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## Cream Of The Cops



By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

Wauchula's men and women in blue have earned another badge of honor.

The Wauchula Police Department (WPD) was awarded its second 'Excelsior Recognition' late last month by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation.

"The Excelsior Recognition rating is the Commission's highest form of recognition for continued excellence in the field of law enforcement accreditation," said John Eason, Wauchula's chief of police.

The only accredited law enforcement agency in Hardee County, WPD first earned the distinction in 1999 and has passed the reassessment process ever since.

Assessments, according to Eason, are conducted every three years.

In order to qualify for the 'Excelsior' distinction, law enforcement agencies must demonstrate "a commitment to accreditation" by completing five cycles of reaccreditation – a process that takes approximately 17 years.

Wauchula earned its first 'Excelsior' award in February 2015.

With its most recent review process, the department was reviewed along with 28 other agencies vying for the prestigious distinction.

"The Wauchula Police Department has a solid commitment to the accreditation process," said Marie M. Reese, team leader for the assessment team that reviewed the department. "It was apparent that every member of the agency is supportive of this endeavor and is driven to provide excellent, professional and dedicated service to the City and its community."

There are 365 law enforcement agencies in the Sunshine State.

Of those, only 165 – roughly 45 percent – participate in the voluntary accreditation process.

Fewer than 10 percent of participating agencies earn an "Excelsior" rating.

"This is a well-deserved honor for our police department," said Olivia Minshew, assistant city manager.

The accreditation process is intense.

Members of the assessment team – law enforcement officers all – spend multiple days combing through records and conducting interviews and onsite inspection of departments and agencies applying for accreditation.

Reese, a member of the Naples Police Department, headed the team that inspected WPD during site visits Dec. 5-7. Other members of the team included Charlotte Johnson of the Oviedo Police Department and Investigator Jennifer Ruland of the Bureau of Fire

See **COPS A2**



A delegation from the Wauchula Police Department and the City of Wauchula pose for a picture with the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation after the department was re-certified as an 'Excelsior' department.

## Schools Offer \$982,944 In Teacher Raises

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

The latest salary offer from The School Board of Hardee County to teachers is not enough for union negotiators representing local educators.

Jim Demchak, lead negotiator for the Hardee Education Association/United, verbally rejected a \$982,944 raise package during a bargaining session held March 1.

"We cannot take (the offer) to ratification," Demchak said. "We stand with our offer on the table."

Negotiators from The School District of Hardee County offered teachers a raise package valued – according to documents provided by The District – at \$982,944.

The offer included an increase in starting performance pay by \$963 to bring the first year educator salary for a first year teacher to \$39,000.

Demchak said the higher starting pay is not enough to entice recent college graduates to migrate to Hardee County for work.

"We still don't believe \$39,000 is enough to attract quality teachers," Demchak said.

Deputy Superintendent Todd Durden, a member of the negotiating team, said the offer stretches an already thin budget that is being balanced by spending down current fund balance.

"We are actually spending

See **RAISES A2**

## School Search Nets Arrest Of Probationer

By JOAN SEAMAN

Of The Herald-Advocate

The high school lockdown was brief: it was over by 9 a.m. It was just enough time for the Hardee County Drug Task Force to do its work.

According to records released by the Hardee County Sheriff's Office, members of the Hardee County Drug Task Force, accompanied by a deputy with his K-9 partner went to the Hardee Senior High School last Thursday morning.

The half dozen drug force officers and School Resource Officer Alice Simandl circulated around campus.

Other campus officials involved included Principal Dr. Michele Polk, Assistant Principal Ron Herron, Athlete Director Travis Tubbs and assistant Melanie Henderson, Dean Brian Kemp and other staff,

Chad Douglas, Greg Guzman, Cliff Lunn and Mary Sue Maddox.

Indication of drug activity was limited to one room, where the K-9 alerted to the presence of drugs in a backpack.

"A search of that backpack yielded a prescription pill bottle with small trace amounts of a green leafy substance in the bottom," deputies noted in official reports.

The owner of the backpack denied the presence of drugs, continued the report.

However, a prescription bottle in the backpack tested positive for marijuana – TCH, continued the report.

"The substance immediately tested positive for the presence of THC," it was noted.

The teen was released to his parent. He was issued a notice

See **SEARCH A2**

### WEATHER

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
03/06	79	40	0.05
03/07	75	64	0.06
03/08	65	42	0.00
03/09	73	35	0.00
03/10	76	38	0.12
03/11	82	59	0.00
03/12	71	67	0.01

Rainfall to 03/12/2018 - 3.24  
Same period last year - 3.51  
Ten Year Average - 49.17  
Source: Univ. of Fla. OLA Research Center

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## Fire Risk High During Dry Season

By JOAN SEAMAN

Of The Herald-Advocate

Fire risk continues this week. Despite heavy winds on Monday, some people insisted on burning, resulting in two fires for the Hardee County Fire-Rescue Department staff to handle.

Residents are urged to use caution in burning garbage or grass clippings because of the wind and risk of a fire getting out of control.

Last Thursday, a fire weather watch was issued for the day for Hardee and surrounding counties because of the higher winds and humidity.

"Outdoor burning is not recommended," the weather watch said.

Fire-Rescue Chief Joseph Walker, who is also public safety director, urged caution while stressing the county was not under a burn ban.

"This is not a Hardee County

burn ban," Walker said. "Please be observant to dangerous fire conditions and don't hesitate to call 911 should you feel it's warranted. Together, we can make a safer Hardee County."

Despite such warnings, the local fire department has responded to nine brush fires in the last week, including the two on windy Monday, and one illegal burn.

The drought index was at 482 on Tuesday morning, certainly not in the critical zone.

"We are issuing authorizations today to certified pile burners, those with training," reports the Myakka Fire District, which covers Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, DeSoto and Hardee counties.

"Restrictions change daily, depending on the weather," the Myakka report said.

The Fire Watch notice last week said, that "when winds

See **FIRE A3**



A line of Florida Forestry Service bulldozers plows a fire break around a recent brush fire. Residents are urged to stay vigilant to fire risk as conditions are favorable for brush fire outbreaks.

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**LETTERS:**

The Herald-Advocate welcomes letters to the editor on matters of public interest. Letters should be brief, and must be written in good taste, signed and include a daytime phone number.



## Kelly's Column By Jim

A favorite quote of the late Joe L. Davis Sr. of Wauchula was by U.S. President Calvin Coolidge:

"Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated failures. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."

William Feather once said, "Success seems to be largely a matter of hanging on after others have let go."

The father of H. Jackson Brown Jr. said, "In the confrontation between the steam and the rock, the stream always wins—not through strength but by perseverance."

Winston Churchill said in a speech, "Never, never, never give up."

H.E. Jansen said, "The man who wins may have been counted out several times, but he didn't hear the referee."

Source: "A Father's Book of Wisdom," compiled by H. Jackson Brown Jr., published in 1988. Thirty years later these sayings are still timely.

Seven to nine homes in northeastern Wauchula have been tapped for 2018 Paint The Town sponsored by the City's Community Redevelopment Agency and Main Street Wauchula, headed up by Jessica Newman.

This is the sixth year. To date 32 homes have been painted by 626 volunteers who slapped on 539 gallons of paint.

Some info from Environmental Nutrition, a newsletter of Food, Nutrition and Health:

Get most of your sugar and calories from fruit, vegetables, and whole grains.

One of the best ways to prevent or lower high blood pressure (the silent killer) is to lower your salt intake (no more than 2,300 milligrams per day).

In most cases the extraordinary healing power you need is in food, not pills.

People over 60 looking for good sources of protein should eat, among other foods, tuna, chicken and cottage cheese.

Potassium, a mineral found in fruits, vegetables, beans and dairy products, can sweep excess sodium out of you system and lower blood pressure. Enjoy lima beans, plain yogurt, bananas, sweet potatoes, grapefruit, mushrooms or prunes.

Foods that help prevent memory loss include blueberries, strawberries and other berries.

Broccoli can help prevent cancer. Dried beans can help prevent colon cancer.

Foods that can cut the risk of heart disease include apples, onions, grapes, garlic, cherries, and citrus.

The easiest way to avoid diabetes is to drink water—several glasses a day.

Nuts, carrots and greens help protect your eyesight as you age.

Prunes can help fight osteoporosis.

To help your skin from harmful UV rays and sunburn eat tomatoes, watermelon, red bell peppers, tea, onions, apples and soy foods.

Losing 10 percent of your body weight can reduce the risk of getting Type 2 diabetes up to 58 percent.

Let's all try to stay healthy and enjoy this nice Florida weather.

## Corrections

### Courthouse Report

A real estate transaction in the Courthouse Report in the March 8 edition incorrectly listed Amy S. Crews as a co-trustee. Crews is in fact the sole trustee. We apologize for the error.

At The Herald-Advocate, we want accuracy to be a given, not just our goal. If you believe we have printed an error in fact, please call to report it. We will review the information, and if we find it needs correction or clarification, we will do so here.

To make a report, call Managing Editor Cynthia Krahl at 773-3255.

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and Arson Investigations.

Vehicle inspections, interviews with staff, a labor intensive review of department records, and even an inspection of the department's communication system (which is managed by the Hardee County Sheriff's Office) were included in the review.

Additionally, the department was required to provide more than 1,100 separate "proofs" to document compliance with law enforcement standards.

The reviews were near perfect.

The department, in fact, was found to be in 100 percent compliance with all mandatory policies and the review team found no need for corrective action.

Lt. Matthew Whatley, assistant chief, oversaw the accred-

itation process for the department.

Feedback from the community is also part of the review process.

The accreditation team received seven letters in support of the police department.

"All were very complimentary and consider the WPD a very professional, courteous agency, who go out of their way to help the elderly in the community, and work well with their collaborative partners in education activities by participating in emergency management drills," Reese noted.

The only negative feedback came from an "anonymous blogger" who reportedly "asked that the team peruse their website."

The site was reviewed but

was deemed of "no merit" to the review.

"Team Leader Reese found the allegations on the site to have no merit or bearing on the agency's standard compliance," it was noted in the team's final report.

The department received specific citation and praise for its annual "Shop With A Cop" outreach program that assists children and their families during the holiday season. "We were very pleased," Eason said.

Chief Eason went on to add that he "wished to thank all of the men and women of the Wauchula Police Department for their hard-work and dedication as well as City leadership for their continued support which is what makes this such a great agency."

## RAISES

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more than we are taking in," Durden said.

"We still have positions that we are short," Durden added. "Maintenance. Transportation. Food service. Administration. We still have people that a wearing multiple hats."

The current offer from The School Board includes retroactive pay to July 1, 2017.

The union is only asking for

retroactive pay to the mid-point of the school year.

The union's current proposal — presented last month — would cost approximately \$620,000 in the current fiscal year. During a full year, the proposal would cost approximately \$1.2 million.

The School Board last Thursday (March 8) held another in a continuing series of

executive sessions to discuss the ongoing contract spat.

The executive sessions are exempted from the Sunshine Law.

Bargaining sessions between labor unions and government negotiating teams are, however, subject to the Sunshine Law and are open to the public and subject to meeting notice requirements.

## SEARCH

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to appear on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia — both misdemeanors.

Florida's Sunshine Law exempts the identities of juveniles charged with misdemeanors from public disclosure.

sure.

The teen was further charged with violation of probation in a felony level case.

Details about the existing probation were not immediately available.

A court date has not been set.

**How Low Will Some People Go?  
Report Exploitation of the Elderly  
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## THREE-CAR SMASHUP



PHOTO BY TOM STAIK

The Florida Highway Patrol is investigating a three-vehicle smash-up that occurred Tuesday morning on S.R. 64 near the intersection of Hollandtown Road. Hardee County Fire Rescue responded to the accident, and at least one patient was flown from the scene by medical helicopter. The accident involved a SUV and two trucks — one of which came to rest in a nearby pasture. The Hardee County Sheriff's Office provided traffic control until the accident could be cleared. As of press time, troopers had not released any information concerning the accident.

## To Your Good Health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

**DEAR DR. ROACH: My mother has stage 4 cancer. She just went to a dermatologist, who performed Mohs surgery on her nose. I am BEYOND upset by this unethical behavior. The country is already deeply in debt, and Medicare is paying for this? Unconscionable! Not to mention the pain and suffering of my mother, who is now at risk of a secondary infection. I was sickened by the entire ordeal.**

—J.B.

ANSWER: I agree with you completely that often patients with terminal diseases receive unnecessary care. There have been studies clearly documenting this. However, the studies don't answer why, in a particular case, a physician performed these treatments, which add only pain, anxiety and expense. I suppose it is possible that the motivation is simple greed; however, I still have enough faith in my colleagues that I think that is a very unusual reason; I think it's far more likely that a specialist just doesn't see the big picture. There's an old expression that when all you have is a hammer, the whole world looks like a nail, and I think some specialists see a problem and fix it without realizing that the problem they are fixing isn't likely to ever cause symptoms.

For example, primary-care doctors order unnecessary tests, especially screening tests. I see mammograms ordered for women with advanced colon or ovarian cancer who are in palliative care, and this makes no sense. I have heard some physicians mention that insurance companies monitor the frequency of "quality indicators," such as mammograms, which affect their ratings and reimbursement. That's an example of a well-meaning system motivating wrong behavior.

I should emphasize that not all care for terminal patients is useless. If the goal is to improve quality of life or reduce suffering, then I am all for it, after a consideration of the costs (pain and inconvenience as well as dollar costs).

**DEAR DR. ROACH: I have heard of yeast infections, but I don't know what causes them. How do they affect the body, and what can be done to get rid of them?**

—C.R.

ANSWER: Certain yeasts, but especially the Candida species, are found on our skin, mucus membranes and GI tract. They normally live in balance with the 100 trillion or so bacteria we carry around. However, yeast can cause disease that ranges from fairly mild, like thrush of the mouth

or vagina, to life-threatening, like a blood-borne, widely disseminated invasive infection. Candida infection of mucus membranes is usually caused by changes in our bacteria, especially after the use of antibiotics. The antibiotics kill the bacteria they are supposed to (hopefully), but they also may kill the healthy bacteria that assist us in digestion (leading to diarrhea or worse), and this allows the other bacteria and yeast to grow.

Some people with genetic faults in their immune system are predisposed to chronic candida infections. These are uncommon but can be severe, and may require treatment by specialists, such as infectious disease doctors and immunologists.

The life-threatening yeast infections generally happen in people with severe illness and with poor immune system function.

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](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu). To view and order health pamphlets, visit [www.rbmamall.com](http://www.rbmamall.com), or write to Good Health, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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# SAVE THE DATE

## MARCH

- 15 – HC Commission Meeting/BOCC Office/412 W. Orange St., Room 103, Wauchula/ 6 pm
- 16 – Movies in the Park/ Heritage Park/6 pm
- 17 – Heirlooms & Originals Student Business Fair/ Heritage Park/9 am
- 19 – Open Mic Night/ Heritage Park/6 pm
- 20 – EDA Meeting/BOCC Office/412 W. Orange St., Room 103, Wauchula/ 8:30 am
- 20 – Devotion & Lunch/ Hardee Help Center/713 E Bay St, Wauchula/Noon
- 20 – Fitness in the Park/Yoga/Heritage Park/5:30 pm

Have an entry for Save The Date? See contact info below.

- 21 – IDA/EDC Meeting/ BOCC Office/ 412 W. Orange St., Room 103, Wauchula/8:30 am
- 22 – HC School Board Meeting/230 S. Florida Ave., Wauchula/5 pm
- 23 – Leadership Luau/ Leadership Hardee/ Wauchula Train Depot/6 pm
- 23 – Story of Jesus/ 7:30 pm
- 24 – Story of Jesus/ 7:30 pm
- 27 – Fitness in the Park/Yoga/Heritage Park/5:30 pm
- 27 – Z.S. Town Commission Meeting/6 pm

## APRIL

- 2 – Wauchula City Commission Workshop/5 pm
- 4-7 – Bensen Days/ Wauchula Municipal Airport/8 am
- 6 – Story of Jesus/ 7:30 pm
- 7 – Story of Jesus/ 7:30 pm
- 13 – B.G. Commission Meeting/6 pm
- 12 – HC School Board Meeting/5 pm
- 12 – Wauchula City Commission Regular Meeting/ 6 pm
- 13 – Story of Jesus/ 7:30 pm
- 14 – Story of Jesus/ 7:30 pm
- 19 – Financial Fitness Class/Hardee Help Center/10 am
- 20 – Story of Jesus/ 7:30 pm
- 21-22 – Wildcat Golf Tourny/The Bluffs/ 8 am
- 21 – Story of Jesus/ 7:30 pm
- 24 – Z.S. Town Commission Meeting/6 pm
- 24 – Health – Safety Expo/ Civic Center/10 am
- 26 – HC School Board Meeting/5 pm
- 29 – Gardening Workshop/ Extension Service/ 5:30 pm

Save The Date will keep residents informed of upcoming community happenings. To have your non-profit meeting or event posted for free, e-mail [features@theheraldadvocate.com](mailto:features@theheraldadvocate.com) as far ahead as possible.

# 'Heirlooms & Originals' To Feature Youth Entrepreneurs

Student entrepreneurs will take center stage this Saturday (March 17) at the monthly 'Heirlooms & Originals' from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Heritage Park in downtown Wauchula.

In addition to the customary collection of antiques and arts and crafts vendors, the Main

Street Wauchula-sponsored event will showcase the business acumen of local youth from across Hardee County.

Student fair booths include: artwork, jewelry, gourmet desserts, bath salts and other beauty products, slime, hair beads, and wizard wands in-

spired by a popular novel series.

"The future of Hardee County is looking bright with so many business minded youth," said Krystin Chapman, a spokesman for Main Street Wauchula.

While supporting the student business fair, deal-hunting guests can also shop booths of fresh produce, antiques, hand crafted jewelry, and woodworking.

In addition, The Heart of Hardee 4-H club will be selling plants just in time for the onset of the Spring planting season.

"'Heirlooms & Originals' is the perfect mix of farmer's market and craft fair," Chapman added.

The downtown bazaar is held on the third Saturday of every month, from October through March. Vendors set up in Heritage Park of downtown Wauchula from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

"You will not want to miss this last Heirloom & Originals of the season," Chapman added.

For information contact Main Street Wauchula at 863-767-0330, visit [www.mainstreetwauchula.com](http://www.mainstreetwauchula.com) or search Main Street Wauchula on social media.



Stress balls, created by local youth Yeshua Zuniga, will be available at this Saturday's downtown bazaar at Heritage Park.

COURTESY PHOTOS



The jewelry is one of a variety of goods available at 'Heirlooms & Originals'.



The Heart of Hardee 4-H Club will be selling plants just in time for Spring.



'Heirlooms & Originals' will feature fresh produce.

are 15 mph with higher gusts, humidity is 25 percent or higher, the likelihood is that any fires could spread rapidly. Under such conditions, burning is not recommended."

While Hardee County has been spared the widespread outbreak of brush fires experienced by surrounding counties, the danger is hitting close to home.

Crews with the Florida Forest Service battled a wildfire in Polk County right near the county line.

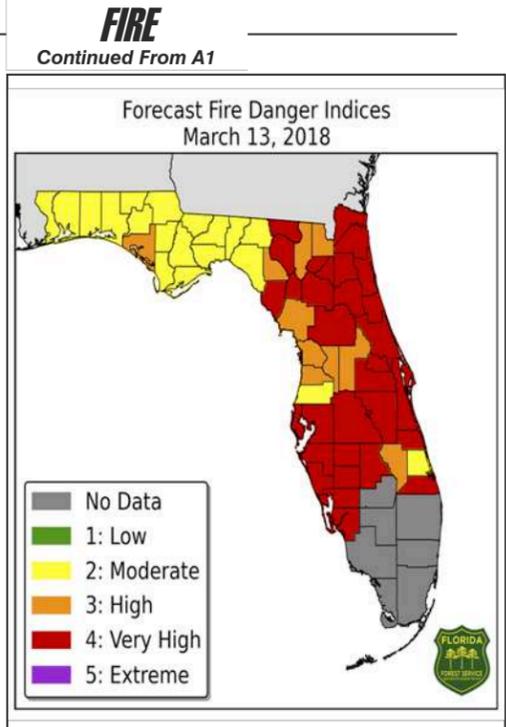
Just after 5 p.m. on Monday, FFS Lakeland reported units were headed to the wildfire near Mills Road and Fort Green in the Fort Meade area, near Bowling Green.

Fire officials initially reported 40 acres were burning in the area.

