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## Armed Officers Now At Every School



North Wauchula Elementary School welcomed its first full-time school resource officer on Monday. Shown on campus are (from left) Assistant Principal Tamara Taylor-Camilo, Dep. James Adler and Principal Jessica Gray.

By MICHAEL KELLY

Of The Herald-Advocate

All Hardee County students returning from Spring Break on Monday noticed an increased presence of local law enforcement officers after the Florida Legislature took steps to make schools safer.

Sheriff Arnold Lanier told Hardee County commissioners last week all schools in the county would now have an armed deputy present during school hours, compared to only four of the seven schools previously.

"We will have a deputy at every school on Monday," Lanier told The Herald-Advocate last week.

The Legislature recently passed the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act and Gov. Rick Scott signed the bill, aimed at making significant reforms to keep

schools safer.

Hardee County's legislative delegation was split in its support of the measure. Rep. Ben Albritton (R-Wauchula) voted in favor of the Act in the Florida House. Sen. Denise Grimsley (R-Lake Placid) voted against the measure in the Florida Senate.

"We need more concern for human life in this society, and that can't be legislated," Grimsley told The Herald-Advocate following the Senate vote.

Lanier said the new law,

which will go into effect for the next school year beginning in August, will require each school to have a certified school resource officer on campus at all times.

Previously the Sheriff's Office had two SROs stationed at both Hardee Senior High School and Hardee Junior High School.

Beginning Monday, Lanier assigned deputies to Bowling Green Elementary, Zolfo Springs Elementary and North

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## Student 'March For Our Lives' Saturday In BG

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

A student-led protest is set for this Saturday in Bowling Green in support of the national "March For Our Lives" movement demanding gun control in the United States.

JaKevis Brown, a senior at Hardee Senior High School, is organizing the local demonstration.

The effort here is a "sibling" event to the March For Our Lives rally set for Saturday in Washington, D.C. It was organized in response to the Feb. 14 school shooting that claimed the lives of 17 students and teachers at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland.

The sibling march – one of 828 registered worldwide – is designed to allow students unable to attend the Washington rally to still participate in the movement.

Brown, inspired to join the grassroots movement against U.S. gun violence, sought out additional information on the movement's website, [marchforourlives.com](http://marchforourlives.com).

"They are having marches all over the U.S. They had a few marches in Tampa and in Polk County, but there were none in Hardee, Highlands or DeSoto counties," Brown said.

Plans to organize and transport local students to a nearby event quickly fell apart. "We originally thought we would get a bus to Tampa, but that didn't work out," Brown said.

A \$5,000 grant from the national March For Our Lives See MARCH A2

## Expo Offers Health & Safety Tips

Learn How Much Space You Get At A Hurricane Shelter

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

With many residents still irritated by the lingering effects of Hurricane Irma's ire, the fifth annual Health, Safety & Hurricane Expo offers them tips on making the upcoming hurricane season a little easier to bear.

The Hardee County Agri-Civic Center plays host to this disaster planning exposition from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Saturday.

"The focus will be on the importance of taking actions before a major disaster to ensure you can recover successfully and thrive after a storm," said Jill Newman, director of Hardee County Emergency

Management.

The event is free and open to the entire community.

Held in cooperation with Hardee County Emergency Management and the Health Care Task Force, this year's event is being organized by Emergency Management Program Manager Jerri Kaplan.

The Florida Division of Emergency Management, National Weather Service, American Red Cross, Florida Department of Health, Central Florida Healthcare, and the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission are some of the 34 exhibitors scheduled to attend.

Hardee County Fire Rescue and the Hardee County Sher-

iff's Office are also set to be there.

"They will be displaying their equipment for people to tour," Newman said.

Heartland Crime Stoppers will be on hand to provide information on reporting criminal activity, remaining anonymous, and the cash reward program.

Another exhibit will come from Peace River Electric Cooperative.

"PRECO will have an interactive display to demonstrate the dangers of live lines," Kaplan said. "It is really an awesome demonstration."

Two displays will also be set up inside to show residents how much space is available in

## Tax Cuts Coming

By JOAN SEAMAN

Of The Herald-Advocate

New tax cuts will help local individuals, families, businesses and agricultural interests.

When Florida Gov. Rick Scott signed the 2018-19 state

budget on Friday, he cemented tax cuts made by the Legislature earlier in the year.

A companion legislative bill also puts an amendment on the ballot this fall to limit the ability of the Legislature to raise taxes and fees. If 60 percent of Florida voters agree, the House and Senate will be required to have a two-thirds majority, rather than the current simple majority (51 percent), to raise any fee or tax.

Tax cuts for the fiscal year starting July 1 will save some money for Hardee Countians. (The state and schools are on a July 1-June 30 fiscal year, while counties and cities have an Oct. 1-Sept. 30 fiscal year). Most notable are as follows:

### Families

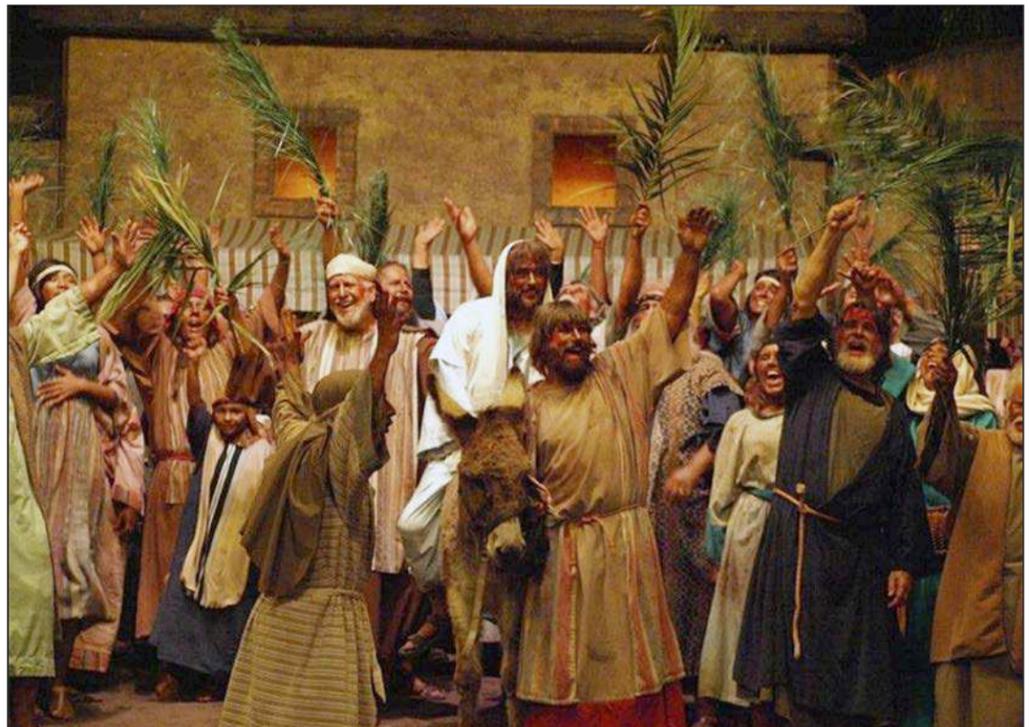
A pair of sales-tax holidays is estimated to save Florida taxpayers about \$38.5 million, says a press release from the Governor's Office.

Usually the first week or weekend in August, there is a back-to-school reprieve on sales taxes on clothing, school supplies and many other related items.

At the end of May or the first week of June, there is a one-week disaster preparedness sales-tax holiday for generators, batteries and other hurricane/disaster supplies.

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## OPENING NIGHT



COURTESY PHOTO

The 2018 running of the famed passion play "The Story of Jesus" opens tomorrow (Friday) night – just in time for the upcoming Christian observance of Palm Sunday. Show dates are Fridays and Saturdays through April 21, with times at 7 p.m. for a patriotic pre-show and 7:30 for the play. Tickets are \$18 for children, \$25 for adults and \$23 for seniors, and can be purchased online at [storyofjesus.com](http://storyofjesus.com) or by calling 375-4031. The highly acclaimed production includes more than 100 animals and 200 actors in a 250-foot set. The scene above shows Jesus making his triumphant entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey as jubilant followers lay palm fronds along His path.

### WEATHER

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
03/13	71	35	0.00
03/14	69	33	0.00
03/15	74	30	0.00
03/16	80	30	0.00
03/17	83	42	0.00
03/18	86	47	0.00
03/19	85	58	0.01

Rainfall to 03/19/2018 - 3.25

Same period last year - 4.49

Ten Year Average - 49.17

Source: Univ. of Fla. Ona Research CenterA4

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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

Winter Haven High School girls' basketball coach Johnnie Lawson has been named the 2018 Florida Dairy Farmers coach of the year. His Blue Devils recently won their third straight state title.

He is fond of saying it is fine to dream about accomplishing big things in life but adds, "You can't dream without work."

You don't have to be big and tall to be successful in life. Houston Astros second baseman Jose Altuve, 27, one of the smallest players in Major League Baseball, last year led his team to a World Series title and was named American League Most Valuable Player.

He recently signed a seven-year contract with the Astros for \$163.5 million.

No one asked but I predict the Elite Eight in the NCAA's men's basketball tournament will include Kentucky, Loyola-Chicago, Gonzaga, Michigan, Villanova, Texas Tech, Kansas and Duke.

Obadiah Franklin, "The Man In Red With The Cross," will speak Wednesday, March 21, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 25, at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Faith Temple Ministries Church of God at 701 N. 7th Ave. in Wauchula, announced pastor Wendell Smith. Obadiah brings a powerful Christian message.

On Sunday, April 1, the 10:30 church service will include worship, special music, drama, illustrated sermon, meal after service, egg hunt for children, and a food box for every family in attendance.

Unleaded regular gasoline on Tuesday in Hardee County was \$2.44 a gallon.

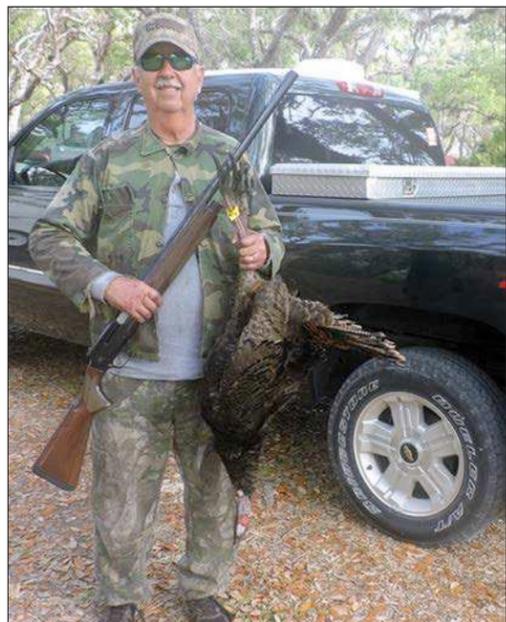
The weather forecasters predicted rain on Tuesday in Hardee but none had fallen as of this writing at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Most of our family went camping and turkey hunting over the weekend at the Avon Park Bombing Range. There was plenty to eat and good campfires.

I am almost too modest to admit that the only gobbler brought to camp fell at 22 paces from a blast from my new Browning 12-gauge shotgun.

Yelps and clucks from an ancient corn cob pipe with a cedar striker against a small oval slate brought a pair of jakes within range.

Lesson learned enroute home: don't stop roadside to take a picture and back up 10 feet to get a better camera angle on a dragline close to the road near Bowling Green. This can result in a jackknife that can damage truck and popup camper.



PHOTOS BY JEAN KELLY

Successful hunter, turkey and pickup truck.

Wauchula Elementary. Wauchula Elementary School already has an SRO on campus, from the Wauchula Police Department.

The sheriff told commissioners that for the remainder of the current school year, deputies will pick up extra shifts to cover the schools until he can get additional SROs trained over the summer.

He expects a budget impact of around \$64,000 in overtime pay to finish the remainder of this school year and an additional \$48,000 to cover the beginning of the next school year until the county's new budget year begins on Oct. 1.

Hiring three additional full-time SROs next year will cost approximately \$300,000 annually, the sheriff said.

Currently the Sheriff's Office pays 60 percent of the officer's salary and the Hardee County School Board contributes 40 percent, Lanier added.

The state Legislature has approved \$400 million in funding to cover costs associated with making schools safer

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and with providing additional officers.

Lanier said at this time it has not been determined how that funding will be distributed or how much of it each county will receive.

School officials are reacting positively to the added presence of lawmen.

North Wauchula Elementary, one of the schools which had been lacking a permanent lawman prior to Spring Break, took to social media on Monday to thank local leaders for their commitment to school safety.

"The NWES Administration and Staff are feeling extra thankful and secure today! Thanks to the commitment of Sheriff Arnold Lanier and Superintendent Bob Shayman to our student and staff's safety, we have a full-time officer on campus for the remainder of this school year," the Facebook post stated.

The post included a picture of Dep. James Adler with Assistant Principal Tamara Taylor-Camilo and Principal Jessica Gray.

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organization came with the caveat that the funds could only be used to stage local demonstrations and could not be used to travel to other events, Brown noted.

The funding is part of a grant system organized by Everytown For Gun Safety, a nonprofit organized founded, and largely funded, by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg to advocate for gun control and against gun violence.

The Bowling Green event, scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon, will offer snacks and water to marchers. Free T-shirts for the first 50 marchers are also available.

Additionally, the rally will be staffed by trained medical professionals.

Ashja Camel, also a senior at

Hardee High, is organizing the medical services to assist any marchers who may need medical aid.

The medical staff, according to Brown, were required as a stipulation of the grant.

More than 100 local participants have registered online to attend the event, according to Brown.

Registration can be completed online by visiting the March For Our Lives website. Information on and registration for the Bowling Green rally can be found by going to the "Find An Event" section and entering a local zip code.

Brown said interest for Saturday's event is being driven by social media.

"Social media is playing a big part," Brown said.



Camp dogs included Sam, owned by Michael and Chelsea Kelly.



Jonathan Kelly and wife Ashley enjoy downtime.



Sandhill Crane parents with baby at Bombing Range.

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Paul Samuels, chairman of the Hardee County School Board, said he is pleased with the addition of the new law officers at local schools.

"I appreciate the support and coordination between Sheriff Arnold Lanier and Superintendent Bob Shayman in placing SROs at each school in the district," Samuels said. "Safety of our students is always top priority."

Shayman said it is too early to tell how much the law enforcement mandate will impact this school district in the upcoming year.

The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act includes \$97 million in additional safe-school funding that typically supports school resource officers.

Leaders in the state capitol, however, have yet to provide an analysis of how those funds will be distributed among the state's 67 counties.

"We don't have all the information we need," Shayman said. Staff writer Tom Staik contributed to this report.

## CUTS

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Another tax reduction signed into law is the lowering of the state-mandated local-effort portion of each school district's property tax rate. This affects both families and businesses that pay property taxes.

The final break is in traffic citation fines, allowing a person to attend driver improvement school to earn a reduction in the amount.

**Agriculture**

There are two main tax cuts that are expected to save farmers millions of dollars.

One is a sales-tax exemption package on agricultural materials. There is a sales-tax exemption on non-residential farm building materials and another on agricultural fencing. Both are expected to help farmers recover from damages from Hurricane Irma.

Another tax benefit is the reduction of property tax assessments on citrus and processing and packing plants and on processing equipment slowed due to citrus greening or the hurricane.

**Business**

Four tax cuts are expected to save dollars for Florida businesses.

Commercial tax rates are being reduced by one tenth of a percent, from 5.8 to 5.7 percent.

Business taxes are exempt for businesses owned by veterans and their spouses, non-remarried surviving spouses of veterans, spouses of certain active-duty military service members and low-income persons who engage in a business, profession or occupation.

There is an increase in corporate income tax credits for voluntary Brownfield clean-ups or community contribution credits.

Business owners will also get the same cut in school local-effort property taxes as families will get.

## Corrections

**EXPO STORY**

A story in last week's edition on the upcoming Health, Safety & Hurricane Expo listed an incorrect phone number for more information. The correct number is 773-6373. The Herald-Advocate apologizes for that error. A story on this week's Front Page, however, gives further details on the event.

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.

# SAVE THE DATE

**MARCH**

- 22 – Lunch & Learn/HC Chamber of Commerce/Historic Train Depot/135 E. Main St., Wauchula/ Noon
- 22 – HC School Board Meeting/230 S. Florida Ave., Wauchula/5 pm
- 22 – Fitness in the Park/ Insanity/Heritage Park/5:30 pm
- 23 – HC Public Library/ How To Use Kindle-iPad/ 315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/10:30 am
- 23 – Leadership Luau/ Leadership Hardee/ Historic Train Depot/135 E. Main St., Wauchula/6 pm
- 23 – Story of Jesus/HC Cattleman's Arena/ 507 Civic Center Dr., Wauchula/ 7:30 pm
- 24 – Health – Safety Expo/ HC Agri-Civic Center/515 Civic Center Dr., Wauchula/10 am
- 24 – Story of Jesus/HC Cattleman's Arena/ 507 Civic Center Dr., Wauchula/ 7:30 pm
- 26 – HC Public Library/ Adult Coloring/ 315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/10 am
- 26 – Fitness in the Park/Yoga/Heritage Park/5:30 pm
- 27 – ZS Town Commission Meeting/104 W. Fifth Street, Zolfo Springs/6 pm
- 28 – HC Public Library/ Knitting & Crocheting/ 315 N. 6th Ave., Wauchula/10 am
- 29 – Fitness in the Park/ Strong/Heritage Park/5:30 pm

**APRIL**

- 2 – Wauchula City Commission Workshop/5 pm
- 2 – Fitness in the Park/ Yoga/Heritage Park/5:30 pm
- 4-7 – Bensen Days/ Wauchula Municipal Airport/8 am
- 4 – Quit Tobacco/ HC Health Dept/ 9:30 am
- 5 – Range Cattle Research & Education Center/ Field Day/3401 Experiment Station, Ona/8 am
- 5 – Fitness in the Park/ Strong/Heritage Park/5:30 pm
- 6 – Story of Jesus/ 7:30 pm
- 7 – Golf Tourny/YMCA/ 7 am
- 7 – Story of Jesus/ 7:30 pm
- 9 – Wauchula City Commission Regular Meeting/ 6 pm
- 9 – Fitness in the Park/ Yoga/Heritage Park/5:30 pm
- 10 – B.G. Commission Meeting/6 pm
- 12 – HC School Board Meeting/5 pm
- 12 – Fitness in the Park/ Strong/Heritage Park/5:30 pm
- 13 – Story of Jesus/ 7:30 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 as far ahead as possible.

# From Migrant Child To Dental Education Professor

When Bobby Sconyers, South Florida State College dental-assisting professor, was 10 years old, he decided he was going to join the Army and eventually retire from it.

He did. But little did he know then that the Army would train him for a long career that he loves.

"I had one of several uncles who had been in the Army. He actually owned a house and he got a retirement check," Sconyers said. "I thought, 'I want to do what he did.'"

Sconyers' family had moved to Wauchula from Alabama when he was 5 to pick fruit and vegetables. "We had cousins and uncles who were doing it and making money, so we just went where the money was," he said.

By the time Sconyers was 7, he could help work in the fields along with his parents, two brothers and a sister. "We picked almost every grove in Hardee County at one time or another," he said. "We picked cucumbers and peppers. We could do that throughout the school year."

"I remember we would go to school, we'd pick vegetables until dark in the cucumber fields, we'd go to the packing houses and pack those cucumbers until 10:30 or 11 p.m. Then we'd come home, take a shower and go to bed. Next day, we'd do it again."

The day school was out for the summer, the family would begin working in other fields from Florida to Michigan while living in migrant camps.

Sconyers graduated from Hardee Senior High School in 1977.

Because he had completed all of his credits by the first semester of his senior year in high school, he graduated early and joined the Army. Before he could head to boot camp, though, he was required to wait six months to officially receive his high school diploma.

In the meantime, he worked in the fields every day.

Boot camp was at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Sconyers' first duty station was the Panama Canal Zone.

Dental assisting had never been on Sconyers' mind when he took the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, a kind of placement test for the Army.

After receiving top results in every category of the test, Sconyers was told that he could pick whatever job he wanted to do in the Army.

Sconyers said he wanted to be a Green Beret.

