take him back to his safe room or kennel cage, give him lots of praise and maybe a treat, and leave it at that.

Make sure kids (and some adults!) don't chase after Archie or insist that they get to pet him. Let Archie approach new people on his own.

As he becomes more confident and secure, he may be much friendlier to visitors that he's familiar with, such as close friends ... maybe. There are no certainties when it comes to dogs that suffered past abuse. Give him consideration and time.

Send your questions or comments to ask@pawscorner.com.  
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## Wauchula News

By Jan Wilkins

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Another month, and already the first week has become history!

As administrators, teachers and students prepare for the opening of the 2014-15 school year, all the vacations, family reunions, beach trips and the like are coming to an end.

Meanwhile, last week the Hardee Senior High School Blue Star Brigade spent the greater part of each day in the summer heat preparing for the upcoming football and competition seasons. Several pauses for water and lunch were the only breaks these talented and dedicated students took while enduring the 90-plus temperatures.

I spent last Thursday visiting my son, Joseph I, in Fort Green to see what has been accomplished on the remodeling he is doing to his property. His citrus had become infested with Greening, so he removed all of his trees and has turned it into a small pasture for cattle (two steers, a calf and a heifer) and two newly acquired pygmy goats.

Over the past few months, it seems like there is a menagerie developing, but he enjoys spending time with the animals and also going to the Arcadia animal auctions. While all of this is being done, Joseph is also redoing the interior of his home. Bit by bit it is coming together.

Up in Bowling Green, my youngest son, James I, and his wife, Gretchen, are also in the process of a remodel to an older home that they plan to use for retirement in the years ahead. I went there on Thursday to spend some time with them, too, and was surprised at how nice the house and surrounding property is beginning to look. Like his brother, the task is being done step-by-step, little-by-little, but with a feeling of pride with each new accomplishment.

As a member of New Hope Baptist Church, I am blessed to participate in the Bible study time of the Sunshine Sunday School class. This group of 14 active ladies and our three outreach ladies has been a real blessing to me over the past two years. Charlene Nubern, the

widow of the former church pastor, leads us in our study time and lovingly cares for each of our small flock.

Sunday was a special day for the church, but especially so for Jonathan and Kim Benbow. They dedicated themselves and their young daughter, Kathryn, who was born on March 4, to be raised in a manner following biblical principles, with the church family in covenant with them.

Birthday greetings are being sent out to Susan Mannery and Tommy Benbow this week.

Happy birthday to each of you.

David and Dorothy Suttles, as you celebrate your anniversary may God continue to bless you in all things, and may you enjoy many more years together.

Jennifer Redden stopped by for a visit Sunday evening. It was good to spend some time with her, as we had not seen each other for several months. She is currently working at the new resort, StreamSong, which is just north of us in Polk County. Prior to this she was in management at our local McDonald's restaurant.

As I begin to close for this time, please remember those who are not as blessed as you, with things like good health, food, clothing, housing and jobs. Also, as we draw closer to out election time, we need to remember those who are running for office and that we will choose the person best fitted for each position. So many needs, so many hurts, but let us not forget all of the blessings that the Lord gives us daily.

**- Held Out From Last Week -**

I missed writing my column last week, but am going to try to play catchup for last week and this week. I hope you missed my writing as much as I missed

doing it for you.

Let's get started, shall we?

Tuesday, July 22, was Lane Abbott's birthday, and from all the good things I have been told it was really a nice day for him. Happy late birthday, young man!

Friday, July 25, was a special day for my grandson, Gregorio Perez-Taylor. He spent the weekend in Arcadia with family and friends as he celebrated his 21st birthday. Happy late birthday to you, too, Greg!

For several years I have been trying to keep up with the whereabouts of a young man who always seems to have his act together, and to know where he is headed in life. That is my young friend, Dalton Sconyers.

He attended the College of Agriculture at Auburn University in Alabama, and recently earned his Bachelor's Degree in horticulture. He minored in agricultural business, with his main concentration in the area of greenhouse production. Since graduation Dalton has been living and working in Smyrna, Ga., as an account manager for a local landscaping firm.

Dalton is the son of Dwayne and Joy Brummett and Jerry and Loraine Sconyers. His maternal grandmother is Karen Chapman and his paternal grandparents are Gerald and Rita Brummett. All reside locally.

His parents say if you want to drop a line or two Dalton's way, his address is: Dalton Sconyers, 3159 Nursery Road S.E., Smyrna, GA 30082.

Lavoyd and Vickie Hall recently celebrated their 34th anniversary. Also celebrating an anniversary were Maurice and Betty Henderson. May God bless you richly now and always.

Pat and Shug Shackelford both celebrated birthdays. Also celebrating the beginning of another year are Rowland Shackelford, Faith Hodges, Michele Redoble, Will Abbott and Dee Dee Albritton.

On Wednesday, July 23, I was privileged to be a volunteer with Faith Temple Church of God's

Cutting Edge Ministries as they joined with the Agape Food Ministries of Lakeland to see to it that area families in need of food supplies were fed. Two hundred fifty-seven families were given food that was much needed.

Toward the end of the giveaway, it looked as if there would not be enough to feed as many as were still in line, but just as Jesus fed the 5,000 with five fishes and two loaves of bread, everyone was able to have enough to care for their families and perhaps to share with others.

Saturday, July 26, turned into a family and friend day. Starting early in the day and continuing until dusk, different family members came by to check on me, help me, and to just visit with me. Grandson Samuel West Wilkins and friend Tommy Garza came to visit and to do some yard work that I had not completed. And, coming from La Belle, my oldest daughter, Juanita Wilkins, and her life mate, David Trevino, stopped for a short while before going on to visit David's family.

Still later, Joseph I, came to bring some fresh rabbit meat. This meat will be a real treat, since our family quit raising rabbits outside Bowling Green in the late 1980s. I know I haven't had any since I moved into Wauchula in 1999. Al-though he was unable to stay long, we did have a good visit.

I have become a Tampa Bay Rays fan this baseball season. Team manager Joe Maddon. I call the "ice man" because you can never read what he is thinking. Longoria, Zobrist, Escobar and Molina are players that I enjoy. Besides this, the team is doing well. That is a lot for this Chicago-area girl to admit when the home teams of the Cubs and the White Sox are so ingrained into us during our school years (even though that was an eon ago)!

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# His Pastime? Playing Pranks On His Sisters

By LUZ ELENA  
Special To The Herald-Advocate

**Q: When were you born?**

A: Jesus Calvillo was born on June 26, 1941.

**Q: Where were you born? Country, state, city?**

A: He was born in Mexico, Michoacan, Las Trojes.

**Q: How was your childhood?**

A: Mr. Calvillo's childhood was rough, because he would work a lot for his father.

**Q: Did you finish school? Name of school? What was it like?**

A: Jesus never went to school. He didn't know how to write or read.

**Q: What did you like to do when**

**you were younger? Why?**

A: When he was younger, he would always like to do bad things to his sisters. He would prank them, scare them.

**Q: Was life better when you were younger than now?**

A: When he was younger he had a better life because he had his family with him, and now he doesn't.

**Q: Did you like the way you grew up? Why or why not?**

A: Jesus liked the way he grew up, because his parents taught him how to work.

**Q: Did you like where you grew up?**

A: Mr. Jesus liked where he grew up because he met the love of his life.

**Q: Did you like to spend time with**

**your family when you were younger?**

A: He liked to spend time with his family. He would have more time with his parents, sisters and brothers. Now, he doesn't get to see them anymore.

**Q: When you were younger, what was your dream job?**



A: Jesus never had a dream job because all he wanted to do is just work in the fields.

*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.

## Kudos To 2 Of The Best!

Hardee County Fire-Rescue is a department that covers 640 square miles of mostly rural agricultural area from three locations: Bowling Green, Wauchula and Zolfo Springs.

The department is comprised of one fire chief, one deputy fire chief, one fire prevention officer, two office staff, six lieutenants and 33 firefighters/emergency medical technicians/paramedics who serve the community 24 hours a day seven days a week. The department has three shifts, A, B and C, with 13 personnel on shift each 24 hours that provide this public service.

We are dedicated men and women who are here for you, ready to respond at all times. We are well-trained and are experts within our field of the fire service and emergency medicine, and have dedicated thousands of hours and years of training to ensure you are provided with the most effective, efficient, professional care possible.

There are two individuals that

I want to highlight for you, though. When someone does an excellent job, I feel it is necessary to mention it.

Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher Campbell and Firefighter/Paramedic Chad Reeves are those two men.

They have consistently proven their ability, knowledge, skills and dedication to you, the residents and visitors of Hardee County, and have especially excelled within the department itself by assuming the responsibility of taking care of their brother and sister firefighters and paramedics by ensuring they are outfitted with the necessary bunker gear and uniforms that they need.

These additional duties are normally performed within most departments by staff positions in support services, as it is a difficult job in managing effectively.

However, as we are not like most departments, Chris and Chad have taken on the additional responsibilities along with their normal duties of responding to your calls for help. Their duties of service have not suffered, and their dedication has taken them away from their families more than once.

As their fire chief, I would be remiss if I did not say a great big "Thank You!" to them both, and to mention them in the spotlight which they truly deserve.

Thank you, Chris and Chad, for your dedication, strong work ethic and solid determination in serving your community and your brother and sister firefighters/EMTs and paramedics.

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**The Fireside**  
By James Stillwagon  
Hardee County Fire-Rescue Chief



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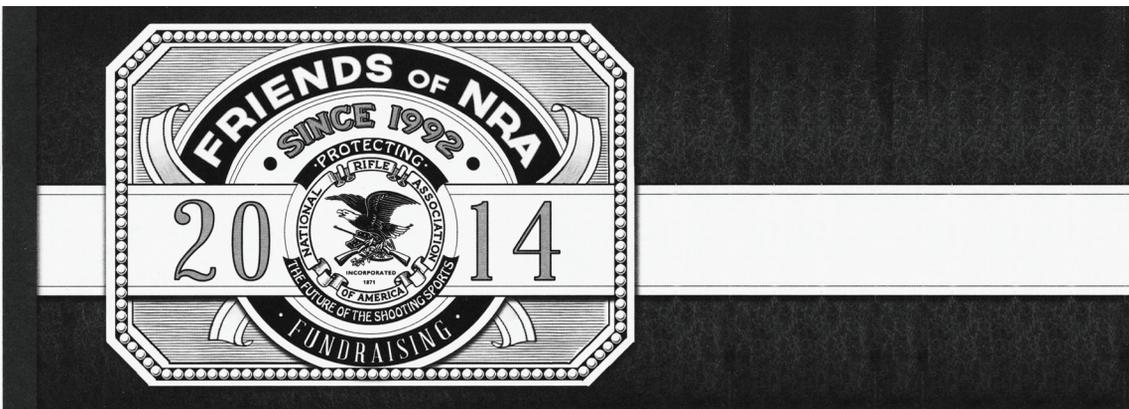
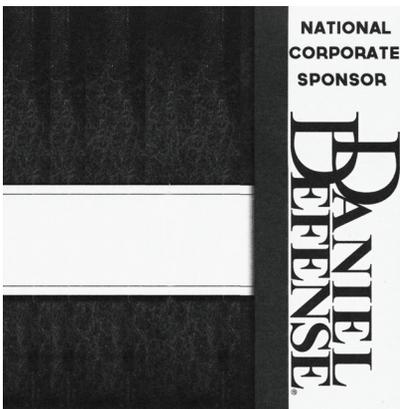
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## Battles Loom In Men's League Reality Ranch Locks Women's Title

By JOAN SEAMAN  
Of The Herald-Advocate

Although some of the scores don't show it, there's some close encounters in the 2014 Men's City Softball League action.

By the end of last week, although Mosaic was still the only undefeated team at 10-0, some of the other teams are jockeying for position. Each has won at least one game and the less experienced squads are getting more and more competitive.

Gilliard Fill Dirt is in second place at 8-1, with R&G Labs/New Era at 6-3, Peace River Electric Cooperative Inc. (PRECo) at 6-4 and III Ranches at 6-5. Behind them are Barbaro Calves Drafting, Bayside Community Church, Hardee Motor Co. and the Disciples.

Action on Field 4 at 6:45 last Tuesday was a bit one-sided, with Mosaic marching past Barbaro 26-2.

Dalton Hewett, Tyler Hewett, Travis McClenithan, Jerry Albritton, Teddy Svendsen and Todd Rogers each had a trio of tallies for Mosaic. It was Elias Rivera and Brandon Franks putting runs on the board for Barbaro.

In the marathon late game on Field 4, Gilliard swept past PRECo 31-16.

Brent Gilliard and Chris Knight led their team with four trips to home plate. Mario Tamayo, Lester Hornbeck, Brek McClenithan, Ruben Rivas and

Tim Murphy added three runs apiece. Van Crawford was the only triple-tally batter for PRECo. Brian Alexy, Billy Alexy, Kyle Long, Kaylan Royal and Jared Brooker each added two runs.

Meanwhile, on Field 3, Hardee Motor won 24-6 over Bayside in the early game.

Quintin Blundell, Tequila, Silverio Gambo, Will and Lee Criswell each scored three times for Hardee Motor. Dominique Allen, Lalo Villegas and Chris Thompson added twin scores. Andrew Hinojosa was the only twin-tally batter for Bayside. Jermaine King, Travis Simpson, Josh Johnson and Chris Torres each chipped in with a run.

In the Field 3 game at 8:15, III Ranches won 24-4 over the Disciples.

Seth McGee circled the bases four times for III Ranches, Lincoln Saunders, Kaleb Saunders, Chris Johnson, Jake Bolin, Bobby Caraway and Tyler Alden chipped in with three runs apiece. Ramiro Briones, Dan Smith, Johnny Huron and Yogi Lozano each crossed home plate for the Disciples.

In the Field 3 opener last Thursday, Barbaro won 17-12 over PRECo.

Jeremy scored four times for Barbaro. Brandon Franks and Elias Rivera added triple tallies. Billy Alexy and Royal were three-score batters for PRECo. Long chipped in with two more.

In the Field 3 closer, R&G won the 36-21 encounter with Hardee Motor.

Brandon Holton and Yogi Mendoza each crossed home plate five times for R&G. Josh Rickett, and Joe Adams added four scores apiece. For Hardee Motor, it was Jose Lucho with four trips to home plate. Criswell and Will B. added two runs apiece.

On Field 4, Mosaic managed the Disciples for a 22-4 win in the early game.

Austin Helms was the only four-tally batter for Mosaic. Dalton Hewett, Weston Johnson, Tyler Hewett and Rogers added three runs apiece. Briones, Dan Smith, Lalo Villegas and Valentine Rosales scored for the Disciples.

In the Field 4 nightcap, Gilliard downed III Ranches 22-15.

Murphy was the only four-score hitter for Gilliard. Jessie Rivera and Robbie Abbott added three runs apiece. For the III Ranches, it was Kyle Cobb and Mark McGee with a trio of tallies apiece. Kaleb Saunders and Seth McGee added two runs apiece.

By JOAN SEAMAN  
Of The Herald-Advocate

With only a handful of games left, Reality Ranch appears a shoo-in for the 2014 Women's Church Softball League season championship.

Still unbeaten, Reality Ranch was at 8-0 at the end of last week's action. The nearest opponent is New Hope Baptist, which did not play last week, remains at 3-1 and has a half dozen games left, including one against Reality Ranch.

Behind them are Wauchula First Methodist, San Alfonso Chapel, Florida's First Assembly and First Christian. Each has won at least one game.