As evening settled in - and crews continued to work - smoky conditions forced the closure of Fort Green Road.

During that same time period, local fire crews responded to two separate fires.

The first was reported at 5:23 p.m. on Boyd Cowart Road. The second was reported at 11:52 p.m. on S.R. 62.



A map published Tuesday by the Florida Forestry Service shows the fire risk for Hardee County remains 'high.'



## CRACKER TRAIL BARBER SHOP

JONATHAN PLEGER WILL BE JOINING KATHY BRYAN AT CRACKER TRAIL BARBER SHOP ON MONDAY, MARCH 19TH. COME VISIT THESE HOMETOWN BARBERS FOR THE BEST CUTS IN TOWN!



Kathy



Jonathan

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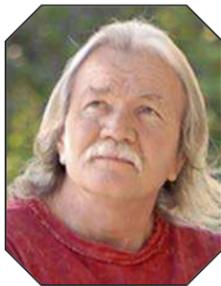
Yeshua Zuniga will be selling wizard wands inspired by a popular novel series at Saturday's final 'Heirlooms & Originals' of the season in Heritage Park.

### Celebrating This Day:

- Everything You Think Is Wrong Day
- Absolutely Incredible Kid Day
- Companies That Care Day
- International Day Against Police Brutality
- National Peanut Lovers Day
- Oranges and Lemons Day
- True Confessions Day
- World Consumer Rights Day

# Obituaries

## In Memory



**DONALD 'DON' EDWARD ROBBINS SR.**

Donald "Don" Edward Robbins Sr., 58, of Pinellas Park, passed away on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, in St. Petersburg with family by his side.

He was born Aug. 18, 1959, in St. Petersburg. Don enjoyed bow hunting, fishing, photography, canoeing, going to concerts and spending time with his family. He was a life-long biker and loved to ride his Harley Davidson "Blue".

He was preceded in death by his father, Reveice "John" Robbins Sr.; mother, Barbara E. Rice; son, Michael Robbins; and daughter, Chanelle Robbins. Don is survived by his wife, Marie Robbins, of Pinellas Park; son, Donald

(Angela) Robbins Jr., of Santa Rosa Beach; daughter, Jill Robbins, of St Petersburg; grandson, Jeremy Robbins; granddaughters, Brittnei Mendoza and Nikki Willmontt; great-grandchildren, Isabella Mendoza, Arnaldo Mendoza Jr., and Carter Mendoza; brother, Reveice "John" (Ann) Robbins Jr., of Arcadia; sisters, Diana Lynch, of Arcadia, Barbara Dubose, of Arcadia, Trudy (Byron) Williams, of Asheville, N.C.; Valerie Bonnett, of Arcadia; brother, Floyd (Ginger) Rice Jr., of Wauchula; dear friend, Patty Roxby; his first wife, Cathy Walker; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation and service were Monday, March 12 at Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel, St. Petersburg. Entombment was in Memorial Park Mausoleum with Pastor Stephen Darley officiating.

Online condolences may be made at [pongerkaysgrady.com](http://pongerkaysgrady.com)

Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
Wauchula



## PAULINE LORRAINE HAWES

Pauline Lorraine Hawes, 84, died Thursday, March 1, 2018, at her home in Fort Meade.

She was born Oct. 9, 1933, in Marlborough, Mass., and recently moved to Fort Meade in 2014 from Boca Raton, where she retired as a librarian from Florida Atlantic University. She was also a registered nurse, and a member of St. Andrews Catholic Church in Deerfield Beach.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alan F. Hawes Sr.

She is survived by her sons, Alan F. Hawes Jr., of Warner Robbins, Ga., Robert Hawes, of St. Cloud, David Hawes, of Boca Raton, Steve Hawes (Renee), of Fort Meade; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

Arrangements made by Hancock Funeral Home, Fort Meade.

## WANDA LEE DAY

Wanda Lee Day, 71, died Thursday, March 1, 2018, in Fort Meade.

She was born Feb. 3, 1947, in Plant City, and was a long-time resident of Fort Meade. She was a member of First Assembly of God in Fort Meade, and a 1965 graduate of Fort Meade High School.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel M. Day and Illa Frances Day, and her sister, Marie Day Walker.

She is survived by her brother, Fred Day, of Tennessee.

Interment was held in Evergreen Cemetery, Fort Meade, and memorial services will be announced at a later date.

Arrangements by Hancock Funeral Home, Fort Meade.

## BILLIE C. 'BILL' PRATHER

Billie C. "Bill" Prather, 81, died Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at Good Shepherd Hospice in Auburndale.

He was born April 8, 1936, in Canal Point, and was a long-time resident of Fort Meade. He retired from the City of Fort Meade gas department after a long tenure of nearly 50 years. He was a member of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

in Fort Meade, and a U.S. Army Korean War veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Dorothy Prather; brothers, Wayne Upshaw and Alford Upshaw; and sister, Cassie Brown.

He is survived by his daughters, Bridgett Davis (Alvie), of Lakeland, Lisa Rogers, of Lake Helen, Carol Johnson, of Lake City, Linda Gargus (Dennis), of Bowling Green; sisters, Joyce Drawdy (Dennis), of Center Hill, Linda Adams (Barry), of Bushnell; and grandchildren, Dawn, Heather, Ashley, Nate, Noah, and Kaitlyn.

Visitation was Friday, March 9, at Hancock Funeral Home, Fort Meade. Funeral services were Saturday, March 10, at the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Fort Meade. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery with military honors.

Arrangements were by Hancock Funeral Home, Fort Meade.

## In Loving Memory



**DIANE 'GIGI' GREUBEL**

Diane "Gigi" Greubel, 85, of Bowling Green, died on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at her home.

Born Dec. 18, 1932, in Carmi, Ill., Gigi moved to Hardee County from Lake Wales, in 1987. She was a member of First Christian Church and had been employed as a medical technician.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Othel and Faye Brown.

Gigi is survived by her children, Steve Greubel (Jennifer), of Winter Haven, Jane Long (Junior), of Zolfo Springs, Karen Wheeler (James), of Holliday, Texas, Lynn Shumard (Steve), of Wauchula, Larry Greubel (Jamie), of Wauchula, and Sherrie Greubel, of Asheville, N.C.; 10 grandchildren, Derek, Julia, Matt, Robby, Robyn, Christian, Andrew, Vreen, Elizabeth, and Wendy; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 9 at First Baptist Church of Wauchula with Pastor Scott Tharp officiating. Burial followed at Wauchula Cemetery. Visitation was Thursday, March 8. Expressions of comfort may be made at [robertsfh.com](http://robertsfh.com).

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# KOVELS Antiques & Collecting

By Terry & Kim Kovel

## PERFUME LAMP

In the unsanitary world of the 18th and 19th century, bad smells were everywhere. There was no garbage pickup, no indoor flushing toilets and no refrigeration to keep food from spoiling. In the 1800s, a special lamp was used to remove the strong odors in hospitals and mortuaries. It was a catalytic lamp that burned an alcohol-based fuel. A cotton wick burned for a few minutes to heat a stone. After the flame was out, the heated stone turned odors into carbon dioxide and water.

In 1897, a Frenchman improved the lamp by adding per-

fume to the fuel to make a scented room. Many lamps were made in figural shapes suitable for a living room or bedroom. Today, perfume lamps heat with electricity. The best 20th-century perfume lamps were made by French makers Robj, Aladin or Etling. A perfume lamp shaped like an Art Deco chorus girl sold at a Skinner auction in Boston several years ago for \$1,968. The 10-inch lamp was marked "Meu Bach Aladin."

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**Q: Vintage sofas are much lower priced than new ones. I like Victorian sofas with curved backs, but don't want to learn my bargain sofa has a problem I can't fix.**

A: If you want a 19th-century sofa, you should buy from a knowledgeable dealer. So little of the frame shows that it is difficult to tell a 19th-century sofa from an early 20th-century one. We once told the boss at a house sale that we would pay the asking price for a sofa if we could slit the back upholstery to be sure the frame was old. The marks from old tools said it was old, and we bought it.

Smell any old upholstered furniture. Often, the smell will not leave. Decide if the upholstery is a color and condition you want to live with. Re-up-

holstering furniture is very expensive. Sit on the sofa to be sure it is comfortable. Some seats are low, bumpy, too narrow or much harder than most modern pieces. Some of that can be fixed with decorative pillows. Be sure you can get it in your van or car. If you want to use it in a basement or second-floor room, the stairs may have too low a ceiling or a turn that makes it impossible to take it inside. But if all looks OK, you will have a sturdy bargain.

## CURRENT PRICES

Jewelry box, embossed flowers and leaves, silver plate, velvet lined, marked DS, 1960s, 5 x 3 1/2 inches, \$15.

Game, bingo cage, wire, round spinning ball dispenser, handle, ball slide, stand, 73 wooden bingo balls, 1960s, 12 x 14 inches, \$75.

Chatty Cathy doll, vinyl head, hard plastic body, blonde hair and blue eyes, c. 1962, 20 inches, \$200.

**TIP:** You can use an old iron cooking utensil. The finish on the iron will not be damaged if you wash the item properly after using it. Don't let it get rusty.

For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit [www.Kovels.com](http://www.Kovels.com)

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This chorus girl lamp in a top hat and red dress was made in the Art Deco style of the 1920s. It sold for over twice the estimate at \$1,968.

# Paw's Corner

By Sam Mazzotta

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I had animals all my life until my wife and dog died seven years ago. I got a cat two years ago when a neighbor moved. Last year, another neighbor gave us her cat after having a baby. The two cats — both fixed females — got along fine from start. What's curious is, one jumps up on my bed every night and walks up to my face. When I put my hand out to pat her, she starts licking my arm, wrist to elbow, with her sandpaper tongue! Seems she is checking that I have not deserted her! Do I taste that good? What's so tempting about my arm?

—Dr. William H., Central Falls, Rhode Island  
**DEAR DR. WILLIAM:** You may taste pretty good to your cat, but I think you're on the right track when you say she seems to be checking that you have not deserted her.

Many experts believe that cats groom their housemates — both felines and humans — as a way of showing they accept you as family, that they trust you and that they are caring for you.

Sometimes excessive licking is a sign that a cat wants more attention. It can also be a sign of anxiety or stress. However, that seems unlikely since your cat does this routinely and seems calm.

So the only question that remains is: Does it annoy you? If so, try gently redirecting the cat from your arm, maybe to snuggle against your shoulder. If it's really annoying or she doesn't stop after a few redirects, get up and walk away for a few minutes. She may eventually get the message.

Send your pet care tips, questions or comments to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).

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### Obituaries

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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 kind of physical problem did Timothy have of which Paul advised a little wine? Back, Stomach, Head, Legs
  3. From Proverbs 22, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great ..."? Riches, Witness, Corruption, Love
  4. What is the Hebrew word that's usually translated as "blessing"? Brocho, Chosson, Chumash, Ducket
  5. From Acts 8, who baptized the Ethiopian eunuch? Isaiah, James, Philip, Paul
  6. How old was Abraham when he died? 75, 175, 202, 256
- ANSWERS:** 1) New; 2) Stomach; 3) Riches; 4) Brocho, 5) Philip; 6) 175  
Visit Wilson Casey's new Trivia Fan Site at [www.patreon.com/triviaguy](http://www.patreon.com/triviaguy).

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## Recipes From Good Housekeeping

**CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE**  
 8-inch square cheesecloth  
 12 parsley stems  
 2 garlic cloves, crushed with side of chef's knife  
 2 bay leaves  
 1 tablespoon black peppercorns  
 1 corned beef brisket, flat (thin) cut (3 1/2 to 4 pounds)  
 1 1/2 pounds small red potatoes, unpeeled and each cut into 1 1/2-inch chunks  
 1 pound carrots, cut into 2-inch pieces  
 1 small head green cabbage (about 1 1/2 pounds), cut into 8 wedges

1. In cheesecloth, wrap parsley, garlic, bay leaves and peppercorns; tie with string and place in bottom of 5 1/2-

to 6-quart slow cooker. Add corned beef; top with potatoes and carrots. Pour in enough water to cover meat. Place cabbage on top. Cover slow cooker with lid and cook on low setting 10 to 12 hours or until beef is very tender.

2. To serve, thinly slice corned beef across the grain; transfer to warm large platter with vegetables. Makes 8 main-dish servings.

• Each serving: About 440 calories, 25g total fat (8g saturated), 27g protein, 28g carbohydrates, 6g fiber, 125 mg cholesterol, 1,480 mg sodium. For thousands of triple-tested recipes, visit our Web site at [www.goodhousekeeping.com/recipes/](http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/recipes/).

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## Recipes From Good Housekeeping

**IRISH SODA BREAD**  
 A rich and tender rustic Irish quick bread -- the ideal dinner companion for corned beef.

1/4 cup sugar  
 1 tablespoon baking powder  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 1 teaspoon baking soda  
 4 cups plus 1/2 teaspoon all-purpose flour  
 6 tablespoons cold margarine or butter  
 1 cup golden or dark seedless raisins  
 1 1/2 cups buttermilk

1. Heat oven to 350 F. Grease large cookie sheet.

2. In large bowl, combine sugar, baking powder, salt, baking soda and 4 cups flour. With pastry blender or 2 knives used scissor-fashion, cut in margarine or butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. With spoon, stir in raisins, then buttermilk just until evenly moistened.

3. With floured hand, gently knead dough in bowl a few times until dough forms a ball (do not overmix, or bread will be tough). Place dough on cookie sheet; shape into a 7-inch round loaf (dough will not be smooth).

4. Sprinkle loaf with remaining 1/2 teaspoon flour. With sharp knife, cut 4-inch-long cross, about 1/4-inch deep, on top of loaf. Bake loaf 1 hour or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack. Makes 1 loaf, or 12 servings.

• Each serving: About 275 calories, 6g total fat (1g saturated), 6g protein, 49g carbohydrates, 2g fiber, 1mg cholesterol, 485mg sodium. For thousands of triple-tested recipes, visit our Web site at [www.goodhousekeeping.com/recipes/](http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/recipes/).

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## Comfort Foods Made FAST AND HEALTHY!

By Healthy Exchanges

### ANYTIME SOUP

This soup is one you can start in the morning and leave on the stove all day long for lunch, afternoon snack or a quick dinner after coming in from a cold March day.

16 ounces skinned and boned uncooked chicken breast, cut into 36 pieces  
 3 cups shredded green cabbage

1 1/2 cups chopped celery  
 1 cup chopped carrots  
 5 cups diced fresh tomatoes  
 1 minced garlic clove  
 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley  
 2 (14-ounce) cans Swanson Lower Sodium Fat Free Chicken Broth  
 1 teaspoon dried thyme (optional)  
 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

2 tablespoons lemon juice or 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar

In a large soup pot, combine uncooked chicken, cabbage, celery, carrots, tomatoes, garlic, parsley, chicken broth, thyme, black pepper and lemon juice or vinegar. Bring mixture to a boil. Lower heat and simmer for one hour. Makes 8 (1 1/2 cup) servings.

**TIP:** Lean beef roast and beef broth can be used in place of chicken breast and chicken broth.

• Each serving equals: 114 calories, 2g fat, 15g protein, 9g carbs, 98mg sodium, 48mg calcium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Meat, 2 Vegetable; Carb Choices: 1 1/2.

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## Flash Back

By Chris Richcreek

1. Who was the first singer to release "Just One Look" and when?  
 2. What group had a hit with "Don't You Care"?  
 3. Who had the 1967 hit with "Sweet Soul Music"?  
 4. Which Slade song got complaints after it was played on a children's TV show?  
 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "It hurts to see the man that I've become, To know I'll never see the morning sunshine on the land."

sound.)  
 2. The Buckingham, in 1967. It spent 14 weeks on the charts.  
 3. Arthur Conley. Despite his U.S. success, Conley moved to the Netherlands. In 1980, he changed his name to Lee Roberts.  
 4. "Gypsy Roadhog," in 1977. The song was about a cocaine dealer.  
 5. "Indiana Wants Me," by R. Dean Taylor, in 1970. The song tells the story of a man on the run from the police, with police sirens playing in the background. For airplay, those sirens were taken out, as too many drivers thought it was real.

### ANSWERS

1. Doris Troy, in 1963. She also was the song's co-writer. (If you haven't heard this original version, hunt it down online. It's how it was meant to

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### AIMING TO ACE IT!



Ashley Wheeler and her fourth grade class at Wauchula Elementary School made a circle map to keep reviewing all the things they will need to know to score a 10 on the Florida Standards Assessment Writing Test.

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 121 W. Broward Bowling Green, FL 33834  
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 3059 Elm Street Zolfo Springs, FL 33890  
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**Requirements:** Identification  
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**First United Methodist Church of Wauchula**  
 207 N. 7th Ave Wauchula, FL 33873  
 Tele: 863-773-4267  
**Requirements:** ID & Physical address (Light Bill, Lease etc.)  
**When:** 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month  
 1:00 – 3:00 pm (first come, first serve)  
**Other Program:** Bagged Lunch - M, W, F  
 8 am – 12 pm for pre-school age kids & adults.  
**Wednesday Night Free Community Dinner:**  
 5:30 – 6:30 pm

**Hardee Help Center**  
 713 E. Bay Street, Wauchula, FL 33873  
 Tele: 863-773-0034  
**Requirements:** Application with proof of hardship  
**Programs:** Emergency & Homelessness Assistance  
**For more information, Contact the Hardee Help Center**

**St. Michael's Catholic Church Food Pantry**  
 408 Heard Bridge Rd, Wauchula, FL 33873  
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**Requirements:** Identification or Light Bill  
**When:** Every Saturday 6:00 – 8:00 am

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# AVID Students Tour Full Sail University



COURTESY PHOTOS

Hardee Junior High School's seventh grade AVID students toured Full Sail University Tuesday, Feb. 20. Located in Winter Park, Full Sail's degree programs are designed for the world of entertainment, media, arts, and technology. The students were presented an overview of the degrees offered as they toured through the studios and learning spaces. AVID is the acronym for the Advancement Via Individualized Determination program available at the junior high and senior high.



Yadira Rojas, Yuridia Rojas, and Sonia Hernandez at Full Sail University in front of movie film sets.



Seventh grade AVID students Ashley Magana and Miah Velazquez.



During the tour, the students learned about music and recording.



Students were immersed in various aspects of the recording industry.



AVID students touring a virtual lab at Full Sail University.



Students visited a green room during the tour at Full Sail.

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**Thursday, March 29**

**8:30 - 11:30 am**

**Wauchula Seventh-day Adventist Church**

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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

**March 11**, Eric Christian Guyer, 48, of 10297 Village Pkwy., St. Lucie, was arrested by Florida Highway Patrol Tpr. J. Ostermeyer and charged with two counts DUI with property damage.

**March 11**, Susan Leshayne Rau, 55, of 105 Industrial St., Auburndale, was arrested by Dep. Donny Eversole and charged with battery.

**March 11**, thefts at two locations on U.S. 17 North were reported.

**March 10**, Theresa Lee Rodriguez, 41, of 205 N. 10th Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Det. Shane Ward on a charge of withholding support of children.

**March 10**, a theft on Maude Road was reported.

**March 9**, Jose L. Martinez, 28, of 3222 E. Main St., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Bryant Ovalles and charged with selling methamphetamine, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**March 7**, Travis Bryan Revell, 41, of 4850 Freeman Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested by the Drug Task Force (DTF) and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**March 7**, a theft on Williams Avenue was reported.

**March 6**, William Warren Griffin, 25, of 2973 Center Hill Rd., Bowling Green, was arrested by Dep. Mitchell Johnson and charged with contempt of court—violation of an injunction for protection. At the jail, he was detained on an out-of-county warrant.

**March 6**, Stacie Leigh Jason, 37, of 1413 W. Sixth St., Palmetto, was arrested by Dep. Kim Pfeiffer on two counts of failure to appear in court.

**March 6**, Juan Ramon Maldonado, 41, of HWY 70, Arcadia, was arrested by Dep. Kim Pfeiffer on a charge of violation of probation.

**March 6**, James Allen Blum, 47, of 3122 Heard Bridge Road, Wauchula, was arrested by DTF and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**March 6**, Brittany Nicole Farabee, 28, of 700 E. Townsend St., Wauchula, was arrested by DTF and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**March 6**, Abram McCumber, 31, of 5018 Poplar Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested by Sgt. Lyle Hart and charged with aggravated fleeing to elude an officer after a crash, resisting/obstructing an officer without violence and a traffic offense.

**March 6**, Pablo Lopez, 47, of 2188 Ralph Smith Rd., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Chris Bandy on a charge of withholding support of children.