"They said, 'Well, you can't just pick Green Beret, you have to pick a job, and then try for that,'" he recalled. "'You can't just join the Green Berets,'" he was told.

"They gave me a list of all these jobs that required a high score," he said. "and dental assisting and dental lab technician were on the list, so I chose 'dental.' I randomly picked that. I had no idea what I was getting into."

Sconyers trained to be a dental assistant and dental lab technician at the Academy of Health Sciences at Fort Sam Houston in Texas. He explained that the dental-assisting program lasted six weeks, and the dental lab-technician program was another eight weeks.

"I was a dental assistant and dental lab technician for 13 years," Sconyers said. He went on to train as a dental hygienist, practicing at Fort Sam Houston for 18 months. He was then asked to teach dental assisting, dental lab technician and dental hygiene.

He did so until his retirement in 1994.

In 1983, Sconyers had been stationed in Germany, where he met his wife, Jill, who was also a dental assistant and dental lab technician with the Army. The Sconyerses returned to Germany at a later date for three years, when Jill was stationed as first sergeant of a dental unit in Giebelstadt. While in Germany, Bob was hired as a dental assistant at the Würzburg American Army Hospital dental clinic.

"There were about 11 bases in the area we were responsible for," he said. "I was hired to teach the spouses at all these bases around us to be dental assistants."

"After they were trained, they could get really good jobs on base taking care of soldiers," he continued. "It meant that these families now had an extra check coming in, which meant they could enjoy Europe more. Now they could afford to do things they couldn't afford to do before, and the dental clinics had the dental assistants they needed."

In 2002, Jill was stationed in Washington State and served as first sergeant of the Fort Lewis Dental Activity, and Bob took a job as a dental assistant at MacNeil Island Correctional Facility.

A chance encounter at a conference inspired Sconyers to continue his education so that he could teach in the civilian world.

"A lady who ran a dental-assisting program for the Olympia Community College System



Professor Bobby Sconyers with dental-assisting students Petra Calderon and Jennifer Lopez.

was presenting a class on what to do if you want to teach dental assisting in a college," he said. "She said you needed a Bachelor in Arts degree, but I didn't have mine. So I started taking classes at night at Evergreen State College to earn my Bachelor's Degree."

After Jill retired from the Army, the Sconyerses returned to Hardee County.

One day, a newspaper advertisement caught Sconyers' attention. SFSC was looking for a dental assistant instructor. He began working at the college in 2006.

"I really enjoy the way dental is one of the fastest-moving professions out there," Sconyers said. "The stuff we get to work with is technologically in the forefront, X-rays, cone-beam radiation, a variety of dental materials, we can do digital impressions, we use CAD CAM systems. All the while, you're helping other people."

Sconyers never hesitates to encourage others to go train for dental assisting. "They can come to the program and, in one year, they learn what they need to get out there and have a job forever. They can make that grow if they want."

Sconyers said that to grow in the career, a dental assistant should consider becoming a Certified Dental Assistant through the Dental Assisting National Board. "It makes you more

employable," he said.

"It gives you a broad knowledge of everything going on in dental, so you can have an intelligent conversation with a dentist. It can be a basis to other jobs, such as in insurance, where they like to hire dental assistants because they already know the vocabulary. Also sales, where they go to different clinics and sell whatever their company makes, dental materials, impression materials, or X-ray equipment."

And, he noted, "A dental assistant can, eventually, teach. I had a student last year who said, 'I want your job.' I told her 'you need a Bachelor's Degree and you need to keep up with your dental-assisting certification.'"

Sconyers indicated that dental assistants can also go into dental hygiene. "I've had 10 or 11 of my students come back and go through the dental hygiene program at SFSC," he said. "I never had any of them say that dental assisting was a waste of time. They all think it was the smartest decision they could have made because it allowed them to learn dental hygiene at a deeper level."

Sconyers is a man who loves his job as a teacher. "Every day, I get to teach these young people and help them get a job that they can have for the rest of their lives," he said. "And what could be better than that?"

## CAT'S HAT



COURTESY PHOTO

Former kindergarten teacher Pammy Jo Roberts returned to the classroom once again to help students at Zolfo Springs Elementary School celebrate Dr. Seuss Week. Costumed as a cat and wearing a tophat, she read "The Cat in the Hat Comes Back" to children in Tammy Waters and Jessica Dickey's kindergarten classes. Roberts also made special treats for her appreciative audience.

## Where Are The Safest Cities?

With fears of falling victim to cyber thefts or mass shootings topping the list of crime worries among Americans, according to recent Gallup polls, the personal-finance website WalletHub took an in-depth look at 2017's Safest Cities in America.

To determine where Americans can feel most protected against life's hazards, including non-physical forms of danger, WalletHub's analysts compared more than 180 U.S. cities across 35 key metrics. The data set ranges from assaults per capita to unemployment rate to road quality.

Safest Cities	Least Safe Cities
1.) Nashua, N.H.	173.) Jackson, Miss.
2.) South Burlington, Vt.	174.) Baton Rouge, La.
3.) Warwick, R.I.	175.) Chattanooga, Tenn.
4.) Columbia, Md.	176.) Orlando, Fla.
5.) Gilbert, Ariz.	177.) Little Rock, Ark.
6.) Fargo, N.D.	178.) Detroit, Mich.
7.) Lewiston, Maine	179.) Oklahoma City, Okla.
8.) Plano, Texas	180.) San Bernardino, Calif.
9.) Portland, Maine	181.) St. Louis, Mo.
10.) Brownsville, Texas	182.) Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

### Safest vs. Least Safe

- Corpus Christi, Texas, has the fewest hate-crime incidents per 100,000 residents, 0.31, which is 71.8 times fewer than in Boston, the city with the most at 22.25.
- Yonkers, New York, has the fewest thefts per 1,000 residents, 13, which is 6.8 times fewer than in Salt Lake City, the city with the most at 88.
- Washington has the most law-enforcement employees per 100,000 residents, 639, which is 5.7 times more than in Irvine, Calif., the city with the fewest at 113.
- Aurora, Colo., has among the fewest pedestrian fatalities per 100,000 residents, 0.28, which is 27.2 times fewer than in Jackson, Miss., the city with the most at 7.62.
- South Burlington, Vt., has the lowest unemployment rate, 2.1 percent, which is 5.2 times lower than in Detroit, the city with the highest at 10.9 percent.
- Pearl City, Hawaii, has the lowest share of uninsured population, 3.8 percent, which is 9.1 times lower than in the Brownsville, Texas, registering the highest at 34.6 percent.



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### On This Day:

- In 1873 Slavery is abolished in Puerto Rico, celebrated as Emancipation Day
- In 1882 Edmunds Act adopted by the US to suppress polygamy, 1300 men later imprisoned under the act
- In 1903 Niagara Falls runs out of water because of a drought
- In 1914 The St. Petersburg-Tampa Airboat Line becomes the world's first scheduled airline
- In 1933 FDR makes wine & beer with up to 3.2% alcohol legal
- In 1935 Blood tests authorized as evidence in court cases (NY)
- In 1941 James Stewart is inducted into the Army, becoming the first major American movie star to wear a military uniform in World War II
- In 1943 Obligatory work for woman ends in Belgium
- In 1954 1st shopping mall opens in Southfield, Michigan

# Obituaries

## In Memory



**PEGGY BRYANT KILGORE**

Peggy Bryant Kilgore, 75, of Zolfo Springs, passed away on March 15, 2018.

She was born on July 10, 1942, in Jefferson, Ga. Peggy enjoyed reading and fishing with her family.

She was preceded in death by three sons, Timmy Lee, Danny Kilgore, and Emory Kilgore; brother, Thomas Bryant; father, Edwin Bryant; step-father, Hugh Gosnell; and mother, Ellanae King Bryant Gosnell.

Peggy is survived by her husband, Emory Kilgore, of

Zolfo Springs; son, Eddie (Ovita) Kilgore, of Zolfo Springs; brothers, Leroy (Jane) Bryant, of Dallas, Ga., Jr. "Hugh" (Donna) Gosnell, of Temple, Ga.; sisters, Shirley (Jim) Smith, of Lithia Springs, Ga., Sandra (Billy) Weaver, of Shady Dale, Ga.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation is today (Thursday), March 22, from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., at First Baptist Church of Zolfo Springs. Service will follow at 12:00 p.m. with Dr. Trent Swanson officiating. Burial will follow in Zolfo Springs Baptist Cemetery.

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## In Memory



**RUTH DRIGGERS MOYE**

Ruth Driggers Moye was born in Watertown, N.Y., on Sept. 11, 1928, to Edward and Mary Rivers. She moved to her heavenly home on March 15, 2018.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Harold E. Driggers, and second husband, Herman L. Moye.

Ruth enjoyed camping, fishing, bowling and loved to dance.

She is survived by her daughters, Bubby (Doug) Willis, and Linda (Jerry) Gibson; granddaughter, Robin Gibson; step-granddaughter, Lori Ross; grandsons, Rick (Alyson) Crews, Michael (Stephanie) Crews, and Randall Gibson; great-granddaughters, Cara and Cynthia Criss; step-great-granddaughter, Thalia Gonzalez; great-grandsons, Zack and Matthew Crews; and great-great-grandson, Kenden Gibson; and many "adopted" family members.

A Celebration of Life was held at Resthaven on March 18.

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**JAMES ALLEN BIRD**  
James Allen Bird, 90, died on Thursday, March 8, 2018.

He was born in Wauchula, on Aug. 24, 1927, to the late John B. and Elizabeth Hern-don Bird.

He served in the U.S. Navy, and later became the head supervisor of the water plant at G.

Pierce Wood Hospital in Arcadia, where he worked until he retired after 35 years. He lived most of his life in Arcadia, and, in 1999, moved to Port Charlotte.

He was preceded in death by three wives, Winnie Martha Thompkins, Beulah Alberta Suggs, and Nell Goggins; two siblings, John Bird, and Vivian Lamb; son, Steve A. Bird; and one great-grandchild, Victor Ball.

He is survived by his daughter, Sherry Elam; daughter-in-law, Debra Bird; and four granddaughters, Casandra Melfi, Tina Ball, Shanna Walls, and Peggy Jean Amaya; and 14 great-grandchildren.

A visitation was held March 17 at the chapel of Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home. A celebration of his life followed at the chapel with the Rev. Lonnie Rhodes officiating.

Arrangements were by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Homes.

## In Loving Memory



**CARLOS MORALES**

Carlos Morales, 61, of Wauchula, passed away, in Sebring, on Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

He was born in Chicago, Ill., on Jan. 13, 1957. He moved to Hardee County from California in 1995, and was a member of Lake Dale Baptist Church. He was employed by the Department of Transportation as a mechanic.

He proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Juan and Virginia Morales.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lynne Morales, of Wauchula; daughters, Jamie Edell (Benjamin), of North Carolina; Sara Morales, of Arcadia; brothers, David Morales, of Texas, and William Morales (Roberta), of South Carolina; sister, Juanita Trowbridge (Tom), of Texas; and five grandchildren, Ellis Hodges, Trenity Morales, Jordan Morales, Alan Edell, and Luke Edell.

A visitation was held at Lake Dale Baptist Church on March 16, with a memorial service following. Pastor Albert Blum officiated the services.

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## In Loving Memory



**JUAN C. OTERO**

Juan "Tuts" C. Otero, 47, of Zolfo Springs passed away in Sebring on Monday, March 19, 2018.

He was born in Wauchula on November 4, 1970. He has been a lifelong resident of Hardee County and was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church. Juan was former Mayor of Zolfo Springs, former Fire Chief of Zolfo Springs Volunteer Fire Department. He was also a truck driver transporting cars.

He is survived by his parents Carmelo "Johnny" Otero and Genevia Burns of Zolfo Springs. Wife, Liz Velasco Valderrama Otero of Zolfo Springs. Sons, Timothy Page of Kress, TX and

Santana Mendoza of Texas. Daughters, Sierra Mendoza of Georgia, Jasmine D. Otero of Zolfo Springs and Makalya Otero of Zolfo Springs. Brothers, Thomas Rivera Jr. (Ariana) of Zolfo Springs, Joseph Tomas Rivera (Stacy) of Avon Park, James Robert Frost of Texas and John Otero of Zolfo Springs. Sisters, Amalia Arista (Rafael) of Zolfo Springs, Geneva Duran (Martin) of Zolfo Springs and Alexis Rimes (Shawn) of Zolfo Springs. Several grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held Sunday, March 25, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Robarts Garden Chapel. Funeral Services will be Monday, March 26, 10 a.m. in the Robarts Garden Chapel. Reverend Jim Davis will be officiating services. Interment will be at the Zolfo Baptist Cemetery. Expressions of comfort may be made at [robartsfh.com](http://robartsfh.com).

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## In Memory



**KATHY KING HEITZMAN**

Kathy King Heitzman, 69, passed away on Sunday, March 11, 2018, and went to be with the Lord.

She born and raised in Wauchula, and graduated from Hardee High School. Kathy retired as a home health aid, and was living in Bradenton, with her daughters, at the time of her passing.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 29 years.

She is survived by her two daughters, Tamra Dominy (Clinton), and Tanya Shaw (Bobby), both of Bradenton; nine grandchildren, Timothy (TJ), Taryn (Logan), Clay, Amanda, Ethin (Candice), Wyatt, Shield, Brook and Breana; and three great-grandchildren, Ava, Athena and Amelia.

A celebration of life was held in Bradenton on March 16 to honor her wishes of "being happy, telling funny stories about me and eating my favorite foods."

Special thanks to her friends that have loved her for many years, high school and beyond.

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## In Memory



**WILLIAM LAFAYETTE ANDERSON SR.**

William Lafayette Anderson Sr., 90, passed away on Sunday, March 18, 2018, in Sebring.

He was born Oct. 2, 1927, in Arcadia. Bill enjoyed spending time with family and going out to eat. He was a member of Florida's First Assembly of God.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Viola Mercer Anderson; son, Mike Anderson; brother, Charles Anderson; and sisters, Thelma Weatherly and

Lucille Anderson.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, June Anderson, of Zolfo Springs; daughter, Kathy Christmas (Steve), of Zolfo Springs; sons, William L. Anderson Jr. (Gina), of Zolfo Springs, Joe Anderson, of Zephyrhills, Pat Anderson (Sherry), of Avon Park; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today (Thursday), March 22, from 2-3 p.m. at Florida's First Assembly of God, with service beginning at 3 p.m. Burial will follow at New Hope Cemetery with Pastor Jeff Fowler officiating.

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## Recipes From Good Housekeeping

### YOGURT-MARINATED LEG OF LAMB

This Easter favorite serves 12 and takes less than an hour to prepare.

- 2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 2 cup plain nonfat or low-fat yogurt
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated lemon peel
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 4 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon salt

### 1 5- to 6-pound leg of lamb, boned, butterflied and trimmed of visible fat

1. Put cumin, coriander, red pepper and allspice in a small saucepan. Stir over low heat 1 to 2 minutes until fragrant (take care not to burn spices.) Scrape into a medium-size bowl and stir in remaining marinade ingredients until blended.

2. Put lamb in a large zipper-type food-storage bag. Add marinade, seal bag and turn to coat meat. Refrigerate at least 6 hours or overnight. Remove lamb from refrigerator 1 hour before cooking.

3. Heat broiler and broiler-pan or grill. Remove lamb from marinade. Discard marinade. Grill or broil lamb 15 minutes per side for medium-rare, 20 minutes per side for well-done.

4. Let stand 5 minutes, then slice thin across the grain.

**TIP:** Ask your butcher to bone and butterfly the lamb and remove as much fat as possible. This cut is great for a crowd because thin ends will be crisp and well-done, while the thicker parts will be pink and juicy.

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Gethsemane in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What's the only book of the Bible (KJV) that mentions Christ's tomb being sealed? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
3. From Matthew 28, who rolled away the stone from the mouth of Jesus' tomb? Simon, An angel, Villagers, Disciples
4. When Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" came upon the risen Jesus, whom did He ask them to inform? Priests, Disciples, No One,

Villagers

5. Which disciple doubted Jesus had risen unless he could see the wounds? Peter, Andrew, Thomas, Thaddeus
6. From Acts 1, how long did Jesus remain after His resurrection before He ascended into heaven? Instantaneously, 1 hour, 7 days, 40 days

**ANSWERS:** 1) Neither; 2) Matthew; 3) An angel; 4) Disciples; 5) Thomas; 6) 40 days

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# Obituaries

## In Memory



**MARY KATHERINE 'CAT' BROWN GANN**

Mary Katherine "Cat" Brown Gann, 86, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

She was born on Nov. 7, 1931, to her late parents, George Marvin and Margaret Lou Brown.

Mary was born and raised in Arcadia, and moved to Georgia later in life. She also lived in Gainsville for several years. She moved home to Arcadia in August 1997 and for the last 20 years she has lived at Oak View Mobile Park.

She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church and was baptized on May 10, 1998.

She loved to cook, which she was great at. She also loved gardening, games,

flowers, Sunday dinner with family, children, animals and Christmas. Mary was feisty and full of life.

Mary is survived by: son, Joe Morgan Durrance Jr. (Waiva), of Zolfo Springs; daughter, Sharon Kaye Durrance Netteton (Charlie), of Jonesboro, Ga.; grandson, Ryan Attaway; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Lois, Mildred, Marvin, Dewilton, Billy, and Jody; and son, Michael Dale "Mikie" Durrance.

We would like to give a special thank you to her sister-in-law, Ruth Brown; niece, Betty Bishop; great-niece, Lauria Ann Gause and her husband Michael, for helping to care for her these last years.

Graveside service was March 9 at Joshua Creek Cemetery.

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## In Loving Memory



**SALLIE MAE MCCRAY-JOHNSON**

Sallie Mae McCray-Johnson was born on May 9, 1920, in Ashford, Ala., to the late Joseph Lewis Sr. and Bessie Mae Lewis. She was the eldest of ten children.

She peacefully departed from this life on March 14, 2018, at Good Shepherd Hospice in Lakeland, with loved ones at her bedside. She was 97.

Mother Sallie was a member of the Church of Christ where she attended faithfully until her decline in health. She was a "Prayer Warrior" and a devoted Christian. She also loved singing, one of her favorite songs was (Jesus Will Fix It).

Mother Sallie married at a young age to the love of her life, James McCray Sr., and to this union came eight children. She resided in Oak Grove, for 20 years, until the passing of her husband (James) in 1964. Mother Sallie later moved to Wauchula where she met and married John H. Johnson, who was called to be with the Lord in 1985.

Mother Sallie was a lov-

ing, God fearing woman that loved God and her family. She truly was our family Matriarch and well deserving of the title.

Mother Sallie was preceded in death by her sons, James McCray, Bobby McCray, and Clarence McCray; brothers, Joseph Lewis, Henry James Lewis, and Johnny Lewis; sisters, Ora Ben Watson, Evelyn Lewis Recall, and Annie Pearl Lewis; and granddaughter, Dawn McCray.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories one brother, Eugene Lewis Sr.; two sisters, Bernice White and Juanita Lewis Grantley; two sons, Freddie McCray (Jean), and Jerry McCray; three daughters, Betty Avery (James), Dorothy Mills, and Malinda Peterson; 20 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; 35 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 24, at the Progressive Missionary Baptist Church in Wauchula at 2 p.m. Visitation will be at the church from 1 p.m. until service time. Interment will be at Magnolia Manor Cemetery. Pastor Freddie McCray will officiate.

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# KOVELS Antiques & Collecting

By Terry & Kim Kovel

## EASTER BUNNY

When did the Easter bunny become part of the tradition of the religious Easter holiday? Easter began to be observed hundreds of years ago to commemorate the rising of Christ from the dead, and it has gradually become associated with the themes of the renewal of life in nature and flowers. It was not until about the 18th century that the Easter egg became part of the celebration.

The egg has long been a symbol of eternal life, and decorating and hunting for eggs became part of the symbolism of the holiday. As years passed, cardboard and papier-mache eggs were used, then real eggshells with the liquid egg blown out through a small hole. Other countries used sugar eggs and wooden eggs. All eggs were decorated. Soon there were Easter egg hunts and Easter egg rolls, but still no Easter bunny.