The post-season single-elimination tournament will be held as soon as the remaining five evenings of play are in the book or bypassed rain dates which will not affect the standings.

In the opener last Tuesday, San Alfonso won 19-9 over First Christian.

San Alfonso put all its scores

in the book in the first two innings. Maggie Olvera, Heather St. John, Lori Dees, Kourtney Henderson, Honesty Martinez, Lori Henderson and Brianna Owens each came around to cross home plate twice.

For First Christian, a half dozen scores came in the first inning. Andrea Crawford and Lori Crouse each put a pair of runs on the board and Amy Franks, Penny McGuire, Brooke Tyson, Becca Albritton and pickup player Shauntee Hines each chipped in with solo scores.

In the Tuesday closer, Reality Ranch won over First Christian 26-9.

Amber Steedley paced Reality Ranch with five trips around the bases. Christina Hadeo added four runs and Sami Jo Morgan, Chelsey Steedley and Joy Morgan added three apiece.

Amy Franks, Tyson and Amber Franks were twin-tally batters for First Christian. Crouse, Albritton and Crawford added a run apiece.

The Thursday early game was a marathon, with First Christian outlasting First Assembly 25-24.

Amy Franks and Crouse each circled the bases four times for First Christian. Amber Franks, McGuire, Megan Hartman and pickup player Kourtney Henderson added three runs apiece.

Leadoff batter Senaida Garcia and Cassidy Powell led First Assembly with four scores apiece. Rachel Coker, Brooke, Caylah Coker and Sabrina Hernandez each chipped in with three runs.

The Thursday late game was also a thriller, with First Methodist nipping San Alfonso 16-15.

Jennifer Bryant topped First Methodist with three trips to home plate. Jamie Rivas, Shauntee Hines, Liberty Lozano and Kendall added twin tallies.

For San Alfonso, it was Penny Strange with a trio of tallies. Henderson, St John, Dees and Lucy Garcia each had twin scores.

## This Is A Hammer

By Samantha Mazzotta

**Q: On a visit to our friend's house, my youngest son ran toward the sliding-glass doors leading to the back yard and went right through the screen door. He's fine, but I want to fix the damage. Can I do so without having to buy a whole new door?**

—Joe T. Hartford, Conn.

A: If the door frame is undamaged, you should be able to replace the screen itself without paying too much. With your friend, inspect the door frame for warped or broken rollers. Make sure it's seated properly in the track and rolls easily back and forth.

If the door sticks when it rolls, check the bottom rollers. (Gently wiggle each side of the door; the side with more resistance may have a roller off the track.) Carefully lift up that side of the door as far as it will go (usually a fraction of an inch). Use a small putty knife to gently push the roller wheel back down into its track, and test.

Now, you can elect either to replace the screen and any damaged components (if the rollers broke or were loosened, for example), or to replace the entire door (\$50 to upward of \$100). Also consider how much time and effort you want to put into the repair versus a replacement.

For time's sake, let's go with the screen replacement. If replacement parts are available for that specific model, get those; otherwise, a generic replacement kit with nylon screen and spline should work fine. Purchase a spline roller as well.

Remove the screen door from its tracks by lifting upward and tugging out. Lay the door flat on a clean surface with the screen side nearest you. Locate the rubber spline around the perimeter of the screen. Using a flat screwdriver, ease a section of spline out of its track and then pull the entire run out. The broken screen

will come out with it.

Next, roll the replacement screen out and pre-measure. Leave at least 1 inch extra around all four sides. Use a utility knife to cut the screen to size. With a helper holding the screen in place, use the spline roller's convex (ungrooved) end to push the new screen down into its groove on one side of the door. Follow up by pushing the new spline into place in the groove, pinning the screen in. Use the grooved side of the roller to push the spline in tightly.

Repeat the process on all four sides, working carefully around each corner so that the edges don't tear the screen. Hold the screen taut as you work.

Once the spline is in place, carefully cut away the extra length at the end and push the nub down into the groove. Use a utility knife to trim away the excess screen from the outer edge of the spline groove.

Put the door back into place, setting it into the top of the frame first and then easing into its bottom track, being careful not to damage the rollers.

**HOME TIP:** Screens with one or two minor flaws can be repaired using needle and thread; screens with tears or large holes should be replaced.

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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday .....5:00 p.m.

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Sunday Evening .....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting .....7:00 p.m.

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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.

**GREATER MACEDONIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
607 Palmetto Street • 375-3226  
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.

**HOLY CHILD SPANISH CATHOLIC MISSION**  
4315 Chester Avenue • 773-4089  
Misa (Español) Sunday .....7:00 p.m.

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

**IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
210 E. Broward Street • 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.

**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 .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Time .....7:00 p.m.

**NEW BEGINNINGS**  
4810 Sally Blvd. • 781-5887  
Sunday Worship .....11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Bread of Life .....12:15 p.m.  
2nd Sunday Communion .....11:00 a.m.

**PRIMERA MISION BAUTISTA**  
3920 Murray Road • 375-2295  
Domingos Escuela Dom. ....9:45 a.m.  
Servicio de Adoracion .....11:00 a.m.  
Servicio de Predicacion .....5:00 p.m.  
Miercoles Servicio .....6:30 p.m.

## BOWLING GREEN

**REAL LIFE CHURCH**  
3365 US Hwy 17 • 375-4032  
Morning Service .....10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Study/Learning :6:30 p.m.

**ST. JOHN A.M.E. CHURCH**  
513 W. Orange Street  
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 Street  
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  
448-4553  
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  
735-0123  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting :6:30 p.m.

**ONA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
131 Bear Lane • 773-1080  
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  
SHINE for Kids .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Time .....7:00 p.m.

## WAUCHULA

**APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY**  
640 Apostolic Road • 773-3052  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
English Service .....11:30 a.m.  
General Worship Service .....1:30 p.m.  
Tuesday Prayer .....7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Service .....7:00 p.m.

**BAYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH HARDEE COUNTY CAMPUS**  
615 Rainey Blvd. • 448-4012  
www.baysidecommunity.org  
Sunday Services .....9:15 a.m.  
.....& 11:15 a.m.  
Fusion (6th - 8th grade) .....  
.....Duing all Sunday Services  
Wednesday Epic (9th - 12th grade) .....  
.....6:30 p.m.

**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 FAITH 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.  
Wesnesday Children's Ministry .....  
.....5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Worship .....6:30 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
240 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 JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**  
630 Hanchev Rd. • 773-3532  
Sacrament Meeting .....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Priesthood .....11:00 a.m.

**ENDTIME CROSSROAD MINISTRY**  
908 Martin Luther King Ave  
773-0160  
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 Avenue • 773-2105  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship .....11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Supper .....6:15 p.m.  
Wed. Youth Fellowship .....7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study .....7:00 p.m.

## WAUCHULA

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

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1570 W. Main Street • 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:  
Children's Choirs (PK-Grade 4) .....5:30 p.m.  
Mid-Week Prayer Meeting .....6:00 p.m.  
NEST Backyard (PK-Grade 4) .....6:30 p.m.  
Club 56 .....6:00 p.m.  
Youth Group (Grades 7-12) 6:00 p.m.  
Church Orchestra .....5:15 p.m.  
Adult Choir .....6:30 a.m.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
1121 W. Louisiana Street • 773-9243  
SUNDAY:  
Generations Café Opens .....9:00 a.m.  
Kids World Check-In for Nursery-5th Grade .....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:  
Generations Café Opens .....5:30p.m.  
Check-In begins for Nursery-5th grade .....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 Street  
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 Avenue  
773-6556  
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Service .....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....4:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer/Bible Study .....7:00 p.m.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
207 N. Seventh Avenue • 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

**THE GOSPEL TABERNACLE**  
701 Pennsylvania Avenue • 773-3753  
Sunday Morning Service .....10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Service .....7:00 p.m.

**HIGHER GROUND INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY**  
1258 West Main Street  
Sunday School Adult & Youth .....  
.....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.  
Wed. "Night in the Word" .....7:00 p.m.  
Wed. Extreme Kids .....7:00 p.m.  
Thursday Prayer .....6:00 p.m.

**IGLESIA ADVENTISTA DEL SEPTIMO DIA**  
1819 Dishong Road • 767-1010

**IGLESIA de DIOS ALFA Y OMEGA**  
1909 Stanfield Road  
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.

**IGLESIA HISPANA FUENTE DE VIDA**  
501 North 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Martes .....7: 30 p.m.  
Jueves .....7:30 p.m.  
Domingo .....10:30 a.m.

**IGLESIA HISPANA PRESENCIA de Dios**  
511 West Palmetto Street  
Domingos .....6:00 p.m.  
Miercoles .....7:00 p.m.

**IGLESIA MINISTERIOS CRISTIANO DIOS ES AMOR**  
807 S. 8th Ave. • 773-4576  
Domingos Escuela  
Domingo .....10:00 a.m.  
Servicio .....11:00 a.m.  
Lunes Oracion .....6:00 p.m.  
Miercoles Servicio .....7:00 p.m.

**KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**  
155 Altman Road • 767-1131  
- ENGLISH  
Sunday Service .....2:00 p.m.  
- SPANISH  
Sunday Service .....10:00 a.m.

**LIGHT OF THE WORLD MINISTRIES**  
Womans Center • 131 N 7th Avenue  
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.

## WAUCHULA

**MINISTERIO INTERNACIONAL Cambridores de Mundo**  
704 W. Main Street  
Wednesday Service .....7:30 p.m.

**MY NEW LIFE IN CHRIST CHURCH**  
117 West Palmetto Street • 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 • 773-2101  
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 MT. ZION A.M.E. CHURCH**  
1615 Martin Luther King Jr Avenue  
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 Avenue • 773-6947  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer .....7:00 p.m.

**OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
4350 W. Main Street • 735-0321  
www.ogbcwauchula.org  
Sunday Café Fellowship .....9:15 a.m.  
Bible Study for All Ages .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.  
Adult Choir Rehearsal .....4:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Kid & Youth Snack Supper .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Family Night  
Events .....6:30 p.m.  
• M&M Kids Klub (Music & Missions) ages PK-Grade 5  
• Youth Gathering & Worship Grades 6-12  
• Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

**PEACE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
1643 Stenstrom Road - 773-2858  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun.  
Communion .....10:00 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 • 452-1281  
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service .....11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Evening Prayer .....7:00 p.m.

**RIVERVIEW HEIGHTS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1321 SR 636 East - 773-3344  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer .....7:00 p.m.

**ST. ANN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
204 North 9th Avenue • 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 South 11th Avenue • 773-9068  
Sabbath School .....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.  
Tues. Prayer Meeting .....7:00 p.m.

**SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
505 South 10th Avenue • 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.

**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 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.

## ZOLFO SPRINGS

**CREWVILLE 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.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ZOLFO**  
320 E. 4th Street • 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.

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

**MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
2465 Oxendine Road • 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 BEGINNINGS**  
4142 Sunset Drive • 781-5887  
M-F Family Services .....8:00 a.m.  
Friday Bread of Life .....11:15 a.m.

## ZOLFO SPRINGS

**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 Avenue East  
Escuela Dominical .....10:00 a.m.  
Servicio del Domingo .....11:00 a.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**  
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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 .....11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service .....7:00 p.m.

**SAN ALFONSO MISSION**  
3027 Schoolhouse Lane • 773-4089  
Domingo, Misa en Espano .10:00 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.  
Miercoles Merienda .....6:00 p.m.  
Servicio .....8:00 p.m.  
Sabado Liga de Jovenes .....5:00 p.m.

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# Kitchen Diva

By Angela Medearis & Gina Harlow



## Out of Africa

There are few vegetables with a more storied past and debatable reputation than okra. This slender green pod comes from the lovely yellow flower of the seemingly impervious Hibiscus Esculentus plant. While this hardy crop would flourish almost anywhere, okra is grown mainly in the South. Those who've eaten okra love it, and when separated from it, for reasons of geography or season, miss it.

Known to some as ladies' fingers, bhindi, bambia or mostly commonly as gumbo, which is its West African name, the okra plant is believed to have arrived in North America with the African slave trade. It's possible that slaver traders or the captives themselves stowed away seeds to bring to the New World.

Okra was cherished by both slaves and slave owners. Southern agricultural journals, dating back to the mid-1800s, account that it was widely enjoyed and eaten frequently during the growing season in a variety of preparations.

The Cajun and Creole cuisines of Louisiana resulted from a New World fusion of foods from the diverse cultures of its early settlers. It was in Louisiana that okra gumbo, the famous dish named after its key ingredient, was born.

Okra was a predominant ingredient in the regional stew of vegetables and chicken, shrimp or crawfish. The gelatinous liquid in okra helps to thicken gumbos and soups. Slaves also used the seeds as a coffee substitute and the leaves for medicinal purposes.

Relatively easy to grow, okra tolerates high temperature and scant water, and also is nutritious. Okra is an excellent source

of dietary fiber, vitamins B-6 and C, as well as folic acid, potassium and calcium. Okra also contains properties to help with diet-related illnesses like diabetes. The gelatinous interior found in okra helps to slow the absorption of sugar into the blood by forming a kind of gel coating inside the bowels. This slows down the absorption of food from the gut, evening out the peaks in blood glucose that occur after meals.

Even with all its health benefits and historical acclaim, okra has been controversial from its arrival in North America. There are those refuse to eat it or who think it's a suspicious-looking pod of slimy repute. This is because of the gelatinous substance okra releases when cut.

Proper selection and cooking methods will eliminate that truly minor detail and showcase its delicious flavor. When choosing okra, it's important to look for small, tender pods, as thick, long pods tend to be tough. Okra should never be sliced until immediately before cooking. This help to prevent some of its gelatinous interior from seeping out.

Once you've tried this delicacy properly cooked, okra will steal your affections, as it has for so many others who salivate at the mere mention of its name. My recipe for Okra and Shrimp Hush Puppies showcases the best qualities of okra in a historical Southern recipe that is packed with Creole flavors.

### OKRA AND SHRIMP HUSH PUPPIES

These hush puppies are the perfect side dish for baked, broiled or fried fish, or it makes a wonderful appetizer when served with a spicy dipping sauce. You can keep the fried

hush puppies warm in a 225 F oven for up to 15 minutes.

- 1 cup self-rising yellow cornmeal mix
- 1/2 cup self-rising flour
- 1 cup medium-size raw shrimp, chopped
- 1/4 cup finely diced onion,
- 1/2 cup red or green bell pepper, chopped finely
- 1/2 cup celery, diced finely
- 1/2 cup fresh, chopped okra or frozen and thawed cut okra
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Creole or Old Bay seasoning
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 1/4 cup beef broth
- 1/2 cup carbonated water
- Frying oil
- 1 teaspoon salt

1. Stir together the cornmeal mix and flour in large bowl until combined. Sprinkle shrimp, onion, bell pepper, celery and okra with 1 teaspoon of the Creole seasoning and combine to coat with the spices. Add the shrimp and vegetable mixture to the cornmeal mixture.

2. In a small bowl, stir together the egg, broth, water and the remaining 1/2 teaspoon Creole seasoning. Pour the egg mixture into the cornmeal mixture using just enough to moisten the cornmeal. Let stand 5 to 7 minutes.

3. Pour oil into a Dutch oven to a depth of 4 inches; heat to 350 F. Drop batter by level tablespoonfuls into hot oil, and fry in batches for 2 to 2 1/2 minutes, flipping hush puppies over and frying for another 2 minutes on the other side until golden brown.