**March 6**, criminal mischief on Chamberlain Boulevard and on South Road was reported.

**March 5**, Austin Todd Nellis, 19, of 815 S. Ninth Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Sgt. Danny O'Bryan and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting/obstructing an officer without violence.

**March 5**, Marcelo Hernandez, 25, of 140 McKween Rd., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Mitchell Johnson and charged with battery, possession of drug paraphernalia, cruelty toward children that could result in injury and kidnapping—false imprisonment of a child under 13.

**March 5**, Marco Antonio Huerta, 29, of 828 S. 10th Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Det. Shane Ward on a charge of withholding support of children.

## WAUCHULA

**March 11**, a stolen vehicle on South Sixth Avenue (U. S. 17 South) was reported.

**March 10**, Juan Francisco Badillo, 46, of 801 N. Hendry

Ave., Fort Meade, was arrested by Ofc. Christopher Gicker and charged with DUI and refusal to submit to DUI testing.

**March 10**, Travis Scott Gibson, 40, of 817 E. Main St., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Emmanuel Vazquez and charged with trespassing on structure/conveyance.

**March 9**, Tiko Severe, 56, of 1551 Washington St., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Emmanuel Vazquez and charged with battery, simple assault—threat to do violence and resisting/obstructing an officer without violence.

**March 9**, a theft on Carlton Street was reported.

**March 7**, Keith Darin Seay, 51, of 110 Mockingbird Rd., Wauchula, was arrested by Ofc. Bryanna Lott and charged with willfully attempting to defraud, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of probation.

**March 7**, a theft on South Sixth Avenue (U.S. 17 South) was reported.

**March 6**, Theresa Bennett, 48, of 2774 Briar Patch Road, Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Det. Pablo Bermudez and charged with willfully defrauding or attempting to defraud.

**March 6**, a theft on LaPlaya Drive was reported.

## BOWLING GREEN

**March 9**, burglary of a conveyance was reported.

# Notices

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

CASE NO. 252018CA000099

WAUCHULA STATE BANK, a Florida state banking corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA N. BELCHER a/k/a VIRGINIA BELCHER, DECEASED, ET AL Defendants.

## NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA N. BELCHER a/k/a VIRGINIA BELCHER, DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST VIRGINIA N. BELCHER a/k/a VIRGINIA BELCHER; and all unknown natural persons if alive, and if dead or not known to be alive or dead, their several and respective unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees and creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, or under those unknown natural persons; and the several and respective unknown assigns, successors in interest, trustees or any other person claiming by, through, under, or against any corporation or other legal entity named as the Defendant; and all claimants, persons, or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown,

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## CONCERN.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for foreclosure of the following described real property in Hardee County, Florida:

Lot 45, PEACE RIVER HEIGHTS UNIT NO. 2, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 43, Public Records of Hardee County, Florida.

Parcel Id: 15-34-25-0836-00001-0045

Commonly known as: 790 Chamberlain Blvd., Wauchula, FL 33873

has been filed against you by Plaintiff, WAUCHULA STATE BANK, a Florida Banking Corporation, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Brandon S. Craig, Esquire, ABLES & CRAIG, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 551 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, service@heartlandfloridalaw.com, on or before April 13, 2018, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED ON THIS March 12, 2018.

VICTORIA L. ROGERS, Clerk Circuit Court

By: Connie Coker As Deputy Clerk

3:15,22c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO.: 252018CP000022

IN RE: ESTATE OF

MAYBELLE A. HARVEY AKA MAYBELLE ANNETTE HARVEY, Deceased.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MAYBELLE A. HARVEY AKA MAYBELLE ANNETTE HARVEY, deceased, whose date of death was FEBRUARY 19, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for HARDEE County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 17 W. MAIN ST., WAUCHULA, FL 33873. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is 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 dece-

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is MARCH 15, 2018.

Attorney for Personal Representative: ABLES & CRAIG, P.A. 551 South Commerce Avenue Sebring, Florida 33870 Telephone: (863) 385-0112 Fax: (863) 385-1284 Email: service@heartlandfloridalaw.com

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CLIFFORD M. ABLES, III Florida Bar No.: 178379

Personal Representative: BRANDON S. CRAIG 551 S. COMMERCE AVE. SEBRING, FL 33870

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## STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE PERMIT

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its intent to issue a permit, Permit No. FL0035271 (PA File No. FL0035271-008-IW1S/NR) to Mosaic Fertilizer L.L.C., [mailing address: 13830 Circa Crossing Dr., Lithia, Florida 33547] for the operation of its North Pasture Mine Facility. Active mining operations at the facility ceased in 1993. Current operations associated with Mosaic's North Pasture Mine include equipment warehouse, office space, inactive clay settling area (CSA) N-1, and a stormwater management system. CSA N-1 is used to store and clarify stormwater runoff before discharging through Outfall D-003. Outfall D-003 will serve as the sole discharge point. The discharge will flow into a ditch and thence through the receiving floodplain wetlands into Payne Creek and thence to the Peace River. The expected discharge from this site will be based on excess water received in the stormwater management system.

The facility is located at 6209 N. County Road 663, Bowling Green, in Hardee County Florida 33834 and geographically at:

Latitude: 27° 37' 50.89" N Longitude: 81° 56' 51.32" W

The intent to issue and application file are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department's Division of Water Resource Management, Phosphate Management Program, 13051 N Telecom Parkway, Suite 101, Temple Terrace, Florida 33637-0926, at phone number (813)470-5913.

The Department will issue the permit with the attached conditions unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, within fourteen days of receipt of notice. The procedures for petitioning for a hearing are set forth below.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

Under Rule 62-110.106(4), Florida Administrative Code, a person may request an extension of the time for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. The request must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel before the end of the time period for filing a petition for an administrative hearing.

Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), Florida Statutes, must be filed within fourteen days of publication of the notice or within fourteen days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Section 120.60(3), Florida Statutes, however, also allows that any person who has asked the Department in writing for notice of agency action may file a petition within fourteen days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication.

The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition or request for an extension of time within fourteen days of receipt of notice shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information, as indicated in Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code:

- The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;
- The name, address, any e-mail address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner, if the petitioner is not represented by an attorney or a qualified representative; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the determination;
- A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the Department's decision;
- A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;
- A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the Department's proposed action;
- A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the Department's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and
- A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wishes the Department to take with respect to the Department's proposed action.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Department have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

In addition to requesting an administrative hearing, any petitioner may elect to pursue mediation. The election may be accomplished by filing with the Department a mediation agreement with all parties to the proceeding (i.e., the applicant, the Department, and any person who has filed a timely and sufficient petition for a hearing). The agreement must contain all the information required by Rule 28-106.404, Florida Administrative Code. The agreement must be received by the Clerk in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, within ten days after the deadline for filing a petition, as set forth above. Choosing mediation will not adversely affect the right to a hearing if mediation does not result in a settlement.

As provided in Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, the timely agreement of all parties to mediate will toll the time limitations imposed by Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, for holding an administrative hearing and issuing a final order. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the mediation must be concluded within sixty days of the execution of the agreement. If mediation results in settlement of the administrative dispute, the Department must enter a final order incorporating the agreement of the parties. Persons seeking to protect their substantial interests that would be affected by such a modified final decision must file their petitions within fourteen days of receipt of this notice, or they shall be deemed to have waived their right to a proceeding under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. If mediation terminates without settlement of the dispute, the Department shall notify all parties in writing that the administrative hearing processes under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, remain available for disposition of the dispute, and the notice will specify the deadlines that then will apply for challenging the agency action and electing remedies under those two statutes.

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## Bobby Hanchey Retires From Wauchula State Bank Feb. 28



PHOTOS BY JIM KELLY  
From left are Wauchula State Bank President Donna McKown, who has worked at the bank for 35 years, and Bobby Hanchey, who retired Feb. 28 after a 48-year career that included president and board vice chairman.



From left are Eric Schullstrom, Chris Hanchey, Cari Schullstrom, Penny Hanchey, Bobby Hanchey, Katie Hanchey, Bobby Hanchey, and Jimmy Hanchey.



From left are Board Vice Chairman Bill Crews, Donna McKown and Bobby Hanchey. In background is a portrait of bank founder J.W. Crews. Bill is one of J.W.'s three sons (Denny, Mike and Bill). Denny became a doctor, Mike an attorney, and Bill a banker. The bank was founded in 1929. Jake Crews is board chairman and CEO.



From left are Bobby Hanchey and his former neighbors Jerry Brush and Sandra Brush Brown.

### Roundup

#### Free Help For Doing Taxes

An Internal Revenue-certified Tax-Aide worker will be at the Hardee County Library on Mondays from 2 to 6 pm., mainly for those over 60. All applicants must bring a photo ID, Social Security cards for all family members, and proof of all family income, and, if needed, proof that all individuals in the home have required medical insurance.

For more information, contact Patricia Bridewell, Tax-Aide local coordinator, at 863-257-5287.

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Bobby Hanchey displayed part of his Indian artifacts collection at his retirement reception Feb. 21 at the bank.



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# HARDEE LIVING



## Brookside Bluff News

By Jerry Smith  
517-930-1524





## 4-City News

By Henrietta Benson  
448-6737



The mystery theatre that was put on at our clubhouse was a huge success in every way except attendance. Lots of laughs and entertainment had all who attended very pleased. Gayla McKinney did all she could to promote it and her efforts were very much appreciated.

This year's fundraising pie auction was a huge success. A good crowd was entertained by auctioneer Bruce Miller. It started out slowly but came on like gangbusters as bidders kept bumping up the price of the pies. Many pies went for over \$100. Two apple pies sold for \$260. The bidder was Jan Hanson who is still shaking his head as to how it all happened.

There were many new bidders this year and that was very encouraging. A total of \$1940.50 was raised for the Activity Committee. The three high bidders were Ellie Miller, Joanne Warner and Jan Hanson. Bob and Jane Hunt kept bidding up the pies all afternoon.

Even Art Zacharias, who bought his first pie, remarked that it was "hard to quit bidding once you start!" Lots of good fun!

On Monday, March 5, The Arcadia Concert Band put on a great performance here at Brookside. This annual appearance is gaining in popularity as evidenced by the attendance. The old-time favorites were enjoyed by all,

and there was a lot of clapping and foot stomping to the music.

Our annual Brookside Picnic at Charlie Creek was another successful event. Really too many folks to thank but you just can't help but mentioning Mike Buuck who kept everyone busy with a variety of chores, and he did it on one foot! It just might have been all-time attendance record.

My apology for our article not being in the last issue. It falls under "—" happens!

Meet the Hatfields! Virgle and his wife Doris have been in our park since 2000. What is intriguing about Virgle is that he is a direct descendant of the original Hatfields! So if you want the real scoop of the Hatfield - McCoy squabble, just talk to Virgle.

Here is a guy who came from the humblest of beginnings. He left home at 15 to find work in Michigan after living in Tennessee. He financed his trip by growing a crop of tobacco that paid for his bus ticket to a "better life."

He persisted and finally got a job at General Motors after the guy got tired of turning him down because of his age. He worked at G.M. until his retirement as a skilled plumber. Did I mention that he did not tell his parents he was leaving until after he got to Michigan? So when Virgle and Doris recently had a daughter, granddaughter, grandson-in-law and three great-grandsons visit here at Brookside, I could not resist taking a picture! And oh yes, granddaughter Nicole and her husband Tate are expecting a girl after three boys.

Happy birthday to all who have birthdays in March.

Be Safe: It's Hardee Schools Spring Break March 12-16.

Correction: the first Black Jr. Miss Class of 2004 of Hardee County was Ciera White.

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends during the passing of Lurena Burns Blandin, age 79 on Feb. 28. Graveside visitation was last Saturday at 1 p.m. with services at Magnolia Cemetery.

Rev. Robert Harrison was funeralized at the House of God Church in Arcadia on Saturday, Feb. 24. It was largely attended by ministers, friends and family of the South FL Progressive Baptist Association.

Sympathy to the family of Hattie Mae Brown, 72, who passed on Feb. 24. Visitation was Friday 5 to 7 p.m. at Pleasant Hill Church. Services were Saturday at 11 a.m. at

Elizabeth Baptist Church.

The 80th birthday celebration service honoring Annie Mae Wilcher will be this Saturday 3 to 6 p.m. at Ft. Meade Community Center and on Sunday worship service at St. John A.M.E. Church in Bowling Green, where she will be honored with a reception in the dining room.

Easter program rehearsal for the youth at Greater M.P.B. Church is under the direction of Michelle Brown and Nikki Rivers. All are welcome. Rehearsals are Mondays and Thursdays 4 to 5 p.m.

The South FL State Convention will be March 18-23 at Innisbrook Church in Palm Harbor.

The annual Women's Day celebration will be at Greater Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church on March 24 at 3:30 p.m. The special guest speaker is Overseer Dolly Cook and the True Miracle Church of Arcadia.



Mystery Theatre cast.

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Pictured are Ellie Miller, Joanne Warner and Jan Hanson, who were the three high bidders in the fund raising pie auction.



The Hatfields.



Picnic at Charlie Creek.

## Decades

What were Hardee Countians thinking and talking about in the 1960s, or maybe the '30s? Each issue, we will revisit that corresponding week and year in a decade past, using old copies of The Florida Advocate, the Hardee County Herald, or The Herald-Advocate. This week, the decade of ...

### The 40s

March 12, 1948

**Theatrical:** Construction of Wauchula's new theatre is nearing completion as its first showing is scheduled for April 6. At an approximate cost of \$100,000, the theatre will seat 854 people and will be a model for future theatres that will be built throughout South Florida. Everything within the theatre will be new, making it one of the city's beauty spots. Owner of the theatre and future locations is Floyd's Theatre Enterprises.

**Earnest Easter:** This ad is selling women's flower hats

for the Easter holiday. J.W. Earnest & Co., known as "South Central Florida's Shopping Center," offers \$10 deals for straw hats, special for the spring occasion.

**March On:** Hardee High School's marching band is going to Fort Myers to compete in the District Two State Band Contest. This group of musicians is less than a year old and is already recognized as one of the outstanding Junior Bands in the state. There will be over 900 musicians competing for eligibility to go to the State Festival in St. Petersburg in April.

**Julliard Jewel:** A Pennsylvania native and student from Julliard School will be coming to Wauchula. On March 18, Miss Mildred Young will perform at the First Methodist Church, along with radio singer-philosopher, Richard Maxwell. Also joining them is Margot Power, winner of the



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CBS program, "Talent Scout," hosted by Arthur Godfrey. Miss Young was a member of the USO concert division and a guest soloist with the NBC Symphony Orchestra.

## HOMECOMING

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# HARDEE LIVING

## Fort Green News

By Rilla Cooper  
773-6710

Greetings from Fort Green! The big old pine tree on CR663 in front of the old Cooper home place finally gave up the ghost. It looked like lightning hit it but then again the pine beetles can do a fast number. Steve McAbee now owns the place and it looks like he had to have it cut down.

I met Shirley and Jeremy Braddock last week and she was telling me about a recent mission trip to South Korea. Thirty hours on an airplane is not my cup of tea. I also must confess I would be afraid to go to any foreign nation. I am sure it was as beautiful as she said and they learned quite a bit about the culture. She told me Charlotte Braddock celebrated her 90th birthday last

Saturday, the 10th. Happy birthday wishes to her even though belated. Joyce Coker will celebrate this week on the 15th.

I did not know Bailey Pierstorff could sing! She has a terrific talent. Lee Chancey's band was making a little music and she joined in on the vocals.

I understand Brother Randy Perry is going to NY for surgery at the Columbia University Hospital. He will repeat the surgery that was performed before but the surgeon is giving him a 98% chance of success this time. Please pray for him on March 14, the scheduled surgery date.

Susie Alderman's daughter, Amy Alderman Dubberly, was burned badly and has second and third degree burns. She is in the hospital but I did not understand where. Her mother was raised in Fort Green. Also, other relatives of the McQuaig family, William and Joey Taylor, are still recovering from their severe burns when the four-wheeler exploded and caught fire. They say a burn is one of the worst type of accidents so they are in need of

prayer. Geraldine Floyd was not able to attend church last Sunday as she is suffering from an infection. Please pray for her.

It is still a beautiful time of the year. The yellow trees have quit blooming but there is a lavender one that is in full bloom and just as beautiful. My neighbor, Faye Chancey, has beautiful azaleas blooming in her yard. I used to have big bushes around an oak tree but they all died several years ago. The amaryllis are all blooming and so is the wisteria. If you can't find something pretty to see you are in trouble!

Erma and David King were Wednesday night visitors last week. Frank's grandfather and Edith Bassett were born in the same town in West Virginia. That is how they got to know our church.

Matthew Brown is visiting from Tenn. One of his girls was in Sunday School and she said it was lots warmer here than her home because when they left home it was snowing. Everyone was glad to see Matthew and children.

Don't forget there will be dinner at church next Sunday

immediately after the a.m. service. A big baked potato with all the trimmings, a salad and a drink for \$7. This is a youth fund raiser.

The Memorial for Brave Noah will be at 2 p.m. on the 24th. Dinner will be served at 12 before the service.

It was cold last week. I walked Rascal one day and had his coat on and normally we walk south of the house toward the bridge and then pass the house going north to my neighbor's home. That cold day when we reached the house he just turned in and was ready to get in where it was warm. Dogs are smarter than we sometimes give them credit for.

We had a vesting preacher and Sunday night he mentioned that by the year 2050 Muslims in America will be so plentiful they can vote anyone they want into the presidency and money will not have any value. That is a scary thought when you stop and think how old your grandchildren and great-grandchildren will be in 2050.

Pray for each other, our nation and our president.

## Emergency Care Expo Planned

Hardee County Emergency Management and Health Care Task Force would like to invite everyone in the community to the fifth annual Health, Safety and Hurricane Expo.

The free event will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, at the Hardee County Agri-Civic Center at Stenstrom and Altman roads west of Wauchula.

It's a day you won't want to

miss, with activities for adults and children, educational displays, tips from experts, safety demonstrations and emergency vehicle displays.

The day's focus will be on the importance of taking action before a major disaster to ensure you can recover successfully and thrive after a storm.

For more information please call 863-773-9390.

## Brookside Bluff News

By Jerry Smith  
517-930-1524

Held out from last week.

Recently I had my friends R. J. Fink and Bob Ink mentioned at a Wauchula Lions Club meeting. It was met with laughter as "Ink & Fink" was repeated several times during the meeting.

Not to be overlooked was the fact that these two guys spent a whole day driving a tractor and shuttling folks at Pioneer Park Days. They were so much appreciated.

The annual Memorial Service was held on February 22nd. Many thanks to Paul and Kathy Bennett who put it all together. This is how we remember our deceased neighbors of the past year. God bless all the families who suffered their loss this year. Again our choir played a big part in this service.

Have you noticed our park entrance is a bee hive of activity as construction continues on Hwy 17 and the long awaited wall is in the process of being built. It has been the place to be for many of our residents who are out front daily watching the progress and of course offering some pointers.

It is hard to believe that we are into March already. Coming up this month are the PRECO Picnic, Charlie Creek Brookside Picnic, the park art

show and of course the steak dinner. Check the newsletter for any further information.

I recently had the privilege of talking to Anh Nguyen who is an exchange student from Viet Nam. This high school senior student is in her second year attending school in the U.S. and she plans on attending a university here in the States. Her sponsors are Michael and Jennifer Nienhuis who are the grandchildren of Gary Bredeweg. This charming young lady is an all A student and loved by all her teachers. Jennifer was quick to point out what a great guest Anh is and how much her own little daughter Amelia loves her. That was easy to see as we sat at Gary and Lill's house. And yes, her English is outstanding.

Finally, anyone who knows Mike Buuck always wondered what it would take to get this guy to slow down. Now we know! Complicated foot surgery! Now if he will just listen to the doctor and how about Deb, his wife who has the job of keeping him down ... That is not a job I would want.

A big thank you to Wendy Sinclair for taking on the task of the monthly newsletter. I for one, still like my information in print.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was French poet, journalist and novelist Anatole France who made the following sage observation: "The law, in its majestic equality, forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets, and to steal bread."

- If you're planning a trip to North Carolina in June, try to make it to the small town of Spivey's Corner for the annual Hollerin' Contest. If you'd like to participate but are worried about straining your vocal cords, you can always enter the conch-blowing contest instead of one of the ones that involves actual yelling.

- You might be surprised to learn that famed British author Aldous Huxley, best-known for his dystopian novel "Brave New World," was a consultant on Disney's 1951 animated film version of "Alice in Wonderland."