During the early 18th century, Pennsylvania Germans suggested that, in spring, the Easter Bunny would hide eggs or perhaps put them in an upside-down hat that was left out overnight. That custom soon grew to a basket to be filled with eggs, candy and fake green grass. By the 20th century, there were stuffed-toy Easter bunnies, porcelain figurines of bunnies and a German business making papier-mache and cardboard Easter bunny candy containers, which were sold in the U.S. and filled with candy. By the 1920s, there were

tin or glass candy containers shaped like bunnies and other Easter symbols and, of course, toys.

Holiday collecting is becoming more popular. Easter items include religious pictures and memorabilia, baskets, bunnies, chicks, ducks, nut cups, place cards, postcards and store advertising. Prices have gone down and up since 1980.

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**TIP:** Doors from a garage should have inside locks. Get a strong door. We know someone who came home to find a burglar had used an ax to "open" the door.

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

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## 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 re-

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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](mailto: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 IN AND FOR HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO. 25-2018-CA-000011

MADISON REVOLVING TRUST 2017,

Plaintiff,

vs.

VERA LOUISE MCCRAY A/K/A VERA MCCRAY A/K/A VERA L. MCCRAY, et al,

Defendant(s).

### NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: VERA LOUISE MCCRAY A/K/A VERA MCCRAY A/K/A VERA L. MCCRAY  
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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Albertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623, and file the original with this Court either before April 20, 2018 service on Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 16 day of March, 2018.

VICTORIA L. ROGERS, Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Connie Coker Deputy Clerk

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# 'Hardee Marketplace' To Raise Funds For A-Team

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

Hardee Senior High School's A-Team has a date with state.

The Hardee Academic Team - A-Team, for short - is scheduled to travel to Orlando next month to participate in the annual state tournament hosted by Disney.

Mounting costs, though, have forced team sponsors to think outside the box in order to raise funds for the team of Wildcat academic elite to attend the brain bowl.

The "Hardee Marketplace" is the solution to the funding

equation.

The Hardee Marketplace will be held this Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the Hardee County School Board offices, located at 1009 N. Sixth Ave. (U.S. 17) in Wauchula.

Varsity coach Brittany Dunlap and junior varsity coach Stephanie Carte are the brain trust behind the project.

"We wanted to find a way to raise funds that would also benefit the community," Dunlap said.

The bazaar will feature a variety of youth-centric booths from clubs, sports teams and

other programs at Hardee Senior High School. Local community clubs and businesses have also been asked to participate.

"The event is open to everyone, so please make sure to come out and support all of our local clubs, businesses and community contributors," Carte added.

Booth reservations are \$30 for a 10'x10' space. Electricity can be provided for an additional \$10 fee.

For information contact Carte at [scarte@hardee.k12.fl.us](mailto:scarte@hardee.k12.fl.us) or Dunlap at [bdunlap@hardee.k12.fl.us](mailto:bdunlap@hardee.k12.fl.us).

# Wauchula Man Critically Injured In East Main Wreck

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

A Wauchula man was critically injured last week in a three-vehicle crash on East Main Street.

Gary McNabb, 65, suffered severe injuries in the Tuesday wreck, according to reports later released by the Florida Highway Patrol. A photo caption in last week's edition did not identify the victim.

McNabb was stabilized at the scene by Hardee County Fire Rescue before being transported to Lakeland Regional Medical Center by medical helicopter, the FHP said.

According to FHP Tpr. M. Abramaitis, the accident oc-

curred at 7:52 a.m. on East Main Street near the intersection of Hollandtown Road.

The trooper noted Robert M. Beavers, 78, of Wauchula, was attempting to turn right onto East Main Street from South Hollandtown Road at the time.

Beavers, his "vision obstructed due to the sun," did not see the 2002 Ford F250 driven by Rickey Driskell, 42, of Zolfo Springs, that was traveling westbound on East Main Street.

According to the report, the 2006 Toyota Tacoma driven by Beavers collided with the left side of Driskell's truck.

The force of the impact sent Driskell's vehicle into a clockwise spin.

While still in a spin, the truck collided with the left side of McNabb's 2018 Chevrolet Equinox.

Diskell's truck then traveled off the road and onto the northern shoulder before it crashed into a fence and came to rest in a field.

McNabb's vehicle came to final rest facing east on East Main Street.

Beavers was able to guide his truck onto the north shoulder following the accident. Neither Beavers nor Driskell were injured.

All three drivers were wearing seatbelts, according to the report.

Beavers was cited with disregarding a stop sign.



PHOTO BY TOM STAIK

A three-vehicle smashup on East Main Street critically injured a Wauchula man last week.

# Register Now For Field Day

New vials, beakers, test tubes and sinks.

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These are just some of the features of new laboratories that will open at the annual Field Day on April 5 at the University of Florida Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences' Range Cattle Research & Education Center in Ona.

"These spaces greatly advance our efforts to modernize our research laboratory and graduate-student training facilities," said John Arthington, director of the Range Cattle REC.

Labs for assistant professors Raoul Boughton and Philippe Moriel will support their research programs in rangeland wildlife ecology and animal sciences, respectively, Arthington said.

The new facilities - totaling 2,544 square feet - also

include an instrumentation room shared by all faculty, a graduate-student office and a student collaboration room, Arthington said.

The Field Day runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Before officials cut the ribbon to open the new labs, several key people will deliver remarks, starting at 9:30 a.m. They are:

- Arthington, director of the Ona Range Cattle Research & Education Center.

- Elaine Turner, dean of the UF/IFAS College of Agricultural & Life Sciences.

- Ken Griner, president of the Florida Cattlemen's Association.

- Chris Prevatt, state specialized extension agent, will talk about the beef cattle market outlook.

- Moriel, who will talk about nutrition of beef females.

- Boughton, who will talk about Florida calf losses.

After the speeches, visitors will enjoy a steak lunch, and then they can tour beef enhancement projects:

- Brent Sellers, professor of agronomy and a weed specialist, will give an update on smutgrass management.

- Joao Vendramini, associate professor of animal sciences, will talk about warm-season perennial grass establishment.

- Maria Silveira, associate professor of soil and water sciences, will talk about land application of biosolids to bahiagrass pastures.

To attend, register by April 2 at <http://bit.ly/2HIFBzE> or call 735-1314. The registration fee is \$15.

The Range Cattle Research & Education Center is at 3401 Experiment Station, Ona.

# Solunar Forecast

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# To Your Good Health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

**DEAR DR. ROACH: My son is 53, and three years ago he had three stents put in due to clogged arteries. His cardiologist put him on Lipitor at 80 mg. I don't know if this is necessary. I worry that it might do more harm than good.**

—J.K.

**ANSWER:** In people with blockages in the arteries in their hearts, there is really no doubt that medications like atorvastatin (Lipitor), a statin drug, reduce the risk of heart attack. Although they can have side effects, for most people the benefit far outweighs the risks.

It's important to recall that even a powerful medication like a statin can't optimally treat people if they don't treat themselves right. Years ago, I had a patient who was doing well after his bypass surgery and was taking a statin with good results. Walking through the hospital cafeteria, I saw him eating a triple cheeseburger (why the cafeteria even sold such a thing is a separate question), and he sheepishly argued that he was taking his statin. A statin can't beat a triple cheeseburger.

Good cardiac health requires a good diet of mostly plants, with whole grains, nuts, fruits and fish included for people who choose to. Exercise is the other important part of the treatment, and just plain walking is nearly as good as any exercise. Medication, though of benefit, is just a small part of a healthy lifestyle and preventing heart disease, which, although rates are decreasing, is still the leading cause of death in industrialized countries.

**READERS:** Heart disease remains the No. 1 killer. The booklet on clogged heart arteries explains why they happen and what can be done to prevent clogging. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Roach —

No. 101W, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

**DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 77-year-old male. I have really been shedding the hair on my arms and legs. Is this normal for a man of my age? I have been taking hydrocodone and simvastatin, along with the usual vitamin supplements. Could the medications or supplements that I am taking have anything to do with my hair loss? Could it be my diet, or is it just old age?**

—R.C.

**ANSWER:** Hair loss on the arms and legs is less common than on the scalp. Hormonal changes (especially thyroid and testosterone) and medications can be the culprit. A myriad of skin diseases can do it, but these

usually have visible skin changes associated. Chronic swelling (edema) of the extremities might be the cause.

Simvastatin has rarely been associated with hair loss. However, when I see hair loss on the lower extremities, I worry about peripheral artery disease, which is very common and underdiagnosed. Being on simvastatin suggests that you have had high cholesterol, which is a risk factor for PAD. Having hair loss on both arms and legs, however, makes me more concerned about a systemic cause. 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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## Crop Update

March 19, 2018

**General:** According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 18, 2018. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 1.7 inches in Tallahassee (Leon County). The average mean temperature ranged from 51.1°F in Jasper (Hamilton County) to 69.8°F in Key West (Monroe County).

**Citrus:** Temperatures were slightly cooler than normal during the beginning of the week, warming to well above average over the weekend. All areas had highs in the 80s at least one day. Several monitored stations across the citrus region reached 86°F. Most counties had less than two tenths of an inch of rainfall for the week, far below historical averages. Haines City (Polk County) had the most rainfall at 0.42 inches. According to the March 15, 2018 U.S. Drought Monitor, dryness and drought expanded in some areas receiving relatively small rainfall totals. The large dry area in the northeastern and central portion of the citrus region covers all of Osceola, Orange, Seminole, and Brevard counties. It also extends partially into many surrounding counties. In the southern citrus area, the dry conditions completely cover Lee, Hendry, and Collier counties. Manatee and Hillsborough counties in the western area have a small portion showing abnormally dry conditions.

Grove operations included some hedging and topping, and fertilizing. Irrigation was seen running on most days. Canals and ditches are low due to the lack of rainfall over the past several weeks. Citrus trees are between full and open bloom to bloom beginning to fall off the trees.

Valencia orange harvest is in full swing. Although the majority of oranges are going to the processed plant, some are spot picking for the fresh market on the later variety fruit. Tangerine harvest is slowing down. Mandarin harvest included Royal and Honey tangerines, and Tangos. Red and White grapefruit harvest is also continuing to slow down significantly.

**Fruits and Vegetables:** Some producers in Dixie County replanted watermelon due to frost damage. Cabbage harvesting was reported in Flagler and Putnam Counties. A wide range of crops came to market, including beans, boniato, cabbage, celery, herbs, leafy greens, malanga, radish, squash, sweet corn, and tomatoes.

**Livestock and Pastures:** Multiple counties in the Panhandle and north Florida received frost which slowed or damaged greening pastures. Some spring calf crop were seen grazing in St. Lucie County. Livestock producers continued to feed supplements and supply water.

**Field Crops:** Producers were able to harvest some silage and hay this week in Jackson County. Corn is being planted and cropland was being prepared for other plantings where conditions allow in Washington County. Corn was also planted in Gilchrist County this week. Potatoes were killed back from frost in Suwannee County. Sugarcane harvest continued in Glades and Hendry counties.

## Hardee County YMCA To Start VPK Program

The Hardee County Family YMCA will launch a Voluntary Prekindergarten program in the fall which will include wrap-around care for after-school hours.

"The YMCA is known nationally for their childcare programs. We are thrilled to bring VPK to Hardee County," said Jamie Howell, senior program director for childcare at the Hardee County Branch. "At the Y, we believe the values and skills learned early on are vital building blocks for quality of life and future success."

The new YMCA VPK program has been accepted by the Early Learning Coalition.

Florida was one of the first states in the country to offer free prekindergarten to all 4-year-olds.

Children must live in Florida and be 4 years old on

or before Sept. 1 of the current school year to be eligible. If their fourth birthday falls Feb. 2 through Sept. 1 in a calendar year, parents can postpone enrolling their child in VPK that year and wait until the following year when their child is 5.

"The YMCA recognizes that successful youth development requires a holistic approach focused on achieving certain language, social-emotional, physical, and cognitive milestones," added Howell. "The Y early learning programs put caring people in the children's lives to nurture them along their journey to adulthood so that they can become active, thriving and contributing members of society."

To sign up for the VPK program, contact Howell at 773-6445 or email [jhowell@sarasotaymca.org](mailto:jhowell@sarasotaymca.org).

## \$650,000 In Local Projects Get Veto

By TOM STAIK

Of The Herald-Advocate

More than a half million dollars in projects earmarked for Hardee County did not survive the stroke of Gov. Rick Scott's veto pen.

Scott last Friday in signing the Sunshine State's \$88.7 billion budget into law used his line-item veto authority to strip \$64 million from the final appropriation tally.

Two Hardee County-specific projects were included in the cuts.

The larger of the two cut appropriations would have benefited the Hardee County Agricultural Training/Conference Center. The Florida Legislature had included \$500,000 in its proposed budget for the project.

Also cut was funding for rehabilitation of the auditorium at Wauchula's Historic City Hall. Legislators had included \$150,000 for the project.

The city of Wauchula is getting used to seeing Scott wield

his veto power to remove funding for that project.

"This is the third year it has been vetoed," said Olivia Minshew, assistant city manager.

Wauchula's appropriations request to legislators totaled \$1.6 million.

Funds would have been used to "repair and renovate the facility for code compliance."

"Renovation is needed to provide a safe facility for residents, visitors, the business community and surrounding communities to use for performances, concerts, statewide programs and events," Minshew noted.

Code improvements would have included installing disabilities-compliant bathrooms.

Improvements to the parking lot, roof repairs, window replacements, ceiling repairs, enhancement of lighting, sound, curtain systems and backstage room configuration were also planned, Minshew noted.

The tally of vetoed local appropriation is \$650,000.

## School Menu

### MONDAY

**Breakfast:** cereal, donuts, french toast sticks, juice, fruit and milk

**Lunch:** hot dog (k-5), PB&J (k-12), mozzarella pinwheel (k-12), chicken sandwich (6-12), pan pizza (6-12), baked beans, cucumber slices, garden salad (6-12), ham & cheese salad, fruit and milk

### TUESDAY

**Breakfast:** cereal, poptarts, biscuit & sausage, juice, fruit and milk

**Lunch:** pizza (k-12), PB&J (k-12), turkey pot roast (k-12), cheeseburger (6-12), spicy chicken sandwich (6-12), carrots, green beans, garden salad (6-12), tuna salad, fruit and milk

### WEDNESDAY

**Breakfast:** cereal, yogurt parfait, pizza, juice, fruit and

milk

**Lunch:** cheeseburger (k-12), PB&J (k-12), beef/bean burrito (k-12), pan pizza (6-12), broccoli, mashed potatoes, garden salad (6-12), fajita chicken salad, fruit and milk

### THURSDAY

**Breakfast:** cereal, bread, chicken biscuit, juice, fruit and milk

**Lunch:** pasta (k-12), PB&J (k-12), pizza (k-12), chicken salad, chicken nuggets (6-12), spicy chicken sandwich (6-12), garden salad, corn, garden salad (6-12), fruit and milk

### FRIDAY

**Breakfast:** cereal, yogurt, juice, fruit and milk

**Lunch:** chicken sandwich (k-12), yogurt, muffin platter, PB&J (k-12), pizza (6-12), pan pizza (6-12), celery, french fries, fruit and milk

## Paw's Corner

By Sam Mazzotta

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I wanted to write and tell you about "Riley," a little dog we fostered. He came to us after being rescued from a terrible living situation, and he had spent a long time getting medical treatment at the local shelter before being cleared to stay with a family. Riley was emaciated when he was rescued. He was missing one eye from an attack by another dog. As a mixed-breed toy terrier, he had specific health needs that weren't met, and by the time he reached the shelter had severe kidney disease and diminished neurological function.

The vet told us that we would likely be his last family. Because his heart and kidneys were damaged, along with other issues, he was not expected to live more than six months. Knowing this, we were determined to make his final days as comfortable and loved as possible. We have another rescue,

a fierce little mutt named "Zu-Zu," who became Riley's little sister and protector, cuddling next to him in his doggie bed.

Despite the abuse he suffered, Riley was an incredibly loving dog. Under our care and with Zu-Zu at his side, his health improved. He lived with us for just over two years before finally passing away last week.

We were thrilled to foster Riley and just wanted the world to know about him. Please tell your readers, if they have the means, to consider fostering rescued pets to prepare them for eventual adoption.

—Tracey L., Gloucester, Massachusetts

**DEAR TRACEY:** Riley indeed sounds like a wonderful dog, and I'm glad he found his way to you. Thank you for sharing his story.

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

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## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was famed Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius who made the following sage observation: "Everything we hear is an opinion, not a fact. Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth."

• The United States isn't the only country that has an accolade to recognize excellence in the film industry. Here the awards are known as the Oscars, but other nations have their own names: In Canada they're known as Genies, in France they're Cesars, in Russia they're called Nikas, in Mexico they're Golden Ariels, in Spain they're known as Goyas, and in the United Kingdom they're called BAFTAs (formerly the Orange British Academy Film Awards).

• Here's a disturbing statis-

tic for parents: If your child is like the average American youth, between the ages of 5 and 15 they will see approximately 13,500 people killed on television.

• A chicken, a sheep and a duck get in the basket of a hot air balloon. No, that's not the first line of a joke; they really were passengers on a hot air balloon — the very first passengers in that type of conveyance, as a matter of fact.

• Those who study such things say that fully one-third of all your brainpower is used for vision.

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**Thought for the Day:** "I always find it more difficult to say the things I mean than the things I don't."

—W. Somerset Maugham

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# Celebrity Extra

By Cindy Elavsky

**Q: Hands down, my favorite new show is "The Good Doctor." Please tell me that it has been renewed for another season!**

—Patti T., via email

A: ABC's breakout freshman medical drama has indeed been renewed. As you know, the show centers on Dr. Shaun Murphy (expertly played by Freddie Highmore), a first-year surgical resident at Chastain Medical Center in San Jose, California. Shaun has autism and savant syndrome, which serves to help him see solutions that his colleagues sometimes can't when tough medical cases cross their paths. According to the numbers, "The Good Doc-

tor" is ABC's most-watched new series in 13 years, and its audience holds steady each week. Earlier this season, Freddie received a Golden Globe nomination for his work as the unique doctor. The series, which airs Monday nights at 10/9c, also stars Richard Schiff, Antonia Thomas, Nicholas Gonzalez, Chuku Modu, Beau Garrett, Hill Harper and Tamlyn Tomita.

**Q: I remember there had been talk of a "Sopranos" movie before James Gandolfini passed away a few years ago, in order to let us know how everyone is doing after that shocking series finale. Are there any plans to resurrect that idea?**

—Jonathan F., Trenton, NJ

A: Because of James' death back in 2013, the possibility of a "Sopranos" where-are-they-now movie is pretty much nil; however, series creator David Chase recently announced that there is a movie prequel in the works. Warner Bros. recently announced that Chase and Lawrence Konner (a writer for "The Sopranos" and "Boardwalk Empire") have already written a script, tentatively titled "The Many Saints of Newark." According to The New York Times, the story will take place in Newark during the 1960s and revolve around the city's race riots, which pitted the Italian and African-American communities against each other during the "Long Hot Summer of 1967."

**READERS:** Let's talk reboots (again)! In the past few weeks, I've been mentioning older series that have gained new life. Now you can add

"Roswell" to list of revived series. The CW has given a pilot order to revisit the fantasy/alien drama series, which, like the original series, is based on the Melinda Metz book "Roswell High," with this go-round having an immigration twist.

The CW gave this description: "After reluctantly returning to her tourist-trap hometown of Roswell, New Mexico, the daughter of undocumented immigrants discovers a shocking truth about her teenage crush who is now a police officer: He's an alien who has kept his unearthly abilities hidden his entire life. She protects his secret as the two reconnect and begin to investigate his origins, but when a violent attack and long-standing government cover-up point to a greater alien presence on Earth, the politics of fear and hatred threaten to expose him and destroy their deepening romance."

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# Couch Theater DVD Previews

By Sam Struckhoff

DVDs reviewed here are available in stores the week of March 19.

## PICKS OF THE WEEK

**"Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle"** (PG-13) — A hypochondriac weakling, a jock, a social media princess and an awkward nerd girl serve detention in a dingy basement and pass the time by being inadvertently sucked into a video game, embodying the players. They must recover the eye of the jaguar, returning Jumanji to peace, or die trying. The Rock, Kevin Hart, Jack Black and Karen Gillan star as the adult avatars in the game, joined by Nick Jonas about midway through. Each of them takes a turn killing it as a teen trapped in an adult's body. It's funny, charming and highly recommended. Rating alert: There are some "bathroom"-related references that may require explanation to younger kids.