4. Drain on a wire rack over paper towels; sprinkle with salt and serve immediately.

Angela Shelf Medearis is an award-winning children's author, culinary historian and author of seven cookbooks. Her new cookbook is "The Kitchen Diva's Diabetic Cookbook." Her website is [www.divapro.com](http://www.divapro.com). To see how-to videos, recipes and much, much more, Like Angela Shelf Medearis, The Kitchen Diva! on Facebook and go to [Hulu.com](http://Hulu.com). Read Gina Harlow's blog about food and gardening at [www.peachesandprosciutto.com](http://www.peachesandprosciutto.com). Recipes may not be reprinted without permission from Angela Shelf Medearis.

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8/7/2014	8/9/2014	8/11/2014	8/13/2014
<b>Sun Data</b> Rise: 6:53 AM Set: 8:11 PM	<b>Sun Data</b> Rise: 6:54 AM Set: 8:10 PM	<b>Sun Data</b> Rise: 6:55 AM Set: 8:08 PM	<b>Sun Data</b> Rise: 6:56 AM Set: 8:06 PM
<b>Day Length</b> 13 hrs. 18 mins.	<b>Day Length</b> 13 hrs. 16 mins.	<b>Day Length</b> 13 hrs. 13 mins.	<b>Day Length</b> 13 hrs. 10 mins.
<b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 5:23 PM Set: 3:27 AM Overhead: 10:56 PM Underfoot: 10:26 AM	<b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 7:12 PM Set: 5:35 AM Overhead: --- Underfoot: 12:26 PM	<b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 8:49 PM Set: 7:50 AM Overhead: 1:55 AM Underfoot: 2:23 PM	<b>Moon Data</b> Rise: 10:16 PM Set: 10:01 AM Overhead: 3:46 AM Underfoot: 4:12 PM
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION**

CASE NO. 25-2013-CA-000642

**BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**  
Plaintiff,

-vs.-

Bobby VanSickle and Brandy VanSickle, Husband and Wife; Hardee County, Florida, Through its Hurricane Housing Recovery Program; Citifinancial Equity Services, Inc.; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 25-2013-CA-000642 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Hardee County, Florida, wherein Bank of America, National Association, Plaintiff and Bobby VanSickle and Brandy VanSickle, Husband and Wife are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Victoria L. Rogers, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash HARDEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 417 W. MAIN STREET, 2nd FLOOR HALLWAY OUTSIDE OF ROOM 202, WAUCHULA, FLORIDA, 33873 AT 11:00 A.M. on August 20, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 4, OF BLOCK 10, OF WILLIAMS ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF ZOLFO SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGES 1 THROUGH 27A, ALSO IN PLAT BAR A-7, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT OF HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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 ADMINISTRATION, (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.

VICTORIA L. ROGERS  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
Hardee County, Florida

By: Connie Coker  
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT  
8:7,14c

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

CASE NO. 25-2012-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., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-3

Plaintiff,

-vs.-

William B. Heggie and Bonnie G. Heggie, Husband and Wife; Mary Hall; Anthony Harrell; Capital One Bank (USA), National Association f/k/a Capital One Bank; Unknown Parties in Possession #1; Unknown Parties in Possession #2

Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 25-2012-CA-000002 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Hardee County, Florida, wherein 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., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-3, Plaintiff and William B. Heggie and Bonnie G. Heggie, Husband and Wife and Mary Hall and Anthony Harrell are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Victoria L. Rogers, will sell to the highest

and best bidder for cash HARDEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 417 W. MAIN STREET, 2nd FLOOR HALLWAY OUTSIDE OF ROOM 202, WAUCHULA, FLORIDA, 33873 AT 11:00 A.M. on August 20, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOTS 16, 17, 18 AND 19, BLOCK 4, GRAHAM'S 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.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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 ADMINISTRATION, (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.

Dated this 22 day of July, 2014.

VICTORIA L. ROGERS  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
Hardee County, Florida

By: Connie Coker  
Deputy Clerk  
7:31,8:7c

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

CASE NO. 252014CA000173

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

Plaintiff,

vs.

SENANDA GONZALES, JOSE LUIS GONZALES, UNKNOWN TENANT, VICTORIA L. ROGERS, CLERK OF COURTS FOR HARDEE COUNTY FLORIDA, UNIFUND CCR PARTNERS, G.P., CAPITAL ONE BANK, A CORPORATION, STATE OF FLORIDA, AND TOWN OF ZOLFO SPRINGS, FLORIDA,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to Final Default Judgment and Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure and for Attorney's Fees and Costs entered by the Court on July 21, 2014, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the Second Floor Hallway Outside of Room 202 of the Hardee County Courthouse located at 417 West Main Street, Wauchula, Florida, on the 20 day of August, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., the following-described property:

Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Block 2 of the subdivision of the Roberts and Skipper addition to the Town of Zolfo Springs, Hardee County, Florida, being in the SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 26, Township 34 South, Range 25 East, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 2, Pages 119 and 120.

DATED THIS 23 DAY OF JULY 2014.

VICTORIA L. ROGERS  
As Clerk of the Courts

By: Connie Coker  
As Deputy Clerk  
8:7,14c

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

CASE NO.: 252014CA000242

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

VS.

UNKNOWN HEIRS DEVISEES BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE OF BRIAN KEITH STATON; et al.,

Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS DEVISEES BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE OF BRIAN KEITH STATON  
Last Known Residence: Unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in HARDEE County, Florida:

THE EAST 67.00 FEET OF

LOTS 19 AND 20 AND THE EAST 67.00 FEET OF THE SOUTH 23.00 FEET OF LOT 18 OF BLOCK 11 OF THE ORIGINAL SURVEY OF THE CITY OF WAUCHULA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 29, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

AND

THE WEST 1/2 OF ALLEY LYING ADJACENT TO LOTS 19 AND 20 AND THE WEST 1/2 OF ALLEY ADJACENT TO THE EAST 67.00 FEET OF THE SOUTH 23.00 FEET OF LOT 18 OF BLOCK 11 OF THE ORIGINAL SURVEY OF THE CITY OF WAUCHULA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 20, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ALDRIDGE | CONNORS, LLP, Plaintiff's attorney, at 1615 South Congress Ave, Suite 200, Delray Beach, FL 33445 (Phone Number: (561) 392-6391), within 30 days of the first date of publication of this notice, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before August 29, 2014 on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated on July 23, 2014.

VICTORIA L. ROGERS  
As Clerk of the Court

By: Connie Coker  
As Deputy Clerk  
7:31,8:7c

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

CASE NO. 25-2013-CA-000577

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC  
Plaintiff,

-vs.-

John Eric Reschke a/k/a John E. Reschke, Surviving Spouse of Debra A. Reschke, Deceased; Diane Keen Grantham; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for GMAC Mortgage Corporation d/b/a Ditech.com; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants

Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 25-2013-CA-000577 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Hardee County, Florida, wherein Green Tree Servicing LLC, Plaintiff and John Eric Reschke a/k/a John E. Reschke, Surviving Spouse of Debra A. Reschke, Deceased are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Victoria L. Rogers, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash HARDEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 417 W. MAIN STREET, 2nd FLOOR HALLWAY OUTSIDE OF ROOM 202, WAUCHULA, FLORIDA, 33873 AT 11:00 A.M. on August 20, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 5, BLOCK A, OF KNOLLWOOD FIRST ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 61, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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VICTORIA L. ROGERS  
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Hardee County, Florida

By: Connie Coker  
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# To Your Good Health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** My wife suffered from spinal stenosis. She had a cortisone shot, which helped for 90 days. She had regular physical therapy meetings. She was in constant pain, but insisted on playing tennis (against her doctor's wishes).

Then, we happened to vacation for a month in Florida, and one of the offered activities was a "stretch" workout. She insisted that she wanted to try it. After the very first time she thought she felt a little better. She went to several of the sessions, and finally asked the trainer what she could buy to keep it up at home.

The trainer suggested a stretching DVD. It takes about an hour to complete, and she now does it three times a week. She plays hard tennis five days a week, hasn't complained about pain since 2010, and hasn't needed any physical therapy, either. I continue to be amazed.

Certainly this kind of therapy can't hurt anyone, since you do it only to your personal comfort levels. Perhaps you might mention this type of therapy in your column sometime. It worked miracles for us at virtually no cost.

—R.M.

**ANSWER:** Spinal stenosis is caused by pressure on the nerves at the level of the spinal column. Physical therapy is one effective treatment, and one I always recommend prior to considering surgery. I thank you for taking the time to point out that gentle stretching can help, probably by opening up the spaces in between the vertebrae to allow the nerve more room.

The booklet on back problems gives an outline of some causes of and treatments for the more-common back maladies. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Roach — No. 303W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** We recently lost a dear relative to cholangiocarcinoma. He had served in the Navy in Vietnam. The probable cause of his cancer was from a parasite, a river fluke, which is common to that region. The diagnosis came way too late to save his life. How can veterans be tested or diagnosed early enough for a possible successful cure? Are there any current tests available?

—J.A.E.

# Sports Quiz

By Chris Richcreek

- When was the last time a division in Major League Baseball finished a season with no teams having a losing record?
- Who was the last major-league rookie to win a regular-season Most Valuable Player Award?
- Name the quarterback who holds the Tampa Bay Buccaneers record for most touchdown passes in a season.

**ANSWERS**  
1. The National League East Division, in 2005.  
2. Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki, in 2001.  
3. Josh Freeman threw 27 TD passes in 2012.  
4. Murray State lost to the No. 1 Spartans, 75-71, in overtime in 1990.  
5. Twenty-five.  
6. Helio Castroneves, in 2009-10.  
7. The French Open.  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of GEORGE J. BRUMMER, deceased, whose date of death was June 21, 2014, 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.

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 NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH 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 August 7, 2014.

Personal Representative: GEORGE F. BRUMMER  
1046 Cutlass Avenue  
Nanahawkin, NJ 08050

Attorney for Personal Representative: John W. H. Burton, of JOHN W. H. BURTON, P. A. Post Office Drawer 1729 Wauchula, FL 33873-1729 Telephone No.: (863) 773-3241 Fax No.: (866) 591-1658 Email: burtonpa@strato.net Florida Bar Number: 0650137  
8:7,14c

**ANSWER:** I am sorry to hear about your relative. Cholangiocarcinoma is cancer of the bile duct, a rare cancer. Liver flukes are a risk factor, and so is a condition called primary sclerosing cholangitis, a condition associated with ulcerative colitis. The cancer is rare but highly lethal, because by the time symptoms show up, the cancer usually is advanced.

Also because of its rarity, screening for the cancer in a general population won't be effective. However, for people at high risk, such as those with PSC or a history of liver parasites, at least one study has shown that screening with a blood test (CA 19-9, CEA) or by endoscopy can be effective. It would be reasonable to speak with the expert taking care of this problem, usually a gastroenterologist, about screening. Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmanall.com, or write to P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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neers record for most touchdown passes in a season.  
4. Which No. 16 seed took No. 1 seed Michigan State into overtime before losing in the men's NCAA basketball tournament in 1990?  
5. The New York Rangers set a regular-season franchise record in 2013-14 for most road victories. How many?  
6. Who was the last back-to-back pole winner at the Indianapolis 500 before Ed Carpenter (2013-14)?  
7. Which is the only Grand Slam event tennis star Serena Williams has not won in consecutive years?

**ANSWERS**  
1. The National League East Division, in 2005.  
2. Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki, in 2001.  
3. Josh Freeman threw 27 TD passes in 2012.  
4. Murray State lost to the No. 1 Spartans, 75-71, in overtime in 1990.  
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**Notice of Meeting/Workshop Hearing**

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS  
Southwest Florida Water Management District

**RULE NO.:** RULE TITLE 40D-8.624: Guidance and Minimum Levels for Lakes

The Southwest Florida Water Management District announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

**DATE AND TIME:** Wednesday, August 27, 2014, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

**PLACE:** Jimmy B. Keel Regional Library, 2902 W. Bearss Ave., Tampa, FL 33618

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Discussion of the proposed minimum and guidance levels for Starvation Lake in Hillsborough County, FL. The agenda will be made available to the general public at least one week prior to the workshop online at <http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/calendar.calendar.php>.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Christina Uranowski, M.S., PWS, Senior Environmental Scientist, SWFWMD, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604, (352)796-7211 or 1(800)423-1476 (FL Only) extension 4271.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: (352)796-7211 or 1(800)423-1476 (FL Only), extension 4702, TDD (FL Only) 1(800)231-6103 or e-mail: ADA-Coordinator@swfwmd.state.fl.us. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8774 or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).  
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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

**Aug. 3,** Herman Eugene Patterson, 26, of 363 River Chase Circle, Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Bradford Merkel and charged with possession of cocaine, two counts possession of a weapon/ammo by a convicted felon, unarmed burglary of a dwelling, two counts possession of methamphetamine, public order crimes — violation of drug laws injuries, two counts possession of marijuana and resisting an officer without violence.

**Aug. 3,** Alfred Bryan Faulk, 44, of 100 Collier St., St. Augustine, was arrested by Dep. Chris Albritton and charged with battery.

**Aug. 2,** thefts on East Main Street and on U.S. 17 North were reported.

**Aug. 2,** Erick Estrada, 36, of 445 Calvert Rd., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. David Cruz and charged with four counts of contempt of court — violation of an injunction for protection and battery.

**Aug. 2,** Samuel Rivera, 23 of 290 Old Bowling Green Rd., Bowling Green, was arrested by Dep. Bradford Merkel on an out-of-county warrant.

**Aug. 1,** Tyler Lee Richardson, of 880 Griffin Rd., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Skylar Clark and charged with grand theft of a vehicle.

**Aug. 1,** Maria Natividad Dominguez, 33, of 338 Stenstrom Rd., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. David Cruz and charged with violation of probation.

**Aug. 1,** Darius Dontaek McKinzie, 25, of 627 Snell St., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. David Cruz on a pair of out-of-county warrants.

**Aug. 1,** Daniel Allen Jenkins, 20, of 1107 Sparrow Rd., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Aron Thomas and charged with battery.

**Aug. 1,** Mark Gonzalez, 22, of 2280 Merle Langford Rd., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Dep. Daniel Arnold on a charge of failure to appear in court.

**Aug. 1,** a residential burglary on Snell Street, a vehicle stolen on Griffin Road, and thefts on U.S. 17 North and Gregory Lane were reported.

**July 31,** Cody James Rawls, 23 of 1245 Broadus Williams Rd., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Dep. Ryan Abbott and charged with six counts of uttering forged instruments and withholding support of children.

**July 31,** Ramiro Ramirez, 40, of 321 Torrey Rd., Bowling Green, was arrested by the Drug Task Force (DTF) and charged with four counts of selling methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a specified location, two counts misuse of a two-way communication device, possession of methamphetamine, two counts possession of a structure/vehicle for selling drugs, four counts possession of a weapon/ammunition by a convicted felon and three counts possession of drug paraphernalia.

**July 31,** Timoteo Isabel DeJesus, 33, of 934 Shanna Lane, Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Dep. Steven Ahrens and charged with driving with knowledge of a suspended license and violation of probation.

**July 31,** Nathaniel Keith Toothman, 23 of 6024 Sherman Ter., Sebring, was arrested by Dep. Alice Simandl and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

**July 31,** criminal mischief on Webb Road and on Sasser Road and a theft on Schontag Road were reported.

**July 30,** Jose Luis Rojas, 23, of 310 W. Townsend St., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Bradford Merkel and charged with loitering/prowling, resisting an officer without violence and violation of probation.