- After the vows have been said in a traditional Korean wedding, the groom formally introduces his new wife to his parents. The bride's father-in-law then pelts the bride with red dates, which is supposed to ensure fertility.

- Jazz musician Glenn Miller was the recipient of the first gold record ever awarded, for the big-band hit "Chatanooga Choo-Choo."

- You might be surprised at some of the seemingly innocuous things that arouse passions in a group of people. Take the venerable 1960s television show "Mr. Ed," for example. Evidently an evangelist named Jim Brown took issue with the show's theme song, claiming that when played backward, the tune contains the message "the source is Satan" and "someone sang this song for Satan." His preaching on the subject was so persuasive that members of a church in Ironton, Ohio, made a bonfire of recordings of the song.

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## LEARNING TO PLANT



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At its previous meeting, Wauchula Garden Club members were excited to learn of the upcoming bi-annual plant sale at the Avon Park Correctional Institution on the first Saturday of May. Ofc. Tommy Sauls, featured speaker from ACPI, is seen with Garden Club president Emma Lou Whitehurst. He explained that the horticultural program began in 1963 with the purpose of providing inmates training to help them find jobs upon release. Inmates selected for the program learn to work as part of a team and attend classes to learn about types of plants, soils, fertilizers and pesticides. In addition the program allows them to gain experience in horticultural practices, earning certifications which will allow them to work in a Florida nursery. Garden clubs around central Florida are proud to support this program. The next meeting of the Wauchula club will be Wednesday, March 21, at the Garden Center Building, 131, N. Eighth Ave., Wauchula. Jeannette Perrine will introduce guest speaker, Master Gardener Joyce Butsch, who will talk about succulents.

- There are castles and even lighthouses that are less expensive than NYC apartments.

- About 150 people per year are killed by coconuts.



Nifty Nifty  
Tammy Sue Is 50!  
Happy Birthday  
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Lill, Jennifer, Anh, Gary and little Amelia.



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Letter To The Editor

## Lasting Relationships Take A Lot of Work

Dear Editor:

Relationships take a lot of work and understanding by both partners.

It might seem old-fashioned, but counseling before marriage is a good idea, especially with the high percentage of divorces. Whether it be a marriage of very young people, first-time marriage, or people who have been divorced, counseling could be time well spent before making a serious commitment.

As humans, we have behaviors which can be positive or negative motives and desires. We probably want to be with the one we love without really knowing if we are compatible. One day we might find ourselves in a marriage that is not working.

It is sad but true that with so many broken homes today, it is usually the children who suffer more than the divorced couple. And with unhappy couples who stay together for the sake of the children, living conditions in homes may be worse for the families, leaving the children dysfunctional.

Children experience divorced parents who may be hostile, leaving them without good role models unless parents are careful about broken relationships.

Love is not enough when personalities clash in marriage. There is an old saying that "opposites attract," but that is not something to depend on.

A lasting marriage means to understand and support the other partner, leaving each other satisfied.

Everyone usually begins with their best foot forward, but after the first and second year begins to settle in to taking the other partner for granted.

Being in the wedding business for nearly 14 years, experiencing my own marriages, and learning from family and

friends, I know that marriage takes constant work on the part of both partners. Good relationships are important if people want marriages to last and be successful.

Here we go with human nature again...as we tend to be selfish, want what we want, and expect the other person to make us happy.

I've heard in many wedding services for others, when preachers and priests have said "The number one cause of separation and divorce is taking each other for granted."

If it is money problems or other disagreements, those things can be worked out, but if partners take each other for granted, a spouse will probably end up quite unhappy.

Love, understanding, and caring are like a circle...like a wedding ring. When these things are given and complete the circle, then love, understanding, and caring will go around and back to each partner. What goes around, comes around.

Part of human nature includes "expecting too much" and "setting comparisons too high." Just because the husband down the street showers his wife with candy and flowers, it might make you think that your marriage is falling short.

It's not wise to compare other marriages to your own marriage. All partners are not the same. Expecting too much may not be realistic; instead, focus on the good traits of your partner.

Human nature can cause many of us to wonder about alternatives. Thinking about alternatives can lead to divorce court. We tend to wonder if "the grass is greener on the other side of the fence," even though there are many good things to work on in our present pasture.

If we get divorced can we

find a better partner? If we get divorced will we feel happier? I once read a book titled "The Marriage Hears" about taking your same faults into the next marriage instead of putting life into the marriage you have now.

Some people have better relationships because they have personalities for better relationships than others. If a person is disagreeable, suspicious, or selfish, then that person is less likely to have a good marriage. This is when counseling pays off.

If a person loses a spouse and remarried, it will be important not to compare expectations from the last marriage to the new one. When some couples divorce after 20 years of marriage, it is usually because problems were there that were never resolved.

The most successful marriages are when partners don't take each other for granted and are always responsive to the needs and desires of their mates.

Marriage doesn't mean taking. Marriage means giving to each other to find happiness.

Carol Cowing  
Winter Haven

### ABOUT... School News

The Herald-Advocate encourages submissions from Hardee County schools. Photos and write-ups should be of recent events, and must include first and last names for both students and teachers. Identify photos front to back, left to right.

Deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. on Thursday. Please include the name and phone number of a contact person. Qualifying items will be published as space allows.

## What's In Store For March

We are already well into March, boy where has the time gone?

March, is a busy time for Relay For Life Hardee. We just finished up with our annual booth at Pioneer Park Days.



**Cancer Care**  
By Trayce Daniels  
Cancer Society Event Leader

Boy, Ralph Arce can make some good ribs and the pulled pork cooked by Kevin Daniels was awesome as well. We would like to thank those who came out and supported us again this year.

Relay team members will be out at PRECO's annual meeting on Saturday, March 17th, 9am - noon. It sure is a lot of

fun. There is many activities and food vendors. If you are a PRECO customer you know all the great prizes you can win. Come out and see us there. I know you will have a great time.

will be taking orders for them, be on the lookout for upcoming info.

Our next meeting is Thursday, March 22 at 6 pm at the Bobcat Den at Wauchula Elementary. Come see what we are planning for Relay this year. If you need more info please feel free to contact myself or Ralph.

We had some wigs donated to the Relay For Life Hardee if you know of someone in need of one please let me know. Thank you Mrs. JoAnne for thinking of us.

Don't forget if you have any questions about the American Cancer Society please feel free to call 1-800-227-2345.

For any questions that you may have please feel free to contact myself Trayce Daniels 863-832-1197 or Ralph Arce 863-781-1470. We will do our best to answer them.

## Tax Refunds: How Should I Spend My Money?

It is income tax time! If you are receiving a refund this year, here are some smart uses for your money.

1) *Get caught up on any bills you be behind on.* Missing payments often result in fees or penalties, whether it is a utility bill or credit card.

2) *Pay extra or pay down any outstanding credit card debt.* The average interest on a credit card is typically higher than average investment returns, including the stock market. Therefore, it may be faster to build wealth by decreasing debt than by simply putting the money into a savings account.

3) *Invest the money for yours or your children's futures.* If you have children that you would like to help with college, then placing this

money into a college savings account is a great investment in your children. If they do not have an account set up, this is a great time to consider doing so with money that you did not expect.

4) *Purchase something that you need.* Whether this is a

part for your car or something you need for your home, think about this option. Using this refund to buy something you need may allow you to later use your regular income to buy something you want. But remember to always take care of your needs before your wants!

5) *Purchase something that the whole family wants.* Assuming you don't need to do any of the above, buy something the entire family would like to have. Consider using it

to take a mini-vacation, even if just for a day to spend some quality time with loved ones. This is something we often feel we cannot afford to do with just our regular cash flows so this may be an incentive to invest in your family.

Remember, your best bet is to put some of your tax refund toward financial security by paying off debt, planning for the year ahead and setting aside money for long-term goals.

Contact the Hardee Help Center at 863-773-0034 for more information on enrolling in a Financial Fitness class offered at that location, 713 E. Bay St., Wauchula.

Plan now to make smart uses for your money!

Carolyn Hendry Wyatt holds a Master's Degree in family and consumer science education. She has 30 years of experience in this field, and served for 22 years as a county agent for the University of Florida's Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences Hardee County Extension Office.



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**Discov**  
ered what yogurt must really be... sugarless ice cream that's melted. At least I just tried some left-over ice cream, and it made me think of yogurt just as I threw it out.

Haven't run across anything that makes me think of spinach or broccoli.

It may be just me, but it seems that these ambulances run faster coming off the mountain than going up them. I think I'll stay on the bottom. I want a good running start.

Why does time back up when you sleep the hardest. It feels like two hours but the clock says 15 minutes.

Where do all these stupid things come from? My brain, am I this demented?

Why would a guy want to go to jail? A bologna sandwich tastes best when fresh. I'll pack some.

**Obituary:**  
It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of an old friend here at Longwood Home For The Elderly.  
John Jacob Alowishes Samson Richard Brown, i.e. Brownie to his friends.  
His passing was totally unexpected, not prepared for. He has never missed a day's work here for 88 years.  
Already he is being missed. Plumbing is now backing up in one wing of our Ladies of Charity and dining hall area, as well as Mister Bob's Barber Shop and Massage Parlor.  
What with prune juice at an all-time high for four months in a row, Brownie is really being missed.

**As Seen From This Side**  
By Jerry "Gray Wolf" Phillips  
Wauchula



A word to the wise: Always have an assistant on jobs like this. However, Brownie was a hard task master. He forgot where he was a lot of the time, and you could not help knowing he was the boss.

Someone suggested moving the dead bodies out to some other facilities, but with Brownie being one of them who could you ask?

Father Brown, Brownie's oldest brother, at 116 is in no shape to make these decisions along with his long list of other duties.

No one was prepared for Brownie to go to 115. He was just always there, somewhere, when he wasn't lost.

Father Brown's wife Louise, or was it Effie? Well anyway, she said she saw Brownie just standing in the corner. She thought it was three days ago, like maybe he was lost or forgot to turn around.

Burial will be at Angel's Rest. I forgot what day and time--but you can call. I don't know who will answer now. Brownie's wife Mable passed at 108 four years ago.

It is with a heavy heart I have to report the passing. Oh! I've already said that.

Brownie always said I was so ficked. Whatever that meant. Did I tell you he was 115, very active for his age, president of the Lions Club here 27 years until the county closed the zoo and sold the lions.

Wonder where Brownie's gone now? He ain't in his casket. Lost again I guess.

Reporting by this old one, Jerry (Gray Wolf) Phillips.



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# ZSE Names Its Third Quarter Cool Cats



*The littlest Cool Cats are from the kindergarten (first row, from left to right) Carter Plumley, Mya Lee, Benjamin Lamboy, Sinai Thompson, Connor Slemmons and Estefany Herrera-Reyes; (back) Alondra Pina-Tellez, Joshua Trevino, Nevaeh Hernandez, Pamela Tinoco and Ryan Fairfield.*



*Serving as Cool Cats from the first grade are (first row, left to right) Max Sanchez, Jayden Kilpatrick, Alexandra Ramos, Lola Ledezma, Jose Fabian-Ramirez, Emma Garcia and Aaron Diaz; (back) Mariyah Villa, Melody Solorio, Leilani Tinoco, Jack Nord, Keilly Cruz-Najera and Naomi Mora-Aldama.*



*Second-grade Cool Cats are (from left, front row), Albert Paniagua, Ryder Thomas, Payton May, Payton Lambert and Harrison Webb; (back) Kahmarie Gamble, Rylan Thomas, Allie Spencer and Marco Garcia-Santoya.*



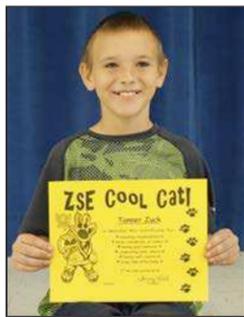
*Taking third quarter Cool Cats for the third grade are (front row, left to right) Allison Nerio, Julissa Flores, Joseph Vallejo, Cesar Sanchez and Suliyana Carrion-Martinez; (back) Alissa Gicker, Maria Villa, Jeremiah Naranjo and Felicia Hart; missing Hayden Lor.*



*Cool Cats from the fourth grade are (first row, from left) Layla Harvey, Mareli Ponce, Carmelina Baquix, Kaylee Reyna and Jonathan Reyes; (second row) Christopher Wolfe, Brian Fuentes, Allison Valdes, Jaymie Chancey and Oscar Montes-Reyes.*



*Named fifth grade Cool Cats are (front, left to right) Austin Chapman, Katherine Richardson, Yazmin Sanchez, Manuel Mora-Aldama and Tahsin Iqbal; (back) Cameron Smith, Lily Lambert, Samara Meade, Sara Teuton and Gisselle Sustaita.*



*Third grader Tanner Zuck was also a Cool Cat.*

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# Super Crossword OH GEE!

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pres. Lincoln
  - 4 Bar mitzvah officiant
  - 9 Placed a burden on
  - 14 Broke, as a horse
  - 19 Fake signatures
  - 21 Billy Joel's "—Extremes"
  - 22 Rock's Cooper
  - 23 "The Golden Girls" co-star being a rascal?
  - 25 Bit of gossip
  - 26 Conical-bore woodwinds
  - 27 Winslet and Middleton
  - 28 Source of great wealth
  - 30 Make juice of
  - 33 Mean beasts wearing disguises?
  - 35 Burg
  - 38 Life story, for short
  - 40 Suffix with cloth or cash
  - 41 With 45-Down, place for paternity testing
  - 42 "Sad to say ..."
  - 43 Record of the years
  - 47 Serpentine fish
  - 49 Unearthly creeping at a group of wolves?
  - 56 Long deli sandwiches
  - 58 Pretend to be
  - 59 Mythical man-horse
  - 60 Red chapter heading, e.g.
  - 62 Ancient French region
  - 64 In re
  - 67 Minerva, to the Greeks
  - 69 Comes out on top
  - 70 "Make no edits to those script lines!"?
  - 76 Sleek, informally
  - 77 How some freelancers work
  - 78 Bellyache
  - 79 Iditarod Trail animal
  - 81 Very spirited
  - 84 Swiftly
  - 89 Brand of fruit drinks
  - 90 Notion, to Luc
  - 92 Heavy
  - 95 Comedian Smirnoff
  - 97 Apr. clock setting
  - 99 Countdown expression
  - 100 Manila money
  - 101 Lively spirit
  - 103 Smidge
  - 105 Phys ed class
  - 106 Epochs
  - 107 Airport area that's only an illusion?
  - 114 Stair unit
  - 116 Mexican revolutionary
  - 117 Oasis beast
  - 119 Capital of the Beaver State
  - 123 Poe's bird
  - 124 Evil poet
  - 128 Belgian port
  - 129 Wise up
  - 130 Aggressively defiant
  - 131 — Domingo
  - 132 Unable to relax
  - 133 Composer Erik
  - 134 "Prob'ly not"
  - 4 Actress Witherspoon
  - 5 Equip for war
  - 6 Razor brand
  - 7 Radio host Glenn
  - 8 Koran's faith
  - 9 Tablecloth material
  - 10 Tennis great Andre
  - 11 Shout on "The Simpsons"
  - 12 Curio display stands
  - 13 Giving type
  - 14 Late state
  - 15 Female grads
  - 16 Copy closely
  - 17 Low-cost, in product names
  - 18 Freedom from govt. control
  - 20 Brown-and-white cow
  - 24 Get from — B
  - 29 '60s drug
  - 31 Blind as —
  - 32 Ho Chi —
  - 34 Golf peg
  - 35 New Mexico ski spot
  - 36 Bond girl Kurylenko
  - 37 Drawer Disney
  - 39 Burdensome
  - 44 Storekeeper on "The Simpsons"
  - 45 See 41-Across
  - 46 Try to harm with claws
  - 48 Angola's capital
  - 50 Cosine, e.g.
  - 51 Cake topper
  - 52 JFK guesses
  - 54 "Blast!"
  - 55 Kin's partner
  - 57 Linda of "The Exorcist"
  - 61 "— ching!"
  - 63 Hole tool
  - 65 Stomached
  - 66 Used a tool to grab, as an ice block
  - 68 Engraved work of art
  - 70 Screenwriter Ephron
  - 71 Big name in vacuums
  - 72 "Yes" signal
  - 73 EMS skill
  - 74 Tune in to
  - 75 On — with (similar to)
  - 76 Pasty
  - 80 Enters headfirst, as a pool
  - 82 Cup edge
  - 83 "So far — know ..."
  - 85 Any of six pontiffs
  - 86 Wine ripener, e.g.
  - 87 House, south of the border
  - 88 Son of Seth
  - 91 Female hormone
  - 93 Van —, Calif.
  - 94 Cellar, in apt. ads
  - 96 Luxurious
  - 98 Piper's cap
  - 102 School gp.
  - 104 Kitchen choppers
  - 107 Arctic floaters
  - 108 Large city in Nebraska
  - 109 Established fact
  - 110 — Gay (warplane)
  - 111 Tot watcher
  - 112 Latin "I love"
  - 113 Some jobs
  - 115 Suffix similar to -like
  - 118 Pre-euro Italian money
  - 120 Security claim
  - 121 Italian peak
  - 122 Tall tale
  - 125 "Gimme —!" (rude demand)
  - 126 Granola bit
  - 127 Here, in Lyon

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Congratulations, Lamb. This is the week to finish your project and then bask in your well-earned approval. (And if you like, you also can say "bah" to all those detractors.)

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The bold Bovine could find a new opportunity too intriguing to be ignored. But don't charge into it. Go slowly so you see how things develop as you get more involved.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You might try to soften your stand on that important issue. A little more flexibility actually could get you what you're looking for. A new friend enters the picture midweek.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your inner voice is on the mark when it advises you to tackle that family problem now! The sooner you're able to come to terms with it, the better it will be for everyone.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Someone reveals important news about a longtime associate. But before you decide how to deal with this information, make sure it's reliable, and not simply self-serving.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Some intensive soul-searching early in the week can help you reach a decision by week's end that should please both you and the other person involved. Good luck.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) The possibility of a career change is intriguing. Learn more about what it can offer and what it cannot. Weigh everything carefully. And ask questions.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Work is your priority this week as you try to make up for lost time. Expect help from someone who cares about you. Things take a welcome turn by the weekend.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A health problem causes some anxiety early in the week. But prompt medical attention soon eases everyone's concerns. Enjoy an arts-filled weekend.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) As much as you might resent it, a changing situation could require you to adjust your plans accordingly. The good news: An associate agrees to cooperate.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) That old problem is finally resolved, just in time for you to take on a new work-related project. This one could be the super door-opener you've been looking for.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) The early part of the week presents some difficult hurdles. But once you get over them, you can start to focus on matters that are more important to you.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are respected for your honesty and your dedication to doing the right thing, no matter how difficult that might be.

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## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Package is missing. 2. Hat is smaller. 3. Tree trunk is wider. 4. Hand is not showing. 5. Skirt is longer. 6. Hair is different.

## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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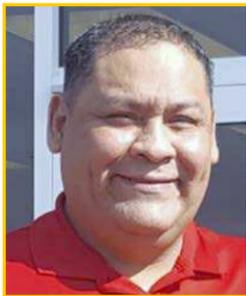
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JV BASEBALL

## Hardee Wildcats Improve To 4-1

By TOM STAIK  
Of The Herald-Advocate

With a 16-5 win over the Red Devils at home last Friday (March 8), the Wildcats improved to 4-1 on the season.

Hardee jumped out to a quick 3-0 by the end of the first inning.

The Devils battled back in the top of the second inning to take a 4-3 lead.

A three-run effort in the bottom of the inning, though, would pull Hardee back into the lead. The effort began as Oscar DeLeon scored following a ground ball to second base off the bat of Coy Gough to tie the game 4-4. Hardee pulled ahead as C. Gough and Caleb Block scored following a line drive to left field off the bat of Trenton Roberson.

The Wildcats added four more runs in the bottom of the third inning. Vicente Cabrera and Palmer Klein scored following a line drive to left field off the bat of Gage Gough. G. Gough and DeLeon scored in the next at bat as C. Gough knocked a line drive to center

field, bringing the score to 10-4.

The Red Devils scored their final run of the game in the top of the fourth to cut the Hardee lead to 10-5.

Hardee answered with a run of its own in the bottom of the inning as Blake Tinsley crossed home after tagging up after Cabrera knocked a fly out to center field to extend the Wildcat lead to 11-5.