Barden Bellas are back for one last a capella-adventure in "Pitch Perfect 3," the final film in the series. Despite being the reigning mouth-music champion, Beca (Anna Kendrick), Chloe (Brittany Snow), Fat Amy (Rebel Wilson) and the rest of the girl gang find no glory in the post-college world. Desperate for a chance to recapture the good old days, Aubrey (Anna Camp) offers a reunion opportunity: compete for a chance to open on a USO tour. If you loved the first one, and really liked the second, you'll probably like this one too.

**"Downsizing"** (R) — In a world of overpopulation and limited resources, here's a solution: get shrunk. Matt Damon stars as Paul, a normal-Joe kind of guy who, along with wife Audrey (Kristen Wiig), decide to chuck it all, allow scientists to shrink them down to 5 inches tall and live big in a community of fellow downsizers. Audrey decides at the last minute not to go through with it, and we are left with the ho-hum goings-on of Paul, his friends Dave and Dusan (played by Jason Sudeikis and Christoph Waltz, respectively) and love interest Ngoc Lan Tran (Hong Chau). The film launches into a social commentary that has nothing to do with being tiny, and despite all the star power, the story ends up being too small to retain much interest.

## NEW TV RELEASES

"Archer" The Complete Season 8: Dreamland  
"Lou Grant" The Complete 5th and Final Season  
"When Calls the Heart: The Heart of Homecoming"

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**"Small Town Crime"** (R) — This snappy crime thriller by brother directors Eshom and Ian Nelms stars John Hawkes as Mike Kendal — a washed-up ex-cop, prototypically alcoholic and delightfully unapologetic — who happens upon the dead body of a young woman in the field on the side of the road. He might need a couple of cold ones in the morning to get things moving, but he's all heart, and though a cop he ain't, he "assigns" himself to the investigation. Teaming up with the dead girl's grandfather (Robert Forster), he leads the way through an unsavory and lovable cast of characters, inadvertently putting his adoptive sister (Octavia Spencer) and her husband (Anthony Anderson) in jeopardy along the way.

"Pitch Perfect 3" (R) — The

# Inside Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo



## Top 10 Movies

1. Black Panther (PG-13) Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan
2. A Wrinkle in Time (PG) Storm Reid, Oprah Winfrey
3. The Strangers: Prey at Night (R) Christina Hendricks, Bailee Madison
4. Red Sparrow (R) Jennifer Lawrence, Joel Edgerton
5. Game Night (R) Jason Bateman, Rachel McAdams
6. Peter Rabbit (PG) animated
7. Death Wish (R) Bruce Willis, Vincent D'Onofrio
8. Annihilation (R) Natalie Portman, Jennifer Jason Leigh
9. The Hurricane Heist (PG-13) Toby Kebbell, Maggie Grace
10. Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (PG-13) Dwayne Johnson, Karen Gillan

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Leonardo DiCaprio and Brad Pitt are joining forces for Quentin Tarantino's ninth film, "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood." Tarantino spent five years writing the script about Hollywood in 1969, and since he is one of the ultimate film buffs, who better than Tarantino? The film has DiCaprio playing a former Western star and Pitt as his longtime stuntman. Leo's cowboy lives next door to Sharon Tate, who was murdered, with her friends, by The Manson Family. Margot Robbie, Oscar nominated for "I, Tonya," is set to play Sharon Tate. Tarantino worked with Pitt in "Inglorious Bastards" (2009) and with DiCaprio in "Django Unchained" (2012).

**Chris Hemsworth** may put his "Thor" hammer down, for a while, to take on aliens in the spin-off of "Men in Black" (which won't have either Tommy Lee Jones or Will Smith). It's set for a June 2019 release.

"Saturday Night Live" alum and "Bridesmaids" (2011) star Kristen Wiig will do battle with Diana Prince (aka "Wonder Woman") in the sequel of the blockbuster 2017 film, which grossed \$821 million.

"Black Panther" is set to pass "Wonder Woman" at the box office any day now, and hit the \$1 billion mark shortly thereafter.

**When "The Bad Seed"** hit movie theaters in 1956, it earned three Oscar acting nominations, for Nancy Kelly, Eileen Heckart and young Patty McCormack. It was remade as a TV film in 1985 with Lynn Redgrave and David Carradine, but wasn't a critical or ratings hit. Lifetime planned to remake it in 2015, but it was postponed ... until now.

Rob Lowe will star, produce and direct for Lifetime and has cast McKenna Grace in the title role as the murderous child.

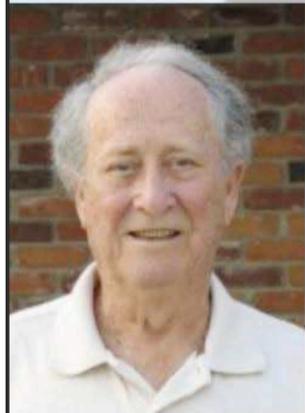


McKenna has a recurring role in "Designated Survivor" (as Kiefer Sutherland's daughter), is in Netflix's "Fuller House" and will star in its upcoming remake of "The Haunting of Hill House." "Hill House" was filmed as "The Haunting" in 1963 with Julie Harris and Claire Bloom, and in 1999 with Liam Neeson and Catherine Zeta-Jones. Patty McCormack, long associated with the original "Bad Seed," will play the psychiatrist who treats her in this one.

**Six-time Oscar-nominee Shirley MacLaine**, who won an Oscar for "Terms of Endearment" (1983), is truly one of the last movie stars left on the planet. She'll play an elf named Polly, the childhood nanny of Noelle, the daughter of Santa Claus, played by Anna Kendrick, in Disney's "Noelle." "SNL" alum Bill Hader plays her brother, and Julie Hagerty plays Mrs. Claus. Michael Gross of "Family Ties" will portray the Elder Elf. It's set to open in November 2019. MacLaine, who has written several books about past lives, probably never thought she'd be an elf in this one!

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**"And under His Wings, you will find refuge." Psalm 1:4**  
Alpha & Omega Freedom Ministries, Inc., Hannah's House Domestic Violence Shelter is a place of refuge for those who are running away from abusive partners. It is much more than that, it is a place where wounds heal, both mentally and physically. Women come to us broken, jobless, and searching for help. We offer counseling, job skills training, educational assistance, employment assistance, and helping them to find a permanent home in the community. We help these ladies to become independent, able to stand on their own if they have to, raising children on their own. We also help abusers to address their anger, what made them abusive to the ones they love and how to get beyond their own hurts to be able to have a family again. We are a small rural community that needs YOUR help!



Meet John Gillespie, our founding father for Alpha & Omega Freedom Ministries, Inc. Along with his wife, Lorraine Gillespie, they have helped many families! He is turning 90 on April 7th this year! In celebration of his birthday and to help Hannah's House Domestic Violence Shelter, we have a challenge to get as many people that we can to donate \$90.00 each through our website: [aofm-hannahhouse.org](http://aofm-hannahhouse.org) or send to AOFM, Inc. 113 N. 7th Avenue Wauchula, FL 33873

## \$90 Challenge for John's 90th birthday!

Hannah's House Apartment Complex flooded during Hurricane IRMA. We need to raise \$32,000 to pay our portion to get the apartments and community rooms fixed! Hannah's House Shelter needs a new roof, as well as building more rooms so that we can help more women and children. We have had to turn so many away since the storm came through!



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## HARDEE COUNTY FOOD PANTRIES

### Alpha & Omega Freedom Ministries

113 N 7th Ave Wauchula, FL 33873  
Tele: 863-773-5717  
**Requirements:** Identification, Social Security card  
**When:** Wednesday ONLY | 10 am – 12 noon

### Bowling Green Church of God

121 W. Broward Bowling Green, FL 33834  
Tele: 863-375-2231  
**Requirements:** Identification  
**When:** 3rd Saturday of the month | 8 am – noon

### Cutting Edge Food Ministry

3059 Elm Street Zolfo Springs, FL 33890  
Tele: 863-773-2484  
**Requirements:** Identification  
**When:** Tuesday & Friday  
10 am – noon & 1 – 3 pm

### 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  
Tele: 863-773-4089  
**Requirements:** Identification or Light Bill  
**When:** Every Saturday 6:00 – 8:00 am

# Courthouse Report

## COUNTY COURT

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

Christopher James Ward, 26, Zolfo Springs, and Monica Gail Medrano, 25, Wauchula.  
 Matthew Adam Wright, 31, Wauchula, and Cassidy Michelle Lane, 20, Bowling Green.

Heriberto Salvador Jacobo, 30, Wauchula, and Miriam Lopez Perez, 28, Wauchula.

Juan Lopez Lopez, 33, Bartow, and Celerina Hernandez Ramirez, 31, Bartow.

Travis Allen Britt, 24, Avon Park, and Brooke Suzanne Conley, 22, Wauchula.

Sergio Resendiz Quintanar, 26, Wauchula, and Maria Nicolasa Moreno Diaz, 38, Wauchula.

Dan Evan Krell, 46, Bowling Green, and Dana Ann Baisden, 46, Wauchula.

Daniel Raymond Green, 54, Wauchula, and Robin Morgan Reddy, 55, Wauchula.

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

Azalea Apartments vs. Christy Flores, voluntary dismissal.

Discover Bank vs. Bradley R. Strickland, default judgment.

Jefferson Capital Systems vs. April Marie McCumber, voluntary dismissal.

## There was no criminal traffic or misdemeanor court as it was trial week.

## CIRCUIT COURT

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

Bank of America vs. Juan C. Plata, Araceli Plata and others, petition to foreclose mortgage.

Robert Edward Curry and Kathleen Curry, divorce.

Wauchula State Bank vs. Estate of Virginia Belcher and others, petition to foreclose mortgage.

Rafael Lopez and Iveth Arana-Gonzalez, divorce.

Elizabeth Ann Allen and the state Department of Revenue (DOR) vs. Andrew Michael Rupert, petition to enforce ad-

ministrative child support order.

Keith Mushrush vs. Timothy Mushrush, petition for injunction for protection.

Michael A. Goodwin and DOR vs. Leslie Nicole Woods, petition to enforce administrative child support order.

Sarah Elizabeth Schelts and DOR vs. Andrew Rorrer, petition for child support.

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

Misti Richardson vs. Heath Reschke, dismissal of injunction for protection.

Takeesha Nashell Coon and DOR vs. Derek D. Daniels, order.

Cailin Ervin vs. Eric McClain, dismissal of injunction for protection.

Leavie Joseph Owens II and Brianna Duke Owens, order.

Nikki Lynn Roberts Summers and Daniel K. Summers, divorce.

Terry Coney vs. state Department of Corrections (DOC), inmate petition denied.

David Pierre vs. DOC, inmate petition denied.

James P. Leslie vs. Hardee Correctional Institution, inmate petition denied.

Thomas O'Brien vs. Florida Commission on Offender Review, inmate petition denied.

Jerry Lewis Jones vs. DOC, inmate petition denied.

Ronnie Jones vs. HCI, inmate petition denied.

Will Ferrell as trustee vs. Dale Sexton, Sunstate Roofing and Repair and Winston Tilley, judgment against Winston Tilley.

Monty English and Christina English, order.

Jamie Rewis vs. Ashley Adams, order.

## Child support contempt orders were entered in the following cases:

Aurora Alamia Garza and DOR vs. Seledonio Lozano.

Malinda Lynn Flores and

DOR vs. Joseph William Blair. Tina Renee Grice and DOR vs. Scottie Dale Boyles.

Rita Sweatt and DOR vs. Robert Preston Bivens.

Jeannie Elizabeth Adkins Myrie and DOR vs. Isaac D. Smith.

Carlos Segura Aleman and DOR vs. Wendy Renee Toledo. Sylvia Jeanette Walton and DOR vs. Isaac D. Smith.

## There was no felony criminal court as it was trial week. The following case was settled.

James Sambrano, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon—amended to improper exhibition of a dangerous weapon, 31 days in jail with credit for time served, \$1,270 fines, costs and fees placed on lien.

## The following real estate transactions of \$10,000 or

more were filed recently in the office of the clerk of court:

Mosaic Fertilizer to state Department of Environmental Protection—conservation easement, \$35,000.

DY/Stevens to James Palmer, Laura Lee Summons and Picnic Block Holding, \$2,225 million.

Manuel T. and Belia G. DeLarosa to Jose M. Garcia, \$18,500.

Rajue R. Dammar to Rajue R. Dammar, Patrick A. Dammar and Darrux L. Dammar, \$76,700.

Maria L. Ordehi to Robert E. Woods, \$67,500.

Michael P. Patton to Red Stag Capital, \$10,000.

John G. and Karen D. Yanity to Tavita Leah Carrizales, \$10,000.

Elizabeth Gonzalez and Jayne Reyna to Crystal Hernandez, \$135,000.

# Notices

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 decedent 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@heartlandfloridawal.com

BRANDON S. CRAIG Florida Bar No.: 0085800

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

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

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# 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

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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

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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

Mar. 18, Jose Guadalupe Nunez, 36, of 200 N. Mills Ave., Arcadia, was arrested by Dep. Bryant Ovalles and charged with DUI and resisting/obstructing an officer without violence.

Mar. 18, criminal mischief on Fourth Street East, and vehicles stolen on Griffin Road and on Maxwell Drive were reported.

Mar. 17, Isaac Demont Smith, 42, of 539 Majestic Garden Ct., Winter Haven, was arrested by Dep. Mitchell Johnson and charged with DUI and habitual driving while license suspended.

Mar. 17, burglary of a conveyance on Lake Branch Road and a theft on Old Bradenton Road were reported.

Mar. 16, Mark Elsberry, 22, of 1315 Club Ln., Lorida, was arrested by Cpl. Chris Albritton on a charge of violation of probation.

Mar. 16, David Arthur Blackney, 51, of 102 Golden Oaks Rd., Zolfo Springs, was arrested by Dep. Johnny Trammell on two counts of violation of probation.

Mar. 16, Zachery Matthew Garcia, 25, of 2140 Stansfield Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Bryant Ovalles and charged with larceny—petit theft and driving with knowledge of a suspended license.

Mar. 16, thefts on U.S. 17 North and a theft on Lake Branch Road were reported.

Mar. 15, James Kyle Oakley, 32, of 1398 Wilkerson Rd., Bowling Green, was arrested by the Drug Task Force (DTF) and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting/obstructing an officer without violence. At the jail, he was detained on a pair of out-of-county warrants and a violation of probation charge.

Mar. 15, Ramon Salazar Jr., 41, of 202 Forsythe St., Wauchula, was arrested by Dep. Bryant Ovalles on a charge of violation of probation.

Mar. 15, Clenton Preston Judah, 35, of 5929 Sixth St. E., Bradenton, was arrested by Dep. Chris Bandy on three counts of violation of probation.

Mar. 15, a residential burglary on River Lane and a fight on North Nursery Road were reported.

Mar. 14, Sergio Felipe Troncoso-Aguirre, 20, of 1521 Starlight Cove, Tarpon Springs, was arrested by Dep. Ryan Abbott and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Mar. 14, Amanda Valdez, 28, of 3150 U.S. 17 North, Bowling Green, was arrested by DTF and charged with battery.

Mar. 14, Garry Day, 50, of 1605 E. County Line Rd., Bowling Green, was arrested by DTF and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and smuggling contraband into a detention facility.

Mar. 14, a residential burglary on Colin Poucher Road and a theft on Magnolia Boulevard were reported.

Mar. 13, Francisco Granadero, 22, of 315 SR 62, Bowling Green, was arrested by Sgt. Todd Souther on a charge of failure to appear in court.

Mar. 13, Lee Edward Woods, 24, and Briana Jo Hardy, 24, both of 405 E. Main St., Wauchula, were arrested by DTF and each charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Woods was also charged with possession of synthetic cannabis and violation of probation. Hardy was also charged with possession of marijuana and a traffic violation.

Mar. 13, Daniel Calvillo, 20, of 693 Doc Coil Rd., Bowling Green, was arrested by DTF and charged with possession of methamphetamine, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Mar. 13, Timothy Gregg Mushrush, 52, of 2010 Alamo Ave., Wauchula, was arrested by Sgt. Manuel Zuniga and charged with simple assault—threat to do violence.

Mar.13, a fight on Merle Langford Road, and vehicles stolen at Country Club Drive and at U.S. 17 north were reported.

Mar. 12, Troy Van Jackson, 55, of 5012 Chester Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested by Dep. Joseph Austin on a charge of violation of probation.

## WAUCHULA

Mar. 14, Richard Craig Zelic, 53, of 965-19th St. SW, Vero Beach, was arrested by Ofc. Christopher Gicker and charged with DUI.

Mar. 12, Luis Banda, 32, of 4060 Captiva Ave., Bowling Green, was arrested by Sgt. Thomas Fort and charged with two counts possession of methamphetamine, two counts possession of drug paraphernalia and smuggling contraband into a detention facility.

## BOWLING GREEN

Mar. 14, a residential burglary on Central Avenue was reported.

Mar. 13, a theft on U.S. 17 North was reported.

Mar. 12, Eric Daronne McClain, 33, of 661 Chamberlain Blvd., Wauchula, was arrested by Chief John Scheel and charged with trespass on property other than a structure.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

You are hereby notified of the following Temporary Road Closure in Hardee County

Parnell Road (CR 671) at Bridge north of North Hammock Road

April 2, 2018 – July 1, 2018

Questions regarding the aforementioned road closure may be directed to the Hardee County Road & Bridge Department, 205 Hanchey Road, Wauchula, FL, tel. (863) 773-3272.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

RICHARD A. WORLEY, Case #40921 & 41004, Respondent

## NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: RICHARD A. WORLEY, Residence Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an Administrative Complaint has been filed against you seeking to revoke your CORRECTIONAL Certificate in accordance with Section 943.1395, F.S., and any rules promulgated thereunder.

You are required to serve a written copy of your intent to request a hearing pursuant to Section 120.57, F.S. upon Dean Register, Director, Criminal Justice Professionalism Program, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, P. O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302-1489, on or before April 22, 2018. Failure to do so will result in a default being entered against you to Revoke said certification pursuant to Section 120.60, F.S., and Rule 11B-27, F.A.C.

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

Northern Region Cooperative Funding Initiative Public Meeting: Governing Board members will discuss, evaluate and prioritize fiscal year 2019 requests for project funding in Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Levy, Marion and Sumter counties of SWFWMD. All or part of this meeting may be conducted by means of communications media technology in order to permit maximum participation of Governing Board members.

DATE/TIME: Friday, April 6, 2018; 10 a.m.

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

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For more information, you may contact: Lori.manuel@water-matters.org; 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211, x4606 (Ad Order EXE0612)

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Dated: February 23, 2018

Victoria L. Rogers, Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Edwina Cumbee Deputy Clerk

3:1-22p

# Kitchen Diva

By Angela Shelf Medearis



## Egg-actly Right for Easter

During the Easter season, hard-cooked eggs act as a creative canvas for children and adults to decorate. Using natural food dyes to color eggs became popular during medieval times. English kings distributed hundreds of decorated, gold-leaf eggs during Easter. Russian Czar Alexander took this holiday custom to high art when he commissioned the famous Faberge eggs as a gift for his wife, the Empress Maria, from goldsmith Peter Carl Faberge.

For the perfect, hard-cooked eggs for your Easter holiday, follow the directions below. Happy Easter!

### PERFECT EASTER EGGS

1. Bring eggs to room temperature.
2. Place eggs in room temperature water in a large pot.
3. Bring to a boil, then turn down to a low boil for 12 minutes.
4. Quickly chill the eggs in

ice-cold water.

5. To decorate successfully, the eggs must be completely cool and dry.

6. Hard-cooked eggs should be kept refrigerated and used within one week.

**NOTE:** The greenish color around the yolk of hard-cooked eggs is a natural result of sulfur and iron reacting at the surface of the yolk. It may occur when eggs are cooked too long or at too high a temperature, or when there is a high amount of iron in the cooking water. Although the color may be unappealing, the eggs are still wholesome and nutritious, and their flavor is unaffected.

Greenish yolks can best be avoided by using the proper cooking time and temperature (avoid intense boiling), and by rapidly cooling the cooked eggs. Occasionally, scrambled eggs can develop a greenish tint if they are overcooked at too high a temperature or left too long in a metal pan.

### DECORATING TIPS:

1. Use crayons to gently color a design on the hard-cooked Easter eggs. If you want to dye the crayon-decorated eggs, the crayon wax will resist the dye and the design will show through.