**July 30,** Marty Wayne Evans, 37, of 1427 Lost Acres Dr., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Ryan Abbot on two counts of violation of probation.

**July 30,** Joshua Glenn Luke, 18, of 5590 Dallas McClellan Rd., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by DTF and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**July 30,** Jamie Samantha Hrabal, 28, of 798 LaPlaya Dr., Wauchula, was arrested by DTF and charged with possession of methamphetamine, two counts possession of drugs without a prescription, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and cruelty toward a child that could result in injury.

**July 30,** Johnny Lee Cook, 68, General Delivery, Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Alice Simandl and charged with trespass on property other than a structure and disorderly intoxication.

**July 30,** a residential burglary on Golden Oaks Road was reported.

**July 29,** Gilbert Luna, 44, of 4632 Pine Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested by Capt. Andrew Rigney and charged with escape and larceny.

**July 29,** burglary of a conveyance on South Sixth Avenue (U.S. 17 South), criminal mischief on Gregory Lane and on Third Street East, and thefts on Crewsville Road, on SR 64 West and on U.S. 17 North were reported.

**July 28,** Dalia Flores, 38, of 247 Causey Rd., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Cesar Medina and charged with battery.

**July 28,** Adrian Arturo Enriquez, 22, of 697 Sally Place, Wauchula, was arrested on a charge of violation of probation.

**July 28,** Troy Bernard Stencil, 29, of 149 Schoolhouse Rd., Lakeland, was arrested by Capt. Andrew Rigney and charged with burglary of a dwelling/structure/conveyance and destroying/tampering with evidence.

**July 28,** Danielle Cullifer, 18, of 1445 Ben Hill Friffin Rd., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Dep. Shane Ward and charged with a sexual offense on a person age 12 to 15.

**July 28,** a business burglary on SR 64 East, a tag stolen on River Road, criminal mischief on Fourth Street West, and thefts on Lisa Drive and on U.S. 17 North were reported.

## WAUCHULA

**Aug. 3,** Luis Gerardo Rocho, 29, of 525 N. Illinois St., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Pablo Bermudez and charged with battery.

**Aug. 2,** a theft on North Eighth Avenue was reported.

**Aug. 1,** Angela K. Keene, 42, of 611 Green St., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. William Smith on an out-of-county warrant.

**Aug. 1,** a residential burglary on South Fifth Avenue (U.S. 17 North) and a theft on East Bay Street were reported.

**July 31,** a vehicle stolen on Townsend Street and a theft on North Sixth Avenue (U.S. 17 South) were reported.

**July 30,** a residential burglary on North Sixth Avenue (U.S. 17 South) was reported.

**July 28,** Sidney Edward Smith, 19, General Delivery, Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Jesse Poole and charged with resisting an officer without violence.

**July 28,** a robbery/holdup on South Sixth Avenue (U.S. 17 South) and a theft on West Main Street were reported.

## BOWLING GREEN

**Aug. 2,** a residential burglary on Central Street and a fight on Willow Avenue were reported.

**July 30,** Lee Edward Taylor, 40, of 288 W. County Line Rd., Bowling Green, was arrested by Capt. Brett Dowden and charged with larceny and a traffic offense.

**July 28,** a residential burglary on Pleasant Way was reported.

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that HARRIET KAY WISE, 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.: 883 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2008

Parcel ID Number: 13-36-25-0850-00092-0001

Description of Property:

DESCRIPTION:  
LOTS 2 & 3 BLK 92  
LINCOLN PARK

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

Name in which assessed: TIMOTHY TALLY

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of JULY, 2014.

Victoria L. Rogers  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hardee County, Florida

AD No: 1  
By: LAURA L. BARKER, Deputy Clerk  
Tax Deed File No.: 252014TD007XXXX  
Pursuant to F.S. 197.512

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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 August – 07th at 8:30 a.m. & 21st at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Session – No Planning Session  
Budget Workshop – 08/06/14

Primary Election – 08/26/14

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY "INDEPENDENT BOARD"

MONTH OF August – No meeting scheduled.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL/INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTH.

Meets on second Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m.  
MONTH OF August – 08th

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

MONTH OF August – 07th

### 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 August – 14th

### COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Meets first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.  
MONTH OF August – 07th

### LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Meetings called as needed at Library in Annex II  
MONTH OF August – No meeting scheduled

### HOUSING AUTHORITY

Meets quarterly on the third Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at 701 LaPlaya Drive, Wauchula  
MONTH OF August – 17th

### HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE

Meets quarterly at Hardee County Health Department Auditorium at Noon  
MONTH OF August – No meeting scheduled.

### HARDEE COUNTY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE BOARD

Usually meets third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.  
MONTH OF August – 15th 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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### New Furniture For Less



Dining • Bedroom  
TV Stands • Curios  
Living Room

**Instant Delivery**

**Mattress SALE**  
Twin \$157 • Full \$189  
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**Cash For Gold!**

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that PNC C/O TC TAMPA 1, 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.: 631 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2011

Parcel ID Number: 04-34-25-0350-00001-0008

Description of Property:

COM AT NE COR OF BLK I & RUN W ALONG N BDRY LINE 150 1/4 FT TO POB THEN RUN W ALONG N ERN BDRY LINE 49 FT THEN 5 TO PT EQUI DISTANCE BETWEEN THE N ERN & S ERN BDRY LINES THEN E 49 FT THEN N TO POB BLK I 258P467 262P27 290P322 DC/302P565 PMR/10/84 316P598 316P600 336P84 PMR/8-07(JRM, JR) 726P572 (DC-JRM, JR) 73GP1336 200725007973-PET/7973(DC-JRM, JR) 200725007975-ORDER 200825003388 200825003546

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

Name in which assessed: MARVIN WILLIAMS AND TAMMY FRIEL

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.

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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:

**Noe Macedo**  
935 Arcadia Dr.  
Wauchula, FL 33873

**Bradford W Dickey**  
1022 Blue Jay Rd.  
Wauchula, FL 33873

**Melissa D Miller-Darty**  
812 S 8th Ave.  
Wauchula, FL 33873

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:

**Noe Macedo**  
935 Arcadia Dr.  
Wauchula, FL 33873

**Bradford W Dickey**  
1022 Blue Jay Rd.  
Wauchula, FL 33873

**Melissa D Miller-Darty**  
812 S 8th Ave.  
Wauchula, FL 33873

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

Jeffery Ussery  
El Supervisor de Condado de Elecciones Hardee

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# Courthouse Report

## COUNTY COURT

The following marriage licenses were issued recently in the office of the county court: Roy Rodriguez, 51, Wauchula, and Linda Kay Nellis, 42, Wauchula.

Jorge Luis Rodriguez-Garcia, 30, Wauchula, and Tina Marie Garcia, 41, Wauchula.

The following small claims cases were disposed of recently by the county judge:

Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Amanda L. Roberts, stipulated settlement approved, case dismissed.

Valencia Gardens Apartments vs. Nora Lopez, Theodore Wheeler and Ernest Wheeler Jr., judgment of eviction.

Discover Bank vs. Juan Gonzales Castanon, stipulated settlement approved, case dismissed.

Jennifer Bailley vs. K. D. Hill, dismissed for lack of progress.

Shirley Roberts vs. Cash For Gold — Kevin Brooks, dismissed for lack of progress.

Valencia Gardens Apartments vs. Lauren Ball, voluntary dismissal.

Country Manor Apartments vs. Kymberlie Johnson, stipulated settlement approved, case dismissed.

Country Manor Apartments vs. Juan Gonzalez et al, judgment of eviction.

The following misdemeanor cases were disposed of recently in county court:

Juan Carrillo, assault and trespass on property other than structure/conveyance, transferred to pretrial intervention program, return Sept. 17.

Jose Angel Garza, resisting arrest without violence, 90 days in jail, \$525 fines, costs and fees; domestic battery, not prosecuted.

Tracy Ann Sanders, domestic battery, 20 days in jail, \$777 fines, costs and fees.

Khamchah Saythavyinthiraj, battery, not prosecuted.

Joshua Friedman, possession of drug paraphernalia, 45 days in jail, \$475 fines, costs and fees.

Luciano Lara, petit theft, 180 days in jail, \$475 fines, costs and fees placed on lien.

Kevin Eugene Richardson, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, adjudication withheld, and battery, probation 12 months, \$1,102 fines, costs and fees; open house party, criminal mischief and trespass on property other than structure/conveyance, not prosecuted.

William Decker, trespass in an occupied structure, probation 12 months, \$425 fines, costs and fees.

Rene Rivera, battery, completed pretrial intervention program, not prosecuted.

Anahi Solis, retail theft, completed pretrial intervention program, not prosecuted.

Christopher Lee Eures, violation of probation (original charges possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia), probation revoked, 120 days in jail, outstanding

\$525 fines, costs and fees placed on lien.

## CIRCUIT COURT

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

Annie B. Small and the state Department of Revenue (DOR) vs. Calvin L. Greer, petition for child support.

Krystle Massey and Dusty Lee Massey, divorce.

Clifford Bowling vs. M.L. Parsons, Glenn Morris and Timothy C. Cannon, petition to recover property.

The Bank of New York Mellon as trustee vs. Glenda L. Smith et al, petition for mortgage foreclosure.

Virginia Eures and Matthew Paul Eures, divorce.

Kimberly Bell vs. Tyrone Ivery, petition for injunction for protection.

Tiffany Wilson and DOR vs. Steven Ryan Bolin, petition for administrative child support order.

Dakar Tyler vs. Paul Inc., Rambaldo D. Gonzalez, Zelisha Burgess et al, damages — auto negligence.

Michael King vs. Melissa Summerville, petition for injunction for protection.

Ciana Elmeus vs. Romilia Elmeus, petition for injunction for protection.

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

Ally Financial Inc. vs. Timothy E. Wells, judgment.

Maria Vallejo vs. Brittany Baker, injunction for protection.

Meredith Wolfe vs. Donald Wolfe, injunction for protection.

Oscar Benavides vs. Sergio Benavides, dismissal of temporary injunction for protection.

Kimberly Darty vs. Roger Darty, dismissal of temporary injunction for protection.

First National Bank of Wauchula vs. Senaida Gonzales, Jose Gonzales et al, judgment of mortgage foreclosure.

The Bank of New York Mellon as trustee vs. William B. and Bonnie G. Heggie et al, judgment of mortgage foreclosure.

Maria Nancy Sanchez and Marco Antonio Sanchez, divorce.

Melissa L. Nickell and John Nickell, divorce.

Wauchula State Bank vs. Jimmie R. Richardson, judgment of mortgage foreclosure.

Jean Robert Fleurimond and Charitable Paul, divorce.

Roy G. Martin and Vicki Adcox Martin, divorce.

Ramiro Trevino and Kelly Vang, order.

Kristen N. Whiteside vs. Joseph C. Long III and the state Department of Revenue, order.

Daisy Lee Zambrano and DOR vs. Ruedie Lee Lopez, child support order.

Vanessa Rae Albritton and DOR vs. Devin Derome Walker, child support order.

Brenda Hines and DOR vs. Bennie James Wiley Jr., order on

child support contempt.

Brandy Leigh Murphy and DOR vs. Michael Jerome Youngblood, order on child support contempt.

Danuyel Herrin and DOR vs. Shannon M. Veitch, order on child support contempt.

Candice Marie Toothman and DOR vs. Jeffrey Dee Capuria, child support order.

The following felony criminal cases were disposed of recently by the circuit judge. Defendants have been adjudicated guilty unless noted otherwise. When adjudication is withheld, it is pending successful completion of probation. Sentences are pursuant to an investigative report by and the recommendation of the state probation office and also state sentencing guidelines. Final discretion is left to the judge.

Diego Jay Acevedo, violation of probation (original charges grand theft, uttering a forged check and petit theft), probation revoked, 364 days in jail with credit for 125 days served, followed by probation four years, \$550 costs and fees added to outstanding fines, costs and fees.

Gilbert Carmona III, domestic battery, adjudication withheld, probation one year, \$1,484 fines, costs and fees.

Waylon Coe Chester, possession of methamphetamine, adjudication withheld, probation three years, \$1,206 fines, costs and fees.

Melissa Davenport, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana, probation three years, \$1,356 fines, costs and fees; possession of drug paraphernalia (second charge), not prosecuted.

Aaron Matthew Fuston, possession of marijuana, adjudication withheld, probation 12 months, \$1,332 fines, costs and fees; manufacture of marijuana, not prosecuted.

Heriberto Garcia, carrying a concealed weapon, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving while license suspended, 90 days in jail with credit for 38 days served, probation four years, \$1,743 fines, costs and fees.

Sonia D. Gonzales, child probation, adjudication withheld, probation four years, \$1,219 fines, costs and fees; cruelty toward a child, not prosecuted.

Nikki Lynn Guilford, possession of cocaine, possession of oxycodone and possession of drug paraphernalia, transferred to pretrial intervention program.

Christopher Hernandez, assault and resisting arrest without violence, 24 months Florida State Prison with credit for 128 days served, \$1,345 fines, costs and fees placed on lien; battery on a law enforcement officer, not prosecuted; violation of probation (original charge battery on law enforcement officer), probation revoked, 24 months Florida State Prison (concurrent), \$300 costs and fees added to outstanding fines, costs and fees.

Joseph Bryant Herrin, violation of probation (original charge grand theft), probation revoked, 30 days in jail with

credit for 14 days served, probation four years, \$300 costs and fees added to outstanding fines, costs and fees.

Andrew Reyna, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia, transferred to pretrial intervention program.

Melquiades Vargas Torres, felony leaving the scene of an accident with injury, adjudication withheld, and felony driving without a license, probation two years, \$1,319.50 fines, costs and fees; leaving the scene of an accident with injuries, not prosecuted.

Dorothy Jessica Zuñueta, violation of probation (original charges possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia), probation revoked, eight months in jail with credit for 52 days served, \$1,245 costs and fees added to outstanding fines, costs and fees.

Pete Arthur Byers, dealing in stolen property, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia, 18 months Florida State Prison with credit for 117 days served, \$1,445 fines, costs and fees placed on lien.

Curtis Bell, petition for early termination of probation (original charges two counts child abuse), petition denied.

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

Antelmo Bautista to Ignacio Rodriguez and Maria G. Rodriguez, \$13,000.

William and Kristin Albritton to Casimiro Jaime Castillo Jr., \$57,200.

Iris Lynn Lessley to Triple-M Equipment Inc., \$61,500.

Kathleen J. Whaley to Jane B. Trimble, \$40,000.

Higher Development to Israel and Magaly Ramirez, \$98,000.

## ABOUT ...

### Letters To The Editor

The Herald-Advocate welcomes letters to the editor on matters of public interest. Letters should be brief, and must be written in good taste and include the writer's full name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

Letters must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday to be considered for that week's edition. Submissions should be typed or legibly written. Send letters to: Letters to the Editor, The Herald-Advocate, P.O. Box 338, Wauchula, FL 33873. Fax letters to (863) 773-0657.

# Good Housekeeping

## HEIRLOOM BLT SALAD

A summertime twist on the classic BLT, this salad delivers the same great tastes in a different form.

### 1 lemon

1/3 cup low-fat buttermilk  
2 tablespoons light mayonnaise

1 tablespoon snipped fresh chives

8 ounces bacon, cut into 1-inch pieces

3 slices good-quality white bread, well-toasted

1 tablespoon cider vinegar

1 tablespoon brown sugar

1 head (about 8 ounces) Bibb or Boston lettuce, leaves separated

3 medium heirloom tomatoes, sliced

1. From lemon, into small bowl, grate 1/2 teaspoon peel and squeeze 2 teaspoons juice. Whisk in buttermilk, mayonnaise, chives and 1/4 teaspoon salt.