A five run explosion by the Wildcats in the bottom of the sixth inning sealed the 16-5 win. Tinsley got the effort started as he crossed home following a ground ball to second base off the bat of Klein. Cabrera scored following a ground ball off the bat of DeLeon. G. Gough knocked a fly ball – reaching on an error – that allowed Klein to score. A fly ball to center field off the bat of Block allowed G. Gough to score the final run.

Hardee recorded 16 runs and 10 hits in 26 at-bats during the outing. G. Gough and DeLeon recorded three runs, Tinsley, Klein, and Cabrera had two

runs, and Block recorded one run. Klein and G. Gough each had two hits, Roberson, Tinsley, DeLeon, Block, Cabrera, and C. Gough each had one hit.

Pitching duties were shared by Roberson, Weston Roberts, G. Gough, and Tinsley.

Roberson threw 26 pitches in two innings on the mound as he allowed no hits or runs. Roberts threw 27 pitches in one inning and allowed one run and no hits. G. Gough pitched one inning, threw 25 pitches, and allowed no hits and one run. Tinsley pitched one inning and threw 35 pitches as he allowed two hits and three runs.

With the win, the junior varsity squad improved to 4-1 on the season.

Hardee defeated the Fort Meade Miners 20-8 on March 1, defeated McKeel Academy 9-8 on Feb. 23, and outlasted Lake Gibson 8-2 on Feb. 19. The only loss of the season came in a 4-11 defeat at the hands of George Jenkins on Feb. 20.

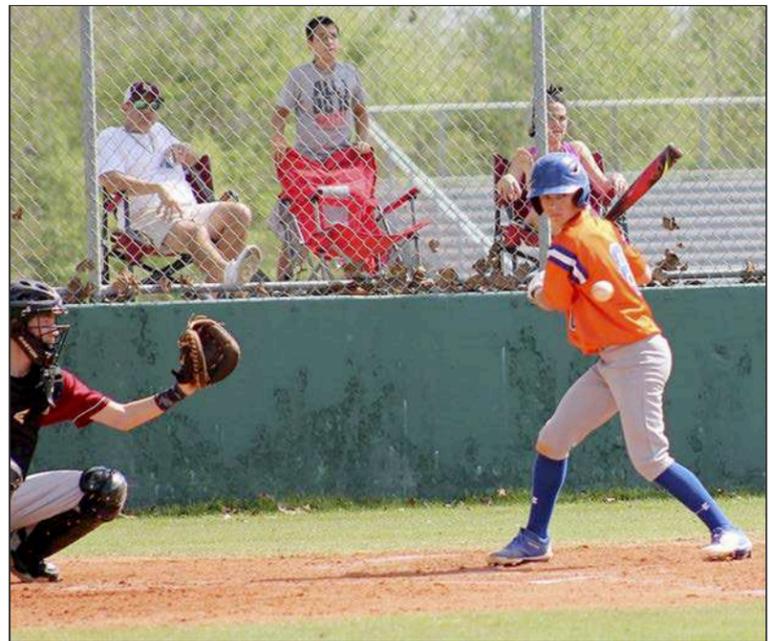


Trenton Roberson pitching for the Wildcats.

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Blake Tinsley batting for the Wildcats.



Caleb Block takes his turn at bat.



Coy Gough fields the ball for Hardee.

VARSITY SOFTBALL

## Sarasota Sailors Best Lady Wildcats

By TOM STAIK  
Of The Herald-Advocate

The Lady Wildcats dropped a heartbreaker last Thursday (March 8) as they were defeated 1-0 by the Lady Sailors of Sarasota High School.

Sarasota scored in the bottom of the second inning to go up 1-0.

The squads battled to a draw through the next four innings, before the Sarasota pitching shut down Hardee with three strikeouts in the top of the seventh inning to close the game.

Alayna Carranco held the mound for six full innings for Hardee. She threw 67 pitches, allowed five hits, and one run.

Hardee had two hits during the game off the bats of Ashlee Patterson and Carranco.

The Sailor mound struck out 16 Hardee batters.

Hardee Blanks Tenoroc, 15-0

The Lady Wildcats defeated the Tenoroc (Lakeland) High School Lady Titans in a 15-0 game held March 7.

The scoring got going in the bottom of the first inning as Mallory Gough crossed home plate following a ground ball to center field off the bat of Patterson. Patterson scored later in the inning, bringing the score to 2-0, following a ground ball off the bat of Carranco.

Hardee added six more runs in the bottom of the second. Makayla Benavidez scored following a fly ball to right field off the bat of Jackson. A hard ground ball to center field off the bat of Carranco sent Gough across home plate. Patterson added another run as

she scored on the throw. Jackson scored on a fly ball to left field off the bat of Alexis McBride. Cannaco added another run following a sacrifice fly to center field off the bat of Deborah Figueroa. The final run of the inning came from McBride after a fly ball to right field off the bat of Sarah Carlton to bring the score to 8-0.

The Lady Wildcats secured the win after a seven run effort in the bottom of the third that invoked the mercy rule. Gough got the scoring started as she advanced on an error during Jackson's at bat. Jackson eventually knocked a hard ground ball to left field that sent Patterson across home plate. A ground ball to center field off the bat of Carranco allowed Jackson to score. Carranco would later score on a passed ball during an at bat by Amari DeLeon. Stephanie Derringer

scored on a passed ball during an at bat by Benavidez. The final two runs of the game, bringing the score to 15-0, came from Carlton and DeLeon who advanced following a line drive to center field off the bat of Gough.

Hardee recorded 15 runs and 14 hits during 24 at bats during the outing. Gough and Patterson each had three runs, Jackson and Carranco had two runs each, and McBride, Derringer, Carlton, DeLeon, and Benavidez each had one run. Gough and Jackson each had three hits, Patterson, Carranco, and Carlton each had two hits, and McBride and Benavidez each had one hit.

Benavidez held the mound for the Wildcats all three innings and allowed one hit and no runs while throwing 37 pitches. She struck out four batters.



Alexis McBride and Coach Caitlynn Bliss after McBride hit a double.



Pitcher Makayla Benavidez and catcher Destinee Jackson having a meeting.

COURTESY PHOTOS BY STACY SMITH

VARSITY BOYS TENNIS

## Bartow Bests Hardee, 1-7

By TOM STAIK  
Of The Herald-Advocate

The Wildcats suffered a powerful sting last Thursday (March 8) as they travelled to Bartow.

The Yellow Jackets of Bartow High School defeated the boys in orange and blue from Hardee Senior High School in a 1-7 match in varsity boy's tennis action.

"Hardee lost 1-7 but played well against a strong Bartow team," said Dennis Aubry, head coach.

The setback follows a pair of victories for the Wildcats. Hardee defeated the visit-

ing Lakeland High School Dreadnaughts 7-0 on March 5.

"Hardee won 7-0 and played very well, fighting out every point," Aubry said.

The next day, the Wildcats downed the Miners of Fort Meade High School on the road during a "closely fought" 6-1 match.

"Three matches both opponents split sets and had to play a 10 point tie-breaker to determine the winner," Aubry said.

The Fort Meade match is expected to have a "huge impact" on seating for district competition, Aubry said.

# Courthouse Report

**COUNTY COURT**  
**The following marriages were issued recently in the office of the county court:**  
 Jerry Walter Bray, 22, Bowling Green, and Desarea Sherice Newcomb, 25, Bowling Green.  
 Cody William Gullatt, 28, Wauchula, and Alexis Nicole Gilliard, 24, Wauchula.  
 Perfecto Morales Gutierrez, 32, Bowling Green, and Aurora Lopez Velasco, 32, Bowling Green.  
 Alexes Palacios Sanchez, 24, Wauchula, and Liliana Iniguez, 23, Bowling Green.

**The following small claims cases were disposed of recently in county court:**  
 Naples HMA d/b/a Physicians Regional Medical Center—Collier vs. Dale Roberts, stipulated settlement approved, voluntary dismissal.  
 Midland Funding vs. Omar Morales, voluntary dismissal.  
 Portfolio Recovery Associ-

ates vs. Rafael Arce Jr., judgment with stay of execution.  
 Suncoast Credit Union vs. Juanita Murphy, Donald H. Murphy, judgment against Juanita Murphy.  
 Midland Funding vs. Lorena Martinez, voluntary dismissal.  
 Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Stephone D. Carlton, voluntary dismissal.  
 Sabrina Irvin vs. Sainte Helen Mital, voluntary dismissal.

**The following misdemeanor cases were disposed of recently in county court:**  
 Charles Kevin Franklin, taking wildlife on roads or rights-of-way and illegal taking or possession of deer or wild turkey, completed pretrial diversion program, not prosecuted.  
 Saul Hernandez-Moreno, trespass, transferred to pretrial diversion program, return Apr. 18.

Michael Allen King, possession of drug paraphernalia, adjudication withheld, \$465 fines, costs and fees; possession of cannabis, not prosecuted.  
 Ricardo Martinez, disorderly intoxication, \$550 fines, costs and fees.  
 Edin Morales-Vasquez, trespass on property other than structure/conveyance, transferred to pretrial diversion program, return Apr. 18.  
 Daniel Dewayne Noblett, disorderly intoxication, 31 days in jail with credit for time served, \$500 fines, costs and fees.  
 Rosario Castillo Ponce, petit theft, transferred to pretrial diversion program, return Apr. 18.  
 Daniel Verdugo, trespass, transferred to pretrial diversion program, return Apr. 18.  
 Jatterica Robinson, resisting/obstructing an officer without violence, completed pretrial diversion program, not

prosecuted.  
 Arnesto Briseno, domestic battery, not prosecuted.  
 Macey Leu Jordan Caldwell, possession of drug paraphernalia, probation 12 months, 25 hours community service, \$490 fines, costs and fees placed on lien; possession of marijuana, not prosecuted.  
**CIRCUIT COURT**  
**The following civil actions were filed recently in the office of the circuit court:**  
 Pamela Garner and the state Department of Revenue (DOR) vs. Steve Richard Benning, petition for child support.  
 Crystal G. Phillips vs. Misty D. Phillips, petition for injunction for protection.  
 Tealisha Owens-Coronado and Joshua Coronado, divorce.  
 Henry Kuhlman and others vs. Hardee County, writ of certari (petition to take case to appellate court - Hardee Circuit Court).  
 Cynthia L. Martinez and

DOR vs. Eradio G. Cerna Jr., petition for administrative child support order.  
 Patty R. Fliss and DOR vs. Barry D. Stewart, petition to register child support order from West Virginia.  
 Selene Finance vs. Randall S. Crews, Stacey A. Crews and others, petition for foreclosure of mortgage.  
 Norah H. Suarez and DOR vs. Jorge Paniagua-Guzman, petition for administrative child support order.  
 Fabiola Gonzales and DOR vs. Misael Lauriano DeLaCruz, petition for administrative child support order.  
 Stephanie Lashawn Thomas and DOR vs. Shimarr Deffun Jackson, petition to enforce administrative child support order.  
 Angellino Perez Lopez vs. Cassandra Delatorre, Samuel Delatorre, damages—negligence.  
 TBF Financial vs. Lloyd Lynn Cooper, damages—contracts and indebtedness.  
 Maria Del Carmen Silva and Raul Zamora, divorce.  
 Jesse Adam Cuddeback and Erin Cuddeback, divorce.

Amanda Gayle Crawford and James Bruce Crawford Jr., voluntary dismissal.  
 Diana Maria Weems Moran and Aaron Scott Moran, order.  
 Elizabeth J. DeLeon and Jose Luis DeLeon Jr., divorce.  
 Cassandra Coney vs. Wal-Mart Stores Inc., dismissed.  
 Ethred Kelly vs. state Department of Corrections (DOC), case closed.  
 Jorge L. Niebla vs. DOC, petition dismissed, case closed.

**There was no felony criminal court recently due to the judge's absence.**

**The following real estate transactions of \$10,000 or more were filed recently in the office of the clerk of court:**  
 Zolfo Storage to Colon Lambert, \$50,000.  
 Rebecca W. Nuccio to Colon Lambert, \$50,000.  
 Marily May Mundy to Avel R. and Oneida B. Juarez, \$265,000.  
 Raymond E. Kinney, Jerry Kinney, Sara Kinney and Susan Parsons to W. L. Beckham and William and Kimberly Furrow, \$25,000.

**The following decisions on civil cases pending in the circuit court were handed down recently by the circuit court judge:**  
 Otis Blandin vs. Adleenia Marinore, dismissal of injunction for protection.  
 Magdalena Santiago vs. Carlos Ramirez Dominguez, dismissal of injunction for protection.  
 Jessica Banda vs. Pedro Banda Jr., dismissal of injunction for protection.  
 Elsa Valdez Garcia vs. Jorge E. Perez, dismissal of injunction for protection.  
 Katiana Pesquero Hinerman and Jonathan Hinerman, divorce.  
 Catherine L. Bennett as trustee to Richard G. Hesters and Annette M. Hesters as trustees, \$80,000.  
 Hardee Circuit Court to TC12, tax deed, \$20,000.  
 Alvin E. Oakley to Isidro Medrano, \$14,000.  
 Fausto A. and Lidianette Molinares to Coty Skinner, \$310,000.  
 Haysar Ahmad and Rafik Ahmad Abdelhalim to Reyna Gloria Leon Pene and Selestino Hernandez DeJesus, \$40,000.  
 Khaldon F. Ottallah to Bowling Green Florida Community Redevelopment Agency, \$20,000.

## Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 Case No. : 252018DR000069  
 Jerry Lee King, Petitioner,  
 and  
 Jennifer Lynn Corbin, Respondent

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

TO: Jennifer Lynn Corbin  
 10521 Fincher Road  
 Waleska, GA 30183

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Jerry Lee King whose address is 220 Strickland Street on or before March 30, 2018, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Hardee County Clerk of Courts, 417 W. Main St., Room 202, Wauchula, FL 33873 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief de-

manded in the petition.  
 The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: N/A.

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

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

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

Dated: February 23, 2018  
 Victoria L. Rogers, Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: Edwina Cumber, Deputy Clerk  
 3:1-22p

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO. 252016CA000488

CAMILO MORILLO and ROSA MORILLO, husband and wife,  
 Plaintiffs,  
 vs.

MANUEL A. FORMOSO AND MANUEL FORMOSO; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); VICTORIA L. ROGERS, CLERK OF COURTS FOR HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; STATE OF FLORIDA; HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; and CITY ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY, a Florida corporation,  
 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 February 26, 2018, 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 21 day of March, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., the following-described property:

The E½ of SW¼ of Block 16, LESS the North 55.0 feet thereof, of the Original Survey of the Town of Wauchula, in Section 3, Township 34 South, Range 25 East, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, page 29, of the public records of Hardee County, Florida.

DATED this 26 day of February, 2018.  
 VICTORIA L. ROGERS, Clerk of Courts  
 Hardee County, Florida  
 By: Connie Coker, Deputy Clerk  
 3:8,15c

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Pursuant to F.S. 197.512  
 Victoria L. Rogers  
 Hardee County, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller  
 Tax Deed File: 252017TD023XXXX  
 Date: 02/20/2018

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**WARNING**  
**THERE ARE UNPAID TAXES ON THE PROPERTY WHICH YOU OWN OR IN WHICH YOU MAY HAVE LEGAL INTEREST.**

The property will be sold at a public auction on the 4th day on April, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., unless the back taxes are paid. To make payment or for questions concerning real property taxes, contact the Hardee County Tax Collector's Office at (863) 773-9144 (PO Box 445, Wauchula, FL 33873). To receive further information regarding the Tax Deed Sale, contact the Hardee County Clerk of the Courts, immediately, at (863) 773-4174 (P.O. Drawer 1749, Wauchula, Florida, 33873).

The holder of the following tax certificate has filed the certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are:

CERTIFICATE NO.: 259  
 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2014  
 NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: TC 10U LLC  
 Parcel ID Number: 27-33-25-0000-42320-0000

Description of Property:  
 20 AC MINERAL RIGHTS  
 E1/2 OF NW1/4 OF NE1/4  
 27 33S 25E  
 272P521

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

All of the property is in HARDEE County, Florida.

Unless the certificate or certificates are redeemed according to law, the property described in the certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder on April 4, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.

By: Norma M. Juarez, Deputy Clerk  
 3:1-22c

## NOTICE EXECUTIVE SESSION HARDEE SCHOOL BOARD

The Superintendent of Schools has called an Executive Session of the Hardee County School Board for Monday, March 19, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. The session will be held in the School Board Meeting Room located at 230 South Florida Avenue, Wauchula, Florida. The purpose of the session is for collective bargaining, and is closed to the public.  
 3:15c

## NOTICE OF MEETING

The Hardee County Economic Development Authority (Independent Board) will meet on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in the County Commission Chambers, 412 West Orange Street, Room 102, Wauchula, Florida. For more information call the County Manager's office at 863/773-9430.

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 will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he 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.

Lexton H. Albritton, Jr. County Manager  
 3:15c

## NOTICE

The Hardee County Board of County Commissioners are accepting applications for persons interested in serving on the Parks & Recreation Board, Planning & Zoning Board, and the Library Advisory Board. For more information regarding these boards please contact Sandy Meeks in the County Manager's Office at 863-773-9430, 412 W. Orange Street, Room 103, Wauchula, FL 33873.

Applications are available on the county's website [www.hardeecounty.net](http://www.hardeecounty.net) or at the County Manager's Office, 412 West Orange Street, Room 103, Wauchula, Florida.

Russell Melendy, Chairman  
 3:15c

## Notices

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The HARDEE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD meeting as the local planning agency will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on THURSDAY, APRIL 05, 2018 6:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter in the County Commissioners' Board Room Room 102, 1st floor Courthouse Annex 412 West Orange St., Wauchula, FL

TO HEAR THE APPLICATION, TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT AND OFFER A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR

Agenda No. 18-07  
 CitiMortgage Inc. requests approval of a Variance to reduce the side setback from 25 ft to 20.94 ft for an existing dwelling

On or abt 2208 Merle Langford Rd 19 34 26 0000 04120 0000 3.63+/-acres

A parcel of land situated in the E1/2 of E1/2 of SW1/4 of S19, T34S, R26E, Hardee County, Florida, more particularly desc as: Commence at SE corner of said E1/2 of E1/2 of SW1/4 and run N 00deg10min00sec E along E boundary of said E1/2 of E1/2 of SW1/4 a distance of 1541.53 ft for Point of Beginning; thence continue N00deg10min00sec E along said boundary a distance of 238.12 ft; thence N89deg30min30sec W a distance of 664.19 ft; thence S00deg10min00sec W a distance of 238.12 ft; thence S89deg39min30sec E 664.19 ft to POB; subj to right-of-way for the use and benefit of State Road Dept of Florida in deed recorded 12/08/1958 in deed bk. 84, pg 452, and subj to Hardee County Zoning Ordinance.

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

This Public Notice is published in accordance with the Hardee County Unified Land Development Code.  
 Prior to the P/Z Public Hearing, documents relating to the request are available for public inspection during weekdays between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at the Planning and Development Department, 110 S. 9th Ave., Wauchula, Florida.

If you wish to discuss the request, it is suggested to call 863 767 1964 to schedule an appointment with Hardee County Planning and Development Department prior to the public hearing.

All interested persons shall have the right to be heard.  
 In rendering its recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners, the Planning/Zoning Board shall rely solely on testimony that is relevant and material

Although minutes of the Public Hearing will be recorded, anyone wishing to appeal any decision made at the public hearing will need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceedings is made by a court reporter.  
 3:15c

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JV SOFTBALL

# Hardee Sinks Lady Sailors

By TOM STAIK  
Of The Herald-Advocate

The Lady Wildcats are on a three-game win streak following a decisive victory over a coastal powerhouse squad last week.

The Hardee Senior High School junior varsity softball squad sunk the Lady Sailors of Sarasota High School, 11-3, last Thursday (March 8) as they improved to 3-1-1 on the season.

Hardee jumped to an early lead in the top of the first inning when Chloe Martinez crossed home plate following a groundout off the bat of Anabel Ramos.

The Sailors tied it up, 1-1, in the bottom of the inning.

Lyndsey Welch scored on a passed ball in the top of the second as the Lady Wildcats regained the lead, going up 2-1.

Hardee added four more runs in the top of the third inning. Martinez crossed home after Trinity Herr singled with a ground ball to left field. Ramos scored on a wild pitch in the next at bat. Herr scored in the next at bat as Anahi Cano singled with a fly ball to left field. Moreno would eventually score after Lyndsey Welch was walked with bases loaded to bring the score to 6-1.

The Sailors answered the rally with a single run to cut the lead to 6-2.