2. You also can decorate the eggs with craft supplies, buttons, sequins, glitter, beads, ribbons and pieces of felt or stickers. Use white or craft glue to attach the materials.

3. To make your own dye: Combine 1/2 to 1 tablespoon of food coloring with 2 teaspoons of white distilled vinegar in a large cup or deep bowl. You can experiment by mixing the food coloring to create a variety of hues. Add water until the cup or bowl is half full.

4. Gently place the eggs into the dyeing liquid in the cup or bowl using a soup spoon to avoid cracking the shell. The longer the eggs are left in the dye, the darker the color will become.

5. When the egg is the desired color, remove it from the dye, pat it dry with a paper towel and place it back into the egg carton or on an egg-holder. Refrigerate until ready to use.

Angela Shelf Medearis is an award-winning children's author, culinary historian and the author of seven cookbooks. Her new cookbook is "The Kitchen Diva's Diabetic Cookbook." Her website is [www.diva-pro.com](http://www.diva-pro.com). To see how-to videos, recipes and much, much more, like Angela Shelf Medearis, The Kitchen Diva! on Facebook. Recipes may not be reprinted without permission from Angela Shelf Medearis.

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## PREPARATORY PARADE



COURTESY PHOTOS

Kindergartners through third graders at Wauchula Elementary School recently joined with teachers and staff to line the hallways in a show of excitement and encouragement as a parade of fourth and fifth graders passed by. Signs and shouts offered support to the older students, who would soon be taking the state writing test. Everyone cheered, held posters and high-fived the soon-to-be test takers as they passed, to show that they believed in them and knew they would do well on the exam.



## Congratulations to the 4-H and FFA students who participated in the Hardee County Fair.

Mosaic congratulates the 4-H and FFA students who worked diligently to make the Hardee County Fair's Youth Livestock Show a success. We also salute the community members and businesses that continue to support youth agriculture annually.

This year, Mosaic donated more than 2,300 pounds of meat from the livestock sale to various community partners including Cutting Edge, Hardee Help Center, NuHope Elder Care, Resthaven, Hardee High School Junior Class, and Caring People Recovery Center.

We are proud to carry on this community tradition of supporting local agriculture and hunger relief efforts where our employees live and work.

**We help the world grow the food it needs.**



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[mosaicinhardee.com](http://mosaicinhardee.com)

VARSITY SOFTBALL

## Lady Cats Struggle At Tourney

By TOM STAIK  
Of The Herald-Advocate

The Lady Wildcats faced stiff competition this weekend as they traveled to Jacksonville for the two-day Oakleaf Tournament of Champions.

Facing seven of the top prep softball programs in the Sunshine State, the ladies in orange and blue were swept from the tourney with three successive losses.

### Ponte Vedra Bests 'Cats, 13-4

The Lady Wildcats dropped a 13-4 match against the Lady Sharks of Ponte Vedra High School on Friday afternoon (March 16) in the tournament's opening round.

Ponte Vedra went up 1-0 in the top of the first inning.

The Lady Sharks added to the lead with a 7-run rally in the top of the fourth inning to take an 8-0 lead.

The Lady Cats got on the board in the bottom of the fourth inning. Ashlee Patterson stole third during an at-bat by Destinee Jackson. Patterson eventually crossed home plate when Jackson grounded out to the shortstop, cutting the Ponte Varde lead to 8-1.

The Lady Sharks added four more runs, to go up 12-1, in the top of the fifth.

Hardee, though, continued to battle as they added two more runs in the bottom of the inning. Alexis McBride scored following a hard ground ball off the bat of Amari DeLeon. DeLeon eventually scored following a ground ball off the bat of Marisa Rodriguez as the Lady Cats cut the Ponte Varde lead to 12-3.

Another run by Ponte Varde advanced their lead to 13-3 in the top of the sixth.

Hardee added its final run in the bottom of the sixth as Jackson crossed home following a ground out off the bat of Carranco, bringing the final score to 13-4.

The Lady Wildcats recorded

four runs and five hits in the effort. Patterson, Jackson, McBride, and DeLeon each recorded runs. McBride had two hits, and Patterson, Jackson, and DeLeon each had one hit.

Stephanie Derringer and Makayla Benavidez shared pitching duties for Hardee. Derringer pitched five innings as she threw 91 pitches and allowed eight hits and eight runs. Benavidez pitched one inning as she threw 29 pitches and allowed three hits and five runs.

### Trinity Christian Blasts 'Cats, 5-2

The Lady Wildcats surrendered an early tie as they were bested 5-2 by Trinity Christian (Jacksonville) Academy in a match Saturday morning.

Trinity took an early lead as they went up 1-0 in the top of the first.

Hardee tied the game, 1-1, in the bottom of the first inning when Jackson scored on a triple line drive to right field off the bat of Carranco.

Trinity had back-to-back 2-run efforts in the top of the third and fourth innings to go up 5-1.

Hardee's final run came in the bottom of the seventh inning when Lillian Salazar crossed home plate on a double line drive to left field off the bat of DeLeon. There, though, the Lady Cats ran out of steam as they closed the game down 5-2.

The Lady Wildcats had two runs and nine hits in the effort. Salazar and Jackson each recorded runs. Mallory Gough and DeLeon each had two hits, and Patterson, Deborah Figueroa, Carranco, and Salazar each recorded a hit.

Carranco and Benavidez shared pitching duties. Carranco pitched nearly seven full innings as she tossed 97 pitches, allowed 11 hits and five runs, and struck out three batters. Benavidez threw nine pitches.



Makayla Benavidez putting down the tag at home plate against the Ponte Vedra Sharks.

COURTESY PHOTOS BY STACY SMITH

### Lakewood Ranch Best Hardee, 11-1

Hardee fared little better in the second game of Saturday's double header as the Lady Wildcats were bested 11-1 by the Mustangs of Lakewood Ranch (Bradenton) High School.

The Lady Wildcats managed their sole run of the outing in the top of the fifth inning. Derringer scored on an error by the catcher prior to Benavidez grounding out as they cut the Mustang lead to 3-1.

Hardee's momentum ceased and the Mustangs ran away with eight unanswered runs to seize the 11-1 victory.

The Lady Wildcats recorded one run and two hits. Derringer is credited with the sole run. Salazar and Derringer recorded the only hits.

Carranco held the mound the entire game for the Wildcats as she tossed 92 pitches and allowed 15 hits and 11 runs.



Sarah Carlton putting down the tag on Jacksonville's Trinity Christian Academy.



Stephanie Derringer hitting a triple against Lakewood Ranch.



Amari DeLeon at second base making the play for the Lady Wildcats.



The 2018 Hardee High School varsity girls softball team are (front, from left) Amari DeLeon, Makayla Benavidez, Ashlee Patterson, Deborah Figueroa, Lillian Salazar and Stephanie Derringer; (back) Marisa Rodriguez, Alexis McBride, Alayna Carranco, Sarah Carlton, Mallory Gough and Destinee Jackson.

COURTESY PHOTO



Alayna Carranco on the mound for Hardee.

# CHURCH SCHEDULE

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Deadline for changes or additions:  
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/Learning 6:30 p.m.

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

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

## ONA

**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 Meeting 6:30 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**  
HARDEE COUNTY CAMPUS  
615 Rainey Blvd. • 941-755-8600  
Mybayside.church  
Sunday Services .....9:15 a.m.  
.....& 11:15 a.m.  
Fusion (6th - 8th grade) .....  
.....Duing all Sunday Services  
Wednesday Epic (9th - 12th grade) ...  
.....6:30 p.m.

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

**CHARLIE CREEK FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
6885 State 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. Gath 7:30 p.m.  
Friday (Holy Ghost Night) 7:30 p.m.

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

**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.

**FLORIDA'S FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**  
1397 South Florida Avenue  
773-9386  
www.flfirsttag.org  
Sun. Community Groups .....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship .....10:30 a.m.  
Family Night Wednesday .....7:00 p.m.  
Ministry for all ages!

**FOUNTAIN OF LIFE CHURCH**  
IGLESIA FUENTE DE VIDA  
Bilingual Services / Servicios Bilingües  
311 Goolsby St. • 832-9914  
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  
Domingo .....10:00 a.m.  
Servicio .....11:00 a.m.  
Lunes Oracion .....6:00 p.m.  
Miercoles Servicio .....7:00 p.m.

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

**LIGHT OF THE WORLD MINISTRIES**  
Womans Center • 131 N 7th 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 MISION BAUTISTA HISPANA**  
518 8th Avenue East  
Escuela Dominical .....10:00 a.m.  
Servicio del Domingo .....11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday .....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.

**Seeds of Hope**  
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Everyone feels anxious at one time or another. It is a normal part of life. It is our body's way of telling us that something might be wrong - that we might be facing some potential danger or are feeling symptoms of an illness. If we had no feelings of anxiety, we might put ourselves in all kinds of danger that could end up in disaster.

Anxiety for the Christian however can be more. It may be an "early warning system" that God has put in our hearts, through the Holy Spirit, to get our attention to let us know that something may be going wrong in our walk with Him and He wants us to make things right with Him.

God has many ways to use anxiety to get our attention. He may trouble our hearts when we read His word, listen to a hymn, hear a sermon, speak with Him in prayer, see a picture of His children suffering or when we are having a conversation with a friend. His Spirit is always at work in our hearts and it is good to be troubled with anxiety that comes from God.

The writer of Psalm 94 was having a huge problem with anxiety. He must have been deeply troubled by many things that were overwhelming him and seemingly beyond his control. Note his words: "When anxiety was great within me" - not simply a minor incident, but something very, very troubling.

Then note what happened: Your "consolation" or perhaps better understood as "comfort" - "brought joy to my soul." It is like Jesus saying, "Let not Your heart be troubled. Believe in me. This is my plan for You. Trust Me."

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Have you ever tried to start a campfire with damp wood or insufficient kindling? Your attempts probably went up in smoke...and where there is smoke, there is not always fire. Yet, if conditions are favorable, even a small fire soon burns brightly and spreads quickly. It is not so different in matters of the spirit. When the spirit is prepared and kindled by the promises of God, it burns vibrantly. One spirit ignited will spread the love of our Heavenly Father so that others can feel its warmth. Fan the flames of your spirit with God's love this week at your house of worship. As His warmth touches you your spirit will glow. It only takes one spark to get a fire going!

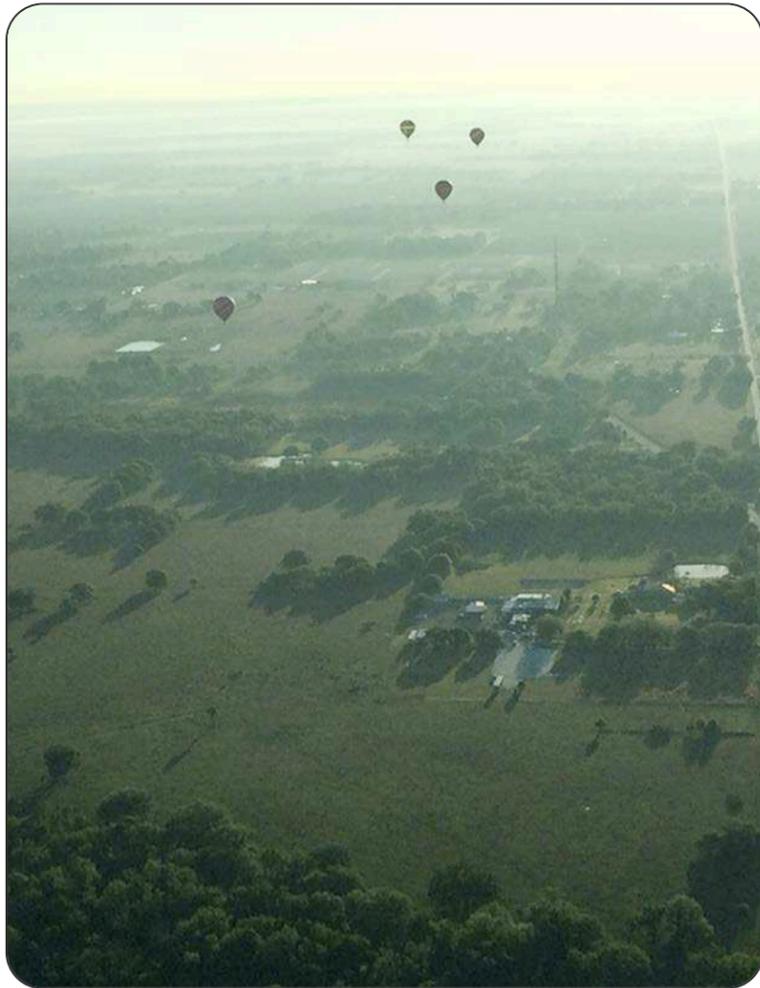
Daily Devotional Reading					
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9:20-32	3	4	5	1:1-17	2:1-20
Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society					
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# HARDEE LIVING

## HIGH-FLYING FUNDRAISER



COURTESY PHOTOS  
**A colorful quartet was spied in the sky over Zolfo Springs on Saturday. The hot-air balloon rides were all part of an earlier fundraiser by the Hardee County Education Foundation. With tickets to take off in hand, the riders boarded the baskets at Pioneer Park for their aerial adventure. Pilot Michael Gillispie spotted the balloonists from his lofty vantage point (bottom photo), and noted Federal Aviation Administration regulations require pilots to stay 500 feet away, but he prefers to give balloonists "a wider berth, so they don't get nervous." In all, it was a fun event for the riders and those lucky enough to see them before their landing on Merle Langford Road.**



## Brookside Bluff News

By Jerry Smith  
517-930-1524

### Brookside Trivia:

1. What Brookside resident was a long time police officer and a member of the F.B.I.?
2. Who was a one time member of the Mounted Police?
3. Who was a long time Clown with the Shriners along with her husband?
4. Who is a husband -wife combination who both retired from the military?
5. Who raced trotter horses?
6. Who actually has his own orange grove?

And the answers are: 1. Jim Withers; 2. George Derr; 3. Jeanie Kiergaard; 4. Bruce

and Ellie Miller; 5. Art Swisher; 6. Roy Roberts.

Each time I write an article it usually leads to another. So here is one suggested by Terri Godin.

When it comes to being multi-talented, Alycia Kinney is a lady in a class of her own.

Her late husband Bill once told me that if you want something fixed, don't ask me but see Alycia, she can fix anything.

So through the years, she has proven that over and over again. She has laid a variety of flooring, made cabinets, and did her own electrical work in her house. She even stated at one time there was nothing that she or her sister Jeanne Bremer could not do.

Lately Alycia has concentrated on her artistic ability and once again she is proving just how amazing she can be.

The painting of the peacocks speaks for itself.

Creating his own story in the Herald Advocate Newspaper was Richard Beaulieu. He medaled in the mixed doubles with a bronze and then a silver in a Pickle Ball final in Sebring. This sport has taken our land over by storm! Congratulations Richard!

Worth mentioning: A recent visitor to our park approached me and said that we have the best "Hall" around. Just another example of how Brookside stands out.

Check it out — the wall is up and I must say it is really something to see. Impressive indeed!



COURTESY PHOTOS  
**Alycia Kinney and Jeanne Bremer are pictured with some of their outstanding art.**



**Jane Hunt and Jeanie Kiergaard at the finished wall.**

## Military News



**KARLEY M. WHITE**  
 U.S. Air Force Airman Karley M. White recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

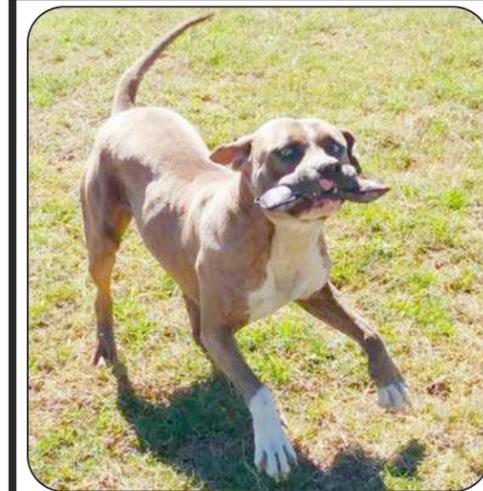
The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

White is the sister of Kailah White of Wauchula, Fla., and niece of Cindy and George White of Gilbert, Ariz.

She is a 2016 graduate of Hardee Senior High School, Wauchula.

## Pet Of The Week



**Barnaby is an adult male, brindle-and-white Pit Bull Terrier mix. He loves taking walks and playing with his toys. His adoption fee is \$45.**

Adoption hours are Mondays-Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon. Appointments are available by calling 773-2320. Visit the Hardee County Animal Control website at [hardeecounty.net/ac.htm](http://hardeecounty.net/ac.htm).

**Easter Coloring Contest**  
 See Pages A6-7 This Issue.

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# HARDEE LIVING

## 4-City News

By Henrietta Benson  
448-6737

Thanks to Mother Nature for the rain last Monday on the first day of Spring Break. I had planned to week the flower-pots, but instead got some needed rest.

Deepest sympathy to Pastor Howard Clark and wife Lynn due to the passing of his mother in Jamaica. They left Wednesday via airline from Orlando to make final arrangements.

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mother Sally McCray, who passed on Tuesday evening in Lakeland.

The tutoring sessions on Wednesday are open to anyone in need with their school homework. Please contact Trance/Formers Inc. organization 850-207-2802 N'Kosi Jones. Tutoring sessions are held on Wednesday at the "Annex," 702 W. Grape St., Bowling Green.

Greater Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church, 607 Palmetto St., Elder Emanuel Reed, Pastor, of Bowling Green. Will hold its annual Women's Day celebration on Sunday, March 25, at 3:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Overseer Dolly Cook and the True Miracle Church of Arcadia.

Progressive M.B. Church male chorus held in-service on Friday evening in Arcadia with the House of God Church Keith Dominion during its Pastor Anniversary celebra-

tion.

"Spring Break Road Trip," it was safe and enjoyable last Friday afternoon when we (Chiquita Robinson, Colette Greene and myself) picked up Alexis Green and Liam Green of Lakeland. Traffic on I-75 southbound was lined about 15 miles long; going north was very good. We stopped outside of Tallahassee. My, My, it was cold-cold at 50 degrees and colder in Marianna. We enjoyed the country sights, visited Saturday in Malone, close to the Alabama state line, so we visited in Dothan, Ala. It was a great trip.

Happy birthday to all with March birthdays.

College Greene and I were last Friday visitors in Bartow with cousin Stanley Davis at

the Bartow Care Center.

Mt. Pleasant P. B. Church of Fort Meade celebrated its annual Pastor Anniversary March 11-19 for their pastor's third year of service.

Bowling Green city-wide Mission Auxiliary will meet March 26 at Chester Grove M.B. Church, Rev. T. Lancaster, pastor.

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of James King, who passed on March 16 after being ill for some time.

Kimberly and Juan Coronado Jr. enjoyed the day at Universal Studio.

Pray for the sick, shut-in, in the hospital, healthcare and those in correctional facilities.

Prayers for Mary Ann Hines, who is in Sebring Hospital.

## Fort Green News

By Rilla Cooper  
773-6710

Greetings from Fort Green!

This weather is unbelievable, cold, then hot and back again. It does no good to complain but guess it is just human nature. It is probably another just old saying from Georgia but I've always heard that our blood is thinner than the ones who live up north and that is why we feel the cold so much!

Even with the temperatures getting down to 32 last week, the flowers do not seem to be hurt and are blooming just as pretty. Now that 32 degrees was what the television showed as I did not check a thermometer but took their word!

We were Ellenton visitors a couple of weeks ago and while eating in a restaurant there were quite a few ladies with white sandals on and it was still February. I was raised that you did not wear white shoes until Easter and then no longer wore them after Labor Day. How the styles change!

I enjoyed attending the PRECO event last Saturday and actually won a prize. I sat with Jack and Doris who sometimes attend our church and they won a prize and a few numbers later they called my number. I guess I was lucky sitting with them. They usually win something. Some people are luckier than others. There was also a girl from the City of Wauchula advertising the things to do in our big city and I asked her why did they have the Antiques and Heirlooms on the same day as PRECO. I hated the fact they were both on the same day as you had to decide which to attend and she explained it that they always had things on the third Saturday of a month. Her explana-

tion made me feel a little better.