2. In 12-inch nonstick skillet, cook bacon on medium 9 to 14 minutes or until browned and

crisp, stirring occasionally. With slotted spoon, transfer bacon to paper-towel-lined plate.

3. Cut each slice bread into 4 triangles; transfer to medium bowl. Drizzle with 2 tablespoons bacon fat, tossing to coat. Discard remaining bacon fat.

4. To same skillet, add vinegar and sugar. Cook 1 minute or until sugar dissolves and mixture is slightly reduced, stirring constantly. Return bacon to skillet, tossing and stirring to coat. Remove from heat.

5. Arrange lettuce on serving platter. Top with bread and tomatoes. Sprinkle with bacon. Serve salad with dressing. Serves 4.

• Each serving: About 275 calories, 18g total fat (6g saturated), 30mg cholesterol, 775mg sodium, 19g total carbs, 2g dietary fiber, 11g protein.

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CERTIFICATE NO.: 1433 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2008

Parcel ID Number: 13-36-25-0850-00092-00A1

Description of Property:

DESCRIPTION:  
LOT 1 BLK 92 LINCOLN PARK SUBD

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

Name in which assessed: ESTATE OF C.T. RATLIFF AND J.W. POSEY

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 27<sup>TH</sup> day of AUGUST, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.

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## EARLY VOTING

Early voting for the August 26, 2014 Primary Election will begin, Monday August 11, 2014 in the Supervisor of Elections office at 311 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula, FL. Voting hours will be from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday ending August 23, 2014

Jeffery Ussery  
Supervisor of Elections

## TEMPRANO VOTANDO

Votar temprano para el 26 de agosto de 2014 la Elección Primaria comenzará, el lunes el 11 de agosto de 2014 en el Supervisor de la oficina de Elecciones en 311 N. Avda sexta., Wauchula, FLUIDO. Las horas electorales serán de 8:30 DE LA MAÑANA a 5:00 DE LA TARDE. El lunes por finalizar de sábado el 23 de agosto de 2014.

Jeffery Ussery  
El Supervisor de Elecciones

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## SOLICITATION OF BIDS

Sealed BIDS will be received by the Board of County Commissioners, Hardee County, hereinafter referred to as "County", at:

Hardee County Purchasing Office  
205 Hanchey Road  
Wauchula, FL 33873  
(863)773-5014

until Monday, Monday, October 8, 2014 at 2:00 P.M., Local Time, at which time they will be publicly opened by the County Purchasing Director or designee and read aloud. Any BIDS received after the time specified will not be accepted.

Hardee County is proposing to sell the parcel of land at 1412 Friendship Lane in unincorporated Hardee County, Florida, designated as follows:

### Legal Description:

N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 6, Township 35 South, Range 26 East, Hardee County, Florida. Subject to an easement retained by Guy Polk and assigns for ingress, egress, the supply and maintenance of utilities, ditches and drainage in the following-described property: The North thirty (30) feet of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 6, Township 35 South, Range 26 East, AND subject to right of way for county road on West boundary of above-described property.

Subject to real estate taxes and special assessments, if any, for the year 2014 and subsequent years.

Bids must be in an enclosed within a sealed envelope with the words "Sealed Bid – Proposed Land Sale in Hardee County, Florida" and the Bidder's name and address clearly shown on the outside thereof. Bids must be received in the office of the Purchasing Director not later than the time set forth for bid opening. The COUNTY will not be responsible for any lost or late arriving bids sent via the U.S. Postal Service or other delivery services.

Hardee County reserves the right to: waive informalities and/or irregularities in any BID. Bids may be withdrawn prior to the date and time of bid opening. The County reserves the right to reject any or all bid(s) and may postpone the award of the Agreement for a period of time which shall not extend beyond sixty (60) calendar days from the Bid opening date.

Frederick M. Knight, Chairman  
Hardee County Board of County Commissioners

8-7,14c

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held to consider the second reading and adoption of the following ordinance.

### ORDINANCE 2014-02

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A PROGRAM OF REGULATION RIGHTS OF WAY IN THE TOWN OF ZOLFO SPRINGS; PROVIDING FOR PROHIBITIONS; PROVIDING FOR PERMITTING; PROVIDING FOR ENSURING FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF PERMITTEES; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Public Hearing will be held on the proposed ordinance at Regular Commission Meeting on Monday, August 18, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers at Zolfo Springs Town Hall at which time the Town Commission will consider its adoption into law. The ordinance in its entirety may be inspected at the office of the Town Clerk during regular working hours. All interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

Any person who may wish to appeal any decision made at this meeting with respect to any matter considered therein, will need a verbatim record of the meeting for that appeal, and it is solely the responsibility of that person to ensure that such verbatim record is made and includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based, per Florida Statute 286.0105. The Town does not furnish verbatim transcripts.

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 Fax (863) 735-1684

Attest: Amanda Gibson, Town Clerk

Juan Otero, Mayor

8:7c

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**Please call us at 866-317-7516 to reserve your place.**

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### EVENT INFORMATION

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#### PLACE:

Hardee County Agri Civic Center  
507 Civic Center Dr.  
Wauchula, FL 33873

#### HOSTED BY:

The Stratton Plum Group at Morgan Stanley  
1401 Manatee Ave. W., Suite 1110  
Bradenton, FL 34205  
Robert.Latessa@morganstanley.com

#### DATES:

Monday, August 11, 2014 – 2pm to 7pm  
(Speakers available at 2pm and presentation  
to begin at 5:30pm – Dinner will be served)  
or

Tuesday, August 12, 2014 – 9am to 1pm  
(Speakers available at 9am and presentation  
to begin at 11:30am – Lunch will be served)

#### SPEAKERS:

David Stratton  
First Vice President, Financial Advisor

Gary Plum  
First Vice President, Financial Advisor

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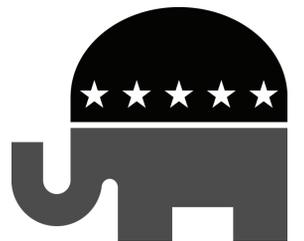


INFORMATION GUIDE

## HARDEE COUNTY PRIMARY ELECTION AUG. 26, 2014

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Early Voting Dates:  
Aug. 11-23



# Candidates File Financial Disclosures

Candidates for elected office in Hardee County are required by the state Commission on Ethics to file full and public disclosures of their financial interests.

Form 6, on file at the local Supervisor of Elections Office, shows where or what candi-

dates get their incomes from, what businesses they have stakes in and where their financial ties lie.

The disclosure form also requires candidates to give their net worth, and to list assets and liabilities in excess of \$1,000. Net worth is the difference

between all assets owned and all debts owed, not just those required to be itemized on the form.

Candidates may list only their proportionate share of an asset or liability, if held jointly with a spouse or if shared with partners.

Income sources, too, must be

reported if the amount received totaled over \$1,000 in a year. To do so, candidates may either fill out a sworn statement or provide a copy of their most-recent income tax return. If the tax return is used, the state requires candidates to provide the full document, including all its schedules and attachments.

Businesses the candidates own or maintain a share in also must be listed.

The state requires the Financial Disclosure Form in order to reveal how candidates make their money and what businesses they may be a party to and/or benefit from; it's an ethical protection to keep elected officials from using their positions for personal gain or to reward family members or friends and business associates.

Figures are rounded to the nearest dollar. The values of household goods and personal effects are intentionally omitted here, but are available on the forms. Keep that in mind as you review the reports, as it may explain a net worth which is not supported by the assets and liabilities published in this report.

Finally, errors in a candidate's math or in understanding how to fill out the form, if any, are not corrected here, but instead are shown as submitted to the state.

## COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 2

### Sue Birge—

Net Worth: \$971,969  
 Assets: 2010 Jaguar, \$22,000; Branch Lane residence, \$140,000; Branch Lane rentals, Gebhart Road land, \$88,000; half-interest State Road 62 grove and half interest Gebhart Road, \$80,000; Lydia's House promissory note, \$44,000; Wauchula State Bank, \$62,000; investments and annuities, Allianz, AG Loan Fund, ING, \$146,500; IRAs and SEP plans, SunLife Annuity, Griffin American, Bank America, Franklin Income Fund, \$371,969.

Liabilities: Wauchula State Bank, line of credit, \$2,500.  
 Income (Statement): Board of County Commissioners, \$31,000; Lambert Realty, Wauchula, undetermined; So-

cial Security, \$18,000; rentals, \$12,000.

Secondary Income Sources: Birge & Cobb Grove.

### Judy J. Wilson—

Net Worth: \$64,844  
 Assets: Half-interest Garden Drive residence, \$42,000; 10 acres mineral rights, Hardee County, \$1,000; Wauchula State Bank, \$3,000.

Liabilities: Wauchula State Bank, mortgage, \$25,000.

Income (Statement): Social Security, \$8,172; Prudential, \$3,672.

### Daniel A. Graham—

Net Worth: \$208,000  
 Assets: Vehicles and boat, \$20,000; household furniture, \$10,000; TV, etc., \$1,000; other stuff, \$1,000.

Liabilities: None.  
 Income (Statement): DeSoto Home Health Care, Sebring, \$56,000.

Secondary Income Sources: Florida Hospital, Sebring; rental house, Sarasota.

Business Interests: DeSoto Home Health Care, medical equipment sales, stock holder.

## COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 4

### Grady Johnson—

Net Worth: \$1.3 million  
 Assets: Merle Langford Road homestead, \$250,000; 5.23 acres, \$70,200; 72.59 acres, \$198,300; 73.65 acres, \$199,550; Bailes Road, \$37,000; State Road 66, \$200,000; Merle Langford Road, \$140,000; Two Feathers Cattle & Horse Ranch, \$194,500; Suncoast Schools Credit Union, First National Bank of Wauchula, \$105,600; life insurance, \$14,000.

Liabilities: Wells Fargo, \$180,300.

Income (Statement): Florida Department of Financial Services, Tallahassee, \$58,600; Two Feathers Cattle, Zolfo Springs, \$59,300; Hardee Board of Commissioners, \$24,097.

### Russell Melendy—

Net Worth: \$1 million  
 Assets: Bank of America, \$15,838; Scholar Edge college fund, \$26,520; Fidelity 529 Plan, \$17,395; 2007 Chrysler

van, \$2,500; 26-foot boat, \$85,000; tandem-axle trailer, \$4,000; half-interest gooseneck cow trailer, \$2,500; Bailes Road residence, \$146,853; 24-foot camper, \$2,500; Oppenheimer Small & Mid Cap, \$63,353; Alger Mid Cap Growth Institutional, \$64,557; T. Rowe Price International Growth & Income, \$55,066; Invesco International Growth, \$59,559; Roth IRA, Cash Liquid Assets MLK Wealth Management, \$4,560; half-interest RAM Lands of Central Florida LLC, \$208,922; half-interest Blue Key Enterprises, \$114,158; 12.5-percent interest Grass Valley Ranch, \$500,000; Coker Fuel shares, \$3,808; Sebring Gas System shares, \$9,333; Heartland National Bank shares, \$14,000.

Liabilities: Green Tree, \$170,967; Bank of America, \$46,117; Wauchula State Bank, half, \$31,337; Grimsley Groves Inc., half, \$137,700.

Income (Statement): Coker Fuel, Wauchula, \$58,000; Sebring Gas System, Sebring, \$6,600; coin-operated laundry, Zolfo Springs, \$1,495.

Business Interests: Coker Fuel Inc., Wauchula, propane gas, partner; Sebring Gas System Inc., Sebring, natural gas utility, partner; RAM Lands of Central Florida LLC, Wauchula, commercial real estate, partner; Blue Key Enterprises Inc., Sebring, commercial vehicles, partner; Grass Valley Ranch Inc., Zolfo Springs, cattle operation, partner.

## SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 1

### Paul Samuels—

Net Worth: \$822,778  
 Assets: Oaks Bend residence, \$157,000; Wauchula State Bank, \$3,371; MidFlorida Credit Union, \$24,065; 401(k), Vanguard, \$342,832; 2012 Chevrolet, \$29,000; life insurance, Mosaic Fertilizer, \$478,000; life insurance, School Board, \$25,000; life insurance, Nationwide Insurance, \$10,000; life insurance, Farm Bureau, \$2,100; investment plan, Florida Retirement System, \$12,823.

Liabilities: MidFlorida Credit Union, \$249,731; MidFlorida Credit Union, \$25,073; Bank of America, \$1,609.

Income (Statement): Mosaic Fertilizer, Plymouth, Minn., \$92,577; Hardee County School Board, \$25,078.

### Andrew Smith—

Net Worth: \$115,500  
 Assets: Oaks Bend residence, half, \$112,500; 2010 Suburban, half, \$16,500; bank accounts, \$5,300.

Liabilities: MidFlorida Federal Credit Union, mortgage, \$42,000; Suncoast Federal Credit Union, auto loan, \$32,000.

Income (Statement): Hardee County Fire-Rescue, Wauchula, \$33,000; Smith Automotive, Wauchula, \$30,000.

Business Interests: Smith Automotive, Wauchula, car sales.

## SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 4

### Janice Platt—

Net Worth: \$225,000  
 Assets: Orange Street, Wauchula, lot and building, \$125,000; cattle, \$15,000.

Liabilities: Wauchula State Bank, \$40,000; Suncoast Schools Credit Union \$77,000.

Income (Statement): Hardee County School Board, \$20,000. Secondary Income Sources: John and Jan Platt, Arcadia Stockyards, cattle sales; Jan's customers, Hardee County, customer services/retail.

### Eugenia Larsen—

Net Worth: \$115,654  
 Assets: Sweetwater Road residence, \$140,000; Walgreen's retirement profit sharing plan, \$11,152; bank accounts, \$3,304.

Liabilities: Wauchula State Bank, \$65,526; GTEFCU, \$14,366; Capital One, \$7,410.

Income (Statement): Spouse VA, U.S. Treasury, Washington, D.C., \$3,018; spouse Social Security, U.S. Treasury, Washington, D.C., \$1,634.

### Garry McWhorter—

Net Worth: \$40,000  
 Assets: None listed other than household goods and personal effects.

Liabilities: Seacoast Bank, Arcadia, \$35,000.

Income (Statement): Vision Ace Hardware, Wauchula, \$28,000.

## Meet Our Dad



He's a loving, caring, honest, hardworking family man who was raised in Hardee County and will raise his boys in Hardee County. He is a

member of First Baptist Wauchula where he volunteers in the nursery (The Nest). He is a local firefighter and part owner of Smith Automotive, our family business.

# Elect Andrew B. Smith



*It's time for a new generation of leaders to step up.*

Pol. Ad. Paid for and Approved by Andrew B. Smith, Non Partisan, for School Board District 1

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**Paul G. Samuels**  
 School Board District 1  
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## Family Man. Businessman. Community Leader.



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*That kind of leadership is what I will bring to the Hardee County Commission!"*

— Russell Melendy

**RUSSELL MELENDY**  
 for Hardee County Commission

**Vote Russell Melendy on August 26!**

Political advertisement paid for & approved by Russell Melendy, Republican, for Hardee County Commission, District 4

# READY, SET, RUN!

## Primary Holds County, City Races

By **JOAN SEAMAN**  
Of The Herald-Advocate

There are 14 candidates who want to be selected to serve in five seats in upcoming elections.