A five-run rally in the top of

the fourth continued to push Hardee ahead. Jarisa Lindsey scored on a passed ball to get the rally started. Martinez scored following a ground out to first base off the bat of Moreno. Herr scored in the next at-bat as she crossed home on a wild pitch. Cano was driven home following a line drive to right field off the bat of Welch. Yasmin Ramirez scored the final run of the rally on a ground ball off the bat Denali Briones, bringing the score to 11-2.

The final run of the four-inning match came in the bottom of the inning from Sarasota to bring the final score to 11-3.

Hardee had 11 runs and six hits in 19 at bats.

Martinez had three runs, Herr had two runs, and Ramos, Moreno, Cano, Ramirez, Welch, and Lindsey each had one run. Herr and Welch each had two hits, and Cano recorded one hit.

Briones held the mound all four innings, threw 64 pitches, allowed seven hits, and three runs.

### Hardee Bests Panthers, 14-1

The Lady Wildcats bested the Lady Panthers from Mulberry High School in a 14-1 match on March 2.

Hardee jumped to an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning as Ramos scored on a fly ball to left field off the bat of Welch.

The Lady Wildcats added

four more runs in the top of the second inning. Briones scored following a ground ball off the bat of Lindsey to get things started. Lindsey and Isabel Delarosa scored on a hard ground ball off the bat of Herr. The final run of the inning came from Herr who crossed home plate after a line drive to second off the bat of Moreno to bring the score to 5-0.

Hardee added five more runs in the top of the third. Ramirez and Azaria Rivers scored on a single to left field off the bat of Cano. Cano scored in the next at bat following a ground ball off the bat of Ramos. Ramos reached home following an error by the first baseman as Welch stood at the plate. Herr scored on the same error, bringing the score to 10-0.

Michelle Patterson knocked a single fly ball to right field that allowed Rivers to cross home. With the ball in play, Moreno scored on the throw. Patterson would eventually score following a double by Ramirez. The final Hardee run came from Ramirez off a ground ball by Kiara Coronado that brought the score to 14-0.

Mulberry's sole run came in the bottom of the fourth, bringing the score to 14-1.

Hardee had 14 runs and 14 hits in 35 at bats during the outing.

Ramos, Herr, Rivers, and Ramirez each had two runs.

Cano, Moreno, Patterson, Briones, Delarosa, and Lindsey each had one run. Moreno had three hits, Herr, Ramirez, and Briones had two hits, and Cano, Ramos, Welch, Patterson, and Coronado had one hit.

Briones and Martinez shared pitching duties. Briones threw 38 pitches and allowed one hit in three innings. Martinez threw 38 pitches in two innings and allowed two hits and one run.

### Lady Cats No Hit 'Dawgs, 14-0

The Lady Wildcats blanked the DeSoto County High School Lady Bulldogs on Feb. 23 in a 14-0 outing.

Hardee had 14 runs and eight hits in 22 at bats. Martinez, Cano, Herr, Moreno, Wilson, and Patterson each had two runs, and Ramirez and Lindsey each had one run. Wilson had three hits, Herr had two hits, and Briones, Rivers, and Lindsey each had one hit.

Martinez held the mound all five innings. She threw 59 pitches and allowed no hits or runs in what was recorded as the squad's first no-hitter of the season.

### George Jenkins Bests Hardee, 11-1

In the opening game of the season, Hardee was bested 11-1 by George Jenkins (Lake-land) High School during a game held Feb. 16.

BALLER BASH



PHOTO BY TOM STAIK

Mallory Gough was feted with a party late last month in the library of Hardee Senior High School in recognition of signing a commitment to play softball for Warner University. Gough (at right) is pictured above with Caitlyn Bliss, head coach of the Lady Wildcat varsity softball squad.

## Sports Quiz

By Chris Richcreek

1. Since 2000, two major-league starting pitchers have won a regular-season MVP Award. Name them.
2. The Cleveland Indians set a record in a game in 2016 for most pitchers combining for a shutout. How many did they use?
3. Who was the last running back for the Titans franchise before DeMarco Murray in 2016 to throw a touchdown pass and run for a touchdown in the same game?
4. When was the last time all four No. 1 seeds in men's basketball made it to the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament?
5. Who was the last NHL player before Tampa Bay's Nikita Kucherov in 2017 to start a season by scoring in seven consecutive games?

6. Who was the first U.S. male to win a World Cup downhill skiing race?
7. Golfer Phil Mickelson set a record in 2017 for most career victories (26) in the Presidents Cup. Who had held the mark?

### ANSWERS

1. Justin Verlander in 2011, and Clayton Kershaw in 2014.
2. Nine pitchers.
3. Earl Campbell in 1980, when the franchise was in Houston.
4. It was 2008 (Kansas, North Carolina, UCLA and Memphis).
5. Pittsburgh's Mario Lemieux, in 1992.
6. Bill Johnson, in 1984.
7. Tiger Woods, with 24 wins.

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The 2018 Hardee Senior High JV softball team are (front, from left) Azaria Rivers, Anahi Cano, Chloe Martinez, Kiara Coronado, Yazmin Ramirez, Anabel Ramos, Isabel Delarosa and Lucia Galavez; (back) Michelle Patterson, Taleia Moreno, Lyndsey Welch, Jarisa Lindsey, Kyra Wilson, Madi McGhee, Trinity Herr, Chastady Flores and Denali Briones.

Make The Winning Score!  
**SPORTS NEWS DEADLINE IS THURSDAY AT 5PM**  
(WEEKEND EVENTS, MONDAY AT NOON)

## Local Snowbird Medals At 6th Annual Winter Classic

By NEIL SIMPSON

For The Herald-Advocate

Richard Beaulieu, a snowbird who winters in Brookside Bluffs at Zolfo Springs, travelled to Sebring to compete in Tanglewood's 6th annual Winter Classic Pickleball Tournament.

Pickleballers are rated on a scale from 2.5 (beginner) to

5.0 (master).

Beaulieu plays at the 4.0 level and partnered with Melissa Eichmeyer-Shaffer, of Punta Gorda, to take bronze in the mixed doubles 60-69-year-old bracket.

On the second day of the event, he was back in Sebring, partnered with Peter Riley, of Punta Gorda, to take silver

in a hard fought final against two of Tanglewood's finest players in the men's 60-69 age group.

Beaulieu played tennis when he was young then continued with racquetball and squash.

As with a huge number of seniors, he has found his game in pickleball.



Silver medals went to (from left) Peter Riley, Punta Gorda, and Richard Beaulieu, of Zolfo Springs. Gold medalists were Mike March and Grant McLaughlin of Sebring.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Richard Beaulieu steps in to make a dink shot (a soft short shot that just clears the net) as his partner Peter Riley looks on.



Beaulieu smashes his return in men's doubles pickleball action in Sebring.

# Celebrity Extra

By Cindy Elavsky

**Q: Can you tell me what is going on with the new "Charmed" series?**

—Cassie T., via email

A: Well, all three Halliwell sisters finally have been cast in The CW's "Charmed" reboot. The first iteration of this witchy series ran for eight seasons from 1998-2006 and starred Alyssa Milano, Holly Marie Combs, Shannen Dougherty and Rose McGowan (who came aboard for seasons four through eight after Shannen's character was killed off at the end of season three). This time around we have Madeleine Mantock (portraying Macy), Melonie Diaz (Mel) and Sarah Jeffery (Madison) playing the supernatural sisters who discover they are witches after the death of their mother.

According to character descriptions provided by The CW: Macy is a geneticist who is described as practical, driven and brilliant, and she's completely shocked by the discov-

ery that she's a witch. Mel is a lesbian and an outspoken activist who loses her way after her mother's death. And Madison is a bubbly college freshman whose new life as a witch conflicts with her goal of being a sorority girl. The pilot of the series is currently in pre-production, so there's no word yet on when or if it will air.



**Q: I loved the TV series based on Charlaine Harris' "Midnight, Texas" books. Will it be back for another season?**

—Valentine F., via Facebook

A: You can bet that NBC re-

newed the previous summer's No. 1 broadcast drama for another season. For those unfamiliar with the series, it's directed by Niels Arden Oplev, the visionary director of "Mr. Robot," and based on the hit book series from author Charlaine Harris ("True Blood"). The story takes place in a remote Texas town where no one is who they seem. From vampires and witches to psychics and hit men, "Midnight" is a mysterious safe haven for those who are different. As the town members fight off outside pressures, they all band together and form a strong and unlikely family.

**READERS:** There have been some release-date changes for a few big movies due out this spring. "Avengers: Infinity War" has moved up its release date from May 4 to April 27. Upon hearing that

news, Warner Bros. bumped the release date of the Rock's latest sure-to-be-blockbuster "Rampage," which is based on the popular video game of the same name, from April 20 to April 13. This will give the movie a full two weeks to try to get its box-office numbers up before "Avengers" comes to take away most of its audience.

Amy Schumer also posted on Instagram that her new movie, "I Feel Pretty," will open a week earlier, on April 20, instead of April 27, so as not to have to compete with the "Avengers" audience. Amy jokingly wrote, "I forgot I had a thing. 'I Feel Pretty' will now come out April 20 to avoid any Avenging!! So exciting!" Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803; or e-mail her at letters@cindyelavsky.com.

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# Couch Theater DVD Previews

By Sam Struckhoff

DVDs reviewed here are available in stores the week of Feb. 5.

## PICKS OF THE WEEK

**"Ferdinand" (PG)** — Ferdinand (voiced unironically by former cage fighter John Cena) is a gentle-natured bull with tender tendencies that don't quite lend themselves to bullfighting. Tragically orphaned when he was young, Ferdinand runs away and finds refuge on a florist's farm (he loves flowers!). But an accidental rampage gets him sent back to the bull-fighting farm where he was born, and so begins his struggle to return home. With the help of a would-be trainer and goat Lupe (Kate McKinnon), a passel of hedgehogs (there's a backstory; stay through the credits) and fellow bulls Bones (Anthony Anderson), Guapo (Peyton Manning) and Valiente (Bobby Cannavale), Ferdinand finds the strength to be vulnerable. It's an endearing story with a sweet, positive message for all ages: Be yourself.



In 2003, writer and director Tommy Wiseau made "The Room," a love story of sorts, absolute trash and sometimes referred to as "The Citizen Kane of Bad Movies." It was a total flop at the time, but has since carved a niche as a comedy with a cult following. This is the movie about the making of that movie. James Franco directs and stars as Wiseau. In acting classes, he meets fellow thespian Greg Sestero (Dave Franco); Wiseau's passion and zest (and instability) meet Sestero's seemingly bottomless cash drawer (and affability), and a partnership is born. Absolutely brimming with cameos, it even has some side-by-side comparisons with the original film that will have you in tears.

**"I, Tonya" (R)** — The incredibly mostly true and absolutely in-your-face story of groundbreaking figure skater and notorious Olympic bad sport Tonya Harding (Margot Robbie). From her unabashedly redneck upbringing and disastrously offensive mother (played in high glory by Allison Janney) to her allegedly abusive, estranged husband Jeff Gillooly (Stan Sebastian) and the scandalous clubbing of fellow skater Nancy Kerrigan. It's a dark comedy as well-executed as a Harding triple axel.

**NEW TV RELEASES**  
 "The New Adventures of Old Christine" The Complete First Season  
 "Kendra on Top" Season 6  
 "Fear the Walking Dead" The Complete 3rd Season  
 "Major Crimes" The Complete Series

"The Disaster Artist" (R) —

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# Inside Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

Don't mess with Meryl Streep! When Harvey Weinstein's attorneys, trying to get him off of racketeering charges, quoted her as saying, "He has always been respectful to me," she shot back, "Harvey Weinstein's attorneys' use of my statement — that he was not sexually aggressive or physically abusive in our business relationship — as evidence he was not abusive with many OTHER women is pathetic and explosive!" She added, "The criminal actions he is accused of conducting on the bodies of these women are his responsibility, and if there is any justice left in the systems, he will pay for them."

P.S. The Weinstein Company is currently up for sale.

Netflix is resurrecting more old shows. It will launch a reboot of the classic sci-fi series "Lost in Space" (1965-1968) on April 13. A screener has already sent it to the International Space Station for the astronauts to watch. The series takes place 30 years into the future, when colonization in space is a reality. Starring as John Robinson (played by Guy

Williams in the 1960s) will be Toby Stephens, Pierce Brosnan's 007 villain in "Die Another Day" (2002) and also Starz "Black Sails" series. His wife, Maureen, will be played by Molly Parker (of "House of Cards") and Will Robinson (Billy Mumy) now will be played by 12-year-old Chicago-born Max Jenkins. Dr. Zackary Smith (Jonathan Harris) has undergone a gender change and will be played by Parker Posey, best known for the Woody Allen films "Irrational Man" (2015) and "Cafe Society" (2016).

Not content to be "spaced out," Netflix also is reviving "Sabrina the Teenage Witch,"

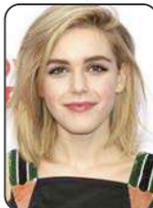
with Kiernan Shipka (Sally Draper in "Mad Men") as Sabrina (played by Melissa Joan Hart from 1996-2003). Her aunts will be Miranda Otto (Eowyn in the second and third "Lord of the Rings" films), taking over for Beth Broderick as Zelda Spellman, and Lucy Davis (Etta Candy in "Wonder Woman,") handling Caroline

Rhea's role of Hilda Spellman.

Even though CBS has Tom Selleck in the hit series "Blue Bloods," the network is intent in revisiting his days as Thomas Magnum in "Magnum, P.I. (1980-88). For the pilot to sell the series, it has cast Jay Hernandez in Selleck's star-making role. Hernandez starred in "Hostel" (2005) and the 2007 sequel, and most recently was in "Suicide Squad" (as Chato Santana/El Diablo) and "Bad Mom's Christmas," with Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell and Susan Sarandon.

Finally, billionaire Bill Gates has filmed an appearance in "The Big Bang Theory" that will air later this month. In the show, Penny hosts Gates at her work, and the guys do everything they can to meet him. Gates' last sitcom appearance was in "Fraser" in 2001. How can anyone survive with only two sitcom appearances in 17 years?

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# Top 10 Movies

1. Black Panther (PG-13) Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan
2. Red Sparrow (R) Jennifer Lawrence, Joel Edgerton
3. Death Wish (R) Bruce Willis, Vincent D'Onofrio
4. Game Night (R) Jason Bateman, Rachel McAdams
5. Peter Rabbit (PG) animated
6. Annihilation (R) Natalie Portman, Jennifer Jason Leigh
7. Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (PG-13) Dwayne Johnson, Karen Gillan
8. Fifty Shades Freed (R) Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan
9. The Greatest Showman (PG) Hugh Jackman, Michelle Williams
10. Every Day (PG-13) Angourie Rice, Justice Smith

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Outside my office window is large crepe myrtle. A cardinal has taken up residence in that tree. Whenever I go into my office, I turn the light on, which apparently wakes the cardinal. After about five minutes, the cardinal flies up to my window ledge and begins to peck at it.



## Directions By Clay Smith

Hardee County Native

### CARDINAL AT MY WINDOW ...

Then, he will turn, fly off, do a U-turn, and fly straight into the glass. I think he doesn't like me disturbing his rest. I understand. I don't like people turning on the light when I'm trying to sleep either.

I can't figure out what the cardinal wants. Does he want me to turn off the light so he can get back to sleep? Does he want me to not talk so loud? Does he want me to open the window and let him into the warmth of the building? Sometimes I look at him and say, "I'm sorry, I don't speak bird."

My feathered friend is disrupting. I'll have a meeting in my office. We'll be at very serious moment. Then we hear, "THUNK." The bird has flown into the window again.

Or I will be talking to someone about a very serious issue in her family. She is crying, and I need to offer words of pastoral comfort. Then I heard, "TAP, TAP, TAP, TAP." The tears stop and whoever is in my office says, "What was that?" I respond, "Just our version of 'Angry Birds. Please continue.'"

There are people outside the church who run into our windows. They tap at our window sills. We aren't sure what they want. They can be annoying. Sometimes, we're not even sure we should let them into church. Maybe, we think, they simply aren't church people.

Maybe, they would be better off if they went to a church with other people like them. "Birds of a feather stick together, you know."

This is not what Jesus had in mind for his church. He never intended his body to be only for the people that fit in. The invitation is clear: "Whosoever will come, let him take freely of the water of life." "Whosoever" is Jesus's heart. "Whosoever" requires courage; it requires intentionality; it requires empathy; it requires mindfulness.

Most churches deny they put up barriers. Every church I have ever been part of or consulted with, assured me, "We are a friendly church." The reality is, they were friendly to people they already knew. It takes energy to meet new people and to make new friends. Some churches just won't spend the energy. Some churches just don't have the heart.

There is an easy fix to this: See everyone the way Jesus sees them. Give your best effort at understanding their needs. Invite them to come to church with you. Speak to strangers at church before you engage your "circle."

Despite the decline in church attendance, I am convinced people are hungry to be known, loved and accepted. Will you listen to the taps on the windows and welcome in people who need to know church is a place of grace?

Hardee County native Clay Smith is lead pastor at Alice Drive Baptist Church in Sumter, S.C. He and his brother and sister still own the family ranch in the Lemon Grove community east of Wauchula. You can follow him at unlikelyclay.com.

# Long-term Help Remains After Hurricane Irma

Floridians are rebuilding and repairing their homes, businesses, roads, bridges and schools.

As the focus turns toward long-term recovery from Hurricane Irma, survivors have many resources available from nonprofits and government agencies to assist with unmet needs.

Twenty-six Long Term Recovery Groups across the state, supported by a wide variety of nonprofits and FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaisons, are helping Irma survivors connect with those resources.

The VALs support the effort by participating in meetings between volunteer groups and communities and by providing technical support and suggestions on how best to coordinate their current recovery efforts locally. They also assist with their recovery strategy by providing best practices from National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, Florida VOAD and Volunteer Florida.

Some of the nonprofit groups supporting long-term recovery are FL Baptist Disaster Relief, American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, Habitat for Humanity, United Methodist FL Conference, Jewish Community Services, Lutheran Social Services, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, St. Vincent De Paul, United Way and the Salvation

Army. Housing and homeless organizations, foundations and food banks also assist in long-term recovery efforts.

These volunteer- and faith-based, civic service and community organizations, along with disability service, support and advocacy organizations comprise LTRGs. They help take care of unmet disaster-related needs of people who may need more time and resources to recover.

Hurricane Irma survivors with unmet needs may contact FLVOAD@gmail.com for assistance from LTRGs in their community.

Specialists from several federal agencies also offer support by working with local groups to help build stronger and safer communities better prepared to face disasters.

The agencies involved, led by FEMA, are working to:

- Return businesses, including agriculture, to a healthy state and develop new economic opportunities;

- Restore and improve health and social service networks;

- Rebuild and support affordable and accessible housing, including rural development;

- Restore and improve resilience of infrastructure systems;

- Protect natural and cultural resources and historic properties; and

- Help plan for safer and more resilient communities.

Federal agencies include the Department of Commerce, Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency and Rural Development, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Interior and FEMA.

For disaster recovery information, visit [www.FEMA.gov/IrmaFL](http://www.FEMA.gov/IrmaFL), or follow @FEMARegion4 on Twitter and on FEMA's Facebook page.

# Kitchen Diva

By Angela Shelf Medearis



## Homemade Microwave Meals Are Time-Saver

I've found that using my microwave oven saves hours of time and keeps my kitchen clean and cool. The history of the microwave oven goes back to 1946, when Dr. Percy Spencer, an electronics genius and war hero, was touring one of the labs at the Raytheon Company. It was testing a vacuum tube called a magnetron, the power tube that drives a radar set. As Dr. Percy stood in front of the "radar box," a candy bar in his pocket melted.

Dr. Percy tried other experiments with food, including using popcorn kernels. He designed a metal box around the magnetron with microwave power. Engineers developed and refined the idea, and the first commercial microwave oven hit the market in 1947. However, original response was negative, and it wasn't until 1975 that a microwave oven was created for home kitchens.

I encourage you to read the instruction book that came with your microwave oven. It's the easiest way to discover all its features and how to use them. My microwave has all of the usual functions, but I especially love the warming oven feature. It cycles on and off so that I can hold dinner for my husband when he's running late, or keep a casserole dish warm during the holidays.

You can use your microwave to prepare everything from appetizers to desserts. It's also energy efficient, so it won't heat up your kitchen. And it helps to retain more nutrients in your foods during cooking. In some cases, a microwave is the best way to cook a dish, especially ones with vegetables, because they'll have better taste and texture.