I had a lovely letter from Carol Wood wanting to know when the Fort Green Cookbooks would be ready and I asked at church this a.m. and Carmen Durrance, the person in charge, said hopefully by the first of May. It is always great to hear from Carol.

Colin Cooper stopped by last week and visited Sherman for a while. Colin lives in Honduras and has cows on the property in front of our home. I think he enjoys sitting on our porch and looking at his money on the hoof!

Maybe everyone saw Kenny Lambert on TV last week. His doctor was also on telling how he used robotics to remove the brain tumor. Ken said four hours after the surgery he was able to do the "Gator Chomp" at his alma mater. He gets up every morning, leaves at 4 and drives to Tampa for his 7 a.m. appointments and then is usually home by 9 a.m. This is pretty remarkable. Jane Kennedy said it was to hit the traffic right on I-75 is why he gets the early appointment. We all just need to keep praying for Ken and everyone should know "Prayer is the Key" and it is what changes things. It was nice to see something positive about Hardee County on the TV instead of what sometimes they want to film! I saw Janie Pearson the other day and she said Clark was cancer free and it was prayer and please keep praying.

Nancy McQuaig gave us an update on her relatives who were burned in accidents. Amy is out of the hospital and the doctor does not think she will

have any scaring on her face. Joey Taylor is out of the hospital but his dad, William, is still in as he is anticipating three more surgeries.

Geraldine Floyd said Tim Cowart was not doing well and his wife, Selena and the men workers were keeping the shop running. Jan Platt is in need of prayer as is Robert Deason. Geneva Duran's brother had a stroke. Please pray for all of these.

Kaylee Hogenauer had surgery on her leg. She is supposed to stay off of it so has not worked for a few days. She normally works a busy schedule and also attends college full time.

It was reported that Randy Perry is much better and the surgery was a success in NY but he will need additional when he gets back to Atlanta. We've just gotta' keep praying!

Geraldine Floyd said she enjoyed supper out last Saturday with her son and family at Manny's in Winter Haven.

I saw Vickie Hall and she said she had a birthday and turned 55 and received lots of cards with money in them! She had a lovely day and then her husband took her out for supper.

It is bad when a church is without a pastor but Dry Prairie Baptist needs a pastor. Please remember this church in prayer.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and Fort Green Baptist is having high attendance day. If you don't normally come to church, make a special effort and come so we can set a new record.

Please pray for each other and our nation.

## Crystal Lake RV News

By Joyce Taylor

Our craft fair, bake sale and luncheon sponsored by the Craft Club was a great success this year. We have 27 vendors selling their crafts. The lunch, which was made by the Craft Club, was a pulled pork sandwich, cole slaw, bag of chips, fruit cup and a drink. The winners of the raffle were Joan Hutchison who won the blanket, Ev McNeil won the wine basket and Allen Bower won the gift certificate to a restaurant. Next year's Craft Fair will be March 4, 2019.

The next dance will be our Farewell Dance for this season and music will be provided by Doin'it Rite. Please come out and enjoy the music before we all start heading home.

April 1 will see the first Easter Dinner in our Rec Hall. Please sign up in the Activities Room if you are coming.

The Shuffleboard Banquet was held Tuesday, March 13,

with David Behymer and his group doing an excellent job. The winners for women were 3rd, Sharon Potter; 2nd, Lorraine Howerter; and, 3rd, Heather Lemke. The winners for the men were 3rd, Richard Cyr; 2nd, Ray Baker; and 1st, Joerg Gorgas.

### Roundup

#### USDA Free Foods Given On Friday

Free U.S. Department of Agriculture foods will be distributed on Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at New Jerusalem Church of God, 1514 Lincoln St., Wauchula.

For more information on eligibility for the food giveaway, contact Juanita Wright at 863-781-0982.

## Church News

The Greater Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church will host its annual Women's Day Celebration this Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Overseer Dolly Cook will be the featured speaker.

Also in attendance will be True Miracle Church of Arcadia.

Greater Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church is located at 607 Palmetto Road, Bowling Green.

Victory Praise Center will be holding an entirely free community outreach event this Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.

There will be free food, yard-sale-type goods for the taking, singing and preaching, Pastor Dessie Combs noted.

The church is at 132 E. Main St. in Bowling Green.

The deadline for Church News submissions is Thursday at 5 for the next edition.

## TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Which is the only U.S. state that begins with the letter "p"?
2. HISTORY: Who was the last man to walk on the moon?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: The average person speaks how many words in a day?
4. MOVIES: In the movie "The Wizard of Oz," what did the Tin Man want from the wizard?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a guanaco?
6. BIBLE: In the Old Testament, who was Abraham's first wife?
7. GEOGRAPHY: What two states border Lake Tahoe?
8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first U.S. president to declare war?

### ANSWERS

1. Pennsylvania
2. Eugene Cernan
3. 7,000 to 20,000 words
4. A heart
5. A camelid native to South America
6. Sarah
7. Nevada and California
8. James Madison

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## REALITY RANCH

### COWBOY CHURCH

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## Sunday, March 25

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# Easter Week

at

## Oak Grove Baptist Church

### Palm Sunday

March 25th - 10:45am  
Palms Processional with Combined Choirs  
OGBC M&M Kid's Choirs and M&M Bells  
*No PM Worship*

### Good Friday

March 30th 7:00am-7:00pm  
All-day Lord's Supper Meditation  
*Come and partake of the Lord's Table*  
*"In Remembrance of Me"*

### Easter Celebration

Saturday - March 31st - 6:00pm  
Sunday - April 1st - 10:45am

Presenting

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## OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

4350 West Main Street  
Wauchula, FL 33873 (863) 735-0321  
**Rev. Jim Davis, Pastor**  
*(Childcare provided ages 3 and under)*

# HARDEE LIVING

## Deadline Approaching For Musicales Scholarship

The deadline is fast approaching for local graduating seniors who wish to apply for the annual Wednesday Musicales scholarship.

To qualify, high-school seniors must complete and submit an application by April 2.

Students will then be required to audition before the Wednesday Musicales on April 11 at 4 p.m. at the meeting room of the Hardee County School Board, 230 S. Florida

Ave.

Auditions include one musical selection, either vocal, instrumental or dance.

Students are not required to be pursuing a degree in music in order to apply, however extra consideration is given to students who are.

For an application, or further information, contact James Stallings at (863) 412-4379 or Ray Gill at (863) 773-3553.

## 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 '30s March 25, 1938

**Veggie Variety:** The Wauchula Farmers State Market handled 4,934 packages of vegetables for the week of March 23. There were 260 boxes of strawberries, 2,503 boxes of cucumbers, 564 boxes of pepper, 314 white squash, 729 yellow squash, 562 beans, and two fardhook limas. A package of cucumbers varied from \$3 to \$3.80 in fancies while peppers were 50 to 65 cents each.

**Favored Flowers:** The Wauchula Garden Club has decided on April 6 and 7 for its annual flower show. Artistic arrangements of flowers will be judged according to whether they are potted or cut. The prize list contains various items, such as fertilizer, gas, groceries, cosmetics, and a case of bottled Coca-Cola.

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in good condition of course, the business will give you a trade-in offer for a brand new 1938 Chevrolet.

**Form Fixers:** This advertisement from *The Herald* lets potential customers know they can have their business forms printed there. The phone num-

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ber for immediate service is 246.

**Everyday Prices:** B&B Cash Grocery & Market is advertising special deals, including toilet tissue at 3 for 10 cents, five-cent salt, five-cent flats of sardines, 20 pounds of

FLOUR 20 lbs. 65c	Corned Beef 15c	Tomatoes 2 for 15c	Milk 3 1/2 19c	Sugar 5 lbs. 25c	Salmon 10c
LARD 10c	BACON 10c	Biscuits 10c	HAMS 19c	CHEESE 21c	Spare Ribs 38c
BUTTER 35c	APPLES 5 lbs. 15c	CABBAGE 3c	Celery 5c	Onions 15c	BANANAS 3 lbs. 14c
CAULIFLOWER 10c	POTATOES 10 lbs. 19c	RUTABAGAS 5c	Sweet Potatoes 10 lbs. 25c	RICE 5 lbs. 19c	MEAL 10c

flour for 65 cents, five pounds of sugar for 10 cents and two tomatoes for 15 cents.

## Letter To The Editor

### Easter Is Real Because Jesus Christ Is Real

Dear Editor:

Easter is Real.

Easter is real because Christ is real. I know He is real because He changed my life. He forgave my pride and self-centeredness. He helped me focus on loving God and loving others as Christ loves me.

By forgiving others the way I want God to forgive me, I am able to love them; and I don't have to harbor the poison of bitterness, self-pity, and animosity. Forgiveness would prevent much of the violence in our country and around the world.

I also know Christ is real because my wife has been able to live with me 56 years. Many agree that she is worthy of an award. She routinely rises in the morning, reads the Bible, and prays. I can see the reality of Christ in her daily life. God wants marriages and families to thrive.

Everyone needs to know about the true meaning of Easter and about a God who loves us so much that He died

and arose to give us a door to heaven. (John 3:16)

When Christ was arrested, the disciples deserted Him rather than risk their lives. However, following Christ's excruciating death and then His bodily resurrection, the disciples were absolutely convinced that Christ's claims were authentic. They were ready to give their lives to tell others about the love of God.

Our nation has historically honored Christ and many biblical truths. When we have done so, we have been blessed and we have often blessed other nations. When we have violated His principles, we have experienced heartache and havoc.

God loves each of us from the moment of conception. See Psalm 139:13-16. Christ paid the highest price to redeem us, and this love gives us the opportunity to be with Him eternally or to reject Him.

Virgil Ullom, D.D.S.  
Babson Park, FL

## Letter To The Editor

### Roxie Bentley Remembers Her First Teaching Job

Dear Editor:

My first year of obtaining a job...

I really didn't know how to go about looking for a job. The only work I knew anything about was farm work.

If you have been reading my stories, you know the only thing I knew how to do was helping my mother to do housework—cleaning the house, helping to take care of my brothers and sisters, cooking, making up beds, washing clothes, etc.

Also calling up hogs to slop them, cutting firewood for the wood stove, the fireplace, hoeing the dry land rice, picking beans, tomatoes, cutting okra, etc., keeping the water buckets full and the reservoir on the wood stove full.

These kinds of things don't really prepare you to go out looking for a job in the "big wide world of opportunities."

My Mother took me to an elementary school in Auburndale to see about a teaching job. I was turned down because I did not have a college degree.

I wanted a job that I could do so I could help put "grits and bacon" on the table.

My mother brought me to Wauchula to the Courthouse to see about a teaching job in Hardee County. She did the talking to the school superintendent, Mr. Blackmon.

He hired me to teach in the elementary school in Zolfo Springs. I did not get to see Mr. Sapp at that time because he was attending classes at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Mama helped me find a room across from the park in Zolfo Springs with an 80-year-old lady. I got along fine if I would bake her a pound cake and leave out the vanilla extract. She sat right there in the kitchen to be sure I didn't put any vanilla in the cake.

She was a "good old Baptist." I went to church with her. (In my early years of a

child living in Homestead, Fla., we went to the Methodist Church.)

The Baptist preacher and wife were also new teachers at the Zolfo Springs Elementary School. That was helpful for me, too. I joined in all the activities of the church—Sunday School, choir, and the Deacons met and voted to let me take communion with them.

My first year of teaching was a huge "eye-opener" for me. Miss Ruth Southerland was the elementary supervisor. When she saw the children who had been selected for me, she almost had a "connoption." I had been given 18 second graders and 25 third graders.

She called Mr. Sapp in and told him that would not do. The third graders were placed elsewhere, leaving me with the second graders for the rest of the year.

I had to rely on the teachers who had many years experience to help me. It was such an experience for an inexperienced person such as me.

I was very grateful for all the help I received from the experienced of the teachers and Miss Ruth Southerland. That first year of my teaching I will not ever forget.

Each year after that I think I got better, but there were times when I still needed their experience.

My advice from one who has been there—remember those who have had the experience of so many years of teaching and so many changes in the ways of doing things. We still have loads of ways of improving.

I started when I was 20 years old, three years of college at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, finally graduated there in 1952 with a B.S. degree.

I have also earned my masters degree from Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C.

Roxie Bentley  
Wauchula

## Local Child-Care Center Recognized

The Wauchula Childcare Center has earned a Breastfeeding Friendly Child-Care Center designation, the Florida Department of Health in Hardee County announced on Monday.

Breastfeeding is an essential key to an infant's growth and development, and mothers who breastfeed have lasting health benefits as well, the agency noted. For working mothers, however, the choice to continue breastfeeding can be very difficult.

"Providing a breastfeeding friendly atmosphere at childcare centers or homes can encourage moms to continue breastfeeding after returning to work or school," said Dr. Joy Jackson, director of the DOH in Hardee County. "The childcare center plays a critical role in supporting the success of breastfeeding mothers, and we will continue to work to remove barriers to breastfeeding here in Hardee."

DOH-Hardee is working with community partners to help ease this process for mothers and babies, and to empower child-care centers to be a support to mothers and babies.

Centers receiving this designation have trained their staff regarding breastfeeding and breastmilk, written a breastfeeding policy, and taken other steps to make their facility friendly to breastfeeding mothers.

A facility that is breastfeeding friendly:

- Provides an atmosphere that welcomes and promotes breastfeeding as a normal method of feeding infants.
- Helps mothers continue to breastfeed when they return to work or school.
- Makes breastfeeding resources available to parents.
- Feeds infants on cue and coordinates feeding times with the parent's schedule.

Medical experts agree that infants should be breastfed exclusively for the first six months, and continue with it for at least their first year of life.

For more information about the Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care designation, visit the website at [florida-health.gov](http://florida-health.gov) or call the Florida Department of Health in Hardee County at 773-4161.

## Letter To The Editor

### Fish Kill In Lake Keeps Buzzards Busy

Dear Editor:

The buzzards are circling. There are at least 60 of them, and it reminds me of the Alfred Hitchcock movie "The Birds." There has been a fish kill in a lake close to where I live in Winter Haven, although this can occur in other lakes in other counties in Florida.

The shore of the small body of water is filled with dead fish, large and small ones, many kinds of fish while a multitude of buzzards circle high in the sky and then land on their feast. It's nature's way to have scavengers clean up the environment.

When I first moved to Wauchula, I heard the word is an Indian name meaning buzzard roost, and I noticed an abundance of the large, black birds in the area.

The interesting thing about buzzards, a bird of prey like vultures, is they lack a lot of feathers on top of their heads so they can pick inside a fresh or decaying carcass. It is interesting how nature is designed.

After talking to Eric Johnson of Florida Fish and Wildlife I learned that the situation is being inspected and a water sample will be tested at a lab for the amount of oxygen content.

Situations do occur in nature, and lab results are helpful to prove if lack of oxygen killed the fish. Johnson said that a fish kill with so many fish usually will result in 24 to 48 hours. It is alarming to see that many dead fish all at one time.

Johnson said with that these warmer winter months there can be an increase in algae bloom which takes the oxygen out of the water. With the lack of rain now, in a dry season there has been no added volume of fresh water to lakes.

Further investigation may

lead to discover if any run-off from people's properties may have sickened the fish. Also, I noticed some new construction work with excavation of land area consisting of thick woods.

Yes, I love nature so now I wonder if trees with bird nests were knocked down as this is the nesting season with the building of nests. I've seen many birds flying with twigs in their beaks.

Now I wonder if the construction company pulled the proper permits concerning wildlife protection? Were tortoise holes and fox dens plowed over? I've seen foxes, raccoons, armadillos, and possums go through my neighborhood, heading for that woods which is no longer there! But, that's another story.

The fact remains that I think wildlife has a lot more trouble living with mankind than mankind has living with wildlife.

The large, white pelican is one of the first to nest in the state of Florida. By March flocks of pelicans can be sighted flying across the state with the young pelicans, to show them directions to lakes and where to feed. It was not a surprise to me when I saw a flock of these beautiful birds in the middle of the lake that had the fish kill ... perhaps an easy feast.

Nature (God) didn't forget about the pelicans. Although they glisten with white feathers on top, the underneath of their wings are black. It allows them to cast dark shadows over fish, confuse the prey, and then sweep the fish into their pouch.

Meanwhile, the buzzards are back again to clean up the edge of the lake while Florida fish and Wildlife investigate.

Carol Cowing  
Winter Haven

On behalf of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee of Wauchula, Florida we want to express our fullness of gratitude to each person or organization that came out and participated in the 2018 weekend events — the parade, the celebration service and the breakfast breakout sessions. Also, the fun day at the park.

We also want to thank the ones who donated food and/or monetary support. God bless you all.

Thank you again,  
**The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee**

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**Pinterest Party!**

Tuesday, April 3  
at Heaven Sent  
123 N. 7th Street  
(next to Madison Salon)

Pinterest Party - gather your friends & come from 7 to 9 pm with your ideas and supplies. Don't have an idea - we will provide something you can do for the ministry or purchase the supplies and take home. Paint furniture, repurpose things, sew...let's have fun together!

Snacks provided - \$20 per person  
(If you would just like to come and make something for the ministry - no charge.)

Register at [breakingfreeministry.org](http://breakingfreeministry.org)  
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# ORANGE & BLUE REVIEW



## Hardee Athletic Foundation Supports Athletes

by Diane Bryan, HSHS Media Specialist

High school athletics can play an important role in helping young people develop personal and social life skills while playing sports. Coaches that pay special attention to their athlete's academics can greatly impact their performance in the classroom. A local organization has been helping Hardee High athletes to reach their athletic and academic potential for ten years.

The Hardee Athletic Foundation (HAF) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to assist Hardee athletes in the pursuit of their career goals and to enhance athletic programs. To date, they have provided approximately \$252,000 in grant monies through applications including \$70,000 for scholarships. Hardee High School athletes have greatly benefited from this local organization. The HAF sponsors an athletic academic advisor at the high school who works with coaches and athletes to support athletic academic success. A few of the tasks of the athletic academic advisor are to assist

coaches with team grade checks and to monitor athletes academic status with their core grades, Grade Point Averages and national test scores. These criteria determine an athlete's eligibility to play college sports. Some of the financial assistance that the HAF provides for our school athletes include paying for ACT or SAT tests, NCAA and NAIA clearinghouse registration fees, athletic camps to improve skills and provide opportunities to be seen by college coaches, participation fees to high school "All Star Games" and an ACT prep class offered each semester that includes a prep book and a test prep specialist who provides the class instruction.

Hardee High athletes are grateful and appreciative for all the years of support given by the Hardee Athletic Foundation. This support has greatly enhanced their high school athletic and academic career. For more information on the Hardee Athletic Foundation, visit their website at [www.haf-online.org](http://www.haf-online.org).



At a recent Saturday gathering, twenty-five student athletes took part in an ACT Prep class. The Hardee County Athletic Foundation provided instructor Dr. Lindsay Lynch from South Florida State College who led students in a day long review session in preparation for their upcoming ACT test. Pictured here are the athletes who benefitted from this review, along with Dr. Lynch.

## HHS IN PICTURES



Hardee High School's student clubs and organizations appreciate community support to help them fulfill the determined mission of their club. This past week, a reception was held to recognize local supporters: one of our local anonymous foundations, Kiwanis, Mosaic, PRECO, Suncoast Credit Union, State Farm, Vandolah Power Company. The Academic Team received a check from Suncoast Credit Union for \$3000 to help with student expenses at the state competition held on the Disney complex this April. Pictured here seated is the 2017-18 HSHS Academic Team. The back row includes supporting members: Calvin Bates of the Vandolah Power Plant and Sandra Griffin of Suncoast Credit Union presenting a check to Brittany Dunlap and Stephanie Carte, this year's Academic Team sponsors.



As part of a mock crime scene investigation in Mrs. Garza's Forensic Science class, Perla Vasquez uses the microscope to determine the type of blood sample that was collected at the crime scene.



Hardee Senior High School students and staff gave the "Gift of Life" while the Big Red Bus parked its wheels on campus. Members of the Medical Skills class are pictured here with blood drive sponsors.



Congratulations to five seniors who have been accepted to our United States Armed Forces, colleges or universities for the fall. From left to right are: Jess Scarbrough who has been accepted to the United States Marine Corps; Alexia Hodges will choose between Warner University, Keiser University, Brenau University or Santa Fe State College; Dr. Michele Polk, HSHS Principal; Nakeisha Lemaine, is attending Southeastern University; Mahala Pippin accepted to South Florida State College and Barry University and Peter Yang, who will attend South Florida State College.