There are five vying for the non-partisan Hardee County School Board positions, seven seeking Hardee County Commission slots and two competing for a city of Wauchula seat.

Early voting runs Aug. 11-16 and Aug. 18-23, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the Supervisor of Elections Office in Hardee County Courthouse Annex II, at the intersection of U.S. 17 South and Oak Street in Wauchula.

The Primary Election on Aug. 26 will be at a person's assigned precinct. If there are questions, call the Elections Office at 773-6061.

There has been a change in registered voters in the last month. From June 23 to July 21, there were 20 more voters registered, but also changes in party affiliation.

With many of the Primary Election candidates running on the Republican ballot, there has been an increase in those registering as Republicans from 4,113 to 4,245. That translated into a loss for Democrats, from 5,156 down to 5,042. Those reg-

istered as Independents changed from 1,631 to 1,633.

The deadline for registering to vote or to switch parties for the Primary Election ended July 28.

### SCHOOL BOARD

Incumbent Thomas Trevino will return to his District 5 seat without the need for an election, as no one registered to oppose him.

School Board races are non-partisan.

In School Board District 1, incumbent Paul Samuels faces the challenge of Andrew Smith.

In School Board District 4, incumbent Jan Platt will face off

with Eugenia Larsen and Garry McWhorter. If none receives a 50-percent-plus-one majority, the two candidates with the highest number of votes will square off in the General Election on Nov. 4.

### COUNTY COMMISSION

There are two seats up for grabs this time. Each has a Democratic candidate in the wings waiting to see who will be his opponent for the General Election on Nov. 4.

For Commission District 2, Republican incumbent Sue Birge is opposed by Republicans Daniel Graham and Judy Wil-

son. Democrat Steven Anthony Plummer II is sitting by to take on the Republican victor in November.

The Commission District 4 race has only two Republican candidates, one of which will go on to face Democrat Allen Ellison in the General Election. In the Primary Election, incumbent Grady Johnson is opposed by Russell Melendy.

### WAUCHULA

Three of four incumbents were returned to the Wauchula City Commission without opposition when the qualifying period for potential candidates

ended on June 20.

Neda Cobb, Seat 1; Russell Graylin Smith, Seat 2; and Ken Lambert, Seat 4, will continue on the commission for another four years.

Seat 6 incumbent John D. Freeman, however, faces competition from Sherri Thornton Albritton.

This election is citywide, meaning municipal voters in Wauchula's precincts 4, 6 and 10 will have the additional duty during the Primary Election of casting their ballots for their Seat 6 choice in the city elections.

# Wauchula Ballot Puts Freeman Vs. Albritton

By **JOAN SEAMAN**  
Of The Herald-Advocate

There is only one race on the ballot for the city of Wauchula election this year.

When the qualifying period ended June 20, only one of the four incumbents drew any opposition. John D. Freeman faces a challenge from neighbor Sherri Thornton Albritton for Seat 6.

Neda Cobb, of Seat 1; Russell Graylin Smith, Seat 2; and Ken Lambert, Seat 4, were returned to office without competition.

Whoever wins Seat 6 will join them and the other members of the Wauchula City Commission, Keith Nadaskay, Gary Smith and Dr. Peter Preston, at the September meetings.

### John D. Freeman

Freeman has served four years on the Wauchula Commission and is its current mayor pro tem.

The 49-year-old Oak Forest Drive resident has lived in the area for 44 years and been a local real-estate sales associate for the past 10 years, now with Ashbrook Realty on West Main Street.



He says he is running again to better serve the people of Wauchula. "I will strive to do my best to make this a great place to live, always putting the need of the city first."

Freeman says the strength of the city "is most definitely the team the city currently has employed. It's awesome to work with. Mr. Atchley (city manager Terry Atchley) has done a great job since he has been here. The morale of employees is so good. Everyone has a teamwork effort, continuity is excellent."

He noted that there are no particular weaknesses in local government. "I can't necessarily

say there are any. It's a good commission, experienced and knowledgeable, with a good attorney, also experienced and knowledgeable."

Freeman said there are some programs going on currently that he would like to see finished up. "Everything is for the benefit of the people, to make it better, safer. We are making progress with the CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency), parking is available and it's making Wauchula downtown stronger."

He said he wants to continue working with the Economic Development Authority and Industrial Development Authority in bringing in more business. "We're working with local business in an incubator program, and some businesses need a boost until the economy picks up," he explained.

As far as budgeting problems, "Like everyone else, we are tightening our belt. I see improvement. It starts at the bottom and ripples up. For the little guy, the potential may take years. There are not as many foreclosures now. We will have a long budget process later this month," Freeman said in an in-

terview in mid-July.

He concluded, "I desire to do everything I can to meet the needs of the city and its people. I have dedicated the past four years to the improvement and quality of life for the citizens of Wauchula.

"I'm proud to be in a country where you can vote and ask everyone to make their vote count. Thank you for allowing me to represent your concerns, and I look forward to serving the next four years. I will continue to be your voice!" said Freeman.

### Sherri Thornton Albritton

Albritton, a 52-year-old Hawaiian Drive resident, said she wants to "pay it forward."

"Because Hardee County has been a blessing to me in the roles I have, I would like to pay forward by serving in the role of city commissioner," she said. "I have a proven record of leadership, and I believe that leadership is leadership, wherever; it transfers easily from school business to city business."

A graduate of Southeastern University who also earned master's and doctoral degrees, Albritton began her career as a Hardee Junior High math

teacher. In her 30 years with the Hardee County school system, she was a teacher for 13 years, assistant principal at Wauchula Elementary, principal at North Wauchula Elementary and now wears dual hats as director of student academic services and director of federal programs.



Albritton feels the strength of Wauchula is its close-knit community that supports families, businesses and the school community. She does not see specific weaknesses in city government, but is running "because I want to contribute and I think every organization or community can get better."

She feels because she excels in problem-solving and decision-making, spending money wisely and common sense, that "all these will help me make the best decisions for the community. During these economic times there are always budget constraints, but you can be assured that any decisions for spending tax dollars will be done while thinking about return on investments."

Albritton currently manages an annual budget of over \$4 million and manages a staff of more than 60 people, experiences which will help her in overseeing the Wauchula budgeting. "Those who know me well would tell you that I not only believe in living within my means, but believe that government should as well."

She said she had no specific priorities in serving the community, but "I will approach every decision with what is best for the city of Wauchula."

She concluded, "I have a strong moral compass and a sense of fairness and impartiality which will guide me. I would be honored to serve the community and would never take a vote for granted."

# On Republican Ballots Only

## Johnson & Melendy In A Faceoff

By **JOAN SEAMAN**  
Of The Herald-Advocate

Three people want to be the next County Commission District 4 representative.

While Republicans incumbent Grady Johnson and challenger Russell Melendy square off in the Primary Election, Democrat Allen Ellison stands by ready to take on the winner in the General Election on Nov. 4.

### Grady Johnson

Johnson, of Merle Langford Road, wants to continue in of-

office because, "As county commissioner, my goal is accountability, truth and transparency in local government and we have ways to go on that."

As the current District 4 commissioner, Johnson said, "The biggest problem we've got, and it's been proven repeatedly, is the weakness of the Board of County Commissioners to do its statutory duty."

"Because of the failure of them to do their statutory duty, there is no strength in county

government. The strength of the county is its people, who are

## COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 4

### Russell A. Melendy

Candidate Profile

Age: 41

Years In Office:  
• (incumbents only)

Occupation:  
• Business Owner/Manager

Education:  
• Sebring High School  
• Santa Fe Community College, Associate of Arts  
• University of Florida, Bachelor of  
• Science/Business Administration

Experience:  
• Vice President, Coker Fuel Inc.  
• Vice President, Sebring Gas System Inc.  
• Chairman, National Propane Gas Association Benchmarking Council  
• Director, Hardee Athletic Foundation  
• Chairman, Insurance Committee, First Baptist Church Wauchula  
• Member, Personnel Committee, First Baptist Church Wauchula  
• Vice Chairman, Industrial Development Authority  
• Leadership Highlands  
• Member, Hardee County Chamber of Commerce  
• Member, Main Street Wauchula, Inc.  
• Youth Softball (Former Coach)  
• Master Qualifier, LP Gas Dealer  
• Certification, LP Gas Distributor, Safe Propane Dispensing Unit  
• Pipeline Operations and Maintenance  
• Emergency Response  
• Liquefied Petroleum Gas Emergency Evacuation

Platform:  
• Hardee County has both a rich history and a bright future. My roots run deep here. This is where I attend church, raise my family, run my business, and serve my community.

• In Hardee County, we need to be able to find a balance between our past and our future by preserving our agricultural heritage while diversifying our economy. This is no easy task; it will take integrity, teamwork, the right attitude, and proper communication to accomplish. I will bring that kind of leadership to the Hardee County Commission.



fantastic. We've got a great county staff" continued Johnson.

Asked about how to address the problems he sees, Johnson said he has addressed them, from State Attorney Jerry Hill to the Governor's Office. "I've asked the Governor's Office and Mr. Hill's office to call a federal grand jury to look at the issue of corruption within Hardee County, based on federal monies which are a part of it," explained Johnson.

Just completing annual budget workshops, Johnson said, "We're addressing a budget on proposed figures and not actual expenditures. Based on my 30 years' experience, in order to address any budget, you start with actual expenditures from the year before, October through June. It gives you real figures and an oversight on where you can cut, not proposed figures with no backup (information). I asked for certain figures and I actually got them. You need actual figures to move," he commented.

Johnson said he has appreciated voters' support, and asks that they continue to consider him in this election. "As your county commissioner, my goal on your behalf has been accountability, truth and transparency of your local government. It is your money, your county, your county's future. Ask questions and demand answers," says Johnson, who invites people to call him at (863) 781-3905 for more information.

### Russell Melendy

Melendy said he is running for commissioner because "I love Hardee County and the people here. I believe Hardee

County has a bright future and I want to do my part to help.

"This is where I attend church. I am a native, a fifth-generation Hardee Countian. I was in Sebring for a while, but I moved back. This is where I operate our 70-year-old business, started in Hardee County by my great-grandfather, Hollis Coker. I have a vested interest in the future of Hardee County and I want to help," said Melendy.

He notes "the people of Hardee County and our agricultural heritage are the county's strengths. Its weakness is a lack of diversification or industry to keep people here. There is dissonance. I will conduct myself in a manner of teamwork and cooperation."

While he did not have any specific budgeting or personnel issues to discuss, Melendy said, "There's always room for improvement. I believe in accountability and transparency. There's always a new way to look at something and try to improve it."

Melendy said one of his priorities is to restore a sense of community, a sense of pride in being in Hardee County. "Our (the commission) image is something that needs to improve. I think local government should encourage or assist its residents. I strongly believe in proper communication and attitude (in local government)."

He concluded, "I feel I'm best suited for this job because of my Christian beliefs, my moral and ethical standards, my work experience and work ethic. I have a great attitude and will work hard for the county. I believe in a proper attitude and teamwork."

## COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 4

### Grady Johnson Sr.

Candidate Profile

Years In Office: 4

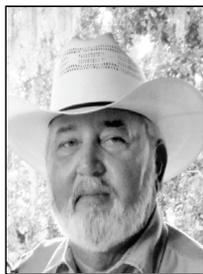
Occupation:  
• Rancher, Beef Cattle

Education:  
• Naples High School  
• Extensive Law Enforcement Training/Leadership Training  
• Florida Association of Counties  
• Advanced County Commissioner Leadership Program

Experience:  
• Law Enforcement, 30 years  
• Florida Marine Theft Intelligence Task Force.  
• U.S. Customs Service Cross-Designated Drug  
• Interdiction Agent/Land, Air & Sea

Platform:  
• My service to this county has been as a full-time county commissioner, and my record shows that I stand for accountability and a respect for the will of the people. I am deeply committed to improving our county's service to our citizens, and have worked hard to perform as I promised four years ago.

• In this respect, to better the future of Hardee County we must have the trust of those who lead us into a future based on realistic ideas that attract viable business, provide sensible growth, and create job availability through accountable and transparent actions of those in charge. The hidden agendas of special interest that reward a select few must not be tolerated by your elected officials.



# On Republican Ballots Only

# Birge Battles Graham & Wilson

By **JOAN SEAMAN**  
Of The Herald-Advocate

Four people want to be the next commissioner for District 2. One will have to wait until the General Election on Nov. 4 to learn his fate.

Democrat Stephen A. Plummer II stays off the political hot seat while Republicans Sue Birge, Daniel Graham and Judy J. Wilson battle it out in the Primary Election to see who gets to proceed on to the General Election.

### Sue Birge

"I want to complete the job I started. It is difficult to try to move this county forward with the challenges we face. I want to see it succeed. I am passionate about this county. I was born and raised here," said incumbent Birge, who is seeking a second term.

She said one of the strengths is the relationships that have been built in Tallahassee. Birge is legislative liaison for the commission, and feels she has worked to lobby and develop a presence for the county in the state capital and with local legislators.

Birge said she just learned that the governor has approved the 2014-15 state budget, which includes \$750,000 in funding for Hardee County that had been vetoed for three years. The money will enable Hardee to complete its sewer/water extension into the Wauchula Hills subdivision, so residents there won't have to use wells which have nitrates in them. Also approved was \$500,000 for rehabilitation of the Hardee County Agri-Civic Center.

She points also to youth baseball and soccer fields, RV sites at Hardee Lakes Park and the paving of over 82 miles of roads within the county, all of which have been done without ad valorem tax dollars by obtaining grants and awards.

She says one of the weaknesses, or challenges, for the County Commission is that there is so much misunderstanding in the public of actually knowing

what the role of the commission is. Many things are mandated by state statutes, and the commission does not have control of them. Who is on the Economic Development Authority is set by Tallahassee and the commission can only appoint or remove members of the Industrial Development Authority/Economic Development Council.

She attends meetings of these groups and feels that "efforts to work closely with them will be successful in attracting and expanding businesses and, therefore, creating much-needed good-paying jobs and growth for our citizens." She says she understands the county's agricultural base, but feels it needs diversification and more job sources, which is her focus.

Birge is either a liaison or member of several boards, including the Florida Association of Counties and serves on several of its committees. She also works on the Heartland Crime Stoppers, Central Florida Regional Planning Council and others.

She feels the county has a great management team which doesn't require micro-managing. "The CPAs tell us we are in a strong financial condition. I have been very vigilant in maintaining a very close working relationship with the commission staff in monitoring the budget throughout every fiscal year. I have worked diligently to learn the complicated process of government budgets, and worked closely with staff to adopt sound budget principles and policies."

"As a result, Hardee County is in a very strong financial position in spite of the bad economy and continued reduction of our tax base. I will continue to concentrate and labor continuously to improve on our economic position through smart growth and development," Birge concluded.

### Daniel Graham

Graham said he is running "because I'm concerned about getting Hardee County working together in a positive direction. "There are a lot of issues that

come up, and they are all important, but we need to look for ways to work together. One group wants to keep the status quo and another wants to turn it upside down. We have a good county. We need to look at the root causes and get going in a positive direction," said Graham.

A local businessman who has served on a variety of boards, Graham feels he can bring that open-minded and responsive attitude that he has used in other situations. He feels cooperative working with all boards, staffs and municipalities will help restore the community trust in the County Commission.

He feels the strength of the county is its people. "There are a lot of good people in Hardee County, people with good moral values and who are concerned about Hardee County."