When cooking on any power level other than HIGH, the oven cooks by cycling power on and off, so the energy has a chance to move through the food without overcooking it. HIGH is usually reserved for cooking, while MEDIUM and LOW power are generally used to soften, melt and defrost foods. Carefully follow the recipe when using your microwave, and you'll have beautifully cooked meals every time.

This recipe for Quick Stuffed Bell Peppers is easy to assemble and cooks in minutes. It freezes well, so double the recipe, and when you're pressed for time you'll have a homemade meal in just minutes!

### QUICK STUFFED BELL PEPPERS

- 8 bell peppers, tops removed and cut into a small dice, white membrane and seeds removed and discarded
- 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese, divided
- 1 pound lean ground beef or turkey
- 5 crackers, crushed into fine crumbs
- 1 Eggland's Best egg, slightly beaten
- 1 (3 ounce) package dehydrated onion soup mix
- 1 tablespoon steak sauce
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper

- Tomato Sauce Topping:
- 8 ounces tomato sauce
- 2 tablespoons salsa
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar

1. Using a large bowl, gen-

tly mix together the diced pepper tops, 1/2 cup of cheese, ground meat, crackers, egg, soup mix, steak sauce, Worcestershire sauce, salt and black pepper.

2. Stuff the prepared peppers with the ground meat mixture, and stand them upright in a lightly greased 12-by-8-by-2-inch baking dish.

3. Combine the tomato sauce, salsa, salt, pepper and brown sugar. Mix well and pour over peppers.

4. Cover tightly with microwave-safe plastic wrap; fold back small edge for steam to escape. Microwave on HIGH 12 to 15 minutes, until the filling is hot and pepper is almost tender. Let stand 6 to 8 minutes. Sprinkle peppers with the remaining cheese. Serve with a side of rice and a salad.

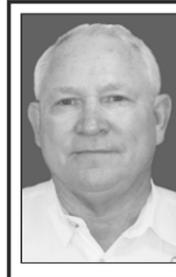
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By: -s-Ashley Balck, Division Representative

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COURTESY PHOTOS  
 Students at Zolfo Springs Elementary competed for the coveted spirit stick and had fun playing games with their teachers during the recent Cool Cat Assembly.



**QUIET WEDDING**



COURTESY PHOTOS  
 Bowling Green Elementary School kindergarten students are coping with the letter Q. They recently held a wedding ceremony joining Mr. Q and Miss U in making the QU sound. It seems that Mr. Q cannot make his sound without his sound-mate, Miss U. So they decided to wed to help all people spell words with Q having a beginning sound.



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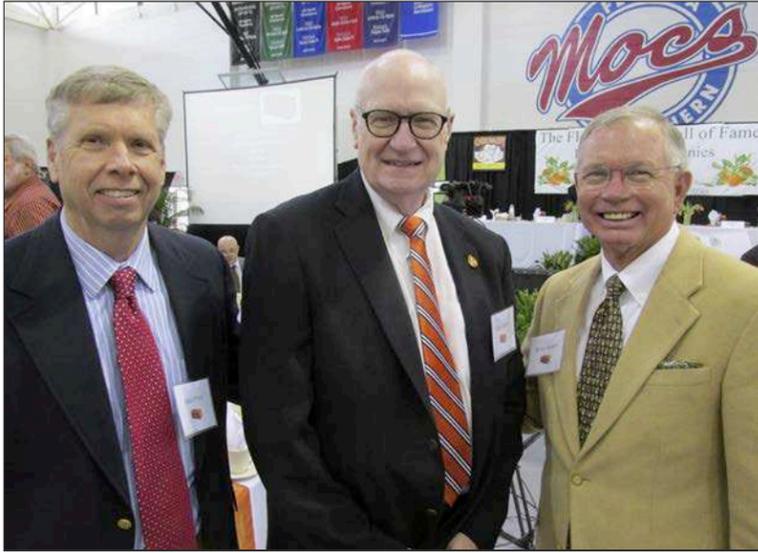
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# Florida Citrus Hall Of Fame Adds 2 New Members March 9



From left are John O'Neal, Florida Citrus Mutual Executive Director Mike Sparks, and Ken Sanders. O'Neal and Sanders are with Joe L. Davis Real Estate Inc. in Wauchula.



From left are Hill Griffin, president of Ben Hill Griffin Inc.; Hardee County native LeAnna Himrod, marketing, Florida Citrus Commission; and Ben Hill Griffin III, CEO and board chairman.



From left are Sherry McCorkle, field representative for U.S. Congressman Tom Rooney; Rep. Rooney; and Miss Florida Citrus Rachel Smith, a University of Florida graduate student in sports management from Clearwater.



Attending the 2018 Florida Citrus Hall of Fame Celebration at Florida Southern College in Lakeland Friday were Pat Carlton, Dr. Barbara Carlton and Carl Saunders.



Bryan Hill Belcher, production manager of Davis Citrus Management, and his father Bryan Belcher attended the citrus luncheon.



Installed into the Florida Citrus Hall of Fame was Marvin Kahn, shown with his wife Elsa. They will celebrate 64 years of marriage on Aug. 22. His parents immigrated to the U.S. from Lithuania. Kahn lives in Sebring and has worked in the citrus industry most of his life and has been a community leader in Highlands County. His first orange grove was on 20 acres in Sebring.



Shown here are several old Florida citrus labels that are now part of history.



L. Gene Albrigo was installed into the Florida Citrus Hall of Fame. Dr. Albrigo is shown with his wife Clydene. They were married Aug. 25, 1959. He was honored for his long career in citrus research, writings, teaching and traveling to various citrus-producing countries. He worked many years at the Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred, part of the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

VARSITY TRACK AND FIELD

# Lady Cats Take First In Tournament

By TOM STAIK  
Of The Herald-Advocate

The Lady Wildcats dominated a three-way meet Feb. 15 as they strutted to victory at the Dragon Track and Field Tournament at Lake Placid.

The ladies earned 10 first place finishes as they racked up 84 points to claim the title. Avon Park High School was second with 52.5 points and Lake Placid High School was third with 41.5 points.

The boys finished in the middle of the pack with 52 points. Avon Park was first with 75 points and Lake Placid was third with 51 points.

Tatiana Mier led the Lady Cats in individual wins with first place finishes in the 3200m and 1600m runs.

The Lady Cats also secured first place finishes in the 4x400m and 4x800m relays.

Ingrid Mendoza, Yennifer Nunez, Tatiana Mier, and Laura Ramos ran the 4x400 with a time of 12:11.97.

Jessica Pascual, Kaitlynn Brandeberry, Ebony Lami, and Jesula Charles ran the 4x800 with a time of 4:52.00.

First place finishes also came from Brilyance Augustus in the shot put with a distance of 8.11m, Nubia Gomez in the pole vault with a height of 1.98m; Kaitlynn Brandeberry with a height of 1.32m in the high jump, Jessica Pascual with a time of 1:07.03 in the 400m dash; Miracle Thompson took first in the triple jump with a distance of 8.87m; and Evoni Lamy with a time of 56.00 in the 300m hurdles.

The boys had three first place finishes.

Colen Oakes took first in the 300m hurdles with a time of 45.87 and Aaron Cook took first in the 110m hurdles with a time of 18.07.

Dalton Kiella, Zack Durastanti, Jaime Chagoya, and Roberto Gutierrez claimed first in the 4x800m relay with a time of 9:34.53.

**Individual Results**

Girls Shot Put: 1st, Brilyance Augustus, 8.11m;

2nd, Dristen Newcomb, 7.44m; 5th, Lilliana Ramos, 6.56m; and 8th, Cassidy Wallace, 5.31m.

Boys Shot Put: 4th, Dustin Willis, 11.12m; 6th, Marcus Sambrano, 10.33m; 7th, Evan Webster, 9.79m; and 10th, Adrian Alvarez, 9.30m.

Girls Discus: 3rd, Lilliana Ramos, 16.59m; 5th, Maria Deloera, 15.06m; and 7th, Cassidy Wallace, 13.64m.

Boys Discus: 2nd, Collin Barton, 32.82m; 5th, Evan Webster, 30.90m; 7th, Marcus Sambrano, 29.34m; and 9th, Tyler Steedly, 27.30m.

Girls Long Jump: 2nd, Ebony Lami, 3.79m; 2nd, Jalyynn Thompson, 3.79m; 4th, Javia Thompson, 3.62m; and 8th, Jesula Charles, 3.43m.

Boys Long Jump: 5th, Myron Refour, 4.95m; 7th, Cody Helms, 4.75m; and 8th, Josh Ward, 4.35m.

Girls Triple Jump: 1st, Miracle Thompson, 8.87m; 2nd, Jesula Charles, 8.15m; 3rd, Jennifer Lopez, 7.98m; and 6th, Prenyonna Sawyer, 7.39m.

Boys Triple Jump: 4th, Terrence White, 10.26m; 5th, Aaron Cook, 10.22m; and 9th, Carlos Lopez, 8.78m.

Girls Pole Vault: 1st, Nubia Gomez, 1.98m.

Boys Pole Vault: 2nd, Oscar DeJesus, 2.59m; 3rd, Noah Torres, 2.43m; 3rd, Zach Durastanti, 2.43m; and 9th, Roberto Gutierrez, 1.98m.

Girls High Jump: 1st, Kaitlynn Brandeberry, 1.32m.

Boys High Jump: 4th, Cody Helms, 1.52m.

Girls 4x800m Relay: 1st, Hardee (Ingrid Mendoza, Yennifer Nunez, Tatiana Mier, and Laura Ramos), 12:11.97.

Boys 4x800m Relay: 1st, Hardee (Dalton Kiella, Zack Durastanti, Jaime Chagoya, and Roberto Gutierrez), 9:34.53.

Girls 100m Hurdles: 2nd, Jennifer Lopez, 19.04; 3rd, Mercedes Cisneros, 19.45; 4th, Kaitlynn Brandeberry, 19.96; and 6th, Veronica Molina, 21.40.

Boys 110m Hurdles: 1st,



The 2018 Hardee Wildcat girls track team are (front row, from left) Victoria Borjas, Mariela Badillo, Daisy Badillo, Brilyance Augustus, Nubia Gomez, Marley Ureste, Jalyynn Thompson and Javia Thompson; (second row) Alexis Benjamin-Graham, Maria Gutierrez, Sophie Allen, Mercedes Cisneros, Marisela Duran, Stephanie Louis, Ache-line Delhomme and Jesula Charles; (third row) Ana Villa, Veronica Molina, Jennifer Lopez, Kaitlynn Brandeberry, Amy Gutierrez, Laura Ramos, Tatiana Mier, Yennifer Nunez and Ivette Gonzalez; (fourth row) Rola Hijaz, Kareli Plata, Alyssa Weatherford, Layla Santoyo, Lilliana Ramos, Maria Deloera, Adela Rojas and Maria Martinez; (back) Yacqueline Villalva, Jenny Carmona, Miracle Thompson, Infiniti Randolph, Alisa Arce, Eboni Lamy and Jaqueline Galarza.



The 2018 Hardee Senior High boys track team are (front row, from left) Scottie Meeks, Jozie St. Louis, Jamie Chagoya, Mike Trevino, Colin Barton and Jacob Lee; (second row) Myron Refour, Josh Ward, Marcellin Cimeus, Colen Oakes, Jacob Davidson, Angel Conejo, Carlos Lopez and Samuel Louis; (third row) Aaron Cook, Ivan Rodriguez, Paul Mares, Ivan Rojas, Man Rivera, Thomas Cardoza and Gabriel Arguelles; (fourth row) Mario Pantoja, Ra'hym Lewis, Tyler Steedly, Zack Durastanti and Dustin Willis; (back row) Adrian Alvarez, Mario Gomez, Alex Hernandez, Ariel Whitters, Dalton Kiella, Noah Torres and James Pearson.

Aaron Cook, 18.07; 2nd, Samuel Louis, 18.11; 3rd, Colen Oakes, 18.89; and 8th, Adrian Alvarez, 22.54.

Girls 100m Dash: 7th, Adela Rojas, 16.44; and 8th, Stephanie Louis, 16.65.

Boys 100m Dash: 7th, Man Rivera, 13.36; 8th, Jozie St. Louis, 13.87; and 9th, Gabriel Arguelles, 14.40.

Girls 1600m Run: 1st, Tatiana Mier, 6:15.73; 4th, Laura Ramos, 6:50.67; and 6th, Amy Gutierrez, 7:12.70.

Boys 1600m Run: 2nd, Zack Durastanti, 5:22.21; 4th, Miguel Velasco, 5:42.57; and 7th, Gage Camacho, 6:54.37.

Girls 4x100m Relay: 2nd,

Hardee (Jesula Charles, Ache-line Delhomme, Jalyynn Thompson, and Javia Thompson), 56.89.

Boys 4x100m Relay: 2nd, Hardee (Samuel Louis, Israel Lopez, Myron Refour, and Noah Torres), 51.77.

Girls 400m Dash: 1st, Jessica Pascual, 1:07.03; 4th, Marley Ureste, 1:22.98; and 5th, Ivette Gonzalez, 1:31.15.

Boys 400m Dash: 3rd, Dalton Kiella, 56.78.

Girls 300m Hurdles: 1st, Eboni Lamy, 56.00; 5th, Jennifer Lopez, 1:06.57; 6th, Mercedes Cisneros, 1:06.99; and 9th, Kaitlynn Brandeberry, 1:08.93.

Boys 300m Hurdles: 1st, Colen Oakes, 45.87; 2nd, Aaron Cook, 49.82; and 5th, Carlos Lopez, 53.41.

Girls 800m Run: 3rd, Ingrid Mendoza, 2:55.90; 5th, Galarza, 3:05.78; and 6th, Jenny Carmona, 3:26.09.

Boys 800m Run: 2nd, Ivan Rojas-Bautista, 2:23.42; 6th, Miguel Velasco, 2:29.75; 7th, Man Rivera, 2:27.02; and 9th, Gage Camacho, 2:55.39.

Girls 200m Dash: 6th, Adela Rojas, 35.09; 7th, Stephanie Louis, 35.65; and 9th, Ivette Gonzalez, 37.81.

Boys 200m Dash: 6th, Angel Conejo, 29.66; and 7th, Gabriel Arguelles, 31.15.

Girls 3200m Run: 1st, Tatiana Mier, 13:17.00; 2nd, Laura Ramos, 15:05.00; 3rd, Kareli Plata, 15:29.00; and 4th, Amy Gutierrez, 15:45.00.

Boys 3200m Run: 2nd, Zack Durastanti, 12:01.00; 3rd, Roberto Gutierrez, 12:05.00; 5th, Scott Meeks, 12:30.00; and 7th, Jaime Chagoya, 12:55.37.

Girls 4x400m Relay: 1st,

Hardee (Jessica Pascual, Kaitlynn Brandeberry, Ebony Lami, and Jesula Charles), 4:52.00.

Boys 4x400m Relay: 3rd,

Hardee (Dalton Kiella, James Pearson, Ivan Rojas-Bautista, Colen Oakes), 3:58.72.

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SWIMMERS SUITED



The Hardee Senior High School varsity girls swim team received letterman jackets last week in recognition of their success in the water that netted the 2017 Class 2A District 6 title. Members of the squad posed for a picture at the high school pool along with Coach Tracy Pate. Members included: Victoria Borjas, Aubrey Bragg, Aryanna Burch, MacKenzie Burch, Katie Camacho, Haley Canary, Cheyanne Coffey, Bridgette Conley, Abby Duke, Rebekah Erikson, Hannah Ford, Katelyn Fuller, Rachel Garland, Morgan Hellein, Laynee Henry, Renell Herrera, Riley Justiss, and Aundera Kerth.

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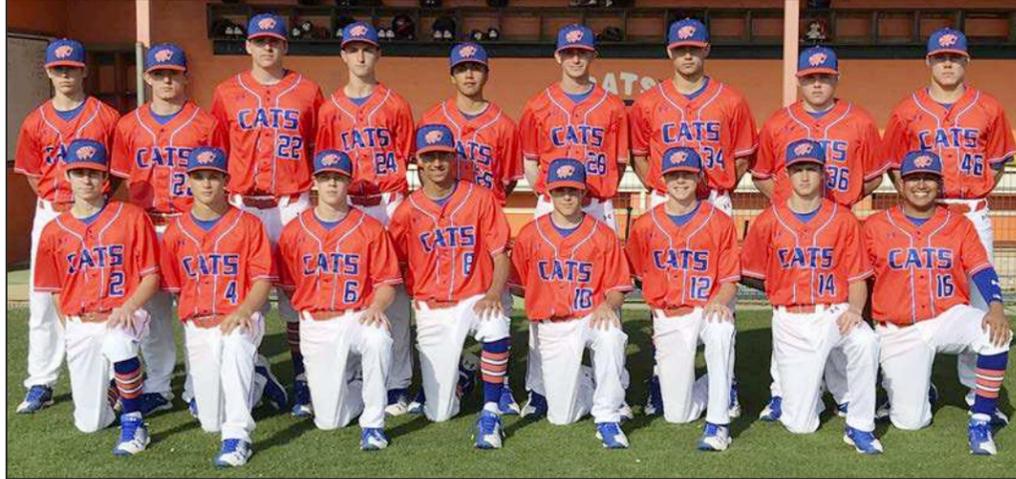
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*COURTESY PHOTO*  
The 2018 Wildcat varsity baseball team are (front, from left) Mason Block, Quinton Lindsey, Dylan Davis, Weston Schraeder, Cade Alexy, Logan Cartwright, Gunner Leonard and Adrian DeLeon; (back) Griffen Clark, Kaleb Floyd, Drew McGuckin, Dawson Hanchey, Ivan Badillo, Charlie Heidel, Isaac Moreno, Cain Thornton and Matt Tyson.

## Crop Update

March 12, 2018

**General:** According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 12, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 1.9 inches in Crestview (Okaloosa County). The average mean temperature ranged from 50.1°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 71.1°F in Key West (Monroe County).

**Citrus:** Temperatures were about average this past week in the citrus growing region with most days in the 60s and 70s, and a couple days reaching just over 80°F. Most night time lows were in the 40s and 50s. Precipitation ranged from no rainfall in several counties to just less than an inch in a few counties. The most rainfall was in Leesburg (Lake County) and Lakeland (Polk County), both at nine-tenths of an inch of rainfall. According to the March 8, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions cover two distinct areas in the citrus growing region. The one in the northeastern and central portion of the citrus region covers all of Osceola, Orange, Seminole, and Brevard counties, while the one in the Southern citrus area completely covers Lee, Hendry, and Collier counties. The western area is the only area totally unaltered by the lack of rainfall.

Grove operations included heavy spraying after harvest, hedging and topping, and fertilizing. Irrigation was seen running on most days. Canals and ditches were low because of the lack of rainfall over the past several weeks. Citrus trees were mostly in full and open bloom.

Valencia harvest gained speed. All but one processing plant was open. The final plant should open later this month. Only a few varieties of tangerines were left to be harvested. Mandarin harvest included Royal and Honey tangerines and tangelos. Grapefruit harvest continued to slow. Slightly more grapefruit went to the processed market than the fresh market.

**Fruits and Vegetables:** Watermelon planting continued in Osceola and Levy counties, but was delayed in many northern counties because of fears of future frosts. Limited rainfall has many producers using irrigation. A wide range of crops came to market, including beans, blueberries, boniatos, cabbage, eggplant, green beans, herbs, leafy greens, malangas, peppers, squash, sweet corn, tomatoes, and early planted watermelons.

### LIVELY JUDGES



*COURTESY PHOTO*  
The Hardee Jr. FFA from Hardee Junior High School earned a 6th place finish during the State FFA Middle School Livestock Judging contest at the Florida Strawberry Festival on March 9. Coached by Mark Stevenson, the team consisted of (from left): Madisyn Hines, Kara Durrance, Dean Clark, Lane Warren, Clayton Harris, and Cason Gough.

### JUDGING CHAMPS



*COURTESY PHOTO*  
The Hardee Senior FFA Livestock Judging Team took first place honors at the 2018 Florida Strawberry Festival Judging Contest. Pictured are (from left) members: Kipp Cooper, Jake Henderson, Aaron Bunch, and Dean Clark (Hardee Jr. FFA member). Members not present were Hunter Sellers, Gage Gough and Seth Durrance.