As the 70's decade of Hardee High graduates gathered on the streets of downtown Wauchula this past weekend, our very own AFJROTC cadets presented the colors for the opening ceremony. A memorial of balloons was released to honor former HHS graduates who have passed on while Ben Norris played Taps, and a prayer led by Reverend Billy Newell, all participants were Hardee Senior High School Alumni.

### Calendar of Events

- 3/26 FSA Reading Retakes  
- 11th & 12th Grade Students
- 4/3 FSA Algebra I Retakes
- 4/16 FSA Reading Test  
- 9th & 10th Grade Students

# 3 Inducted Into Hardee Schools Hall Of Fame

The three newest members of the Hardee County Schools Hall Of Fame were inducted Saturday in a ceremony at the Agri-Civic Center.

The catered banquet, hosted by the Hardee County Education Foundation, honored Hardee Schools Hall of Fame recipients Jeraldine Crews, Kenneth Stanton and Vida Tomlinson.

### Jeraldine Farr Crews

A third-generation native of Wauchula, Jeraldine Farr Crews attended Wauchula Elementary School and graduated from Hardee Senior High School, in 1954, as valedictorian. She attended Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga., and later graduated from Auburn University with a sociology degree and double minors in psychology and business.

In 1958, she married Bill Crews. Together they raised three children in Wauchula.

Crews' accomplishments include:

- Member of First United Methodist Church of Wauchula since childhood;
- Currently serving as pianist at First United Methodist;
- Accompanist of the Heartland Chorale for 11 years;
- Past member of First United Methodist Board of Trustees;
- Past member of the Board of Hardee Memorial Hospital;
- Past president of the Hardee County Unit of the American Cancer Society;
- Founding member and past president of Main Street Wauchula;
- Past president and member of the Board of Peace River Explorations; and
- Past president of Wednesday Musicales.

### Vida Tomlinson

Vida Tomlinson attended Hardee schools for her entire education, and graduated from Hardee Senior High School in 1951. She returned to Hardee County in 1975 and was hired by Ben Cooper to work for the Board of County Commissioners at the courthouse.

During her 23-year career in county government, she served in various positions including secretary, budget officer and office manager, and was a member of the Planning & Zoning Board.

She had one son, Frank Tomlinson.

Tomlinson's accomplishments include:

- Southwest director for Florida Women in Government;

- Past president of Peace River Business & Professional Woman's Club;
- Liaison to the Central Florida Regional Planning Council;
- Member of the Hardee County Canvassing Board;
- President of the Hardee County Chapter of the American Cancer Society;
- Member of the Hardee County Planning & Zoning Board;
- Past president and director of the Hardee Association of Retarded Citizens;
- 25 years of service with Tri-County Addictions;
- Member of Hardee County Cattlewomen Association;
- Secretary and treasurer of the Wauchula Woman's Club;
- Kiwanis Club member; and
- Secretary of the Industrial Development Agency.

### Kenneth Stanton

Kenneth Stanton attended Hardee schools and graduated Hardee Senior High School in 1956. He graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in advertising design and was a 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Army. He received his master's degree from the University of South Florida in 1968.

In 1960, he married fellow Hardee High graduate Martha Gayle Moore. Together they had two sons and one daughter.

Stanton's accomplishments include:

- Made 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam;
- Worked for the University of South Florida from 1964-1995 as director and former dean of the Division of Learning Technologies;
- Served as associated general manager of WUSH-TV/Film and WSFP-TV/FM in Fort Myers;
- Consultant to 15 educational and community entities;
- Recipient of Special Award for Outstanding Service to Career Service Senate;
- Selected Outstanding Administrative & Professional Staff Member, Television for Learning Award;
- Member of the Boards of Directors for Friends of Temple Terrace Public Library and Friends of Hillsborough/Tampa Public Library;
- Member of the Citizens Advisory Board for the City of Temple Terrace; and
- Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America.



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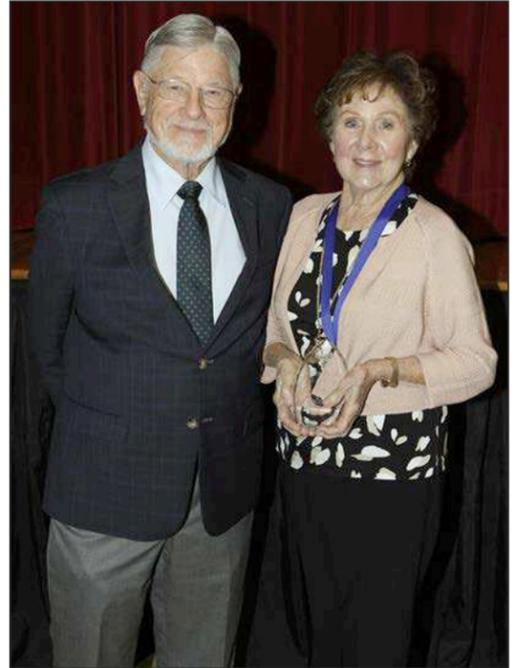
The 2018 Hardee Schools Hall of Fame honorees: (from left) the late Vida A. Tomlinson, represented by son Frank Tomlinson; inductee Jeraldine Crews; and inductee Kenneth Stanton.



Jerold Knight of the Hardee Education Foundation addresses the audience at the Hardee County Schools Hall of Fame Dinner.



Family members of Vida Tomlinson in attendance included Frank and Denise Tomlinson with daughters Melissa and Stephanie and their families.



Bill and Jeraldine Crews during the ceremony.



Kenneth and Gayle Stanton with their sons at the induction ceremony.




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### Celebrating In March:

- Irish American Month
- Music in Our Schools Month
- National Craft Month
- National Frozen Food Month
- National Irish American Heritage Month
- National Nutrition Month
- National Peanut Month
- National Women's History Month
- Red Cross Month
- Social Workers Month



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The late Vida A. Tomlinson.

# THE CLASSIFIEDS

## ABOUT ... Classifieds

**DEADLINE** ....Tuesday noon  
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- Recreational
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- Rentals
- Livestock
- Rentals, Commercial
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### Agriculture

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**HELP WANTED: SERVICE** Technician. Apply at Ullrich's Water Conditioning, 409 Goolsby Street, Wauchula. 10:19tfc

### Houses

**FOR SALE BY OWNER - 3/2** Riverview, Wauchula, \$123,900. 786-547-6110. 3:1-29p

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### Miscellaneous

**1999 TAYLOR (GUITAR), 510** CE. Excellent/New, \$2,300, asking \$1,250, Bud 863-735-8641. 3:22p

### Notices

**PERSONAL PROPERTY OF** William Ricker, Christy Stevens, Lisa Driskell will be sold by warehouseman's lien. Said sale will be at Northside Storage at 1085 Hwy. 17 North, Wauchula, Florida at 8 am, April 10, 2018. 3:22,29p

**PERSONAL PROPERTY OF** Felix Zapata, Roberta Martinez, El-morco Blount, Saul Castillo, Ed Schwartz, End Times Ministry, Aubrey Romero, Kathy Lee, Ricky Blas will be sold by warehouseman's lien. Said sale will be at Bowling Green Storage, 5020 N. Hwy. 17, Bowling Green, Florida at 10 am, April 10, 2018. 3:22,29p

**PERSONAL PROPERTY OF** Marivel Garcia, Linda Ennis, Joanita Esquivel will be sold by warehouseman's lien. Said sale will be at B&J Ministorage, 210 N. 3rd Ave., Wauchula, Florida at 10 am, April 10, 2018. 3:22,29p

### Pets

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

**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. tfc-dh

### Real Estate

**LOT FOR SALE!** 617 Saunders St., Wauchula, \$5,000, 941-737-2601. 3:22-4:19p

### Rentals

**ATTENTION!** The Federal Fair Housing Act prohibits advertising any preference or limitation based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or the intention to make such a preference or limitation. Familial status includes children under 18 living with parents or guardians and pregnant women. tfc-dh

### Services

**CANCER SURVIVOR MEETING** Wednesday, April 4th and 11th at the new hospital. Must go through ER doors to get to meeting. For more information call Billy 239-821-4184. 3:22-4:5nc

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### NOTICE

#### Hardee County Sheriff's Office

To Whom it May Concern:

You are hereby notified that the following described livestock: **1 Black Angus Cross Steer and 1 Black Brangus Cross Heifer** was found in the area of Hollandtown Rd & Thoroughbred Rd., Hardee County and is now impounded at Hardee County Sheriff's Office. The amount due by reason of such impoundment is all incurred fees. The above-described livestock will, unless redeemed within 3 days from date hereof, be offered for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash.

**22 day of March, 2018**  
 Arnold Lanier, Sheriff  
 Hardee County, FL

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
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 8:00 A.M. April 6, 2018  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
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### Peavy's Ponderings

By Jonell Peavy

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I try to keep plenty of supplies on hand to do crafts with the grandkids when they visit. I have a two-drawer file cabinet filled with paper and pens, pencils, glue, crayons, coloring books, tape, rulers, scissors, calculator, note pads, markers, stickers, books and just about anything else they might need for creating a pretend office or a school room, or wherever their imaginations may carry them.

I keep seeds, bulbs, potting soil, pots, gloves, and gardening tools if they want to do some gardening. I also keep yarn, crochet needles, embroidery thread, needles and supplies they might need as I am teaching them to crochet, sew and embroider.

They are at the age where they like to learn new things, and if they are given the right tools they will surprise you with what you have taught them. The learning process doesn't stop there though. For everything you teach them they are also teaching you, which shows you are never too old to learn.

The granddaughters have taught me how to ask for help if I need it. They will take me places if I don't feel like driving. They will clean or mow the grass. I've learned it's all right to let them help me.

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# 'Cats Claim No-Hitter Against 'Dawgs

By TOM STAIK  
Of The Herald-Advocate

A tag-team effort from the mound March 14 secured the Wildcats a no-hitter against the DeSoto County High School Bulldogs.

The Hardee Senior High School varsity baseball squad defeated the Bulldogs 15-4 in the outing.

Kaleb Floyd and Quintin Lindsey shared claim to the no-hitter.

Floyd held the mound for three full innings as he lobbed 69 pitches, struck out three batters, and allowed no hits and three runs.

Lindsey held the more one full inning and tossed 29 pitches as he allowed no hits and one run.

The Wildcats got on the board in the top of the second inning. The scoring effort started when Cade Alexy crossed home following a line drive to right field off the bat of Dylan Davis. With bases loaded, Adrian DeLeon scored as Lindsey was walked. Gunner Leonard and Davis sailed home in the next at-bat as Mason Block doubled on a line-drive to center field. The final run of the inning, that put the 'Cats ahead 5-0, came

from Lindsey who scored on a ground out off the bat of Matt Tyson.

Hardee added five more runs in the top of the third inning to go up 10-0. Logan Cartwright got things going as he crossed home plate following a line drive to left field off the bat of Leonard. DeLeon scored in the next at bat following a ground ball to left field from Davis. A triple off the bat of Tyson allowed Leonard, Davis, and Lindsey to score.

Another five Wildcat runs followed in the top of the fourth inning. Alexy and

DeLeon both scored on a line drive to left field off the bat of Charlie Heidol. A double on a line drive to center field from Block allowed Leonard and Heidol to score. The final run of the inning came from Block as he scored off a ground ball to left field off the bat of Tyson, advancing the score to 15-0.

DeSoto's four runs – in the bottom of the fourth and fifth innings – followed a series of errors and walks cut the Wildcat win to 15-4.

Hardee recorded 15 runs and 13 hits in 28 at bats in the effort. DeLeon and Leonard had three runs, Lindsey, Alexy, and Davis had two runs, and Block, Cartwright, and Heidol had one run each. Block had three hits, Tyson, DeLeon, Davis, and Leonard had two hits, and Alexy and Cartwright had one hit each.

chobee High School in an outing March 12.

Hardee struck first in the top of the second inning when Cartwright knocked a ground ball that allowed Alexy to cross home plate. Cartwright eventually scored following a bunt by Badillo to bring the score to 2-0.

Okeechobee pulled ahead following a 3-run rally in the bottom of the second to take a 3-2 lead.

The Brahmans continued to pull ahead in the bottom of the third inning as they advanced their lead to 4-2.

The Wildcats began to battle back in the top of the fifth inning as Block doubled on a ground ball to left field that allowed Floyd to score and cutting the Okeechobee lead to 4-3.

Okeechobee pulled further ahead in the bottom of the fifth as they added two more runs to go up 6-3.

A final push from the Wildcats in the seventh inning, though, fell short. A triple fly ball to left field off the bat of Floyd allowed Lindsey to score, cutting the Brahman lead to 6-4. Leonard advanced to first after being walked in the next at-bat. Leonard and Lindsey were both left stranded as the next two Wildcats hit the three out mark to close the game.

Hardee recorded four runs and eight hits in 29 at bats during the outing. Lindsey, Floyd, Alexy, and Cartwright each recorded runs. Block had three hits, Floyd and Cartwright had two hits, and Griffin Clark had one hit.

Pitching duties were shared by DeLeon and Lindsey. DeLeon pitched seven innings and allowed eight hits and six runs. Lindsey threw one inning and allowed no hits or

McKeel Downs Hardee, 5-4

Hardee dropped a district match 5-4 to McKeel (Lake-land) Academy on March 9.

McKeel jumped out to an early lead as it went up 1-0 in the bottom of the first inning.

Hardee tied things up in the top of the second inning as Alexy crossed home plate following a line drive to second base off the bat of Floyd.

McKeel pulled ahead 4-1 in the bottom of the third inning following a 3-run rally.

Battling back, the Wildcats tied the game 4-4 in the top of the fourth inning following a 3-run rally of its own. The scoring effort started as Floyd crossed home following a line drive to center field off the bat of Lindsey. Leonard crossed home next as Tyson was walked with bases loaded. Lindsey was credited with the tying run as Isaac Moreno was walked.

McKeel's game winning run came in the bottom of the fifth inning as they secured the 5-4 game.

Hardee had four runs and eight hits in 31 at-bats in the effort. Lindsey, Alexy, Floyd, and Leonard each recorded runs. Floyd and Tyson each had two hits, and Lindsey, Block, Alexy, and Davis each recorded hits.

Pitching duties were shared by Floyd, Moreno, and Lindsey. Moreno pitched three innings, threw 62 pitches, and allowed three hits and three runs as he struck out three batters. Floyd threw 29 pitches in two innings and allowed four hits and two runs, and struck out one batter. Lindsey threw 16 pitches in one inning, struck out one batter, and allowed no hits or runs.

## Slow Start For Bucs In Free Agency

This year's free agency has only been open for about a week but it has already been crazy.

Big names have been cut, traded and signed.

Meanwhile, the Bucs' front office twiddles their collective thumbs. At least, it seems that way when it comes to signing decent players from outside the Bucs' organization.

The Bucs have more than \$70 million in cap space. But, will they spend it wisely?

guess he's betting on winning the starting job, racking up over 1,000 yards and then asking for a bigger payday.

• **Defensive Tackle Beau Allen** — Fresh from winning a super bowl with the Philadelphia Eagles, Allen signed a 3-year deal with the Bucs. No numbers on the contract just yet, but try these numbers out. Allen is 6-3, 327 pounds. I'm sure team captain Gerald

much better than the three serviceable quarterbacks the Vikings had on the roster, but the Vikings just went all in on Captain Kirk.

Drew Brees resigned with the Saints for \$50 million for just more years at quarterback.

Case Keenum was released by the Vikings. Until last year, he was virtually a back-up. Then, he managed to lead the Vikings to the playoffs.

**Wildcats Fall To Madison County, 6-3**

The Wildcats were bested by the squad from Madison County High School in a 6-3 outing held March 13.

Hardee recorded three runs and four hits in 25 at-bats during the game.

Floyd, Leonard, and Lindsey each recorded runs.

Hits came from Block, Dawson Hanchey, Lindsey, and Tyson.

Pitching duties were shared by Ivan Badillo and Weston Schrader. Badillo pitched three innings and allowed three hits and four runs. Schrader pitched four innings and allowed four hits and two runs while striking out one batter.

**Okeechobee Bests Hardee, 6-4**

Despite taking an early 2-0 lead, the Wildcats were bested 6-4 by the Brahmans of Okeechobee.



**Bucs Beat**  
By David Horton

McCoy will enjoy having the help. This is probably the best signing yet.

• **Defensive Tackle Mitch Unrein** — Free agent from Chicago, I'd look for him to be in the rotation for the defensive line, but probably not a week to week starter until he stands out in practice. He's a depth pick.

• **Kicker Chandler Catanzaro** — Another year, another questionable kicker decision. I really don't understand why it seems to be so difficult to get and keep decent place kickers. Catanzaro is coming from the Jets...warning sign, right? Before his year stint with the Jets he played three years with the Cardinals. Well, at least we didn't waste any draft picks on kickers this year...yet.

### Bucs' Cuts

• **Running Back Doug Martin** — The muscle hamster is out after five years. Two weeks after being cut, Martin signed with the Raiders.

• **Defensive Tackle Chris Baker** — Cut after one year. His release saves the Bucs around \$4 million and change.

• **Kicker Nick Folk** — Cut after a disappointing year. We had to replace him half way through the year with a kicker who had his own psychic. Yea. For real.

### Around The League

Kirk Cousins landed a monster deal in Minnesota for \$84 million. That's just insane. I'm not sure how Cousins is that

Keenum signed with John Elway and the Broncos. Keenum was successful last year with the Vikings due to the offensive scheme. The Vikings utilized an offense built off a west coast scheme. Meaning, most of the plays were short, quick passes. The Broncos will need to adjust their offensive scheme to fit the strengths of Keenum. He's no Peyton Manning.

Mike Glennon — One year removed from Bucs, Glennon is on the move again. This time, he travels to the Cardinals where he will sit behind Sam Bradford...until Bradford gets hurt again. There's no doubt that Glennon will get a chance to start again when Bradford gets hurt, but he'll have difficulty in a division with the Rams and revamped 49ers.

Teddy Bridgewater — After losing the Cousins sweepstakes and the consolation prize that is Keenum, the Jets scooped up Bridgewater. He hasn't played in what seems like years, but he has a lot of potential.

## Sports Quiz

By Chris Richcreek

1. In 2017, Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Clayton Kershaw made his seventh consecutive Opening Day start, tying a franchise record. Who else did it?

2. Who has led the American League in runs scored the most times?

3. Clemson's Deshaun Watson set an ACC record in 2016 by throwing for 580 yards in a game. Who had held the record?

4. How many consecutive double-double seasons of points and rebounds did San Antonio Spurs great Tim Duncan have to start his NBA career?

5. Who was the last Edmonton Oilers player before Connor McDavid in 2017 to win the Hart Memorial Trophy as the NHL regular-season MVP?

6. How many consecutive

years did Dale Earnhardt Jr. win NASCAR's Most Popular Driver Award?

7. Name the last time before 2017 that four American women made up the semifinals of tennis' U.S. Open?

### ANSWERS

1. Don Sutton (1972-78).  
2. Babe Ruth, eight times (1919, '20, '21, '23, '24, '26, '27 and '28).

3. Stephen Morris of Miami, Fla., threw for 566 yards in a game in 2012.

4. Thirteen seasons (the 1997-98 season through the 2009-10 season).

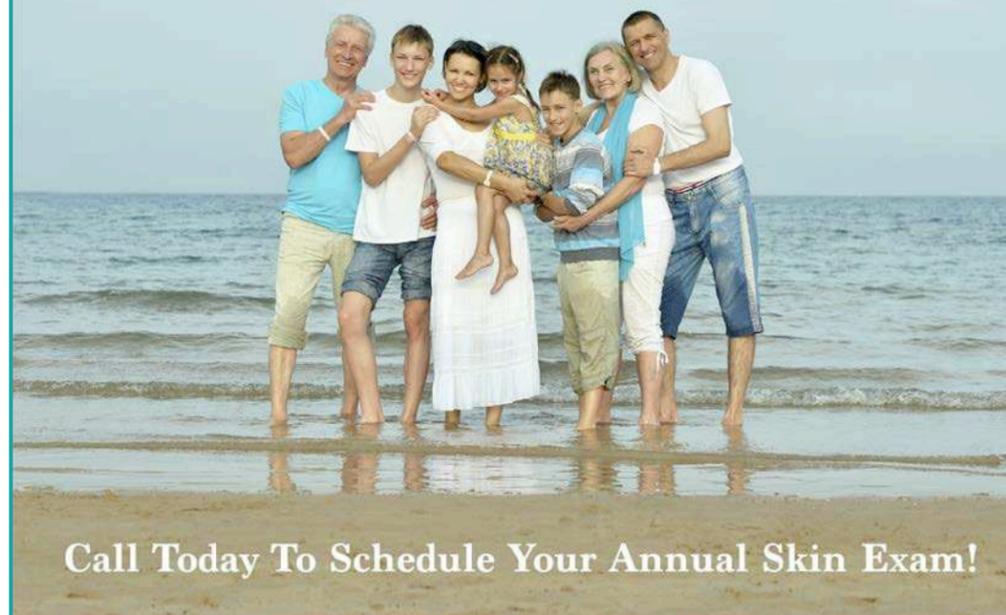
5. Mark Messier, in 1990.