He feels one of the weaknesses is economic development and working cooperatively with various groups. "We don't have a broad base for business opportunity, with our limited population and limited population growth," he noted.

He feels it is essential to build on the strengths, people's concern for the community and willingness to work together and attack the weaknesses. "We need to look outside the box and come up with a new approach to solve the ongoing problems of the last several years."

Graham said he would like to see if there is a way for the commission to get more oversight on the economic development issues. A hot spot is the limited revenue and time to use it for economic development.

"I feel we need to target small business; rather than the large or big winner corporation, we need to focus on a number of smaller opportunities and spread success over more numbers. A certain number will fail. Small business is still the backbone of our economy. We need to strengthen the ones we have and help small business be better prepared for the future," explained Graham.

He notes there are budget issues, with limited resources and revenues dropping while expenses increase. As for possible personnel issues, he said, "I'd need to look at that closer and not make any rash decisions that impact people's lives."

He reiterated that he wanted to improve influence by the commission on all the different boards and agencies with which it deals. He feels the commission should have access to some of the economic development dollars to be sure that citizens are getting the best from it. "I'd like to help the county

move in a good direction, and have the opportunity to get Hardee County working together for the betterment of Hardee County," Graham concluded.

### Judy A. Wilson

"I'd like to be on the board to start with unfinished business. I hope to bring decorum and accountability to the board," said Wilson.

"One of my first priorities will be Unfinished Business, more particularly the present board's (3-2) decision to shelve the Auditor General's Report in February 2013. Our current County Commission continues to ignore their statutory responsibilities regarding the county business as well as the IDA.

"My opponent admitted the problems with the IDA four years ago, but failed in her promise to address the issue. The IDA's blatant misuse of our public funds must not continue," Wilson further explained.

Wilson said commissioners are "the ones that decide what the county will do or not do. A lot of time, research is not done but they feel they have to vote," said Wilson in identifying that as a weakness of the commission. She added, "Everyone knows that the county gets a lot of money from Mosaic. I do not feel it is being spent in the best interest of Hardee County."

The strength is that Hardee County is a close-knit community; it's people are friendly and neighborly, always there to help in time of need.

In dealing with the board's weaknesses, Wilson wants to see that the IDA board researches its projects more closely than they have done in the past. "There's a lot of opportunities to come to Hardee County, if they were only allowed to come here."

She continued, "I'd like to see water and sewer infrastructure in all areas outside the city limits. I'm talking about Wauchula Hills and Magnolia Manor; those areas have been here a longer time and I hope I could guide the board into being more accountable (to them)."

In discussing budgets, Wilson said she hopes to be better informed next year when she is on the board. A businesswoman, Wilson said, "I know budgets, and how you need to be very strict to sticking to it as clearly as you can."

Although born in Hardee County, Wilson said she is new to the area of politics and doesn't know a problem with the county's current personnel, until a problem arises, which she would address as they come up. "I have been with candidates

who canvassed when running and the same people say afterward that there are problems that have not been addressed. I will make my own decisions if I get elected. At this time, I don't have enough knowledge to put priorities on one problem or the other," she commented.

In closing, she reiterated, "I will bring decorum to the meetings and accountability to the board; hopefully, this will re-

store the citizens' trust in their elected officials. The public's input will be invited, appreciated and, depending on the topic of discussion, not limited to three minutes. I will take all comments or questions into consideration.

"My decisions will be based on what is best for Hardee County and her citizens," Wilson concluded.

## COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 2

### Judy J. Wilson

#### Candidate Profile

Age: 72

Occupation:  
• Retired

Education:  
• Hardee Senior High School  
• Property & Casualty Insurance License  
• Life Insurance License  
• Investments Insurance License

Experience:  
• Prudential Insurance  
• Self-Employed, 25 years  
• Double J Restaurant  
• Chairwoman, Membership Committee, Charitable Organization  
• State Chairwoman, Charitable Organization  
• Co-Chair, Jurisprudence Committee, Charitable Organization  
• Hardee County Citizens Advisory Board (Former Member)



#### Platform:

• Just this: I Promise to dedicate myself to you, the citizens of Hardee County. I am known for my honesty and integrity, and will strive to apply those attributes to my decisions on the Board of County Commissioners.

• We must remove the smudge of scandal regarding our county affairs which has been brought to light over the last few years before we can begin to move in a positive direction. And, I keep My promises.

## COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 2

### Sue Birge

#### Candidate Profile

Age: 68

Years in Office: 4

Occupation:  
• Commissioner  
• Realtor

Education:  
• Certified County Commissioner  
• Advanced County Commissioner University of Florida  
• Florida School of Banking, Certification/Banking & Finance  
• University of South Florida, Management & Leadership  
• South Florida Community College,  
• Business & Commercial Law  
• Realtor, Residential & Commercial Certified

Experience:  
• Liaison to Florida State Legislators  
• Florida Association of Counties Executive Board  
• Vice Chairwoman, Small County Coalition  
• Co-Chair, Rural Caucus  
• Vice Chairwoman, Florida Association of Counties Health & Human Policy  
• Vice Chairwoman, Economic Development Authority  
• Central Florida Regional Planning Council Executive Board  
• Hardee County Value Adjustment Board  
• President, Hardee County Rotary Club  
• Assistant District Governor, Rotary District 6890  
• Chairwoman, Heartland Crime Stoppers  
• Vice Chairwoman, Hardee County Republican Party  
• Hardee County Canvassing Board  
• Wauchula State Bank, 25 years,  
• Vice President/Branch Management  
• Real Estate, 15 years

Platform:  
• Promote economic development, attracting and expanding businesses creating jobs and growth. Committed voice in Tallahassee so Hardee receives recognition in policy making. Lobbying for funds so that we use outside sources rather than expending ad valorem dollars. We have been successful in lobbying for funds to improve and expand our water and wastewater infrastructure, addressing the safety needs of the community and providing for continued economic development.

• I will remain active, interacting with our legislators, lobbying for funds for road improvements. Awarded millions of dollars from the state and gas tax dollars, we have resurfaced and paved over 82 miles of county roads during my tenure.

• I will continue to maintain a close working relationship with the BOCC staff, staying informed and involved during the budget process. In spite of a bad economy, Hardee County has remained in a strong financial position because of adopting sound budget principles and policies.



## COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 2

### Daniel A Graham

#### Candidate Profile

Age: 61

Years In Office:  
(incumbents only)

Occupation:  
Business Manager

Education:  
• Champaign Central High School  
• Parkland Community College, Associate of Science/-Respiratory Therapy  
• Southern Illinois University, Bachelor of Science/Human Anatomy & Physiology  
• University of South Florida, Bachelor of Business Administration/Information Systems Management  
• University of South Florida, Master of Business Administration/Entrepreneurship

Experience:  
• DeSoto Home Health Care  
• Business Management, 18 years  
• Hardee County Planning & Zoning Board  
• Career Source Heartland Board  
• Hardee County YMCA Board  
• Wauchula City Commission

Platform:  
• Working together for a better Hardee County.  
• I am committed to representing All of Hardee County. Work to bring trust and unity to our commission, and boards. I will represent Hardee County and make decisions honestly and fairly. I will keep an open mind, be receptive and responsive to the concerns of the people.

• As a commissioner, I will work to promote long-term economic development and business opportunities. I will work for open clear communication. "United we stand divided we fall."



# Remember To Vote

# Primary Election Hardee County August 26, 2014

# Universal Race — On All Ballots

## Samuels Has Challenger In Smith

By **JOAN SEAMAN**  
Of The Herald-Advocate

A pair of candidates wants to serve the Hardee County School Board in District 1.

Incumbent Paul Samuels is challenged by political newcomer Andrew Smith.

### Paul Samuels

Samuels feels there is still some unfinished business from the four years he has served on the board.

"We're making a lot of gains in student achievement and still have a long way to go. Our staff is doing well. From the board perspective, we need to provide them with the tools and resources to do that," said Samuels.

He noted that with the new state standards coming into effect in the upcoming 2014-15 school year, it is important to provide employees the necessities to continue to improve.

"In follow-up to that, I want to be part of a positive movement to create an environment to retain employees and help in recruiting teachers. It starts with employee incentive packages and their work environment, including facility up-grades. I

want to see that happen," commented Samuels.

He said the biggest strength of the Hardee County school system is its employees, its staff, many of whom came from Hardee County, went and got an education and came back, having an ownership in the system. "They do a great job," he added. A weakness in the system is because of the county's location, that employee retention is difficult. A person may be recruited and trained, then leave to go elsewhere. "That's where the employee incentive package comes in," he noted.

School Board meetings are often short because few people from the public attend them or, if they do, don't address the board. If they did, the 20-minute meeting would be extended. Sometimes there are large discussions on some items, but mostly the board members have studied the issues ahead of time and are prepared to vote on items. Sometimes there are executive sessions of one to two hours on legal or employee/union negotiations, Samuels explained.

In addition to the twice-monthly board meetings, mem-

bers often spend time on board-related matters. Samuels said he is heavily involved in the Florida School Board Association Board of Directors, is legislative liaison and a member of the Florida High School Athletic Association appeals committee.

He also meets monthly during the school year on the district insurance committee, and is involved in the football stadium and track renovations because he is liaison and a member of the Hardee Athletic Foundation.

He reiterated the importance of the board providing the necessary tools and materials in the classroom, which, in turn, helps the students achieve. Currently in budgeting, the board priority is classroom and staff resources. "It's where it begins. While the budget includes transportation

and security, we rely on the principals and their staffs to meet the Class-Size Amendment. If needed, that could include having a bilingual person to help in each classroom.

"I think the community looks to the board to provide what each classroom needs," Samuels concluded.

### Andrew Smith

Smith, whose 9-year-old is in third grade, is running "because as a parent and member of this community, we need to get involved. I feel doing so is a great start on the future of our students."

Smith expresses concern that the local schools are going academically down and down. "Sports are wonderful, but their education is most important," he commented.

He said a great majority of the schools run smoothly. "We have a great community and great teachers. I don't know why the schools are declining. The people I talk to say their children are gaining in each class year, and they don't understand why the school grades are so bad."

Smith said his biggest commitment is to be involved, to see that schools get the resources they need.

Many of the teachers he has talked to say they have to buy resources for any special project out of their own pocket or can't do it. They say they get turned down when they request supplies to do over and above the regular work; they want to go the extra mile for their students but are held back and limited in the extra they can do.

He reiterated, "My biggest commitment is to be involved, to find ways to provide what they need."

Smith would like to see some afterschool programs, partnerships with day care organizations, where they help students with their homework; not just some students, who can afford it, but all students. He notes some parents get home too late to help their children with their homework. He feels day care should be more than a babysitting service, but be interested in the children's academic achievement.

"If elected, I commit to being involved and doing everything for our children and our community. It all starts with our kids," concluded Smith.

# Primary Election

## Early Voting

### August 11- August 23

### Monday - Saturday

### 9 am - 5 pm

### AT THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

## SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 1

### Paul G. Samuels

#### Candidate Profile

Age: 42

Years In Office:  
• 4 years

Occupation:  
• Land Lease Manager

Education:  
• Hardee Senior High School  
• South Florida State College, Associate of Arts  
• University of South Florida, Bachelor of Science/Business Management



Experience:  
• Representative, School Board Insurance Committee  
• Board of Directors, Florida School Board Association  
• Legislative Representative, Florida School Board Association  
• Vice President, Hardee Athletic Foundation  
• Trustee Chairman, Oak Grove Baptist Church  
• Legislative Representative,  
• Small School District Council Consortium  
• Secretary, Florida School Board Association Small District Council  
• Florida High School Athletic Association Section  
• 3 Appeals Committee  
• Lion's Club (Former President)

Platform:  
• For the next four years, I propose the following opportunities for our district: 1.) continue to provide our employees with the necessary resources to improve student achievement; 2.) continue to improve the employee benefits offered for the purpose of employee retention and recruitment; 3.) continue to upgrade our school and athletic facilities; and 4.) to provide the necessary resources to our transportation and maintenance departments.

• I understand our students, employees, administrators and the community demand excellence, accountability and credibility from the School Board. With that said, I pledge to do my very best and to represent Hardee County with integrity and professionalism. Keeping "Children First!"

## SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 1

### Andrew B. Smith

#### Candidate Profile

Age: 27

Occupation:  
• Firefighter/EMT  
• Business Co-Owner

Education:  
• Hardee Senior High School  
• South Florida Community College  
• Fort Myers Fire Academy



Experience:  
• Business skills, management/leadership, Smith Automotive  
• Hardee County Fire-Rescue

Platform:  
• I'm a simple working-class family man that understands the importance of our children's educational future and safety at school. If elected, I will be committed to fighting for the best education for our children and safer schools for both our children and the employees that work there.

• Through working for the Fire Department, I have learned what it means to be a public servant and will fulfill the obligation if given the chance.

# VOTE



# Universal Race – On All Ballots

## Platt Takes On Larsen & McWhorter

By **JOAN SEAMAN**  
Of The Herald-Advocate

Three residents want to fill the Hardee County School Board District 4 seat.

Incumbent Jan Platt faces opposition from Eugenia Larsen and Garry McWhorter.

### Jan Platt

Platt, whose parents and grandparents provide a long family history in the county, is seeking her fifth term. "It seems like the right thing to do. We've been talking about so many things and I want to see them through," she explained. She noted she has been through two ethics training sessions recently, and feels it is important for all candidates.

She feels there are some very good teachers, parents and administrators. "It takes everyone working together to make a school system succeed." She says sometimes parental support is lacking, and it would make all the difference in the world if parents kept in touch with their child's teachers. "Parental involvement is so very important," she commented.

Platt said most teachers try to

keep up with the modern techniques and training, and it is up to the board to see that teachers get what they need. A lack of state funding sometimes means it is not always possible to do this, but "I'd put our teachers against any in the state. It's nice to see so many of them are home-grown; they saw how hard their parents worked and still want to be teachers here."

She said it is important teachers can get training. Sometimes only two or three can go, but they come back and train others in what they have learned. "We can't spend mega-bucks, but send a few of our people and they come back and do training. It saves dollars for the classrooms and to update technology."

She said board meetings may be short because they get the board packets early and, if they have questions, can go to the superintendent or other staff and get more information. Sometimes an item is pulled from the agenda to provide more information. "If we do our homework, if we are prepared, the meetings go through quickly."

She said local schools have

been successful on state tests recently. The fourth, eighth and 10th graders have topped some state test results. When some students come speaking no English and go on to get awards, win the Battle of the Books and other contests, it shows how hard teachers have worked.

She said the board has been interested in providing resources. For instance, teachers have Promeatheatn, or smart boards, and each child has a computer. Teachers and students can ask and answer questions and interact. "Everybody I heard likes them," she said.

Platt said she has appreciated the support she has had for the past 16 years. "It is an honor to serve the community and I hope people have enough confidence to give me another term. It's nice to see kindergarteners grow up and walk across the stage at graduation."

Board members attend a lot of functions at the schools. Some are on the same night, so board members decide who may be going to which. "You get a lot of enjoyment out of it, seeing the kids on stage achieving and performing at their best."

### Eugenia Larsen

Larsen said she has been involved in various school systems for 23 years as her daughter and sons went to school. Moving to Florida from California 13 years ago, she has lived in Hardee County for nearly four years.

She considers one of her assets is fund-raising, especially for the extra monies needed for special events. When her daughter was in a magnet school in performing arts, she helped raise money for trips to Hawaii, Las Vegas and even Italy, which involved getting passports for all the students, especially those whose families couldn't afford them or the trip expenses.