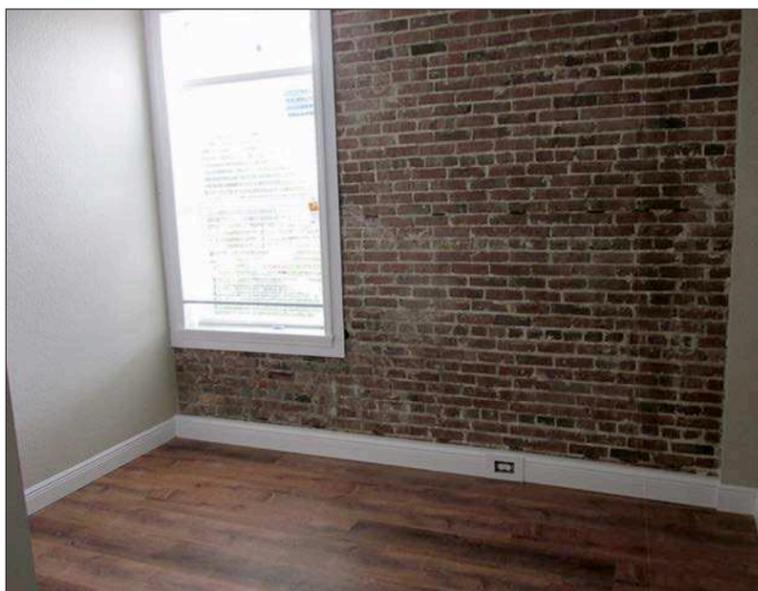
## Open House Held Saturday At West Park Place In Wauchula



*PHOTOS BY JIM KELLY*  
West Park Place is a renovated 1920 two-story building owned by Jim and Linda See of Wauchula. The building is located at the southeast corner of Seventh Ave. and Main Street in Wauchula. Renters can get Internet, telephone and TV service on the same cable. In the past the building has been occupied by two grocery stores, two furniture stores, and most recently a Sears store.



The \$1.1 million project consisted of buying and converting a brick building into nine large apartments and a space for retail or office. The local Industrial Development Authority and the Wauchula Community Redevelopment Agency agreed to a combined \$350,000 grant for the project. Shown in a kitchen are owners Jim and Linda See of Wauchula.



This scene shows one of the bedrooms.



Jim See is shown looking out from one of the second-story balconies that face Wauchula's Heritage Park. See said the exterior walls are 17 inches thick with solid bricks. He said about half of the renters work in Hardee County and formerly lived out of the county.

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**ATTENTION!** State Statutes 828.29 requires that all cats and dogs sold in Florida be at least 8 weeks old, have an official health certificate, have necessary shots and be free of parasites. ttc-dh

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**FRIDAY, SATURDAY, 8-? 208 Park Drive, Wauchula. 3:15p**

**2 FAMILIES - SATURDAY, 8 am - 2 pm, 906 W. Alabama St., Wauchula. 3:15p**

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## Peavy's Ponderings

By Jonell Peavy

Sugar Possum of the late Truman Thomas

As we were growing up our parents always taught us to always be there for each other, to help each other, and to help others in whatever way we could.

There were six of us children, three brothers, two sisters and myself, me being the oldest. My youngest sister and the middle brother passed on to be with our Mom and Dad in heaven. My sister and one brother live in Frostproof, and I am in Avon Park.

The youngest brother lives in a small town several hours' drive north of us. We don't get to see each other often because neither of us wants to drive in the traffic now that we are older.

His two daughters were going to see him Sunday and asked my sister, my brother and myself to go with them. He had not seen one of the daughters and my brother in several years, and when we all showed up together it brought tears to his eyes. We spent the day just catching up and enjoying being together as a family.

There are so many out there who don't have a place to call home. For each of them there is a reason for them being homeless. For some it is lack of finances, for others it is just circumstances beyond their control, and for others it is bad choices.

Our parents taught us as we were growing up to look upon these individuals with compassion and to try to help them if they are trying to help themselves. So many times these individuals are looked upon with scorn, and it seems when they are down, there are those who instead of offering a helping hand choose to do nothing.

When our family gets together for holiday dinner and we know of someone who doesn't have anywhere to go, we invite them to share our holiday meal with us. It's not much, but for someone with nowhere else to go it means you care.

I guess just having a loving family who cares about each other and gets together to help each other made me think about those who don't have anyone to care about them. It breaks my heart for those in that situation.

Please take a moment to help those that you can help and pray for those you can't.

*Editor's Note: Jonell Peavy lives in Avon Park and can be reached at 863-453-3589.*

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80 temporary farmworkers needed for common field labor hand-harvesting onions and melons, in Candler and Tattnall Counties, GA, for O'Rea & Sons Harvesting & Hauling, Inc. with work beginning on or about 04/07/2018 and ending on or about 07/11/2018. The job offered is for an experienced farmworker and requires minimum 3 month verifiable work experience in the crop activities listed. The minimum offered wage rate that workers will be paid is \$10.95 per hour, and piece rate may be offered depending on crop activity. Workers must commit to work the entire contract period. Workers are guaranteed work for 3/4 of the contract period, beginning with the first day the worker arrives at the place of employment. All work tools, supplies and equipment are provided at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided to those workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each working day. Transportation and subsistence will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier, to workers who are recruited outside the area of intended employment. Applicants must provide documentation that they are eligible legally to work in the United States. Applicants should report or send resumes to GA DOL, 148 Andrew Young Intl Blvd, suite 450, Atlanta GA, 30303, (404) 232-3500, or the nearest local office of their State Workforce Agency, and reference job order #GA2029873343. EOE. H-300-18051-420132. cl3:15c

36 temporary Christmas tree workers needed in Mitchell, and Yancey Counties, North Carolina, and Johnson City, Tennessee for Tehandon Contractors with work beginning on or about 04/01/2018 and ending on or about 12/05/2018. The job offered is for an experienced Christmas tree workers and requires minimum 1 month verifiable work. The minimum offered wage rate that workers will be paid is \$11.46 per hour in N.C. and \$11.19 per hour in T.N. Workers must commit to work the entire contract period. Workers are guaranteed work for 3/4 of the contract period, beginning with the first day the worker arrives at the place of employment. All work tools, supplies and equipment are provided at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided to those workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each working day. Transportation and subsistence will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier, to workers who are recruited outside the area of intended employment. Applicants must provide documentation that they are eligible legally to work in the United States. Applicants should report or send resumes to NCWorks Career Center - Mitchell County, 200 Maryland Dr., PO Box 827, Spruce Pine, NC 28777, (828) 766-1195, or the nearest local office of their State Workforce Agency, and reference job order #NC10818719. EOE. H-300-18044-920722. cl3:15c

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## TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. MYTHOLOGY: What was a harpy in Greek mythology?
  2. GAMES: How many railroad spaces are on a Monopoly board?
  3. LITERATURE: Which American novelist wrote the book "White Fang"?
  4. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Maryland?
  5. MOVIES: What was the shortest title for a Best Picture Oscar winning movie?
  6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which 19th-century president died from cirrhosis of liver?
  7. ANATOMY: What does the Greek adjective "otic" refer to in the human body?
  8. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries and principalities are neighbors of France?
  9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a young hen called?
- ANSWERS**
1. A half-woman, half-bird that represented storm winds
  2. Four
  3. Jack London
  4. Annapolis
  5. "Gigi"
  6. Franklin Pierce
  7. The ear
  8. Eight. Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Monaco, Andorra and Spain
  9. A pullet
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# 87 Highlands Tourists Visit Hardee Horticultural Sites



PHOTOS BY JIM KELLY

On Feb. 22 and Feb. 23 a busload of Highlands County residents toured five Hardee County horticultural sites. The tours were organized by the Highlands County Extension Service headed by Highlands horticultural agent David Austin. This cabin in the Sweetwater area of Hardee is at Sweetwater Park owned by the Wilbur Robertson family.



This creek at Sweetwater Park is called Sand Gully.



Horticulture tourists eating lunch at Sweetwater park hosted by Wilbur Robertson. They visited Windmill Farms, Green Sea Farms (pomegranates), Robertsons Melons, Cantu Apiaries, and Fish Branch Tree Farm.



Justin Hart is shown grilling ribeye steaks for Highlands County agri-tourists visiting Hardee County on Feb. 22. He is a Highlands County rancher.



Robertson examines some Valencia oranges and bloom in his grove.



A newly planted watermelon field has windbreaks to protect melons and plants from being damaged by sand and strong winds. The two tours brought 87 visitors who paid \$70 each.



This kneeling Marine next to an American flag was commissioned by Hardee cattleman and watermelon grower Wilbur Robertson, a former Marine.



Robertson stands by a 275 Case International Harvester tractor.



Young watermelon plants being grown by the Robertson family.

## Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO.: 25-2018-CP-000019

IN RE: ESTATE OF

ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ

Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Antonio Rodriguez, deceased, whose date of death was October 9, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hardee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 417 West Main Street, Wauchula, Florida 33873. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All 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 ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 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 first publication of this notice is March 8, 2018.

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# CHURCH SCHEDULE

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Thursday 5 p.m.

## BOWLING GREEN

**APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
310 Orange Street • 773-1017  
Sunday Service .....10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Service .....7:00 p.m.

**CHESTER GROVE MB CHURCH**  
708 W. Grape Street  
Sunday Morn. Worship .....8:00 a.m.  
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study Night  
Children & Youth .....4:30 p.m.  
Adult Class .....6:00 p.m.

**CHRISTIAN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**  
3950 Aurora Avenue • 375-2864  
Morning Worship .....10:30 a.m.  
Youth Group - Sunday .....6:00 p.m.

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
121 West Broward St. • 375-2231  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday .....7:30 p.m.

**NEW LIFE POWER OUTREACH CHURCH**  
725 Palmetto Street  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Empowerment  
Class .....7:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday .....5:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Bowling Green  
4531 Hwy. 17 N • 375-2253

**SUNDAY:**  
Bible Study .....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship .....10:45 a.m.  
Children's Church .....10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY:**  
Youth (7th-12th grade) .....6:00 p.m.  
Adult Discipleship Train. ....6:30 p.m.  
TeamKID (ages 4-3rd grade)6:30 p.m.  
BOLD (4th-6th grade) .....6:30 p.m.

**FORT GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
2875 Baptist Church Road  
773-9013  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Supper .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study .....7:00 p.m.

**FOX MEMORIAL HOLINESS CHURCH**  
140 E. Main Street • 836-273-7576  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Service .....7:30 p.m.

**GATEWAY CHURCH**  
(formerly Faith Assembly of God)  
4937 Hwy. 17 N. • 375-4000  
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship .....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Service .....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 Estuidor 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 .....6:00 p.m.

**MT. PISGAH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
6210 Mt. Pisgah Rd. • 375-4409  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.  
Disciples Training .....5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Time .....7:00 p.m.

**NEW BEGINNINGS**  
4810 Sally Blvd. • 781-5887  
Sense Sunday .....11:00 a.m.  
"Making Sense of the Non-Sense"  
Sunday Bread of Life .....3:15 p.m.  
2nd Sunday Communion .....11:00 a.m.

**NEW BEGINNINGS WORSHIP CENTER**  
230 E. Lemon St. • 375-3208  
Sunday .....10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday .....7 p.m.  
Friday .....7 p.m.  
(Service with Fellowship to follow)

## BOWLING GREEN

**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.

**REAL LIFE CHURCH**  
3365 US Hwy 17 • 375-4032  
Morning Service .....10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Study/Learning6:30 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 a.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  
863-242-2855  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer .....6:00 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 Meeting6:30 p.m.

**ONA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
131 Bear Lane • 863-245-2371  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.  
Thursday 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**  
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615 Rainey Blvd. • 941-755-8600  
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Sunday Services .....9:15 a.m.  
.....& 11:15 a.m.  
Fusion (6th - 8th grade) .....  
.....Doing 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 Rd. 64 East • 773-3447  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Children's Ministry .....  
.....5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Worship .....6:30 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
240 Will Duke Road  
773-2249  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night Bible Class .....7:00 p.m.

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

**ELEVATE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
529 West Main Street  
(Roberts Funeral Home Chapel)  
Sunday Service .....11:00 a.m.  
Weekly Life Groups

## WAUCHULA

**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. Gath7:30 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.

**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 Chiors  
(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 p.m.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
1121 W. Louisiana St. • 773-9243  
**SUNDAY:**  
Generations Café Open .....  
.....9:00-10:20 a.m.  
Kids World Check-In for  
Nursery-5th Grade .....10:15 a.m.  
Pre-K Blast .....10:30 a.m.  
Kids World B.L.A.S.T.  
(K-5th) .....10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service .....10:30 a.m.  
**WEDNESDAY:**  
Generations Café Opens .....  
.....5:15-6:15p.m.  
Check-In begins for  
Nursery-5th grade .....5:45 p.m.  
Classes for children ages  
PreK-12th grade .....6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Adult Bible Studies .....6:00-7:30 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.

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Sunday/Domingo .....10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday/Miércoles .....7:00 p.m.

**THE GOSPEL TABERNACLE**  
810 Tennessee St. • 781-2708  
Sunday Morning Service ..10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night Service .....6:00 p.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 CRISTIANA EL REMANENETE**  
318 W. Main Street  
Martes - Oracion .....7:00 p.m.  
Jueves - Clase Biblica .....7:00 p.m.  
Viernes - Servicio .....7:30 p.m.  
Domingo - Servicio .....11:00 a.m.

**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.

## WAUCHULA

**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  
Dominica .....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 Ave.  
Friday Evening .....6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

**NEW BEGINNINGS**  
1002 S. Florida Avenue • 781-5887  
Sense Saturday .....3:00 p.m.  
"Making Sense of the Non-Sense"  
The Bread of Life .....3:15 p.m.

**NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1999 State Rd. 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 INSPIRATION CHURCH OF GOD BY FAITH**  
917 S. 6th Avenue • 863-657-2253  
Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship .....10:00 a.m.  
Thursday Praise .....7:00 p.m.

**NEW MT. ZION A.M.E. CHURCH**  
1615 Martin Luther King Jr Ave.  
767-0023  
Morn. Worship  
(1st & 3r Sun.) .....8:00 a.m.  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.  
2nd Sunday Youth Service 4:00 p.m.  
Allen Christian Endeavor .....4:00 p.m.  
Wed. & Fri. Bible Study .....7:00 p.m.

**NEW PHILADELPHIA WORSHIP CENTER**  
1652 Old Bradenton Road  
Sunday .....10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday .....6:30 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.ogbwauchula.org  
**Sunday Schedule:**  
Bible Study for All Ages .....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship .....10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday Schedule:**  
M&M Kid's Klub .....6:00 p.m.  
Youth Group .....6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study .....  
.....6:30 p.m.

**PEACE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
1643 Stenstrom Road - 773-2858  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun.  
Worship/Communion .....9:00 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun.  
Divine Worship .....9:00 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.

## WAUCHULA

**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**  
440 Carlton Street • 773-9068  
Sabbath School .....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting .....6:30 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.

**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

**CREWSVILLE BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
8251 Crewsville Road  
Church 735-0871 • Pastor 385-7867  
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.

**GARDNER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
8660 US Highway 17 S  
Zolfo Springs, FL 33890  
Sunday Worship .....11:00 AM

**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 • 832-7829  
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**  
3704 U.S. Hwy. 17 S. • 781-5887  
M-F Family Services .....8:00 a.m.  
Sense Friday .....3:00 p.m.  
"Making Sense of the Non-Sense"  
Friday Bread of Life .....3:15 p.m.

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

## ZOLFO SPRINGS

**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 .....7:00 p.m.  
Servicio del Miercoles .....7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

**SAN ALFONSO MISSION**  
3027 Schoolhouse Lane • 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.



"You know, Larry," he began in a soft voice, "I'm troubled by the fact that all of the horrible things I see on TV or hear over the radio when I travel don't bother me as much as they once did. What's happening to me?" he asked.

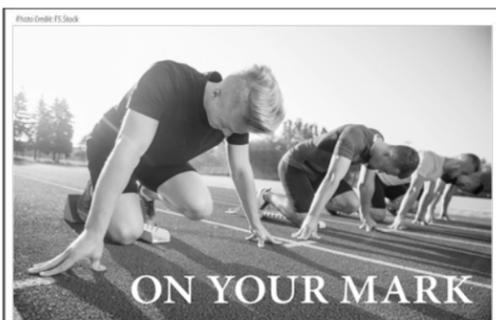
We all wonder, at one time or another, how a group of people can watch a person being beaten or robbed, or fall ill in a crowded mall or on busy street corner, and no one responds. We see the ravages of war, watch people die on a battlefield, see disabled veterans trying to adjust to life with artificial limbs and seem to accept it as "normal" in today's culture. It seems as though the pain and suffering of others matter little to anyone except the one enduring the hardships.

The Psalmist who wrote Psalm 94 was troubled by the evil in the world. He looked around and saw people oppressed. He was aware of calloused leaders whose only concern was for themselves. He was troubled by the lack of concern for widows and children and asked, "God, if you created ears for people to hear, and eyes for people to see, why don't You hear the cries and see the suffering of those whom You created?" Do something God!

So, has God, like us, become insensitive to the needs of people and the condition of the world? Does He not care about what is happening to His creation? Indeed He does.

"He will repay them and destroy them for their wickedness," says the Psalmist. But until He does, we are responsible to bring His hope and healing to the suffering.

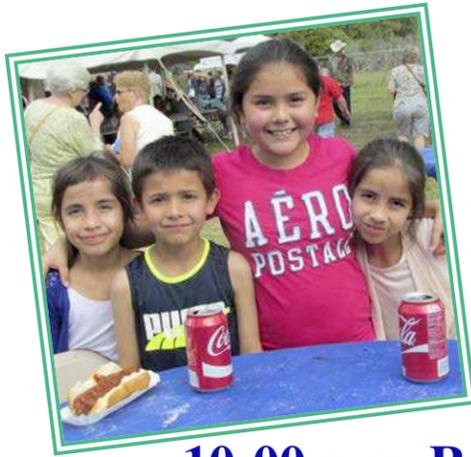
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His toe is on the mark...he's ready to go. An athlete can see himself winning the race; to have a chance at glory, he visualizes victory, he sees himself crossing the finish line in first place. Will he be the winner? Whether or not he wins this race, he is already a winner, for he is learning how to confidently face life's challenges. To be confident and successful in life we must practice living according to the Word of God. We must believe that when we have faith in God, we will prevail over our challenges and emerge intact. Worship this week. When your heart and mind are focused on God, you will emerge victorious.

Daily Devotional Reading					
Esther	Esther	Esther	Esther	Esther	Esther
2:1-23	3:1-15	4:1-17	5:1-14	6:1-13	6:14-7:10
Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society					
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# Peace River Electric Cooperative 78th Annual Membership Meeting



**PRECO Park**  
220 Knight Road  
Wauchula, Florida

*Saturday,  
March 17th*



**10:00 a.m. Registration, Food, Fun & Games begin**  
**1:00 p.m. Business Meeting**

**Prize drawings after the business meeting**  
**\$10 electric bill credit for every registered member**

## Special Entertainment



*Tommy Brandt*



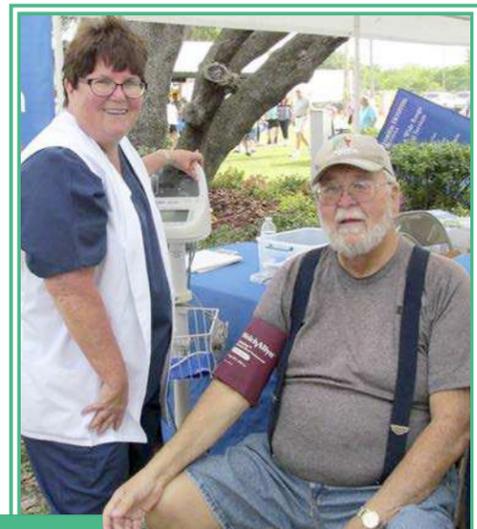
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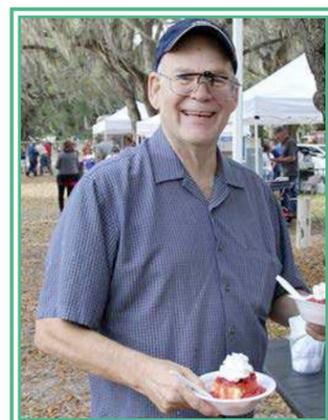
*The McMillans*



*Manatee River Bluegrass Band*



**FREE for PRECO Members  
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Hot Dogs • Popcorn • Boiled Peanuts  
Face Painting • Snow Cones  
Ice Cream • Kids Play Area  
Caricature Artist • Cotton Candy  
Funnel Cakes • Soft Drinks  
French Fries • Exhibits



*Must have photo ID to register.*

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*No smoking. No alcohol. No pets.*

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