6. Fifteen years.

7. It was 1981 (Tracy Austin, Chris Evert, Martina Navratilova and Barbara Potter).

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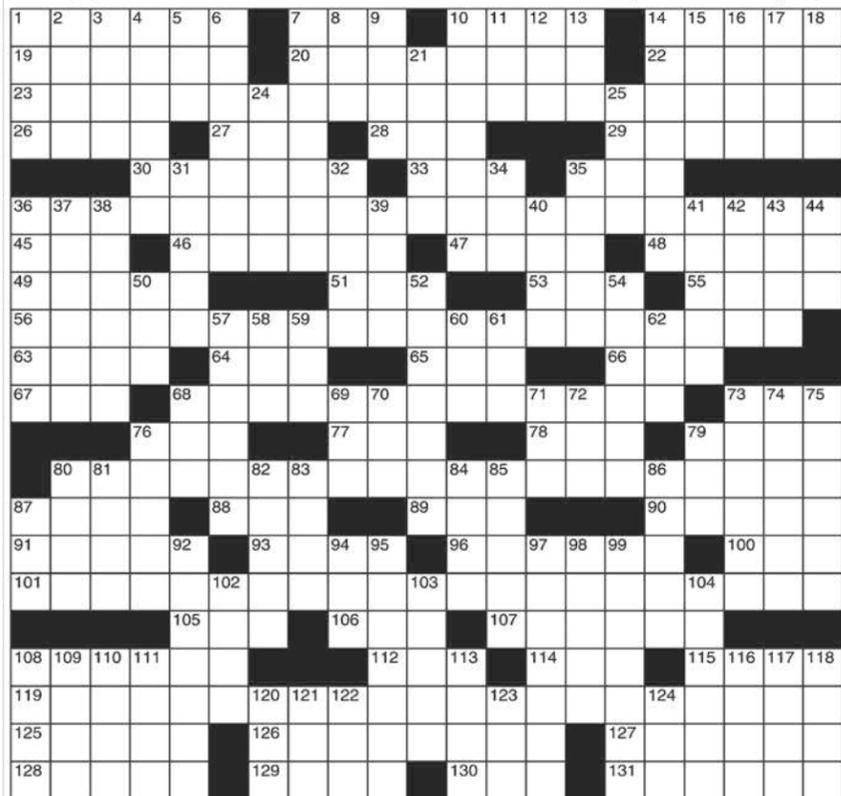
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# Super Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Bible book between Zephaniah and Zechariah
  - 7 Largest New Deal agcy.
  - 10 "The Wizard —"
  - 14 In the slightest
  - 19 Radiant
  - 20 Vacillating response
  - 22 Olive-green bird
  - 23 Start of a riddle
  - 26 iPod model
  - 27 Musician Brian
  - 28 From Jan. 1 until today
  - 29 Disagreeing (with)
  - 30 Tomorrow, to José
  - 33 Essen article
  - 35 Santa — winds
  - 36 Riddle, part 2
  - 45 Former WB rival
  - 46 Classical music record label
  - 47 Coup d'—
  - 48 Rises rapidly
  - 49 Overjoy
  - 51 Grafton's "— for Evidence"
  - 53 By way of
  - 55 Impel
  - 56 Riddle, part 3
  - 63 Within: Prefix
  - 64 Weapon
  - 65 Special span
  - 66 Lang. of the U.S.A.
  - 67 IRA options
  - 68 Riddle, part 4
  - 73 "... Mac — PC?"
  - 76 Buddhist discipline
  - 77 Letter after pi
  - 78 Pass along, as an email: Abbr.
  - 79 Male deer
  - 80 Riddle, part 5
  - 87 Minestrone, e.g.
  - 88 Moo — pork
  - 89 Pewter metal
  - 90 Reformer Sinclair
  - 91 Wide open, as a mouth
  - 93 Wide-mouthed fish
  - 96 Lassos
  - 100 Co. name
  - 101 End of the riddle
  - 105 Imitate a wolf
  - 106 "— -how!"
  - 107 Morally base
  - 108 Lipstick messes
  - 112 "Evil Woman" gp.
  - 114 Riddle-me-—
  - 115 Actress Rowlands
  - 119 Riddle's answer
  - 125 Lopez of pop music
  - 126 More smart
  - 127 Straight, as an arm or leg
  - 128 Praise
  - 129 Trig calculation
  - 130 Gridiron pts.
  - 131 When wages are given
- DOWN**
- 1 Goldie of "Foul Play"
  - 2 Turkish chief
  - 3 Campbell of country
  - 4 Full chromosome set
  - 5 Car-towing org.
  - 6 Gigantic
  - 7 One of the Judds
  - 8 Shar- — (dog breed)
  - 9 "With God — witness"
  - 10 Phrase on a thin coin
  - 11 New Deal prez
  - 12 Add- — (extras)
  - 13 Wildlife park
  - 14 Incarnations of deities
  - 15 Jazz great
  - 16 Very dry
  - 17 Advance, as money
  - 18 Captains' journals
  - 21 More fitting
  - 24 "For want of —, the shoe was lost"
  - 25 Half of Mork's sign-off
  - 31 Poker stakes
  - 32 Feel likewise
  - 34 Insect snare
  - 35 Be part of, as a film
  - 36 Montreal's province
  - 37 Elevated region
  - 38 Puts into law
  - 39 Tobaccoless smoke
  - 40 Sitarist Shankar
  - 41 Like a child
  - 42 Toad feature
  - 43 Jason's ship
  - 44 Reverse of NNW
  - 50 Boxing ref's ruling
  - 52 Be sure the job is done
  - 54 Docket
  - 57 Spoils
  - 58 "— longa, vita brevis"
  - 59 Big maker of SUVs
  - 60 Mr. Capote, to pals
  - 61 Tartan cap
  - 62 Neither Rep. nor Dem.
  - 68 "I'm talkin' to you!"
  - 69 Munic. law
  - 70 "Quiet down!"
  - 71 Little newt
  - 72 "So adorable!"
  - 73 Ear malady
  - 74 Kid-lit "pest"
  - 75 Part of NSA
  - 76 With 109-Down, one of five famed comedic brothers
  - 79 Big name in fuel additives
  - 80 For takeout
  - 81 Red Scare gp.
  - 82 "Hot dog!"
  - 83 Oahu feast
  - 84 Sorvino of Hollywood
  - 85 Monogram, e.g.: Abbr.
  - 86 Japanese fish dish
  - 87 Used a bench
  - 92 Involve in conflict
  - 94 Pig's place
  - 95 Honey
  - 97 Loving ones
  - 98 Drowsy
  - 99 Made sense
  - 102 Part of 44-Down
  - 103 Trojan beauty
  - 104 Move past carefully
  - 108 Place
  - 109 See 76-Down
  - 110 Send forth
  - 111 Latin "year"
  - 113 "Think nothing —"
  - 116 One- — jack
  - 117 "99 Luftballons" group
  - 118 J.D. holder
  - 120 NFL players who pass
  - 121 Mentalist Geller
  - 122 Swimming star Thorpe
  - 123 Blushing hue
  - 124 — big way



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Resist a confrontation with that irksome person. The matter will soon blow over anyway. Meanwhile, channel your high Arian energy into areas with more positive potential.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The innovative Bovine finds a creative way to resolve a sensitive domestic problem by midweek. A former colleague returns with an intriguing business suggestion.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) An unexpected critical statement from someone you trust could catch you momentarily off guard. But you soon recover your equilibrium and rise to the challenge.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You might feel you can handle a new project on your own. But advice from someone with experience could help you avoid possibly costly as well as time-consuming obstacles.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Waiting for others to make decisions is difficult for the take-charge Lion. But by week's end, you should hear news that will help you regain control of the situation.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your superjudgmental side could dominate the week unless you try to keep it in check. Otherwise you risk offending people, including some who are very close to you.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Expect more information to come out about that possible career shift. Meanwhile, your loving concern helps someone close to you get through a worrisome period.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Despite an occasional setback, workplace pressures should continue to ease through most of the week. This would be a good time to plan that long-delayed trip.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) The sage Sagittarian quickly recognizes an opportunity when she or he sees it, especially if it's one you've been planning for. Take aim and go for it.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) The Sea Goat's unique insight guides you as you check out a questionable situation. Your efforts should prove rewarding for you and your many supporters.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You might want to pace yourself a bit more. Rushing could lead to serious slip-ups. Take more time to check out details you might otherwise overlook.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) The best way to resolve those remaining problems is to ask others for help. They'll be happy to do so, especially when you agree to share the credit for a job well done.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your natural gift for honest leadership earns you the respect and admiration of others.

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## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Mailbox flag is different. 2. Hand is not showing. 3. Leg is shorter. 4. Arm is thicker. 5. Mailbox post is thicker. 6. Patch on sleeve is larger.

## 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.

	+		x		25
x		+		x	
	-		x		24
+		x		÷	
	-		x		16
25		27		10	

DIFFICULTY: \*\*  
\* Moderate \*\* Difficult  
\*\*\* GO FIGURE!

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

3			5		7			
4		2		1				8
		5		9		6		
7		1			8			
		8	2			4	9	
	2			3			1	
	1	7						5
8	6			5	2			
	7		4				3	

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: V equals E

FBVSVUVC K QI KS OI ZVWIHKO  
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MVVWH PIIMKSQ TO RV FKOB  
YTSM HOTCVH.

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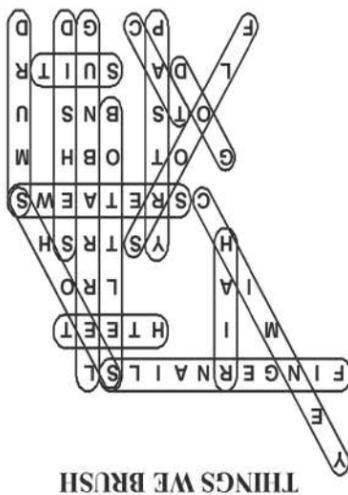
AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

ANEKUHH MNYJ KZ OKJH  
B ZNXU ACBKY — HBZL UN  
IHU KVUN BVQ CBYQ UN  
IHU NSU NX.  
— JHVHUC ZCKDHOL

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N E K I F D A X V T Q O M E J  
F I N G E R N A I L S L H S F  
C A Y M W I U R H T E E T R P  
N L J H I A F D B Z L R O O X  
V T R Q O H M K Y S T R S H I  
H F D B Z Y C S R E T A E W S  
W V T R Q G O O T N O B H L M  
K I H F D C O T S A B N S Z U  
X W V U S L R D A Q S U I T R  
O N M K F J I H P C F G D E D

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

- Bottles Dog Gun barrel Suit
- Cat Drums Hair Sweaters
- Chimney Fingernails Pastry Teeth
- Dishes Floors Shoes

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	10		27		25
	x		3	-	7
	4		x		4
	÷		x		+
	8		x	6	-
	8		x		9
			+		x
	x		3	+	2

Answers: Go Figure!

5	7	2	9	4	8	1	3	6
8	6	6	3	1	5	2	7	4
4	3	1	7	6	2	9	8	5
6	2	4	5	3	8	6	1	7
1	5	8	6	2	7	3	4	9
7	6	3	1	9	4	8	5	2
2	1	5	8	7	1	9	4	6
6	4	7	2	3	1	5	8	3
3	8	9	4	5	6	7	2	1

Answers: Weekly SUDOKU

Answers: CryptoQuip  
Whenever I go in to deposit my weekly checks, everybody keeps looking at me with bank stares.

Answers: CryptoQuote  
Committee work is like a soft chair — easy to get into and hard to get out of. — Kenneth Shively

I got my first pair of contacts in the seventh grade. They were (and still are) the old-fashioned rigid plastic kind. The optometrist emphasized to me over and over, "These must be kept clean." Have you ever seen a 12-year-old boy keep anything clean?



### Directions

By Clay Smith  
Hardee County Native

#### BLIND ...

After a few months of wearing my contacts (and not following doctor's orders), I woke one night with an excruciating pain in both eyes. It felt like someone had ground up glass and poured it under my eyelids. I was in agony. As bad as my eyes felt closed, the pain increased a dozen fold if I opened my eyes.

I toughed it out until six the next morning. I kept my eyes closed, felt my way down the hall, woke my mom, and told her what was happening. She made a call to Dr. Sera, a family friend, who agreed to see me as soon as the office opened.

I kept my eyes closed as Mom fixed breakfast and had the strange sensation of trying to find my way to the eggs on my plate without seeing them. Mom had to lead to me to the car and then out of the car to the doctor's office.

Dr. Sera put me in a dark room, pried open my eyes, put some dye in them (which increased the pain!) and told me to relax. Why do doctors tell you to relax when they have knowingly just increased the pain?

He examined my eyes with his special lenses and rendered the verdict: I had a corneal abrasion. Lack of cleaning my contacts caused dirt to accumulate. The contacts had gouged a trench in both eyes. I was given some drops and told to keep my eyes shut for the next 24 hours.

To be blind means you can't see (thank you Captain Obvious!). My brothers tried to trip me as I felt my way to the bathroom. I was the object of lots of jokes at dinner. Mostly, I was bored because I could not watch TV or read. I couldn't go where I wanted to go.

People have scratches on their souls. Sometimes they are wounds from history, or even wounds they absorbed from their parents and grandparents. The scratches cause blindness.

In our pain, we close our eyes to realities that cause us to

think uncomfortable, painful thoughts. In our blindness, we stumble into prejudice, bigotry, self-righteousness, and self-aggrandizement.

No one is born a racist; there is a wound in the past that scratches a soul and causes blindness. Our blindness as a culture keeps us from going where we want to go.

What's sad to me is the number of Jesus followers who stay blind. This is not what Jesus wants for any of us. The foretelling of his birth included this line: "Rise and shine, behold your light has come!" Jesus said, "I have come to give sight to the blind" and "I am the light of the world."

Part of Jesus's invitation of grace to you is leave your blindness to your blindness. Let him heal the wounds of your soul. Let him set you free from the limits of your past.

I'll never forget what it felt like after 24 hours to open my eyes again. There was no pain. To paraphrase a classic 60's song, "I could see clearly now, the pain had gone." I kept my contacts clean from then on.

Isn't it time for you to let Jesus touch your blindness that you are blind to? Isn't it time for you to let his light shine on the wounds of your soul? Isn't time for your wounds and your blindness to be healed?

He sees you and sees the you he wants you to be.

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.

## Gas Prices Rise 4 Cents

Gas prices are on the rise once again, after declining for nearly two weeks. Florida gas prices declined early last week, then rose a total of 4 cents on Thursday and Friday. Sunday's state average of \$2.53 is 4 cents less than a month ago, yet remains 26 cents more than this time last year.

The most expensive gas price averages in Florida are in West Palm Beach-Boca Raton (\$2.65), Naples (\$2.59), and Miami (\$2.58).

The least expensive gas price averages in Florida are in Punta Gorda (\$2.48), Jacksonville (\$2.49), and Melbourne-Titusville (\$2.50).

"There are a few of factors that gave gas prices a boost, but this time it wasn't crude oil," said Mark Jenkins, spokesman, AAA - The Auto Club Group. "Gasoline sup-

plies took a sharp dip last week, as exports rose and refineries began to switch from summer to winter blend gasoline. In addition, demand in the southeast - especially in Florida - is strong, as Americans hit the road for spring break.

"We also noticed strong gains in wholesale gasoline prices last week, which should signal additional increases at the pump this week," Jenkins continued.

Wholesale gasoline prices climbed 10-15 cents Wednesday-Friday. Based on current wholesale levels, prices at the pump could climb another nickel.

Meanwhile, crude oil prices hovered around the \$60-\$62 per barrel range, where they have remained for the past two weeks. Gasoline futures rose 5 cents last week.

• Not much larger than a phone booth, Carrabelle, Florida is home to the world's smallest police station.



### As Seen From This Side

By Jerry "Gray Wolf" Phillips  
Wauchula

I am not a Republican even though I have voted nationally for the Republican ticket.

Do I agree with all of it? No. My wife and I don't agree always.

I am a Libertarian. The U.S. Constitution is my only platform. I would follow it to the letter, just as I would the Constitution James Madison saw in practice six years before designing this one.

That Constitution was/is over a thousand years old, the five civilized nations (white men called them), The Iroquoian Nation.

No Democrat can say that. They believe and practice spending other people's money, not their own, even to get elected.

Barney was restless. Something was about to happen. The late evening sun was dancing shadows across his pillow. Something he usually enjoyed ... sudden spells of absolute calm would make this even more of a mystery.



There was a gate across the lane leading back to where Curtis had lived. Dad came out and closed the gate. My brother Stanley, Jennie and I were standing on the porch wondering what had Barney in such a tither.

Dad had gotten maybe 30 feet from the gate when things started. In late August in south Georgia dust devils (waterspouts over water) and sudden electrical storms can appear from nowhere.

Lightning struck the field's metal wire fence about one-quarter mile across our field. The crash of thunder shook our house, and a ball of fire the size of a softball traveled the fence across an L-shape to the gate latch Dad had just been holding, then jumped across the yard striking the corner of our house leaving a scorch mark and disappeared.

All this within seconds. Then we thought of Dad and Barney. Dad was OK. Barney was another story.

When the lightning struck, Barney went through the screen door. No, he did not open it. He went through the screen and under my bed three rooms away. It was several days before he trusted his pillow again.

Not long he was back to his old laid back way of demanding things he wanted. It amazes me how much a dog can say without uttering one sound.

Johnny was often talking about Big Amos until one day I asked who was Big Amos. He laughed and said, "I thought everyone knew Big Amos McClurk."

It is well known Johnny did not always walk on the right side of the street. In his wild days, when he was having to praise his few friends at the local watering hole, he said this guy was just standing there, and he asked what did he need.

He said it took him by surprise when he replied, "I just want you jerks to clear out about ten feet of this bar. I'm coming in."

The bouncer heard him, stepped up and asked who he was. He said, "I'm the guy who just said give me ten feet of this bar." The bouncer said, "I don't" and before he got "I don't think so" this guy wasn't in front of him. He was clearing the bar himself, and in walked or better yet waddled in nine "little people."

They jumped up, stood on the bar stools to better reach the booze, and proudly announced, "Big Amos just entered your bar." An already overloaded patron asked, "Which one?" The smallest retorted, "All of us, and we will take on any foolish enough to try" when another fellow hollered out, "Don't give him a drink. He ain't going to be here long enough to drink it."

Johnny said he was lucky just to get out, and he wasn't trying to fight. A couple of them came flying past him about four feet off the floor and right back they went. He said in about 10 minutes all left standing was Big Amos McClurk—all 10 of him.

It was learned after their repeat performance for three months they were pro wrestlers hired by the bar owner to promote his wrestling show in the hall next door.

That Friday night feature was greco, and it prospered for over 20 years until the death of the promoter. Johnny said it seemed they all went with him.

Little remains today except a statue in front of the now McClurk Museum. No one ever owned up to who placed the statue one time on the center line of Main Street.

Where were you then? Where are you now? Were you at the Flag Pole or over at the school steps?

Did you recite the Pledge of Allegiance? Do you know the words now? Did you fold the flag? Did you laugh at those nerds?

Does the first sound of our National Anthem stir chill bumps on your skin? Do you care? Do you know what each fold of the flag represents? Again, do you care?

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