When one of her sons was in Apollo Beach, they had such large classes, they used sign-out packets. Each student had six weeks to complete it, which included sections on math, science, language arts, etc. If they completed it early, they could go on to another or could repeat it, if necessary.

"It allowed each student to move at his own speed and not be bored waiting on others and get in trouble. They had to take the end of school tests to graduate," said Larsen, who feels the Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment classes would help students stay interested and choose areas of interest.

While she thinks education is important, she does not favor the new Common Core standards. "I think it pigeon-holes students. Not all are going to college. They must have alternatives, trade schools and others for what they are interested in."

Larsen is concerned because the county schools grade at D's. She feels it may be because they don't have the technology. "Every time I talk to someone, they bring up the lack of computers. It would be nice to bring schools into the 21st century. Students can do their homework online, write their teachers if they have questions."

A Sweetwater resident, most of her comments concerned Zolfo Springs Elementary School, where she said she has been told only the select few have computers. "I will go there in August and check up with what's going on. I think teachers should be trained a little more in computers."

"It's a tight-knit community and everybody seems to be involved with the schools, which is wonderful. People here seem to really care about their schools," she noted.

She would like to go to the schools and talk to the principals and teachers and get their opinions on what is wrong and "go from there. If we have to raise money for computers and programs, we'll do it. I'd start with Zolfo Springs Elementary School and eventually go to all the schools. I feel all students should be computer savvy."

She believes in the buddy learning system, matching students who don't speak English or much English with those who do, and help others learn Spanish or another language. "When you place children together, they communicate with each other and everyone can become bilingual," Larsen says.

"I don't know too much about the local budgeting and personnel and will have to learn about it, but I'm good at fund-raising

and I want to help the students," Larsen concluded.

### Garry McWhorter

McWhorter, an Ace Hardware longtime employee, has grandchildren in the local school system.

"My purpose in running is basically to help bring a new perspective and new ideas to help people better understand the School Board, so teachers can teach, children can learn and it will help the future of this community," said McWhorter.

He said compared to how he hears other counties are doing, he feels "Hardee County is financially doing a pretty good job. But, although I'm not totally aware of everything, I feel there are some things that could be better."

McWhorter says, "I want to reach out to the parents, the community, teachers and administration, see what downfalls there are, where we're lacking and come up with plans to correct things and get parents more involved."

He is concerned that School Board meetings only last a few minutes and people are often not there to address things and say what their concerns are. He said there are budget cuts and "we have to look at where things could be better."

From what he reads, he doesn't think Hardee County is in trouble with money, but needs to get a fresh idea of solving problems.

"I would like voters to know that if I'm elected, I will listen. I will do everything in my power to see that their children are taught everything that will help them in their futures. If there is a problem, I promise to get back to them within 24 hours. I will be that person that will hear their cry."

"By working at Ace Hardware for over 33 years, I have become accustomed to being able to listen and come up with solutions for problems, and that's what I'm asking the people of Hardee County to let me

help do on the Hardee County School Board, and thank them for the opportunity," concluded McWhorter.



## SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 4

### Eugenia Gogin Larsen

#### Candidate Profile

Age: 60

Years In Office: (incumbents only)

Occupation: Homemaker

Education: South Torrance High School, El Camino College, Simi Valley Technical School

Experience: Member, PTSA, 28 years; historian, 4 years; Food Drive, 10 years; leader, 4 years; President, Music Boosters, 1 year

Platform: I have been involved in the education system for many years, and updating teaching techniques and teaching tools is very important.

Children nowadays respond to computer programs, and it's something that can keep their attention for hours. To update schools where every child has a computer to work on, and senior high upgrade to iPads so children bring them home, do homework, have all their lessons at their fingertips. It would allow each child to learn at their own pace, and that way no child would be left behind. Passing children that are failing subjects is leaving them behind, and we are failing them.

With that said, I believe the Hardee County school grades would go up considerably and our children would be learning to become productive members of our community.



## SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 4

### Janice M. (Jan) Platt

#### Candidate Profile

Age: 60

Years In Office: 16

Occupation: Business Owner/Operator

Education: Hardee Senior High School, South Florida Community College

Experience: Roy H. Moore Harvesting, Hardee Livestock Market, Hardee Ranch Supply, Jan's, Member, Main Street Wauchula Inc., Member, Hardee County Chamber of Commerce, Member, Hardee County Republican Executive Committee

Platform: Continue to strive for Safe Schools, more vocational opportunities, fiscal management, increased technology, and update Transportation needs. Continue necessary trainings for all staff.

I believe we have some of the best teachers and staff in education. They deserve to be commended for the progress they have made and the hard work that has been accomplished in educating our children.

In spite of reduced funding by DOE, Hardee continues to beat state and Heartland averages in state testing and FCAT.

I consider it an honor and a privilege to have served for the past 16 years. I hope that you feel I have represented you well, and will allow me represent you for another four years.

It is my job as a board member to be a good steward with Hardee County tax dollars, state funds and federal funds. We are here to help provide a better education for our children.



## SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 4

### Garry M. (Scott) McWhorter

#### Candidate Profile

Age: 56

Occupation: Sales Consultant

Education: Hardee Senior High School, Polk Community College

Experience: Ace Hardware, 33 years; Trustee Board, New Mt. Zion AME Church; Vice President, Magnolia Manor Cemetery; Wauchula Library Board Member

Platform: School is a vital part of our community. I am a concerned citizen, parent and grandfather with the will to help make a difference in the lives of our children, teachers, employees, parents and grandparents. Children and teachers are our future. I want to help put Responsibility and Joy back in our schools.

My 33 years of experience at Ace Hardware have taught me to ask all the hard questions. How can I help You today? I know we're living in tough times but tough times don't last, tough people do.

Join my campaign by contacting me at (863) 773-9357 or vote4garry@hotmail.com today, and together we can make a difference for all children and citizens in Hardee County.



## Re-Elect Sue Birge

### Hardee County Commissioner District Two

#### Qualifications for office:

#### Education:

Hardee Senior High School, Attended South Florida State College, Graduate, Florida School of Banking through the University of Florida School of Business and Finance, Branch Management Institute through the University of South Florida School of Business and Finance, Graduate, Supervisors Academy through the University of South Florida

#### Business and professional:

25 Years Wauchula State Bank, Vice President, 15 Years Real Estate Professional- Commercial designation, Citrus Grower for 25 years, Co-owner of small business operation for 20 years

#### Civic and Community involvement:

Florida's First Assembly, Rotarian/Past President, Assistant District Governor, Heartland Crime Stoppers Chairman, Hardee County Republican Party Vice Chairman, Lydia's House Executive Board, Honor Flights Coordinator for veterans, Heartland Chorale

#### Government Involvement:

Hardee County Commissioner 4 years, Certified County Commissioner designation - Florida Assn. of Counties, Advanced County Commissioner designation- Florida Assn. of Counties, Florida Assn. of Counties Executive board, Florida Coalition of Small Counties Co Chair, Rural Caucus of Small Counties Co Chair, Florida Health and Human Services Policy Committee Vice Chair, Hardee County State legislative liaison, Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Hardee County Economic Development Authority Vice Chair, Hardee County Canvassing Board, Hardee County Value Adjustment Board

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MEETING THE CHALLENGES

FACING THE ISSUES

# Sample Ballot

**OFFICIAL PRIMARY BALLOT  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
AUGUST 26, 2014**

**OFICIAL PRIMARIA BALOTA  
DEMOCRATICO PARTIDO  
CONDADO HARDEE, FLORIDA  
AGOSTA 26, 2014**

<b>Governor &amp; Lieutenant Governor</b> (Vote for One) Gobernador Y Lugarteniente Gobernador (Votar por Uno)	<b>Circuit Judge</b> 10th Judicial Circuit, Group 16 (Vote for One) Circuito JUDGE 10th circuito Judicial, Grupo 16 (Votar por Uno)
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<input type="radio"/> George Sheldon  <input type="radio"/> Perry E. Thurston	<input type="radio"/> Paul G. Samuels  <input type="radio"/> Andrew B. Smith
<b>Circuit Judge</b> 10th Judicial Circuit, Group 2 (Vote for One) CIRCUITO JUDGE 10TH Circuito Judicial, Grupo 2 (Votar por Uno)	<b>School Board Member</b> District 4 (Vote for One) Miembro Del Escuelas Distrito 4 (Votar por Uno)
<input type="radio"/> Michelle Pincket  <input type="radio"/> Christine Thornhill	<input type="radio"/> Eugenia G. Larsen  <input type="radio"/> Garry M. McWhorter  <input type="radio"/> Janice M. Platt

TO VOTE COMPLETELY FILL IN THE OVAL  NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE.  
 Use only the marking device provided or a number 2 pencil.  
 If you make a mistake, don't hesitate to ask for a new ballot.  
 If you erase or make other marks, your vote may not count.

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 Si usted comete un erro, no dude pedir una nueva papeleta de voto.  
 Si usted borra o hace otras marcas, su voto no puede contar.

**OFFICIAL PRIMARY BALLOT  
REPUBLICAN PARTY  
HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
AUGUST 26, 2014**

**OFICIAL PRIMARIA BALOTA  
REPUBLICANO PARTIDO  
CONDADO HARDEE, FLORIDA  
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<b>Governor &amp; Lieutenant Governor</b> (Vote for One) Gobernador Y Lugarteniente Gobernador (Votar por Uno)	<b>Circuit Judge</b> 10th Judicial Circuit, Group 16 (Vote for One) Circuito JUDGE 10th circuito Judicial, Grupo 16 (Votar por Uno)
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<b>County Commissioner District 2</b> (Vote for One) Comisionado Del Condado Distrito 2 (Votar por Uno)	<b>School Board Member</b> District 1 (Vote for One) Miembro Del Escuelas Distrito 1 (Votar por Uno)
<input type="radio"/> Sue Birge  <input type="radio"/> Daniel Graham  <input type="radio"/> Judy Wilson	<input type="radio"/> Paul G. Samuels  <input type="radio"/> Andrew B. Smith
<b>County Commissioner District 4</b> (Vote for One) Comisionado Del Condado Distrito 4 (Votar por Uno)	<b>School Board Member</b> District 4 (Vote for One) Miembro Del Escuelas Distrito 4 (Votar por Uno)
<input type="radio"/> Grady Johnson  <input type="radio"/> Russell A. Melendy	<input type="radio"/> Eugenia G. Larsen  <input type="radio"/> Garry M. McWhorter  <input type="radio"/> Janice M. Platt
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<input type="radio"/> Michelle Pincket  <input type="radio"/> Christine Thornhill	

**OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN PRIMARY BALLOT  
HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
AUGUST 26, 2014**

**OFICIAL SIN PARTIDO PRIMARIA BALOTA  
CONDADO HARDEE, FLORIDA  
AGOSTA 26, 2014**

<b>Circuit Judge</b> 10th Judicial Circuit, Group 2 (Vote for One) CIRCUITO JUDGE 10TH Circuito Judicial, Grupo 2 (Votar por Uno)	<b>School Board Member</b> District 4 (Vote for One) Miembro Del Escuelas Distrito 4 (Votar por Uno)
<input type="radio"/> Michelle Pincket  <input type="radio"/> Christine Thornhill	<input type="radio"/> Eugenia G. Larsen  <input type="radio"/> Garry M. McWhorter  <input type="radio"/> Janice M. Platt
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THIS RACE WILL APPEAR ON BALLOTS IN  
PRECINCT 4, 6, 10, AND 12 OF THE CITY OF WAUCHULA ONLY  
 ESTA CARRERA APARECERA EN LAS BOLRTRAS  
 EN LA ZONA 4, 6, 10, AND 12 DE LA CIUDAD  
 DE WAUCHULA NOMAS

<b>City of Wauchula</b> Seat 6 (Vote for One) Ciudad de Wauchula Asiento 6 (Votar por Uno)
<input type="radio"/> John M. Freeman  <input type="radio"/> Sherri T. Albritton

THIS SAMPLE BALLOT MAY BE  
TAKEN TO THE POLLS FOR  
REFERENCE.

This is your individual sample ballot that reflects the races or issues for which you are eligible to cast your vote (as of book closing July 28, 2014). Please remember to take your photo and signature identification with you to the Polls, if you do not have your photo signature ID you may vote a provisional ballot.

On August 26th, you will have the opportunity to "Make Freedom Count" by exercising your "right to vote" in the Primary Election. As we all know, "every" vote counts.

Please note your assigned precinct number on your voter information card. The races are listed in order by federal, state, county and local offices.

Please call our offices at (863) 773-6061, if you have any questions.

LA BOLETA DE MUESTRA PUEDE LLEVARSE AL CENTRO DE VOTACION PARA UTILIZARLA DE REFERENCIA.

Ésta es su boleta de muestra en que constan las contiendas y propuestas por las cuales usted puede votar, siempre que se haya inscrito antes del El 28 de Julio 2014 fecha de cierre de los libros de inscripción. Le rogamos que no se olvide de llevar identificación fotográfica al centro de votación.

El 26 de Agosto 2014 al ejercer su derecho al voto en la elección primaria, usted tendrá la oportunidad de hacer que la libertad cuente ya que, como todos sabemos, todo voto cuenta.

Por favor, busque en su tarjeta de información electoral el número del recinto que se le ha asignado. Las contiendas están enumeradas según el orden de los cargos federales, estatales, condales y locales.

Sírvase llamar a nuestras oficinas por el (863)773-6061 si desea hacer alguna pregunta



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
CONTACT THE HARDEE COUNTY  
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Wauchula, FL 33873
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- Fax: (863) 773-6813
- e-mail: hardeesoe@yahoo.com
- www.hardecouneyelections.com

Precinct Locations

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- Precinct (2) Bowling Green Faith Assembly of God 317 N. Oak St.
- Precinct (3) Bowling Green Council Chambers 104 E. Main St.
- Precinct (4) First United Methodist Church of Wauchula 207 North 7th Avenue (Wauchula)
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MARK YOUR BALLOT CORRECTLY-  
FILL IN THE OVAL NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE.  
MAKE IT COUNT!

MARQUE SU BALOTA CORRECTAMENTE-  
COMPLETE EL OVALO AL LADO DE SU OPCION.  
Make it count! / ¡Hagalo contar!

U.S. PRESIDENT / PRESIDENTE DE ESTADOS UNIDOS Vote For ONE / Voto por UNO
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YOUR CHOICE / SU OPCION
<input type="radio"/> NOT Your Choice / NO Su Opcion

TRY EARLY VOTING THIS YEAR!

Primary Election - Early Voting from  
August 11th - August 23rd  
MONDAY - SATURDAY  
9am - 5pm AT THE OFFICE OF THE  
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

¡TRATE VOTAR TEMPRANO ESTE AÑO!  
La Elección primaria - Votar temprano de  
Agosto 11-23 El LUNES - SABADO  
9 am - 5 pm La OFICINA DEL EL  
SUPERVISOR DE ELECCIONES

NEED TO VOTE AN ABSENTEE  
BALLOT?

Call our office at (863) 773-6061 for  
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¿NECESITA AI VOTO UNA  
VOTACION de AUSENTE?

Llame nuestra oficina en (863) 773-6061 para  
a información en votar de ausente o para  
solicitar una votación de ausente.



Jeff Ussery  
Supervisor of Elections  
311 N. 6th Ave.  
Wauchula, FL 33873

OFFICIAL PRIMARY  
SAMPLE BALLOT  
Hardee County, Florida  
August 26, 2014

La VOTACION PRIMARIA OFICIAL  
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